

responsible citizens. After reading Experiments with Truth, an autobiography of Gandhiji, Laxman Gole, a former hardcore criminal, confessed all his crimes before the judge and is now one of the volunteers of Mumbai Sarvodaya Mandal. He visits jails and inspires inmates to follow the path of truth and non-violence. This year, we conducted Gandhi Peace examination in district and central jails in Thane, Arthur Road, Byculla, Alibaug, Taloja, Nasik, Nagpur, Jalna, Aurangabad and Bhandara and over 1,000 prisoners appeared for the examination. Next year we are planning to conduct Gandhi examination in 12 jails.

OUTREACH THROUGH GANDHI WEBSITE (www.mkgandhi.org) AND SOCIAL MEDIA

With the support of the Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, we have developed a website, www.mkgandhi.org., which provides information on Mahatma Gandhi's life and his work, as well as on peace, non-violence, conflict resolution, moral values etc. Through this website, Gandhian thoughts can reach every corner of the world. Since its inception 20 years ago, this website is updated every day. There are about 50 icons on its homepage which has been linked to different aspects of Mahatma Gandhi's life. It is a site well-worth bookmarking and is a one spot Gandhi information website for researchers, scholars, activists, students and anyone interested in Gandhi, as the website includes supreme collection of Gandhian literature like 100 volumes of 'The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi' of 50,000 pages, 6 different books on biography of Gandhi (100 to 3,000 pages each), about 900 articles, Gandhi Quotations, Gandhi philosophy, peace, non-violence. over 200 Gandhi eBooks can be downloaded for free. The site also has free online books, 500 photographs, videos, Gandhi Centres, museums, a list of resource persons from world over and so on. Every day, nearly five

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to six thousand interested and inquisitive people from 200 countries visits this Gandhi website.

Out of 11 crore Gandhi reference websites, this website appears on top on Google and many other prominent search engines. It has also been connected to social media such as Facebook, twitter, blog, WhatsApp, Instagram and pinterest.

The Mandal has also developed a Gandhi website in Hindi, www.hindi.mkgandhi.org and www.gandhiashramsevagram.org, which are also getting a good response.

OUR GRATITUDE

- ➔ The NSS units of SNTD and Mumbai University
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- ➔ Print and Electronic Media

LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST

The Sarvodaya Mandal expresses its gratitude to all, including all our donors, well-wishers, friends, volunteers, colleagues and workers of the Mandal, and collaborating individuals and institutes, who have helped in pursuit of our efforts to spread the word of Gandhi to create a better society and humankind.



If you wish to receive 'Thought For The Day' (Gandhi Quotes) and our other newsletters in your mailbox or on your smartphones, please write to us at info@mkgandhi.org or whatsapp us : +91-9022483828.

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ANNUAL REPORT



In today's materialistic 'cut-throat competition' world, everyone's focus is on personal acquisitive growth. The human race is concerned only about personal achievements. Considering the need of the hour, Mumbai Sarvodaya Mandal is working towards the goal of spreading

Gandhi's and Vinoba's thoughts on moral values for universal upliftment. The idea of spreading these thoughts across the world is to nurture human values and to encourage harmony among the people.

With the help of our Sarvodaya friends, donors and well-wishers, we have been able to carry out various constructive activities. It has been our endeavour to take Gandhiji's values of peace, love, non-violence and harmony to the people. Our main aim is to inculcate these moral values in the youth.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ➔ About 50,000 books on Gandhi-Vinoba-Sarvodaya worth Rs. 24 lakhs were sold during the year.
- ➔ About 20,000 copies of the abridged and the full version of 'Gandhi Autobiography' were sold in a year among the college students.
- ➔ 938 NSS volunteers from 41 colleges in Mumbai participated in a 'Peace Rally' on 6th August - Hiroshima Day.
- ➔ About 26,000 students from schools and colleges in Maharashtra appeared for the Gandhi Peace Examination.
- ➔ Over 800 jail inmates from various jails of Maharashtra appeared for the Gandhi Peace Examination through-out the year.
- ➔ Our Mahatma Gandhi one spot information website - www.mkgandhi.org - is a top-rated website on Google and other main search engines. About five to six thousand people visit the website every day.
- ➔ 'Thought For The Day' (Gandhi Quotes) are sent every day by emails, WhatsApp and other social media to propagate Gandhi's thoughts and to connect people all over the world. These campaigns reach about one lakh people per day.

PROPAGATION OF GANDHIAN THOUGHTS AND LITERATURE



The great souls cannot be physically around us forever. However, they keep inspiring us through their thoughts and works. Gandhiji's thoughts are like a lighthouse which are relevant even today and has solutions to all the problems of life. Every year, on special occasions like 2nd October (Gandhi Jayanti) and 30th January (Gandhi Death Anniversary), we organize a week-long exhibition cum sale of Gandhi-Vinoba literature at a special discount of 50%. Following this tradition, this year too, in addition to the sale of books worth Rs. 28 lakhs, an exhibition cum sale of books of on Gandhi-Vinoba-Sarvodaya was organized by Sarvodaya Mandal from January 27 to February 1, 2020 at Hutatma Chowk, with the financial help of Babulnath Temple Charities and Mahalaxmi Temple Charities, where books worth Rs. 2.48 lakhs were sold.

With an aim of taking Gandhi values to every person of the society and to reach out to even those who cannot afford to buy books, we send Gandhi books to the schools and libraries of Zilla Parishads as well as Municipal Corporations free of cost. We also distributed Gandhi books and Gandhi diaries among our well-wishers and donors.

SOCIAL AWARENESS CAMPS AND LECTURES FOR STUDENTS

Mumbai Sarvodaya Mandal has been organising camps for the last 30 years for students. The goal of organising such camps is to bring about a positive mind-change among youth and to instil Gandhiji's principles in their minds. Prayers, physical-labour, group discussions, and lectures help to bring about a transformation in the mind-set of the youth and their approach towards life. A camp on character-building was organized in the month of January for college students

in Kolhapur, Bhandara and Dhule. About 150 students participated in these camps. Such camps prove to be a solid platform to enlist and motivate volunteers to spread Gandhi's thoughts. Throughout the year lectures were organised in schools and colleges.

PEACE AND COMMUNAL HARMONY PROGRAMMES

Hiroshima is a live example of atomic destruction. Even after half a century, the effect of atomic bombing has not completely gone, yet other nations have not taken a lesson from this horrendous event. Instead of making the world free from poverty, starvation deaths and ignorance, nations are busy making nuclear weapons.

With the sole purpose of making this world nuclear weapons-free, peaceful, non-violent and promote harmony, Sarvodaya Mandal organises a peace-rally every year on 6th August - Hiroshima Day and conducts seminars, workshops throughout the year.



This year also, on August 6, 2019, Mandal had organised a peace rally to oppose atom-bomb. 938 students from 41 colleges and peace-loving citizens of the city participated in the peace-rally to pay homage to the victims of atomic bombing, dropped by America on Japan and appealed to the people to make this world free of nuclear weapons. This rally was covered by many international media and newspapers.

OCTOBER 2: GANDHI JAYANTI AND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE

The United Nations observes 2nd October as an 'International Day of Nonviolence' as mark of respect to Mahatma Gandhi and to reaffirm the enduring relevance of his philosophy. As a part of this event, letters were written to 250 universities and Gandhian Studies

Centres providing them with a list of programmes they could organize to celebrate International Day of Nonviolence and Gandhi Jayanti. In response to our communication, a wide range of activities such as essay writing, elocution, quiz, slogan writing, stage-play, street-play, drawing, poetry writing/recitation, peace-songs, poster making, power-point presentations and lectures were organised.

GANDHI PEACE EXAMINATION (HOPE OF LIFE) IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Today's youngsters are not familiar with the principles and moral values of Gandhiji. It is indeed necessary to introduce Gandhi's thoughts and works to the young generation and future leaders. To achieve this end, the Sarvodaya Mandal and Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, organised Gandhi Peace Examination in schools and colleges of Maharashtra to inculcate and create awareness through value education on truth, peace, non-violence, conflict-resolution, brotherhood, national integration, mutual understanding and respect for heritage of cultural diversity. This year about 26,000 students appeared for the examination.

GANDHI PEACE EXAMINATION FOR PRISONERS

With the permission of Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (DIG), Mumbai Sarvodaya Mandal, for the past several years has been organising Gandhi Peace Examination for inmates all over Maharashtra. The goal of such a programme is to make prisoners aware of their unwise acts and wipe out the sense of guilt in their minds, to breed human values and to rehabilitate them as good and

