



MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SEVAGRAM

National and international commemorative days, events and festivals celebrated

Our institute celebrates and organizes various national and international commemorative days, events and festivals some of which are outlined below

1. **Celebration of Independence day and Republic day** where flag hoisting is conducted by academic topper student and sports achiever respectively
2. Every year, the literary committee organizes an intercollegiate debate competition in the month of September in the fond memory of Late Smt. Taradevi, mother of Dr. Sushila Nayar, the founder President of MGIMS. The Students' Council provides ample opportunity to students to showcase their creativity. The Council has a Literary Society which organizes debates, elocutions, poetry sessions and other literary contests.

Debate topics in previous years: The debate topics for the event deal with current scenario of the society.

2017: Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent and debate

2018: Should suicide be a criminal offence?

2019: Censorship in the media curtails the freedom of speech and expression

2020-22: Event was cancelled due to COVID -19 pandemic

3. On the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti**, students of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram organize an Elocution contest on the relevance of Gandhian philosophy where students of MGIMS, Kasturba Nursing School, Kasturba Nursing College and Kasturba Vidya Mandir participate. A peace pledge is also taken by all participants. In 2019, a skit written and directed by Dr Vidit Panchal under guidance of Dr R Narang and Dr A Gupta presented the inspiring journey of MGIMS from dreams of Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastri to determination and dedication of Dr Sushila Nayar. A virtual celebration was held of the 151st Birth anniversary of Mahatma on 2nd October 2020. The program was available on Instagram and Facebook. Faculty of MGIMS watched this program and encouraged the students for maintaining our tradition.
4. **Maharashtra Day celebrations:** Held every year on 1st May. Students celebrate the life and work of Shivaji.

In 2020-21, SHIVCHHATRA- A virtual Maharashtra Day celebration: Our students organised online event from home due to COVID 19 pandemic, these brilliant ideas brought everyone together as a community to celebrate this event in the most innovative way possible. And that's how we presented our second official event - The virtual Maharashtra Day celebration- "Shivchhatra" on 1st May 2020, premiered 6 pm on YouTube. The program was 45 minutes long in the form of a virtual session on Youtube which consisted of Ganesh Vandana subsequently followed by songs, dances, poems, cooking and other quarantine creativity videos, our very own batch videos, light show videos, Maharashtra Day special videos and special dedication to corona warriors too. This premiere is uploaded on our YouTube channel @VEEZEEMEDSTUD <https://youtu.be/KU-g3eZZSE8> and Instagram page @mgims2017

5. **Ganesh Festival:** Organized every year as a three-day event by students Day 1 Sthapna, Day 2 Bhajan and aarti: Day 3 Recreational activities and virtual competition followed by visarjan next day.

YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/WG514ikuIBA>

Drive link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QGjIpEW2rzc-qmvcUH_8bMUir3YTCSKT

Insta page link:

https://instagram.com/s.a.h.i.f.a?utm_medium=copy_link

6. **World Breastfeeding week:** Celebrated from Aug 1 to Aug 7 every year. Learning is stimulated through fun activities and competitions like undergraduate and postgraduate quizzes, symposia during breastfeeding week and use of videos and role plays for IMNCI and IYCF training. All residents are trained in Neonatal and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. All faculty is trained in teaching and learning technology. Faculty members are recognized by IAP & NNF as national resource faculty for various training programs, workshops and courses like PALS, NALS, BLS, Golden Hour Emergency Management, NSSK, Vaccinology etc.
7. **World health day:** Organized each year on 7th April. A postgraduate symposium titled “Year of the Nurse and Midwife” was organized on 7 Apr 2020 on the theme announced on World Health Day 2020. In collaboration with the National Service Scheme, Kasturba Nursing School and Kasturba Nursing College, a poster contest, a slogan contest and a role play contest were also organized.
8. **World mental health day:** The department of psychiatry conducted patient teaching activities on the World Mental Health Day along with street plays to educate people about the mental illness.
Santuria Artifex: A platform for sharing one’s experience with mental health problem. Every May- for mental health awareness month- platforms across the globe encourage each and every one to #breakthestigma associated with mental health problems.
9. **International Yoga day:** On 21st June every year. On this occasion our institute organizes Yoga session at Arogyadham. During the pandemic, virtual representation of how to stay fit in this quarantine with help of yoga was made and posted on our official Instagram page.
10. **World Population Day:** It was celebrated on 11th July with the theme of impact of COVID 19 pandemic on fertility.

11. **World hepatitis day:** Celebrated on 28th July where session on Hepatitis B was taken and its impact on Antenatal care was discussed
12. **World Encephalitis day:** Our institute organized session on meningoencephalitis on the occasion of world encephalitis day on 22nd February. Undergraduates and nursing students were participated in the session.
13. **World Tuberculosis Day:** It was celebrated on 24 March each year where symposium is organized by our institute. Departments of Medicine, Community medicine and Microbiology give information regarding tuberculosis and recent diagnostic advancements and treatment.
14. **World cancer day:** Our institute celebrates World cancer day on 4 Feb where undergraduate students create awareness among public regarding breast cancer and oral cancer which are leading cause of death worldwide. On this occasion women at village level were educated and trained for Breast self-examination. The issue of Oral Cancer, due to Tobacco consumption was also focussed upon. The male students were involved who gave an awareness talk on the topic so as to motivate the villagers to give up eating Kharra/Tobacco and smoking which is a major problem in the State. This activity by MGIMS has been featured on www.worldcancerday.org on their Map of Impact. The link for the same is <https://www.worldcancerday.org/activity/sno-maharashtra-india-cancer-awareness-campaign>