

Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Values and Thoughts

In 2010–2011, GIIS schools have undertaken various activities under the aegis of Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Values and Thoughts.

GIIS Queenstown Campus



As a tribute to the Father of the Nation on his 141st birthday in 2010, GIIS Queenstown Campus brought together on one platform the various cultures of the world as seen through the eyes of students! Gandhiji had once said, 'I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides... I want the cultures of all the lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible.' Gandhiji appreciated the cultures and civilizations of the ancient world. He had a vision of a human civilization where the best elements of the past would blend with those of the modern world. The emphasis of the exhibition, therefore, was to portray how the past influences future developments.

GIIS Tokyo Campus

The MGCVT at GIIS, Tokyo conducts regular activities to imbibe the teachings and principles of Gandhiji, in the students. Every Friday one period has been assigned as the Mahatma Gandhi period. A full year curriculum has been prepared for this lesson. Teachers prepare weekly lesson plans for this period. Moral values are taught to children through stories and incidents based on Gandhiji's life. A year-end examination is held to test the student's application knowledge of the values taught. Another important weekly activity conducted under the MGCTV is the Friday thought/ quote/story based on Gandhiji's life and his principles. Students read thoughts/ quotes/stories in the morning assembly and the teachers explain the meaning to the students. Monthly activities and competitions are also conducted under the MGCTV.





Activities like drawing competitions based on the theme “Gandhiji and symbols that represent his life and principles”, debate competition on the topic “War is not the only solution to all global issues” and storytelling by students and teachers were the highlights of the year’s events.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the first week of October is celebrated as the “Mahatma Gandhi Week” with week-long celebrations. Last year, presentations on “Gandhiji’s Life”, Speech Competitions, Special assemblies and Fancy dress competitions on “Great personalities” were conducted during this week.

GIIS East Coast Campus



The MGCVT has a number of interesting activities and events for each academic session. The Living Value Education Programme (LVEP) at the East Coast Campus is a value based teaching programme for children of all cultures and faiths.

Moral values explained through role-play, stories, poetry, posters, advertisements, dramatizations, and illustrations form a part of our LVEP Programme. Through the LVEP the students of GIIS-EC are groomed to become citizens upholding Gandhian values of Peace, Respect, Honesty, and Integrity - thus reaching these values to the parents and the community at large.

This year, to mark the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, students of GIIS East Coast Campus organised exhibitions on the life, work, philosophy and methodology of Gandhiji. Group activities included Student Exchange Programme to provide an opportunity to experience and to understand diverse cultures and good human values. These programmes comprise of Cultural activities and a pen pal programme conducted in collaboration with Bedok Green Primary School, Singapore.

Students were awarded trophies for the following values at the end of the year.

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| Best Endeavour | Most Courteous |
| Service with a smile | Most Friendly |
| Most well Mannered | Leadership Qualities |
| Sharing and Caring | Most Enthusiastic |
| Bright as a Flower | |



GIIS Balestier Campus



At GIIS Balestier Mahatma Gandhi Centre activities are conducted 3 times a year.

1st Activity: One day camp on the theme – Simple living high thinking

- › Classes 1 and 2 participate in quizzes, artworks, student counsellor sessions and cleaning table tops
- › Classes 3 to 5 undertake paper bag making, treasure hunt, clean classroom and rest room design projects
- › Class 4 students create collages on a violent world and peaceful world and outdoor activities to promote leadership.
- › Class 5 students develop a script based on the values: Appreciation, Helpfulness, Respect, Friendship, Tolerance, Honesty and act it out for the class.

2nd Activity: 4th October 2010, Sharing of the Mahatma Gandhi Values and Thoughts Programme in collaboration with Xingnan Primary School. The programme included an exhibition of Gandhian values with the exhibits and an assembly.

MGGIES, Tilakwada Campus

Gandhi Jayanti which is now commemorated as World Non-Violence Day, was celebrated by organizing 'Prabhat Feri'. For this, all the students and staff walked through the streets of Tilakwada village. In the evening, a cultural programme based on Gandhian ideals was organized. The Taluka Pramukh and Sarpanch of Tilakwada presided over the function and gave away the prizes to outstanding performers of 'Gandhi Vichar Pariksha'.

This included the following:

- › Introduction about Gandhiji
- › Scene on Rajghat, Gandhiji's Samadhi
- › Skit showing Gandhiji's childhood
- › Dandi march
- › Other freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh and Mangal Pandey

3rd Activity: 31st January 2011, Assembly Presentation based on the quote: I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent. – Mohandas Gandhi.

A short story with a moral value, called 'Nail in the Fence' was presented by a teacher followed by the assembly presentation featuring a short dance and remembering the names of key figures greatly influenced by Gandhiji.

