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Press Note:

Glowing tributes paid to Mahatma Gandhi on Martyrs Day

Vijayawada, January 30: Speaking on the occasion of Martyrs' Day commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's 72nd death anniversary, in a programme organized at Loyola College Auditorium in Vijayawada on Thursday, Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said Mahatma Gandhi was a great freedom fighter who taught the lesson of non-violence and worked on building the unity of the nation. The Governor said the magnitude of Gandhiji's role in social and political reform was such that his work, his ideas, movements were keenly followed by top politicians and statesmen across the globe.

Recalling the question posed by Gandhiji "How much should a person consume?", Sri Harichandan said the question is relevant even today in the context of environmental sustainability. The Governor said Gandhiji was the driving force behind the vigorous environmental movement for promotion of renewable energy and minor irrigation systems.

Governor Sri Harichandan said the practice of ahimsa was an extension of respect for other religions and instilled a sense of fraternity. Gandhiji's peaceful and non-violent opposition to the arbitrary use of state power is the primary manifestation of the Gandhian legacy even today, said the Governor.

Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad, Former Deputy Speaker, Sri R.K. Paliwal, Director General, Income tax (Investigation), AP & Telangana, Dr. Gandhi P.C. Kaza, Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Rev. Father Victor Imanuel, Principal, Andhra Loyola College, Sri K. Raghottaman, Former S.P., CBI, were also present on the occasion.