

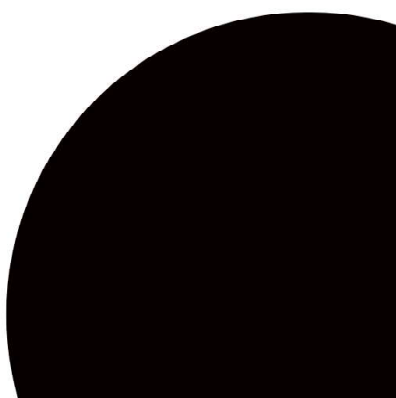


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In today's **materialistic world**, where personal advancement often takes precedence and competition dominates, **Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal** remains unwavering in its mission to **promote the moral values of Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave**. For many years, we have been dedicated to spreading **Gandhian ideals of peace, love, and non-violence**, ensuring their relevance in contemporary society.

As part of our **annual initiatives**, we have organized a series of **constructive activities**, made possible through the generous support of our **donors**. These efforts aim to **instill Gandhian values in the younger generation**, nurturing a **positive transformation in their mindset and lifestyle**. By shaping their character with principles of **truth and non-violence**, we aspire to cultivate **future leaders** who will contribute to a more just and harmonious society.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

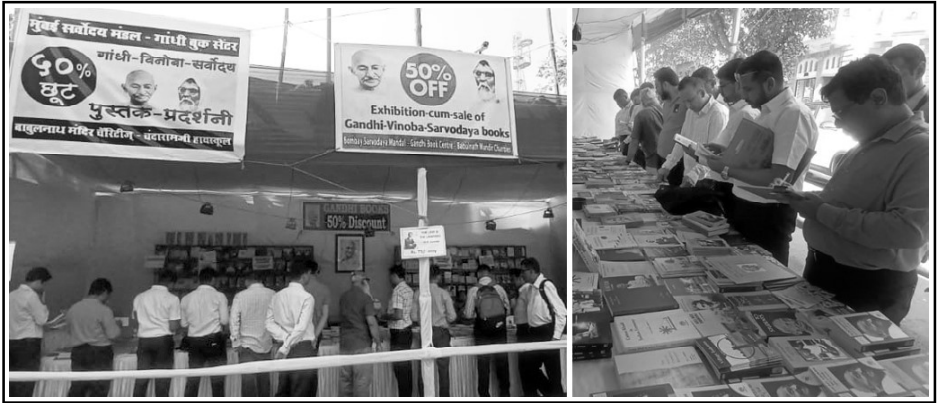
- ⇒ **Sale of Books:** This year, the Mandal sold **books worth Rs. 18 lakhs** on **Gandhi-Vinoba-Sarvodaya philosophy**.
- ⇒ **Sale of Gandhi Autobiographies:** A total of **4,200 copies** of **Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography** (Full and Abridged editions) were sold.
- ⇒ **Hiroshima Day (6th August):** **787 students from 33 colleges** marched from Azad Maidan to Hutatma Chowk, taking a pledge for a nuclear-free world on the **79th anniversary of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day**.
- ⇒ **Youth Camp:** **384 college students** participated in three 'Personality Development Youth Camps' held in Mumbai and Bhandara, Maharashtra during the summer vacation.
- ⇒ **30th January – Gandhi Martyrs' Day:** Nearly **500 students from 20 colleges** marched for Peace and Communal Harmony, commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's 77th death anniversary.

- ⇒ **Communal Harmony Workshops**: A 'Peace & Communal Harmony' awareness campaign was conducted in **16 colleges**, engaging about **3,000 students**.
- ⇒ **Gandhi Peace Examination (Schools & Colleges)**: **3,417 students** from 29 schools and 9 colleges in Mumbai and Maharashtra appeared for the Gandhi Peace Examination.
- ⇒ **Gandhi Peace Examination (Jails)**: **1,241 jail inmates and 26 jail officials** from **11 prisons** across Maharashtra participated in the Gandhi Peace Examination.
- ⇒ **Women Empowerment Programme in Jail**: A 'Purse and Blanket Making Training' was organized for **50 female inmates** of Thane Central Jail to encourage skill development.
- ⇒ **Essay-Writing Competition**: **200 College students** participated in this competition, held on 30th January 2025.
- ⇒ **Gandhi Website**: Our comprehensive Gandhi resource portal www.mkgandhi.org remains top-rated on Google and other major search engines, attracting **6,000 to 7,000 visitors daily**.
- ⇒ **Gandhi Quotes Campaign**: A daily Gandhi quote is shared via email, WhatsApp, and social media, reaching over 1 lakh people worldwide.

PROPAGATION OF GANDHIAN LITERATURE

Although great individuals may not always be with us in person, their wisdom and principles continue to shape and inspire generations. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy continues to serve as a guiding light, offering profound wisdom and practical solutions to modern challenges. His thoughts remain a source of inspiration, providing moral direction and clarity in every aspect of life. The promotion and dissemination of Gandhian literature play a crucial role in ensuring that his ideals reach and influence future generations, fostering a society rooted in peace, justice, and harmony.

As in previous years, this year too, we commemorated the 77th death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by organizing an exhibition-cum-sale featuring over 200 books on and by Mahatma Gandhi, Acharya Vinoba Bhave, and Sarvodaya. Held from January 27 to February 1, 2025, at Hutatma Chowk, the event offered a 50% discount, leading to the sale of books worth Rs. 2,00,000/- in just six days.



This initiative was made possible through the generous financial support of **Babulnath Mandir Charities** and **The Chandaramji High School**. The Mandal's primary objective remains the promotion of Gandhian, Vinoba, and Sarvodaya ideals, fostering a peaceful and nonviolent society.

SOCIAL AWARENESS YOUTH CAMPS & LECTURES

For the past 31 years, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal has been organizing '**Personality Development and Character-Building Youth Camps**' to instill self-reliance, Gandhian values, and social awareness among students. In today's world, marked by rising violence, unemployment, and social unrest, these camps serve as a platform to develop young minds, channelize their energy towards social welfare, and cultivate peace, love, brotherhood, and civic responsibility. Additionally, these initiatives help enlist new volunteers committed to propagating Gandhian ideals.

This year, the ‘Personality Development Youth Camp’ was held from May 13 to 19, 2024, at Sant Balji Ashram, Mahavir Nagar, Chinchni, as a joint initiative of Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Mumbai, Chandaramji High School, and Laxmibai Dwarkadas Charitable Trust. 40 National Service Scheme (NSS) students from 12 colleges affiliated with the University of Mumbai participated in this camp.

The camp focused on holistic personality development through a diverse range of activities, including morning prayers and *yoga* for mental and physical well-being, *shramdaan* (voluntary labour) to encourage self-discipline and social responsibility, value-education discussions and revolutionary songs promoting social change, lectures and group discussions by scholars on critical issues such as (relevance of Gandhiji’s thoughts in today’s world, education, Indian history, and the constitution, personality development, human rights, and gender equality etc.), street plays, NSS values,



and eradication of superstitions, sports and cultural programs fostering teamwork and creativity, daily program evaluation and diary writing for self-reflection. These engaging and impactful sessions provided students with valuable insights, helping them develop a strong moral foundation and leadership skills, shaping them into responsible citizens committed to social change.

'Summer Culture Camp', Bhandara

Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's teachings, the 32nd 'Summer Cultural Camp' was held from May 2 to 11, 2024, organized by Gandhi Vichar Manch, Bhandara, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal, Chandaramji High School, Laxmibai Dwarkadas Charitable Trust, and Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Bhandara. A total of 138 primary school students enthusiastically participated in this engaging program. The camp featured a diverse range of activities, including Yoga-Pranayama and Surya Namaskar for physical and mental well-being, Musical yoga integrating movement and melody, Storytelling sessions promoting moral values and life lessons, Dance-drama and games to foster creativity and teamwork, informative lectures on safety, health, and environmental awareness.



Through these activities, the camp aimed to instill discipline, cultural values, and holistic development in young minds, reinforcing Gandhian ideals in engaging manner.

'Youth Camp on Gandhi's Life and Thoughts' – Bhandara

The 'Gandhi Jeevan and Vichar Shivir' (Youth Camp on Gandhi's Life and Thoughts) was held from May 19 to 23, 2024, at Jakatdar Junior College, Bhandara, with the participation of 186 college students. The camp featured engaging daily activities, including sessions on Gandhi's philosophy, exploring his ideals and values, music yoga, integrating mindfulness with melody, discussions on the book 'Gandhi Ganga', offering deep insights into his life and lectures and seminars on key topics, such as management techniques of Gandhiji, *ekadash vrat* (eleven vows), Indian History & Major Movements by Mahatma Gandhi, Nation Building through Character – Mahatma Gandhi and Gandhiji and Gita Vichar.

The three youth camps received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with students expressing that these experiences helped shape their personalities and provided direction for their future.

PROGRAMMES FOR PEACE AND COMMUNAL HARMONY

Hiroshima serves as a stark reminder of the catastrophic consequences of nuclear destruction. Even 79 years later, the impact of the atomic bomb has not completely faded. However, rather than addressing global issues like poverty, hunger, and ignorance, nations continue to engage in a race to build nuclear weapons.

With a clear vision of fostering a nuclear-free, non-violent, and communally harmonious world, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organizes seminars, workshops, and peace marches on significant occasions like Hiroshima Day (August 6) and Martyrs' Day (January 30).



Like every year, this year too, an Anti-Nuclear Peace March was held on August 6, 2024, where 787 NSS students from 33 colleges of the University of Mumbai and the SNDT University, along with social activists and peace-loving citizens, marched from Azad Maidan to Hutatma Chowk, pledging to work towards a world free from nuclear threats.

Leading up to the march, from July 29 to August 5, 2024, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal conducted a 'Nuclear Disarmament Awareness Campaign' across several city colleges. The campaign included the screening of a short documentary on the Hiroshima bombing, a poster exhibition depicting the horrific effects of nuclear warfare and orientation lectures raising awareness about nuclear threats and promoting peace.

These initiatives aimed to educate students on the devastating impact of nuclear weapons and inspire them to join the global movement for peace.

Organized jointly by the NSS units of the University of Mumbai and the SNTD University in collaboration with Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal, these peace programmes marked the 79th anniversary of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day, reinforcing the commitment to a world without nuclear weapons.



'Peace and Communal Harmony Campaign' on Martyrs' Day

To commemorate Martyrs' Day, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized a 'Peace and Communal Harmony Campaign' from January 10 to January 29, 2025, across various colleges affiliated with the University of Mumbai and SNTD Women's University.



During these sessions, lectures with PowerPoint presentations were conducted, focusing on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and the importance of communal harmony. The program was led by Jayant Diwan, Sheikh Hussain, Ramesh Oza, Bajrang



Sonwane, Ganesh Shirke, Suraj Bhoir, and Deepti Lakum, who engaged and guided students throughout the campaign.

On January 30, 2025, the Mandal, in collaboration with the NSS units of the SNTD Women's University and the University of Mumbai, organized a 'Peace and Communal Harmony Rally'. The march began at SVT College of Home Science, Juhu Campus, SNTD Women's University and concluded at the Gandhi statue at Juhu Chowpatty, with about 500 students from 20 colleges participating. Carrying banners and placards with messages like 'No to Communalism, Yes to Communal Harmony' and 'We All Are One', the rally aimed to spread a powerful message of unity. Dr. Sulakshana Mane, Coordinator, NSS Cell, SNTD Women's University, flagged off the event. The rally concluded with all participants taking an oath to uphold peace and communal harmony, reaffirming their commitment to Gandhian values of unity and nonviolence.

Special Meeting on Gandhian Ideology (January 30th)



On January 30th, Mumbai Sarvodaya Mandal and Mulbhut Adhikaar Sangharsh Samiti (MAAS) jointly organized a special meeting at the Mandal. The event was presided over by renowned advocate Asim Sarode, with Sanjay M.G. as the main speaker. Both speakers shared their insights on the importance of Gandhian ideology in today's world. They emphasized that achieving true civil liberty and people's empowerment requires embracing Gandhian principles, particularly non-violence, truth, and love. They highlighted that love is the only path to overcoming fear and hatred, reinforcing the need for a society built on compassion and justice.

'Essay-Writing Competition' on Mahatma Gandhi

On January 30th, an Essay-Writing Competition was jointly organized by Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal, *Shodhavari* Research Journal, University of Mumbai, Gandhi Study Centre (K.J. Somaiya College), and Gandhi Study Centre (Birla College). The competition was open to students from various colleges affiliated with the University of Mumbai, with topics focusing on Mahatma Gandhi, non-violence, the environment, and women empowerment.

A total of 200 students from 7 colleges of the University of Mumbai participated. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on



January 17, 2025 to honor the winners where the top three winners received special prizes, while all participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their efforts.

This initiative aimed to encourage students to reflect on Gandhian principles and their relevance in today's world.

GANDHI JAYANTI & INTERNATIONAL NONVIOLENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Since its declaration by the United Nations in 2007, October 2nd – Gandhi Jayanti has been observed globally as International Non-Violence Day. As in previous years, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized various programs to commemorate the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The series of events began on September 11th, the birth anniversary of Acharya Vinoba Bhave, with a special gathering at Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal. The meeting, conducted by Nafisa Kolambowala, commenced with a recitation of Vinobaji's *Naam Mala* by Bajrang Sonawane, followed by a soulful song performed by Suraj Bhoir. The highlight of the session was a special address by Dr. Ramila Gaikwad, a distinguished academic who has extensively researched the Bhoodan movement in the South Konkan region of Maharashtra and earned a doctorate on the subject.

Dr. Gaikwad enlightened the students on Vinobaji's student life, urging them to pursue their studies with deep focus—akin to a state of *samadhi*. She emphasized the importance of balancing academics with karma (righteous action), always speaking the truth, avoiding negative influences, and shaping one's personality to become a responsible global citizen. Concluding her speech, she encouraged students to cultivate a love for books and nature, making them lifelong companions.



Book Exhibition & Sales (11 September – 11 October)

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote Gandhian literature, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized a Gandhi-Vinoba-Sarvodaya Book Exhibition and Sale at the Gandhi Book Centre. The exhibition ran from September 11th (Vinoba Bhave's birth anniversary) to October 11th (Jayprakash Narayan's birth anniversary), offering a 50% discount on all books. During this one-month period, around 200 titles were displayed and sold, amounting to Rs. 3,31,274/- in sales.

Lecture on "Gandhi of Noakhali" – October 2

To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized a special lecture titled "Gandhi of Noakhali." The session was conducted by Mansoor Patel, with Shri Ramesh Oza presiding as Chairperson.

The program commenced with a soulful rendition of *Ramdhun* by Suraj Bhoir and Ganesh Shirke, including the beloved bhajan

“Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye.” In his opening remarks, Jayant Diwan emphasized the audience’s desire to understand the “Gandhi of Noakhali”—not just “Gandhi in Noakhali.” Prof. Shyam Pakhre and Ramesh Oza, co-authors of the Marathi novel *Noakhali*, shared their insights on this crucial chapter of



Gandhi’s life. Prof. Pakhre highlighted Gandhi’s deep sense of isolation and disillusionment during the communal violence in Noakhali (1946). However, he remained steadfast in his mission, believing that *if Noakhali were lost, the entire country would be at risk*. He faced humiliation, yet his struggle extended beyond external conflict—he also fought an inner battle of faith and resilience. For Gandhi, Noakhali became a ‘*tapobhumi*’—a land of spiritual practice and penance. His *padayatra* (foot pilgrimage) there was not merely political activism but a spiritual journey aimed at restoring communal harmony.

Prof. Pakhre also discussed the socio-economic conditions of Noakhali and drew parallels to modern-day communal tensions, urging the audience to find hope and inspiration in Gandhi’s Noakhali experience. In his concluding remarks as Chairperson, Ramesh Oza noted that Gandhi’s mission in Noakhali was to comprehend and counteract the roots of violence. Throughout his life, Gandhi worked to create a fearless society, and the Noakhali experience tested the very essence of his philosophy. The event concluded with the National Anthem.

'Baat Gandhi Ki' – A Digital Initiative (October 2nd – October 11th)

Continuing its efforts to spread Gandhian values through digital platforms, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal hosted its annual online YouTube program, "Baat Gandhi Ki," from October 2nd (Gandhi Jayanti) to October 11th (J.P. Jayanti – Jayaprakash Narayan Jayanti).

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'गांधीजी का धर्म और सांप्रदायिकता'

(उपरोक्त विषय पर प्रतिदिन एक वक्ता अपने विचार रखेंगे।)

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 <https://youtube.com/c/MahatmaGandhiLive>

गांधी जयंती के अवसर पर मुंबई सर्वोदय मंडल का उपक्रम

This program, now in its fifth year, is streamed daily at 10 a.m. as a YouTube Premiere, featuring esteemed personalities from diverse fields. Each speaker shares their insights for 8 to 10 minutes on the theme "Gandhiji's Religion and Secularism." The objective is to reach a wider audience and deepen public understanding of Gandhian thought through social media. As in previous years, the initiative received an overwhelmingly positive response. Special recognition goes to Jayant Diwan, whose active support played a crucial role in organizing the program. All episodes from this year's series, along with past editions, are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/BaatGandhiKi>

On the occasion of Jayaprakash Narayan (J.P.) Jayanti on October 11th, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized a special program to



honor his legacy. The event featured Mrs. Janaki Prashant as the chief guest. A close associate of J.P., she played a significant role in the Sampurna Kranti (Total Revolution) movement.

The program commenced with a revolutionary song performed by Bajrang Sonvane, setting the tone for an inspiring discussion. Jayant Diwan initiated the session by tracing J.P.'s journey—from his involvement in India's freedom struggle to his leadership in the Total Revolution Movement. Janaki Didi shared her experiences with the Sarvodaya movement, reflecting on her personal journey and close association with J.P. and Sampurna Kranti. She concluded her speech with a heartfelt rendition of "*Naujawanon Tere Kandhe Par Jagat Ka Bhar Hai*" (The weight of the world is on your shoulders), leaving the audience deeply moved. The programme ended with a tribute to the late Ratan Tata, honoring his contributions to society.

Musical Yoga & Educational Visit for Children of Remand Home

As part of its outreach efforts, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organizes 'Musical Yoga' sessions for children at the Dongri Children's Shelter Home, Mumbai. Every morning, dedicated volunteers from the Mandal conduct these sessions, providing a unique blend of music and yoga to nurture the children's physical and mental well-being.

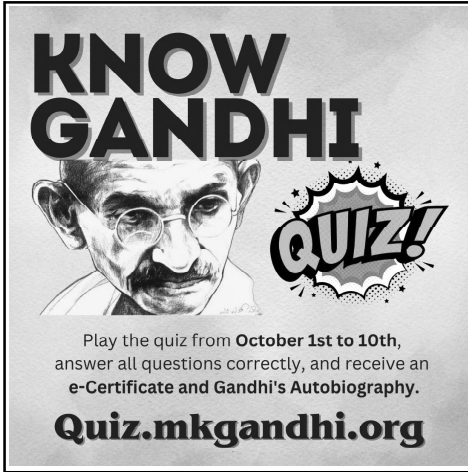
In a special initiative, around 20 children from the shelter home visited the Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal office, where they were introduced to Mahatma Gandhi's life and philosophy. Their visit also included a tour of Mani Bhavan, where they explored the Gandhi Life Exhibition, offering them a deeper insight into his legacy. The children also watched the documentary 'Mahatma,' which provided a cinematic glimpse into Gandhi's extraordinary journey.



The session included engaging interactions with senior Sarvodaya volunteers. Shri Jayant Diwan gave an inspiring talk on Gandhi's transformation from an ordinary individual to a 'Mahatma.' Sarvodaya associate Ganesh Shirke spoke to the children, encouraging them to embrace Gandhian values while Shri Madhukar Kunhale taught them the song 'Khara to ekachi dharma' (*There is Only One True Religion*), reinforcing the importance of truth and unity. The event was graced by Shri Tulsidas Somaiyaji, President of Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal, and concluded with remarks by Shri Premshankar Tiwari.

'KNOW GANDHI QUIZ' (Online) Gandhi Jayanti Initiative

As in previous years, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized the 'Know Gandhi Quiz' on October 2nd, Gandhi Jayanti. This online quiz featured 10 questions based on Mahatma Gandhi's life and



**KNOW
GANDHI**

Play the quiz from **October 1st to 10th**, answer all questions correctly, and receive an e-Certificate and Gandhi's Autobiography.

Quiz.mkgandhi.org

work, aiming to educate and engage participants in Gandhian thought.

Participants who answered all the questions correctly were rewarded with a copy of Gandhiji's autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*. Additionally, all participants received a digital certificate via email as a token of appreciation. The quiz

remains accessible online for those who wish to test their knowledge of Gandhi's life and philosophy at: <http://quiz.mkgandhi.org>

INSTILLING GANDHIAN VALUES THROUGH THE 'GANDHI PEACE EXAMINATION' IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Today's youth are constantly bombarded with negative influences—selfishness, hatred, and violence—through mobile phones,



television, films, and video games. As a result, incidents of children resorting to violence over minor conflicts are increasingly reported.

While academic achievements have reached new heights, we have struggled to foster moral and ethical growth. Mahatma Gandhi's life and literature remain the best sources of inspiration for instilling values such as love, brotherhood, truth, friendship, service, tolerance, non-violence, and fearlessness in the younger generation. His teachings encourage youth to embrace nonviolent methods of conflict resolution, promoting peace and harmony in society.

With this in mind, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal conducts the 'Gandhi Peace Examination' throughout the year in schools and colleges across Mumbai and Maharashtra. In the current year, the examination was conducted in 29 schools and 9 colleges across Mumbai and Maharashtra and a total of 3,417 students participated. Every participant received a certificate acknowledging their involvement. To date, hundreds of thousands of students have engaged in this examination, helping to spread Gandhian values among the younger generation.

GANDHI PEACE EXAMINATION AND REFORMATION PROGRAMMES FOR JAIL INMATES

Mahatma Gandhi believed that no one is born a criminal; it is circumstances that lead a person to crime. However, with love and goodwill, a change of heart is always possible. Inspired by this philosophy, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal strives to awaken a sense of repentance and transformation among inmates by organizing Gandhi Peace Examinations and other reformation programs across all jails in Mumbai and Maharashtra since last 18 years. Through these initiatives, we aim to instil Gandhian values, fostering self-reflection and a path towards positive change.

This year, 1,241 jail inmates from 11 prisons across Mumbai and Maharashtra—including Arthur Road, Thane, Yervada Open Jail,



Alibaug, Nasik, Buldhana, Dhule, Nagpur, Chandrapur, Wardha, and Bhandara—participated in the Gandhi Peace Examination. In a remarkable display of commitment to Gandhian ideals, 26 jail officials and staff members from Chandrapur District Jail and Yervada Open Jail also voluntarily took the exam.

To support their journey of transformation, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal generously provided all participants with complimentary copies of Gandhian literature. As a token of encouragement, the top three inmates from each prison received khadi clothes, while all participants were awarded with certificates of participation.

Women Empowerment Programme in Jail

To promote skill development and self-reliance, Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal organized a **'Purse and Blanket Making Training'** for 50 female inmates of Thane Central Jail. Conducted by expert instructors, the program equipped participants with handicraft skills, fostering confidence and livelihood opportunities.

Inmates learned purse designing, stitching, and blanket making, with all materials provided free of cost. The initiative received positive feedback, encouraging future rehabilitative programs that align with Gandhian principles of dignity and self-sufficiency.

These initiatives received overwhelmingly positive feedback, as it encouraged inmates to reflect on and adopt these values in their lives. A special permission for conducting these reformation programs has been obtained from the Upper Director General of Police and the Inspector General of Jail Reforms Services (IG, Prison). The unwavering support of jail authorities, *Guruji*, and the staff has been instrumental in making these initiatives possible. Their dedication and cooperation continue to play a crucial role in the success of our reformation efforts.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT WITH GANDHI WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

A website on Gandhi visits by 6,500 people per day

At a time when the world is grappling with crises and conflicts, the relevance and influence of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, remain steadfast. His philosophy of truth, non-violence, and peace continues to inspire people across the globe.



Reflecting this enduring legacy, the website www.mkgandhi.org (desktop version) and its mobile-friendly counterpart <https://m.mkgandhi.org> consistently rank at the top on search engines like Google, Bing, and others. A simple search for “Mahatma Gandhi” or “M.K. Gandhi” leads users to this comprehensive digital archive, which serves as a valuable resource for researchers, scholars, activists, students, and anyone interested in learning about Gandhi’s life and teachings.

The Mahatma Gandhi website (www.mkgandhi.org) continues to be a global hub for Gandhian thought, attracting 6,000-7,000 visitors daily from 194 countries. The highest number of visitors come from USA, followed by the India, Poland, Iran, the UK, and other nations.

For the past 23 years, the website has been updated daily, ensuring a rich and ever-growing repository of resources. The homepage features 50+ icons, guiding visitors to various aspects of Gandhi’s life and work. With 1,65,000+ pages of content, the website offers 400 free Gandhi e-books, 500+ rare photographs, information on Gandhi’s life, philosophy, online books, biographies, chronology, and key writings, Resources on peace, non-violence, Gandhi museums, and study centres etc. To enhance user accessibility, 1,150+ articles by and on Gandhi have been categorized under topics such as Gandhi’s relevance today, peace, non-violence, women, environment, education, politics, and management, making research easier.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, millions of people from 194 countries visited our website, www.mkgandhi.org, to learn about Mahatma Gandhi’s life and work. We are delighted to share that on October 2nd alone, over 32,000 individuals explored the website, reflecting a growing global interest in Gandhian values and philosophy.

Additionally, a ‘Thought For The Day’ (Quotes by Mahatma Gandhi) is shared every morning via email, WhatsApp, and social media, reaching thousands of subscribers, helping them start their day with inspiration. This campaign has been running continuously for 16+ years.

OUR GRATITUDE

- ✿ The NSS units of SNDT University and University of Mumbai
- ✿ The Chandaramji High School
- ✿ Shree Brihad Bhartiya Samaj
- ✿ Gandhi Research Foundation
- ✿ Shroff Family Charitable Trust
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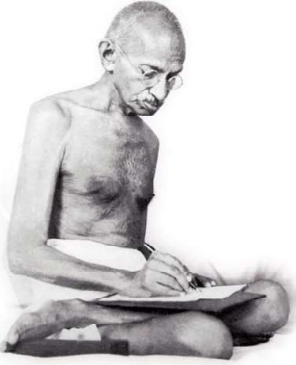
LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST

Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal extends its heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, well-wishers, friends, volunteers, colleagues, and dedicated workers, as well as the individuals and institutions who have collaborated with us. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our mission to spread Gandhian values and work toward a more compassionate and peaceful society.

Together, we continue to uphold the ideals of **truth, non-violence, and service**, striving to make a meaningful impact on humankind.



GANDHI'S TALISMAN



"I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man [woman] whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him [her]. Will he [she] gain

anything by it? Will it restore him [her] to a control over his [her] own life and destiny? In other words, will it lead to swaraj [freedom] for the hungry and spiritually starving millions?

Then you will find your doubts and your self melt away."

- One of the last notes left behind by Gandhi in 1948, expressing his deepest social thought.

Source: *Mahatma Gandhi - The Last Phase*, Vol. II (1958), p.65



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