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Report on the Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti Celebration
At SGGS Institute

The Dean of Students affairs office in association with the Team Sankalp celebrated the Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti in our institute on 2nd October, 2020. A Lecture by Mr. Mahesh Moroney, CEO of Nagpur Smart City Project, and alumnus of SGGS, Nanded to mark the birth anniversary of Gandhiji.

He delivered a talk on **"My City - Smart City, My Village - Smart Village"**.

A profound attendance of students, teachers, staff members, heads, deans and alumni of SGGS from different part of the world was the attraction of this event.

It was a pride moment for us that Mr. Mahesh Moroney is a 1989 alumnus of our institute.



"There is a lot of scope for engineering students to become entrepreneurs by innovating in the Smart City initiative," said Mr. Mahesh Moroney at the beginning of his lecture.

. "The 20th century was the century of the village but the 21st century is the century of urbanization. The biggest challenge facing the country is urbanization, and the SMART answer to this is the idea of a SMART city," he added. He explained in a

very systematic way how the government planning for to implement this concept. He deciphered the idea of a smart city in a very simple way: "A city built by people for the people is a smart city." Useful things like tele-medicine as well as tele-education, polycentric system are part of smart city, he emphasized. He asserted that "Smart Village" should become a movement. He also mentioned some of the obstacles to a smart city - such as people's mental readiness, political interference, and so on. "Everyone expects the person in front of them to change, but they don't try to change themselves," he said, corroborating the views of Prof. Yashwant Joshi on change management. "Today is a very proud moment in my life to have the opportunity to guide my institution," he said, recalling that he was an ordinary student and had reached this point with sincere efforts. He answered the questions asked by students.



Initially, Dr. Yashwant Joshi, Director, expressed his thoughts. He said that Mahatma Gandhi used non-violence to make the country independent, but the change you expect in this world will not be brought by anyone else, but you. He urged all to follow this message stressing that it will be a true tribute to Gandhiji. Dr. Holambe, Dean (Academics) introduced Gandhiji's style of work and gave a very brief and important description of his cleanliness and village self-government at the beginning of the programme. "India was known to the outside world as Gandhi's country," he recalled.

Dr. Arun Patil, Dean (Student Activities) welcomed all the dignitaries. Sankalp team students Tanmay Deshmukh and Pranav Ambekar anchored the event. Mahatma Gandhi's favorite bhajan "Raghupati Raghav Rajaram" was performed by Mahima Kavade in her melodious voice. Many students, faculty, non-teaching staff, and alumni were present for the event streamed on Google Meet and YouTube. Angad Singh, student coordinator of Sankalp team conducted the Q&A and thanked everyone at the end of the programme.

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