

Celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

September 26, 2019 to October 2, 2019

ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow-226 002

A report on activities organized

As per directives from the Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR, New Delhi vide D.O.No. Secy. (DARE) & DG (ICAR)/2019/721 ed 31.07.2019, the ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow celebrated the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi w.e.f. September 26, 2019 to October 2, 2019 as per programme outline below:

September 26, 2019:

Theme	Activities	Participants
Sensitization about the programme for the week through banners display	Banners displayed at Institute premises and gates alongwith banners for Swatchhta hi seva hai	-
	 	 
Poster making and display/Distribution at different points	Posters, both in Hindi and English, highlighting the week long activities were displayed in public meeting/gathering points like banks, canteen, notice boards and all the divisions in the Institute.	
	 	
Kavi Sammalen in collaboration with Hindi Pakhwada celebration activities	A glimpse of Kavi Sammelan entitled "kavita aur rashtriya ekta" (poem and national integration) was organised in collaboration with the Hindi Pakhwada celebrations" at IISR Auditorium	Around 300 Institute Staff and trainee students
	 	

September 27, 2019:

Theme	Activities	Participants
Developing an effective programme for faster technology Transfer to villages/ remote areas	Director, IISR, Lucknow alongwith a team of scientists signed a MOU with Sugar Industry (DSCL group) for intensive transfer of technology, demonstrations, scientists visits and participatory research and development by adopting villages in Central Uttar Pradesh region. The MOU was signed in an event organised by DSCL group at Holiday Inn, Aerocity, New Delhi	Around 50 higher officials of IISR and DSCL group

September 28, 2019:

Theme	Activities	Participants
Awareness creation on Gandhi's life in relation to agriculture and allied sectors/rural sanitation	<p>A Workshop on Mahatma Gandhi's Life and Agriculture & Allied Sector Development was organised. Two documentaries on Mahatma Gandhi's Life were shown to the participants. The message of one documentary on Gram Swaraj was also discussed by the participants.</p> <p>The Director, IISR, Lucknow in his address highlighted the Champaran Andolan of Gandhi Ji as it was associated with the cultivation of Indigo crop "Neel" and which subsequently encouraged the cultivation of sugarcane and sown the seeds of the present day sugar Industry.</p> <p>The coordinator of Hindi Pakhwada celebration activities, Dr. A.K. Sah and Dr. A.K. Sharma, the coordinator of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations also addressed the participants.</p>	Around 200
		

September 29, 2019:

Theme	Activities	Participants
Awareness creation amongst farmers/villages on Gandhi's Vision for Agricultural and Allied Sector development.	Mahatma Gandhi's vision on Gram Swaraj and Sanitation was disseminated in the form of messages, posters and videoclips through whatsapp to different farmer groups associated with the Institute under Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav Scheme, in five (5) IISR adopted villages.	50 farmers


September 30, 2019:

Theme	Activities	Participants
Organise competitions	<p>Three different Types of competitions were organised on September 30, 2019. These were:</p> <p>i) Competition on quotes given by Mahatma Gandhi and why I like the selected quote.</p> <p>ii) Essay writing competition in Hindi on Role of Mahatma Gandhi's Vision on Agriculture and Rural/Allied Sector Development in Present Context "<i>Vartman paridrishay mein gandhi Darshan ka krishi kshetra evam grameen vikas mein yogdaan</i>"</p> <p>iii) Oral Quiz competition comprising twenty five (25) multiple choice questions on Gandhi's life.</p> <p>Total nine winners, three (first, second and third) in each category were selected to be awarded during event celebration on October 2, 2019.</p>	ITI Apprenticeship trainees and IISR staff participated in different competetions

October 1, 2019:

<p>Lecture by Invited Dignitary/expert</p>	<p>Lecture on Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's Vision on Agriculture and Allied Sector Development in 21st Century" by Prof Usha Bajpai, Ex. Professor and Head, Centre of Excellence in Renewable Energy Education and Research, Lucknow University was organised. Prof. Bajpai highlighted the role of renewable (especially solar) energy in the life of rural poor. She also emphasized that we must do our duties with punctuality. She called upon not to relegate the traditional value and culture system in India as unimportant rather it is high time to accept it and implement it in new flavour after effective symbiosis with the modern technology.</p>	<p>Around 200 Institute Employees</p>
	 	
<p>Sensitization of visiting farmers /villagers to IISR KVKs</p>	<p>Sensitization and awareness creation of around 25 young entrepreneurs who were selected for 10 days training programme at KVK, IISR Lucknow was carried out on the importance of sanitation as well as on Gandhi's vision in relation to agriculture and allied sectors development at 11.00 am In KVK, IISR Premises. The importance of discarding single use plastic in mushroom production was also highlighted. The role of programmes activities like Swatchhta hi Seva hai were also highlighted on the ocasion.</p>	<p>Around 25 young mushroom growers/entrepreneurs and 10 other KVK visitors participated along with 10 KVK staff members</p>
	 	

October 2, 2019:

<p>Remembering Gandhi and paying tribute 9.30 am</p>	<p>A function was organized in front of the Institute Main building to remember the contribution and Vision of Mahatma Gandhi, and to mark his 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations in the Institute. Dr. A.D. Pathak, Director, IISR, Lucknow garlanded the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, and along with all Heads of Divisions paid floral tribute to Gandhi Ji. The Director, IISR addressed all the staff of the Institute present on this occasion. He remembered the Champaran Movement and its role in sugar Industry on this occasion. De also declared that the Institute premises have been made free from single use plastic, and will remain so in future. He called upon all the staff to ensure that the premises remain free from single use plastic. Dr. Pathak delivered a message on this occasion that the contact with the farming community will be intensified during the whole year by visiting IISR adopted and selected villages at regular intervals and also by involving the technical staff of the Institute as well.</p>	<p>Open space in front of Institute Main Building</p> 
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<p>Prize distribution to contestants 10.00 am</p>	<p>Prize distribution function to the winners of different competitions was organized in front of the Institute Main building after remembering Mahatma Gandhi and paying time tribute. The prizes to winners of different competitions distributed were as follows: <i>Quotation writing Competition</i> : (First: Dr. Om Prakash/ Second: Dr G.K. Singh /Third: Sh. Monu Pal) <i>Quiz Competition</i> : (First: Sh. Awadhesh Kumar Yadav/ Second: Sh. Madan Chandra /Third: Sh. R.S. Chaurasia) <i>Essay Competition</i> : (First: Sh. Brahm Prakash/ Second: Sh. Raghvendra Singh /Third: Sh. Shivam Singh Rathore)</p>	
<p>Cleanliness drive in public roads 11.00am</p>	<p>A cleanliness drive was undertaken in the public roads outside the Institute boundaries. The plastic spread on the sides of the road was captured and destroyed/buried</p>	
<p>Swatchhta procession and awareness creation on discarding single use plastic</p>	<p>A Swatchhta Procession was undertaken by all the Staff members of the Institute from the Institute main building to the nearby public road. Slogans for discarding single use plastic were recited by all the staff members to sensitize the public.</p>	
		
<p>Awareness creation for discarding single use plastic amongst farming community</p>	<p>A programme for awareness creation amongst farmers on discarding single use plastic was organised alongwith KVK IISR, Lucknow and state line department of Agriculture. The farming community was made aware of the importance of sanitation and the Gandhi's vision on agriculture, rural development and sanitation. The importance of Gandhi's vision in achieving sustainable development goals was emphasized by the speakers on the occasion. Dr. AD Pathak, Director, IISR, Lucknow chaired the programme and called upon to discard the single use plastic and spot/develop environmentally sustainable alternatives if it is being used in agriculture production or marketing at present.</p>	