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### SKUAST-J paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150<sup>th</sup> birth day



On the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the father of nation 'Mahatma Gandhi' was celebrated at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu at Chatha. Dr K S Risam Vice Chancellor, paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and highlighted the principals, the values of truth, non-violence, harmony, morality and simplicity of Mahatma Gandhi's life to the students and the staff present on the occasion.

On the very special day he remembered Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second Prime Minister of India. His slogan, *Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan* became the war cry for millions of people when the nation was at war with China in 1962. It was this popular slogan that highlighted the importance of farmers and soldiers to the rest of the country.

Dr Risam emphasised the importance of 'Swachh Bharat Mission' and started the Swachhta Abhiyan. The students, staff actively participated in the cleanliness drive with in the campus. Dr. M.M.S. Zama (Dean FVSc & AH), Dr. S.K Gupta (Librarian-CL), Dr. Rajesh Katoch (Dean student Welfare), Professors, staff and students paid floral tribute to the father of nation.

Dr Katoch briefed about the life of Mahatma Gandhi and addressed the students by adopting the principals of Mahatma Gandhi.

"150th Gandhi Jayanti is a special occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the values of truth, non-violence, harmony, morality and simplicity. Satya, Ahimsa and Sarvodaya formed the bedrock of Mahatma Gandhi's numerous messages to humanity.

Gandhiji is a global icon revered across continents. United Nations has marked Gandhi Jayanti as 'The International Day of Non-Violence'. Gandhian values and many of his methods remain relevant not only for India but for the entire world.

Gandhiji's vision and action encompassed almost every facet of individual and collective life. He showed us the path to communal unity, removal of untouchability, upliftment of women, education, sanitation, preserving the environment and water.

By taking up the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' as a movement, the people of India have paid homage to the Father of the Nation. Our nation's emphasis on inclusive growth, transparency and honesty in public life, health-care support to the poor, support to the farmers and effective utilization of water resources is in keeping with the thoughts of Gandhi Ji.

Let us resolve to strengthen the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi".