

Yenepoya Deemed University celebrates 150th Gandhi Birth Anniversary with Talk and Swacch Bharath Quiz Contest

Yenepoya Deemed University celebrated 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with a special guest lecture on Gandhian thought and a quiz contest on Swacch Bharath Abhiyan. Both events were conducted under the auspices of the Deemed University's Centre for Environmental Studies.

Mr. Mahesh Nayak, the Executive Editor of Mangalore Today English Monthly was the guest speaker for the talk. Speaking on the theme 'Gandhiji and the Environment', he said he was not fascinated by Gandhi as a youth, but after seeing the rapid degeneration of the world in recent times, he was returning to the Father of the Nation like the prodigal son.

"Mahatma Gandhi was never an environmentalist, but Gandhian way of life is the most eco-friendly lifestyle possible and it is also easy for everyone to adopt," he said, adding that Gandhi saw that everything in life as being interrelated and hence looked upon every individual as a potential agent of change.

During the time of Mahatma Gandhi industrialization was gaining momentum and environmentalism was not yet an issue of concern. Yet Gandhi instinctively resisted mass production, and large scale industry. He advocated living in tune with Nature. His solution was decentralization of wealth and power, which could be done through focus on village development, he said.

He appreciated the Yenepoya University for nurturing a green campus with lot of eco-friendly features. The programme concluded with distribution of prizes to the winners of Swacch Bharath quiz contest. Dr. Bhagya Sharma, Assistant Director of Centre for Environmental Studies, coordinated the programme.

