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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

No. 134119/DSS 2/2024/DSS Dated: 18.11.2025

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CIRCULAR

Sub:- Directorate of Students' Welfare - Observation of "Mahatma Gandhi University Students' Welfare Day" on December 21 every year – Change of nomenclature from "Mahatma Gandhi University DSS Day" – Instructions issued – reg.

Ref :- U.O. No. 9867/DSW/2025/MGU dated 22.10.2025.

It is hereby informed that the day earlier observed as "Mahatma Gandhi University DSS Day" shall henceforth be known and observed as "Mahatma Gandhi University Students' Welfare Day."

As per the U.O. read above, sanction has been accorded to observe December 21 – the birthday of Jnanpith Awardee and former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy – as "Mahatma Gandhi University Students' Welfare Day" every year.

The observance shall be conducted in all affiliated and autonomous colleges, University Departments, Schools, and Centres under Mahatma Gandhi University. The purpose of the observance is to strengthen the concept of holistic student development and to create awareness of various welfare initiatives, rights, and responsibilities among students.

Suggested Programmes:

Institutions are directed to organise awareness sessions, seminars, and activities on the following topics:

1. Awareness on mental health and emotional well-being.
2. Awareness on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016 – fostering inclusivity and accessibility.
3. Awareness on the Anti-Ragging Act and UGC Regulations – ensuring a safe and respectful campus environment.
4. Awareness on the Hazards Caused by Non-Reusable Plastics – promoting eco-friendly and sustainable practices.
5. Promoting awareness against drug abuse.

In addition, institutions may organise the following activities to ensure student participation and creative engagement:

- Poster exhibitions, quiz, essay, and slogan writing competitions on student welfare and social responsibility themes.
- Short film, skit, and mime presentations focusing on inclusivity, environment, and ethical campus culture.
- Panel discussions, debates, and open forums on issues of student welfare, mental health, and campus safety.
- Cultural performances reflecting themes of compassion, leadership, and student empowerment.

A compliance report shall be submitted to the Directorate of Students' Welfare via email: dsw@mgu.ac.in

Copy to:

1. Principals of all affiliated and autonomous colleges
2. HODs of all University Departments/Schools/Centres
3. PRO/WEBSITE/STUDENTS' HELP DESK

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