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The Centre organised a special lecture on *Federalism in India* by Prof. John S. Moolakkattu, Head, Department of International Relations, School of Global Studies, Central University of Kerala and Editor, Gandhi Marg on 9 December 2019.

As part of the Centre's mission of promoting a sense of social commitment among the students as well as contributing to the development of society, 28 members of the Gandhi Forum visited the District Jail, Kottayam on 3 February 2020. Several indoor games for the inmates and 84 books were donated to the Jail library. Copies of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography and booklets published by the Centre on green living, the hazards of plastic, waste management and RTI were also distributed to the inmates and officials of the jail. Several potted plants were also contributed to the jail.

With the objective of encouraging students to read Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography, *The story of My Experiments with Truth*, the Centre organised a quiz competition series - *Discovering Gandhi*, based on the autobiography. The Centre commemorated the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 June with members of the Gandhi Forum performing a

mime to generate awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse. The Centre commemorated Gandhi Jayanthi with a campus cleaning programme and a mime highlighting the contemporary relevance of Mahatma Gandhi. An exhibition cum sale of books written on and by Mahatma Gandhi was also organised by the Centre.

Paryaptha-2019, an exhibition cum sale of items made by students was organized by the Centre on 19 December 2019 with the objective of inculcating the ideals of self-reliance, women empowerment and sustainable development among students. The exhibition focused on organising a zero waste programme, based on the concept of 'reduce, reuse, recycle' as well as providing students with the opportunity to 'earn while you learn'. A highlight of the programme was the sale of cloth bags designed by the Centre for Gandhian Studies. The Department of Fashion Technology won the prize for the Department that best embodied the spirit of Paryaptha and Diya Mary Das of II DC English and Akhila D. of II DC Physics won the first and second prizes for the most innovative ideas.

Three members of the Gandhi Forum, Rajalakshmi G.R, Ann Maria S. and Kochurani Lulu were deputed to participate in the All India University Students Camp organised by the Institute of Gandhian Studies in Wardha, Maharashtra from 22nd to 30th December 2019. The Centre also maintains a Library and Reading Room with over 1300 books, and displays a Gandhian Thought for the Day on the Notice Board of the Centre in order to promote an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi and inculcate Gandhian values among the student community.

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Adv. Mons Joseph MLA inaugurates Gandhidarshan 2019

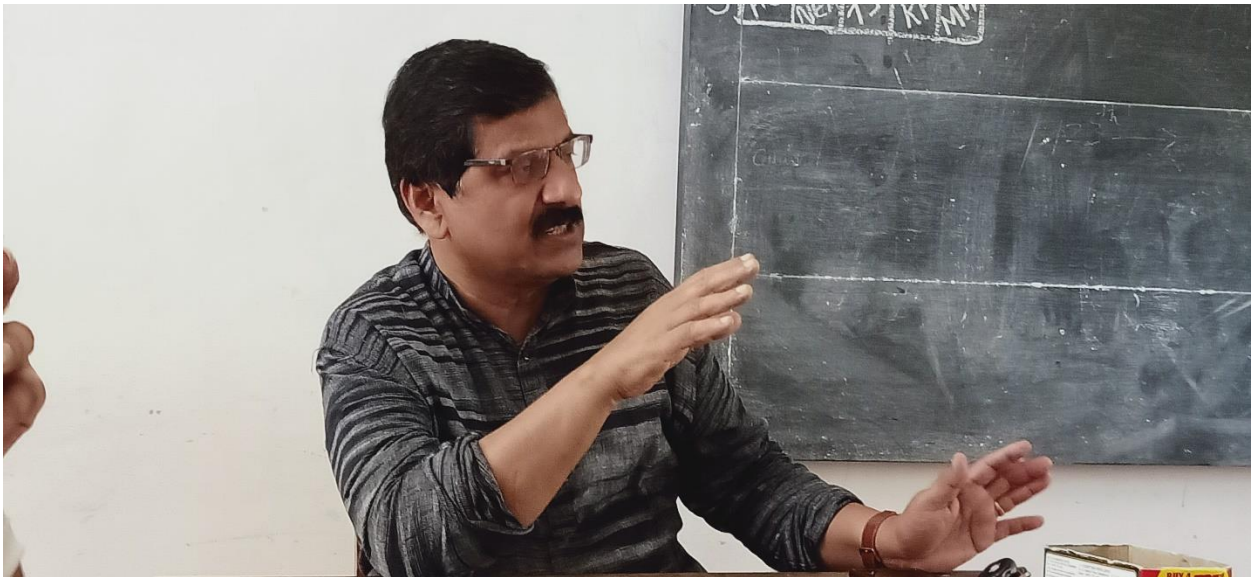


Gandhi Forum members in Wardha, Maharashtra





Mime on Drug abuse



Prof. John S. Moolakkattu speaks on Federalism in India



Visit to district Jail, Kottayam