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Report of Celebrations on 150th Jayanti of Mahatma Gandhi

2nd October 2019

ICAR- CIFE commemorated the 150th Jayanti of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2019, in which the staff and students participated with great enthusiasm. The program was commenced with singing of the favorite hymns/bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi i.e. 'Vaishno jan to tene kahiye' and 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram' by the scientists and students. On the Occasion, the Director /Vice Chancellor paid homage to the two great leaders namely Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri and threw light on their valuable teachings and their role in India Independence movement. He emphasized on the importance of keeping the environment clean by reducing the pollution, especially the pollution caused by plastics. He urged the audience to work towards the fulfilment Mahatma Gandhi's clean India dream. As a part of the initiative to reduce the use of single use plastics, jute bags were distributed to the gathering in order to encourage an eco-friendly practice. Following this, a cleanliness drive was organized where the staff and students cleaned the area adjoining the residential quarters, hostels, guest house, outdoor sports complex, main academic building and aquaculture backyard. The Director, staff and students also planted saplings of plants in the campus. A shredding machine was procured and installed in the campus to facilitate conversion of plant waste into manure. Similarly, construction of a new compost pit was initiated to aid in the decomposition of wastes generated inside the campus. The famous feature film '**Gandhi**' based on the life on Mahatma Gandhi was screened to the staff and students. The program ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and the participants.