



Editorial Team

The nation remembered Mahatma Gandhi in a special way on October 2 as it marked the 150th birthday of the Father of the Nation. One of the extraordinary events was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration that India is now open-defecation-free. The occasion was all the more special as cleanliness and hygiene were issues close to Gandhi's heart. Though it was expected that as part of Central government's initiative to make India plastic-free, the Prime Minister would, on that day, announce a

Special events mark Bapu's 150th birthday

ban on single-use plastic, it did not happen. However, the move has picked up momentum in the last few months with Mr Modi and his government making it a mega move, like Swachh Bharat. It is meaningful and significant to recall some of the special activities undertaken on the 150th birth anniversary of Bapu. * The Prime Minister declared India Open Defecation Free at a function in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

* Mother Dairy collected 1000 kg of plastic waste from households in Delhi and NCR region and recycled it, as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. * Around 600 convicts serving sentences in several prisons across the country were released, as a goodwill measure, by the Union Home Ministry. * The house in Kolkata that housed Mahatma Gandhi was turned into a full-fledged museum. Gandhiji's rare photo-

graphs and articles of his stay are on display in the house. * The Indian National Congress undertook a padyatra across the country on the occasion. * The Doordarshan and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) jointly hosted a television programme 'Mahatma Lives'/ 'Bapu Zinda Hain', broadcasting some of the rare audio clips of Gandhiji.

* A Charkha (spinning wheel) weighing nearly 1650 kg was unveiled near the Mahamana flyover in Noida. The Charkha measuring 14ft x 20ft x 8ft was made using around 1250 kg of plastic waste and was inaugurated on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti. * A commemorative Rs 150 denomination coin was released by the Prime Minister to mark the special day. * Mr Modi wrote in the visitor's book in Sabarmati Ashram, expressing his satisfaction on India becoming open defecation-free.

Plastic-free campus

By Christina

Niscort media college is under taking many initiatives in taking the plastic-free campaign a step forward. It is working on ways to banish plastic from the campus and urge students to say 'no' to plastic outside the college as well. The plastic-free campus campaign aims to reduce plastic pollution on the college premises by eliminating plastic bottles, plastic straws, utensils and plastic food packaging.

The Niscortians are taking action to confront the problem. Awareness programmes, planting new saplings, recycling plastics into reusable materials that do not harm the planet, alternatives to go plastic-free are being planned on the campus. For encouragement and motivation of students many competitions like digital poster making, essay writing, slogan writing, and poem writing are organised. We are using only steel glasses and paper cups for drinking water and tea.



PLASTIC MANAGEMENT

A day marked to honour teachers

By Shalini George

The role of teachers in everyone’s life is great as they are the only visual source of knowledge for their students. When S Radhakrishnan became the President of India, some students requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday on 5th September. But he told them to celebrate the day as Teachers’ Day, as a mark of dedication towards the teaching profession. Since then, the country celebrates the day as per the wish of Dr. Radhakrishnan.

Niscortians marked the occasion with a cultural programme and competition for teachers. It was an occasion to honour the teachers as a token of gratitude and love towards them. To start with, the teachers were welcomed with flowers and chocolates. A short drama put up by the students of BJMC 1 sent out the message of importance of teachers in the life of students. It portrayed the selfless service of teachers in shaping the lives of students and the tough time they go through in taking classes.



The song and dance performances by various classes won the hearts of every one and were well appreciated by the audience. The director Dr. Jose Murickan gave a message on

the relevance of Teachers’ Day. He congratulated the students for their hard work and the wonderful programme put up by them. A surprise event was the cake cutting ceremony

involving all the teachers. They were also given gifts on the occasion. Overall, there was a lot of cheering and applause throughout. It was a day filled with lots of fun and celebration.



A ‘testing time’ for teachers

By Anjulika Baa

The day ended with a surprise for the teachers. Students conducted two fun games for them. In the first one, Bottle and Bangle, teachers had to put a bangle, which was hooked to the end of a thread, onto the neck of a bottle. As everyone tried their hand, amid wild cheers, some succeeded, but some failed. At the end, Marydasan sir was declared the winner.

The second was ‘Straw and Water’ game wherein teachers were given a glass of water and a straw with the instruction: The first one to finish drinking would be the winner. The twist in the game was that each straw had a few holes in it. As the contestants struggled to finish the half-filled glasses, Ritu maám did it first, bagging the prize. Teachers loved the games and participated with full enthusiasm, amid hoots and shouts.

When Onam festive mood gripped Niscort

By Johny Mathew

Niscort celebrated Onam, the festival of prosperity and unity, on September 11 with great cheers and traditional fervor. The students, especially the Keralites, were in the best of the traditional dress and there was celebration all around. A beautiful “Onapookkalam” was made by students at the reception of the college and ‘Happy Onam’ greetings filled the air with lots of warmth and affection. A sumptuous “onam sadya” (special Onam lunch) was served to the students and the staff in



the traditional south Indian manner. It made many of us nostalgic while the “payasam” served at tea time had the touch of the master chef on it. Onam, the most important festival of Kerala, is

celebrated with great pomp irrespective of any barrier of caste, creed and religion. It is celebrated to mark the homecoming of King Mahabali who is believed to be the greatest and the



most just king ever in Kerala. According to the legend, he rules the underworld as per the orders of Lord Vishnu and visits Kerala once in a year to bless

his subjects who leave no stone unturned to welcome their much revered king. The great festival of Onam is celebrated usually in the first month of the Malayali calendar that occurs in August-September. Being the harvest season, this festival is also celebrated as the harvest festival of Kerala where people gather and celebrate arrival of the new crops. The festival spans over a period of ten days and these days are the most lively and entertaining days in Kerala when everyone is gripped with the festive fever.

Development at the cost of environment?



Take the middle path to progress; protect ecology

By Divina

Development is a process that creates growth, progress, positive change or the addition of physical, economic, environmental, social and demographic components. The purpose of development is rise in the level and quality of life of the people, and creation or expansion of income and employment opportunities, being mindful of the resources of the environment.

Today we speak of sustainable development which refers to the development that meets the needs of the present generation and preserves enough resources for the future generation to meet their needs.

Development is not only about economic growth or the building of infrastructures in a country. It is the basic human welfare such as clean water, accessibility to health care facilities, sewage collection and disposal.

By giving adequate importance to the environment, we will be able to enjoy the benefits of development for a long time.

In order for developing countries to accelerate the development speed, they often need to make compromises in using the natural resources and disturb the ecological balance which results in pollution and certain amount of deforestation.

For example, building of transportation system such as roads or rails will lead to habitat fragmentation. Forests need to be cleared for agriculture or city development.

We are living in the 21st century and we cannot think of a life style that we had in the 19th or 20th century. We need better facilities for living, transport, education, and employment.

The way to reduce the adverse impacts while achieving development is to follow the middle path.

While development is necessary, we must have the greatest concern for the protection of the environment to keep the earth cleaner and greener for the future generations.



Uncontrolled growth makes little sense

By Praveen

The world's development issues are going to blow with its environmental issues. The entire world needs to strike a balance in three fronts -- economy, energy and environment. We have already wasted and destroyed vast amounts of natural resources, and in so doing have put earth at risk.

Destroying the rainforest gives native people nowhere to go except urban slums. Climate change is turning fertile fields into desert and flooded coastal areas are leading to extinctions of species.

Nations are losing more from pollution than they are gaining from industrialisation. The uncontrolled economic development has created serious, chronic air and water pollution. This has increased health problems and resulted in annual losses to crops worth billions of dollars. So uncontrolled growth is not only bad for the environment, it is also making no economic sense.

It is crucial that societies start properly understanding the effects of

plastic bags, e-waste and other chemicals on the environment and learning to create sustainable ways to deal with them.

Climate change will affect the whole planet, not just the developed world. In fact, it is likely to have particularly terrible effects on developing countries as sea levels rise, deserts advance, and natural disasters become more common.

It is no use Europe trying to cut its emissions into the atmosphere if unchecked growth in China and India leads to much greater overall pollution.

Instead, developed countries need to transfer greener technologies to the developing world, paying for environmental protection and making sustainability a condition for aid.

We as a debating group don't want to stop economic progress that could give millions better lives. But we must insist on sustainable development that combines environmental care, social justice and economic growth.

Niscort through their eyes

A college of my dreams

I am really happy to be a part of NISCORT Media College. I feel blessed by getting admission in this college. The first day of my college was great. I met many new-comers who have become my good friends now. The seniors too are nice to me from the very first day.

We have NISCORT Frames and NISCORT Vista which enhance our talent. We have videography, photography, report writing and many such practical classes which prepare us for a better future.

I hope to fulfil my dreams through this college and prepare for a successful career in the future.

Santina, MA AVC I



New horizons

Niscort Media College is a magnificent 'art gallery' where promising young minds are moulded into a variety of colours and shapes. I am fortunate to be part of this institution and I consider it as a great blessing and privilege. The five months I am going to be here are very important as they bring me new beginning, new opportunities and open the doors to a new world of curiosity and wonder. Though I find myself in the midst of totally different lifestyle and subjects, the smiling faces around me and the family atmosphere encourage me to march ahead with new hope. Every new event is a new challenge.

Soniya Thomas, DPC



Fruitful days

As I complete two months in NISCORT, I am very happy that I have improved a lot. The life here has been very fruitful in all respects.

The atmosphere of the college is awesome. The attitude of our teachers is adorable. The campus offers a very peaceful and calm atmosphere.

We had lots of activities in the last two months in various fields. They were extremely useful.

I took part in debate club and the feeling was incredible. I am sure, the days ahead will offer me many more opportunities with lasting memories.

Anosh, BJMC I





An eye-opening studio visit

By Neha Mishra

Visiting Aaj Tak office was an eye-opening experience. On September 25, it was a once-in-a-life experience for the Niscortians to be part of the audience in one of the quiz programmes conducted in the Hindi channel's studio. Four teams from different colleges participated

in the quiz programme. There were three rounds at the end of which the winners were declared. With every round, the programme got more interesting. It was a rare opportunity for us to realize how the news channel works to shoot one show. The Aaj Tak staff welcomed us warmly. The huge studio was heavily

lit. There were around 10 cameras set in different angles. The professionalism shown by anchor Saurab Dwivedi was exceptional and we could learn a lot from him. There were many technical issues we could learn at the studio. It was a very informative trip that added a lot to our learning process and knowledge.



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RADIO THURSDAY

Niscort Radio, setting stage for future RJs

By Daina

As part of providing hands-on experience in the filed, Niscort produces a Radio Programme. It is meant to supplement their theory classes and equip the students with practical knowledge in producing radio programmes. Titled Niscort Radio Thursday, it is produced by MA AVC II-year students. The first production of this year was released on September 5 as a Teachers' Day special. Till now, the students have brought out four Niscort Radio Thursday programmes. The other three were based on themes like Hindi divas, news segment and Radio Magazine. It is a wonderful experience for all to learn the art of recording and editing using the software audition. It gives a platform to

exhibit the students' talents. It has helped them to gain more confidence in speaking boldly and courageously. Such programmes help students to host shows as Radio Jockeys.

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At a time when radio talk shows are increasingly in demand, Niscort Radio can go a long way in helping the students.

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