

CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES
ALPHONSA COLLEGE
PALA, KERALA



Report
2024-2025

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The Centre for Gandhian Studies of Alphonsa College, established in July 2008, continued its efforts to promote an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi and inculcate the values and ideals that he stood for during the year 2024-25. The Centre was able to organise several programmes based on different aspects of Gandhian thought and values.

GANDHI FORUM

Gandhi Forum, an organisation of students functioning under the auspices of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, strives to promote an understanding of the values and ideals upheld by Mahatma Gandhi, and spearheads all the activities of the Centre. It provides an avenue for the all-round development of members, with their active participation in all the activities of the Centre. Members of the forum are also encouraged and deputed to participate in programmes organised by other institutions that promote an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi. During the academic year 2024-25, 56 students joined the Gandhi Forum. The Executive Committee of the Forum was reconstituted and the following office bearers were elected for the academic year 2024-25:

President: Shafiyamol Jaleel, III DC English

Vice President: Milla Liz Tom, II DC English

Secretary: Donna Shaji, III DC History

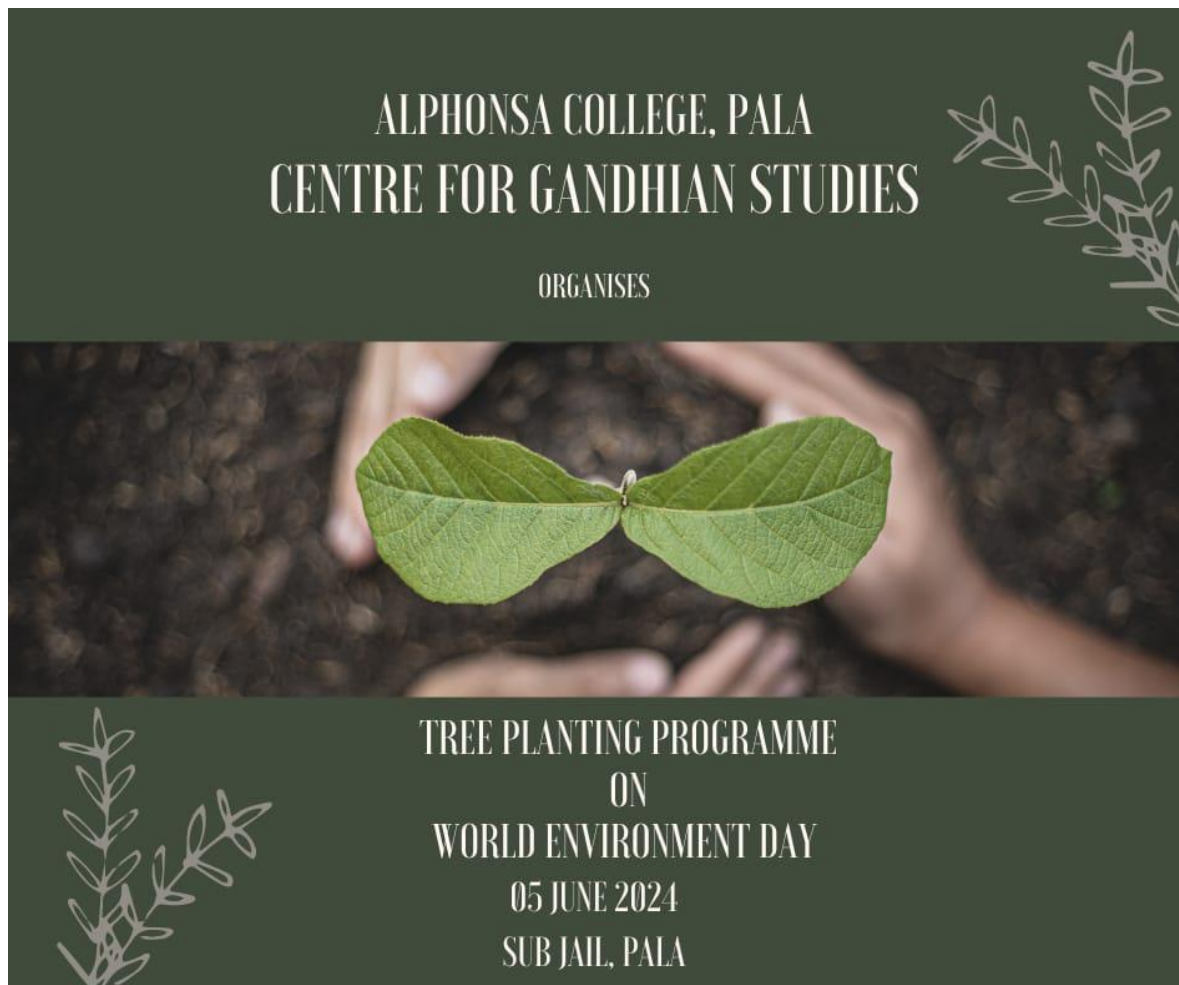
LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The Centre also maintains a Library and Reading Room with over 1300 books. This collection covers diverse themes that are relevant to the ideas and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Besides books written on and by Gandhi the collection includes books on Indian history, polity and society, international peace and security, women's studies, environmental studies, human rights, etc.

ACTIVITIES 2024-25

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Gandhi Forum members participated in the World Environment Day Celebrations at Pala Sub-Jail on 05 June 2024. As part of the green initiative, the students planted saplings in the jail compound, promoting the message of environmental conservation and sustainable living. The event fostered a sense of social responsibility and community engagement, encouraging the inmates and students alike to contribute to a greener future.





INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Centre organised Independence Day Celebrations at L.P. School, Arunapuram on 14 August 2024 retracing the story of the freedom struggle. The programme aimed to instil a sense of patriotism and appreciation for the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.

Students presented a vibrant cultural programme featuring patriotic songs, quiz, and speeches that brought alive the spirit of India's journey to independence. An engaging storytelling session on unsung heroes of the freedom movement captured the imagination of the young audience.

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organises

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

RETRACING THE STORY OF THE INDIAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

QUIZ ON THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE

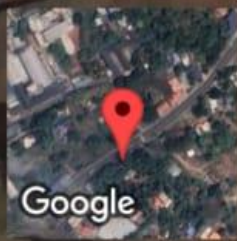
LEARNING PATRIOTIC SONGS



L. P. SCHOOL, ARUNAPURAM

14 AUGUST 2024

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TALK BY SHRI TUSHAR GANDHI

Gandhi Forum members attended a talk led by Shri Tushar Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi held at Gandhi Square, Pala on 10th September 2024. In his address, Shri Tushar Gandhi reflected on the enduring relevance of Gandhian values in today's world, especially in the context of peace, non-violence, and social justice. He urged the youth to become active participants in nation-building by embracing truth and compassion in their everyday lives. The talk was both inspiring and thought-provoking, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.



EXHIBITION FOR NAAC VISIT

As part of the preparations for the NAAC visit, students organized a poster exhibition featuring a curated collection of rare and historically significant photographs. The exhibition prominently showcased the activities of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, highlighting its contributions to value-based education, social outreach, and peace initiatives. Thoughtfully arranged and creatively presented, the display served as a visual narrative of the Centre's impact and the institution's commitment to Gandhian ideals.



PARYAPTHA 2025: PROMOTING ECO-FRIENDLY SELF RELIANCE

Paryaptha 2025, an exhibition cum sale of handmade items made by students and faculty was held on 04 February 2025 with the objective of inculcating the ideals of self-reliance, women empowerment and sustainable development among students.

The programme was inaugurated by Rev Dr. Shaji John, Principal, Alphonsa College. Traditional food items, handicrafts, bags, jewellery, clothing, towels, organic fruits and vegetables, recycled art items, homemade detergents, etc. were on sale. As in the previous year, the focus on organizing an exhibition with 'zero waste' was a prime objective. Items like plastic bags, disposable plates, cups and spoons, tissue papers and paper posters were prohibited. Our students proved that it is possible to think beyond plastics and disposable packing material yet conduct a grand sale cum exhibition. Numerous innovative ideas for carrying forward the message of 'zero waste' were major attractions. Another highlight of the programme was a stall by teachers, exhibiting items they had made themselves, which provided motivation to the students. The programme was able to highlight the possibility of organizing such events in an eco-friendly manner. The Department of Mathematics won the prize for the Department that best embodied the spirit of *Paryaptha* and Jiya Maria of III DC Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics won the prize for the student with the most innovative idea.

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PARYAPTHA 2025

Zero Waste exhibition cum sale of items made by Students and Teachers



Prizes for The Best Participant and The best department that reflects the spirit of Paryaptha

Promoting eco friendly self reliance



Earn while you learn

PARYAPTHA 2025 Guidelines for Participants

All students and teachers are invited to showcase and sell their self-made items at the upcoming exhibition.

- Stalls will be organized department-wise, with one stall per department. Each department is responsible for setting up and managing its own stall.
- The location, desks, and benches for each stall will be allotted by the organizers.
- Setup Schedule: Stalls must be arranged by 4 p.m. on 3rd February, and all items for sale or exhibition should be ready by 9 a.m. on 4th February.
- Exhibition Timing: The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 4th February.

Sustainability Guidelines:

- The use of plastic carry bags, cups, plates, or tissue paper is strictly prohibited. We encourage the use of reusable materials such as steel or glass plates, cups, and spoons.
- Only biodegradable materials should be used for packaging, serving, and publicity.
- Natural resources should not be exploited for stall decorations.

Cleanliness & Conduct:

- Visitors are requested to consume food outside the auditorium.
- Participants must ensure the cleanliness of the auditorium and place waste bins wherever necessary.
- After the program on 4th February evening, participants are expected to help arrange the auditorium.

Registration:

- No registration fee is required.
- Each class must complete and submit their registration forms at the CGS office by 3:30 p.m. on 20th January.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in making this event a success!



In order to avoid burning of plastic packing material and carry bags on campus, we encourage students and teachers to bring carry bags/ tiffin boxes/ plates from home.

PROMOTING THE IDEAL OF A ZERO WASTE WORLD



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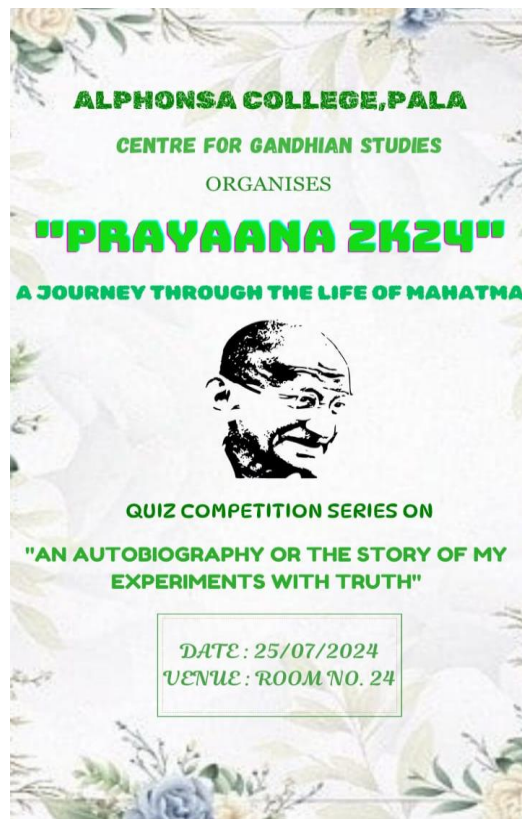


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PRAYANA 2K24: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE OF MAHATMA

A quiz competition series – *Prayaana* based on Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography was organised by the Centre for the students of the college. Shafiyamol Jaleel of III DC English was the overall winner of the series. This journey through the life of the Mahatma was organised by the office bearers of Gandhi Forum.







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TREE SAPLING PLANTATION PROGRAMME

The Centre for Gandhian Studies, Alphonsa College, Pala, organized a Tree Sapling Plantation Programme on 5 June 2025 in connection with the observance of World Environment Day. The programme was conducted with the objective of promoting environmental awareness, fostering ecological responsibility, and encouraging sustainable practices among students and faculty members. The initiative reflected the Gandhian principles of harmonious coexistence with nature and environmental stewardship.

Programme Details

The programme commenced with a brief inaugural session attended by faculty members, students, and representatives of the Centre for Gandhian Studies. The Coordinator welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of World Environment Day and the relevance of tree plantation in addressing contemporary environmental challenges.

As part of the programme, tree saplings of indigenous and environmentally beneficial species were planted in selected locations within the college campus. Faculty members and students actively participated in the plantation drive and pledged to nurture the saplings to ensure their healthy growth.

During the event, speakers emphasized the role of trees in improving air quality, conserving biodiversity, preventing soil erosion, and combating global warming. Participants were encouraged to adopt environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives and to contribute towards building a greener and more sustainable future.

