

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations

Charkha of Mahatma Gandhi

Material Required

Ice cream sticks, Buttons (2), White thread, thick chart paper or cardboard (cut in a round shape), and A few toothpicks, Fevicol.

Teacher Instructions

- An image for reference has been given, the teacher can try the activity before the activity day so that it'll be easy to guide the children.
- The teacher can keep the cutout ready beforehand.
- Arrange all the materials required for the activity and make the children sit in a way that they can see you doing the activity in front of them and can follow you, step by step.
- Guide the children personally who need assistance, and Encourage and applaud them for their wonderful work.
- Children can take this charkha craft as a takeaway to their homes.

NOTE- After the activity, explain in brief the importance of charkha in Gandhi Ji's life.

Literary works

Gandhi was a prolific writer. Some of his literary works are as follows:

- Hind Swaraj, published in Gujarati in 1909.
- He edited several newspapers which included Harijan in Gujarati, in Hindi and the English language; Indian Opinion, Young India, in English, and Navajivan, a Gujarati monthly.
- Gandhi also wrote his autobiography, The Story of My Experiments with Truth.
- His other autobiographies included: Satyagraha in South Africa, Hind Swaraj, or Indian Home Rule.

Social Works

Mahatma Gandhi was a true social worker. There was based on it his constructive works. He did a lot of social work. He fought against the evils of society. He always said, "if you want to do social work, you start it with yourself. He was very worried about the poverty of India. He worked for the removal of untouchability and called the untouchables, Harijans-the sons of God. He also advocated women's rights and the abolition of child marriage.

His teachings

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was a 'Mahatma' not just for us Indians, but for the rest of the world too. On his birth anniversary and always, the youth can try and imbibe some of his qualities.

1. Satyamev Jayate' or 'Truth always triumphs

Truthfulness was the most important for Gandhi. He not only preached the truth but also practiced it. By following this simple thought from Gandhi, you can see a huge difference in the way people perceive and treat you.

2. Forgiveness is nobility

Forgiveness is a trait of the strong, not the weak. Gandhi always taught people to forgive those who commit wrongs and speak harshly.

3. An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind

This thought has moved several people around the world and continues to be the guiding force to uphold non-violence. We fail to realize that anger and hatred can never help achieve anything. Their outcomes have always been negative.

4. Eat simple food in the right quantity

Gandhi was a great proponent of simple food and discipline. A simple, but a nutritious meal in the morning would give a good start to your day.

5. Cleanliness is next to godliness

Gandhi maintained the utmost cleanliness around him and inspired others too. By investing in hygiene, you not only save yourself from illness but also a lot of energy and resources spent in recovering from it.

6. Perseverance

Gandhi was absolutely resolute in his decisions and actions. He never gave up unless he achieved what he had set out to do. Gandhi taught us that if you are unable to achieve success in a short time, do not get distracted by other options or avenues. Staying focused, and not giving up is the key.

7. Be the change you want to see in the world

You can never force your teachings on others unless you follow what you preach. Gandhi led by example; he was the change that he wanted to see in others. He never lied, and non-violence was his weapon. He was calm, never got angry, and was almost always the first to forgive.

8. The mind is stronger than the body

Youngsters need to realize that physical endurance is important, but mental strength is crucial. Gandhi was frail, but his mind was mightier. The Britishers bowed down to his mental strength and left India. It is the mind that is needed to be super strong.

Gandhi Ji lived and showed how these principles can be abided by in everyday life. He serves as an inspiring example for us to learn to emerge stronger and achieve success. His teachings are a treasure and a path to be followed to make this world a better place to live. He supported the use of 'Khadi' He had a charkha at his Ashram in Sabarmati, He asked people to wear handmade cotton clothes, He himself used to wear a dhoti made of Khadi.

He always believed in "See No Evil, Speak No Evil, Hear No Evil"