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#### NOBEL LAUREATE, DR. KAILASH SATYARTHI'S VISIT TO VFSTR

##### **“Dream, Discover and Do” - Kailash Satyarthi @ Vignan University**

“**Dream** big, **Discover** your path, inner power and outside opportunities and lastly **Do**” – Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi quoted in a seminar held at Vignan University, Guntur. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Prize for Peace winner(2014) for “Struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education”, visited Vignan University to address the students and motivate the younger generations towards the eradication of child labour, child abuse, child and women trafficking and forced slavery.

Varsity Chairman Dr. Lavu Rathaiah introduced Kailash Satyarthi to the students of the varsity and said that he started the Vignan group of institutions for providing higher education to the students who are quitting the studies after 10<sup>th</sup> and Intermediate 40 years ago and he felt very privileged with Satyarthi's presence in the Vignan University. Varsity chairman also mentioned that an amount of rupees 5 Lakhs to the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation is donated as a token of love towards deprived children.

Varsity Vice Chairman Lavu Sri Krishnadevarayulu warmly welcomed the Nobel laureate and said that Vignan University has made a Memorandum of Understanding with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation to set-up the Kailash Satyarthi Centre for Child Rights in the university. He mentioned that the newly formulated “Disha” is a powerful law implemented by the state government for the safety and security of women. He also urged the students to develop projects which can help the implementation of “Disha” by utilizing the funds granted by the central government.

On this occasion, Kailash Satyarthi expressed that he felt nostalgic when he entered into the campus as he was also an electrical engineering student and also stated that he saw very happy and confident faces of budding engineers and managers. “You are not only the future engineers, you all are shining stars who will fulfil the aspirations, dreams and hopes of your parents and country and you all are going to make India Proud”, said while addressing the students. He also urged students to follow the Three Ds Mantra to achieve heights in future and the three Ds are Dream, Discover and Do, “Dream big and don't limit your dreams and to achieve your dreams do not sit idle, Discover your path, inner power and outside opportunities which pave path to your dreams and finally Do what you have dreamt of,” quoted Mr. Satyarthi.

He also shared his experiences he faced while he took the initiative for serving the children. “From my childhood I refused to accept that the children belonging to certain sections of society are born to work for others at the cost of their childhood, freedom and education, I saw tears and hunger to study in the eyes of a child while I was joining the school on my first day, he was looking towards my shoes to polish them for feeding his stomach, this incident shook me and rooted deeply inside my mind and heart, even after I left my career to start the ‘Bachpan Bachao Andolan’ many of my friends made fun of me, but today I'm standing in front of you by saving thousands of children from forced slavery, trafficking, etc. I dreamt, I discovered the path, I did and I'll be doing more.” He suggested students to have compassion not sympathy or empathy and to feel the difficulties of others as our own problems. Mr. Satyarthi also emphasised the students to feel that deprived children as their own brothers and sisters and connect to them emotionally and psychologically and also provide them with possible help and assistance in improving their vulnerabilities.

Later on the staff of university felicitated Mr. Satyarthi. University Chairman Dr. Lavu Rathaiah, Vice Chairman Lavu Krishnadevaraylu, Chancellor Dr. K. Ram Murthy Naidu, Vice Chancellor Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Registrar M.S. Raghunathan, Rector K. Satya Prasad, Deans, HoDs, Staff, Researc Scholars and Students of all departments attended this event.

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### Kailash Satyarthi Visit





## MAHATMA GANDHI'S 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

India's 3rd national festival, Gandhi Jayanti, was celebrated at VFSTR to commemorate the 150 birth anniversary of the father of our nation- Mahatama Gandhi. Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated vibrantly along with the students and faculty of Vignan's deemed University, Vignan's Lara, Vignan's Nirula, Vignan pharmacy, and Vignan Junior college a great zeal, enthusiasm, and patriotism. VFSTR has launched the week-long celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti which commenced on 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019. This landmarking event is celebrated in a beneficial manner by fixing a theme for each day.

The theme for the **first day** (25-09-2019) is, "**EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH**" where students were motivated to follow righteous way and speak truth. Dr.M.S.S.Rukmini, (Dean, Student Affairs) presided over the meeting and explained the events and competitions that are going to be conducted this week in a detailed way. The first lecture of this week was inaugurated by M.S.Raghunathan (registrar) where he cited the greatness of Mahatma Gandhi.

The **second day** (26-09-2019) is followed by the theme of "**SWADESHI MOVEMENT**", which was part of the Indian Independence Movement and the developing Indian nationalism, was an economic strategy aimed at removing the British Empire from power and improving economic conditions in India by following the principles of **SWADESHI** which had some success. Dr.Koteswara Ram Prasad, chief guest of the day graced the students and shared his knowledge. He raised the question "**THE THOUGHTS ABOUT GANDHI BY PRESENT GENERATION**" and specified the students about his life principles. He took an interactive session with the students and faculty members in the convention. On this occasion, VFSTR also conducted Inter Quiz competition (preliminary round) on the topic **Life**

**History of Mahatma Gandhi** for the students of Vignan Group of Institutions, in which 210 teams of 3 fervent participants in each team gave tough battle to each other.

The **third day** (27-09-2019) of the celebrations started with the theme "**ERADICATE UNTOUCHABILITY**", which involved abolishing the practice of untouchability. Chief guest Mr. Mora Bhupal Reddy, who is esteemed principal commissioner of income tax, Vijayawada, commenced his speech with the two words supported by Gandhi "**Truth and Non-violence**" and cited the outlook of Gandhi towards truth and non-violence. On this day, the second round of quiz competition is conducted on the topic "**NON-VIOLENCE AND SATYAGRAHA**".

The **fourth day** (28-09-2019) of the celebrations involved with the theme, "**COMMUNAL HARMONY**", which means No human being enjoys disharmony or violence. This celebration had undergone through the gracious presence of Mr.Addanki Sridhar Babu, who is Indian Tobacco board secretary and senior IAS officer. He memorized the participation of Gandhi various revolutions and movements. He also cited the 10 best qualities of Gandhi and suggested the students follow them. As part of these celebrations, the final round of the quiz is conducted with the topic covering all the major historic moments led by Mahatma Gandhi. On this day, there is also elocution where the participants are expected to speak on the given topics for a duration of 3 minutes. The

topics were **“Voice to the voiceless and power to the powerless”, “My experiments with the truth”, “End should justify means” and “Gandhian socialism”.**

The **fifth day**(30-09-2019) of the celebration intricated the theme of **“NON-VIOLENCE”**, which is the personal practice of being harmless to self and others under every condition. An international award winning film named **“Gandhi”** was played in this session to indulge Mahatma’s thoughts and to pass Gandhi's message to the hearts of students. The rivalry of essay writing was held with an aim to remind the thoughts and virtues of Mahatma on this day, where participants are expected to write an essay with a minimum of 250 words on given topics.

The **sixth day** (01-10-2019) involved the theme of **“ANTI-BRITISH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT”** where Dr.B.Sambasiva Prasad, M.A.Ph.D., who was awarded the ICPR Senior Research Fellow (2017-18) for his project on Gandhian Economics was the esteemed chief guest for the day, where he emphasized the two essential standards to be followed from Gandhi which were TRUTH (SATHYA) and NON-VIOLENCE (AHIMSA).As a part of these celebrations, a debate is held among the faculty of VFSTR, where a participant should speak ‘for’ and the other participant should speak ‘against’ the given topic. The topic prearranged is **“Non-Violence is the most effective way to achieve results.”**

The **seventh day**(02-10-2019), which is the **150<sup>th</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI**, Gandhi Jayanthi is celebrated in an ostentatious custom.On this occasion, VFSTR celebrated Gandhi Jayanti under the gracious presence of the Chief guests, ShriK.BalaSubramanyam, and Justice Shri Jasti Chelameswar. Dr.Lavu Rathaiah (Chairman), comde. M.S Raghunathan (Registrar), Dr. M.Y.S.Prasad(Vice-Chancellor), Dr.M.S.S.Rukmini (Dean of Student Affairs) and principals of Vignan’s Lara, Vignan’s Nirula, Vignan pharmacy, and Vignan Junior college appeared at the event.

Dr.M.S.S.Rukmini (Dean of Student Affairs) addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts of students for celebrating Gandhi Jayanthi for one week. She reminisced the commemoration, theme of each day, competitions conducted and student involvement. A devotional ambiance prevailed as the program started with Vignan’s theme song which was then followed by the drama portraying the life history of Mahatma Gandhi which was presented by the three clubs of Culturals, (Dance, Music and Theater Arts), which received a standing ovation from the dignitaries.

Honorable Chairman Dr.Lavu Rathaiah addressed the gathering and confessed the prominence of Gandhiji, his methodologies and cherished the students who performed the drama conjointly said almost reasons behind his victory like Non-violence it is the most noteworthy accomplishment done by Indians which isn't conceivable by any other nation within the world and **"India is the only country which accomplished freedom through Non-violence"**.

Chief Guest Shri K. Bala Subramanyamgaru, who is an active advocate practicing in the Supreme Court by profession and is also the BJP parliamentary party office secretary begun his speech by greeting the students, dignitaries and the faculty and added that he was elated with the celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi in VFSTR. He stated the standards of Gandhi and motivated the students to follow Gandhian principles.

The event further continued with the greetings of the Chief Guest, Justice Shri Jasti Chelameswar, who is the senior Supreme court judge of India presided over the gathering and cited the extraordinary qualities and the principles followed by the Mahatma conjointly he told about the occurrences which persuade the Gandhi to take to the standards like ahimsa and truth. The guests were felicitated by the dignitaries and the prize dissemination

has taken put for the students and faculty who showed their participation and won in Essay writing, Quiz, Debate and Elocution competitions. The program concluded at 01:00 PM with vote of thanks and taken after by National anthem.

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## Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Week Celebrations







## VIGNAN MAHOTSAV 2020: National Level Youth Festival

“Vignan Mahotsav” a national level youth festival, organized annually by the VFSTR Deemed to be University, provides a unique forum for all the students across the country to test and showcase their intellectual, athletic and artistic powers hidden in them. Students from various regions of India came to the varsity to participate in 78 events organised by the students of VFSTR in association with Vignan’s Lara and Vignan’s Pharmacy colleges during 30<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. A total of 9667 students from 107 institutions have participated in the competitions. 42 events were conducted under the Cultural, Literary, Fine Arts & Fashion category and 36 Sports and Games competitions (Men & Women) were held.

**Mr. Sanjiv Rangrass, Divisional Chief Executive, ITC Agri Business division** and **Ms. Gutta Jwala, Arjuna Awardee and Indian Badminton player** have graced the occasion to inaugurate the Youth Festival.

**Mr. Anil Ravipudi, Alumni of Vignan and Prominent Telugu Film Director** and **Dr. Nagapuri Ramesh, Dronacharya Awardee, Athletics Coach – Sports Authority of India (SAI)** have graced the Valedictory function.

Winners and Runners of the events were given Cash awards and mementoes of worth Rs.8 lakhs.

Students had played a major role in planning, organising and execution of the fest. A total of 716 student coordinators divided into 16 verticals, lead by 41 students and centrally coordinated by 8 student core team members have brought this fest all the energy throughout and made it a grand success.

Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean Student Affairs acted as the Chief Convener for the fest and Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, HoD Chemical is the convener. All the Sports and Games Competitions were coordinated by Mr. K. Bala Krishna, Asst. Professor, Dept. of EEE and Cultural events competitions were coordinated by Mr. M. Anirudh, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Civil followed by PDs.

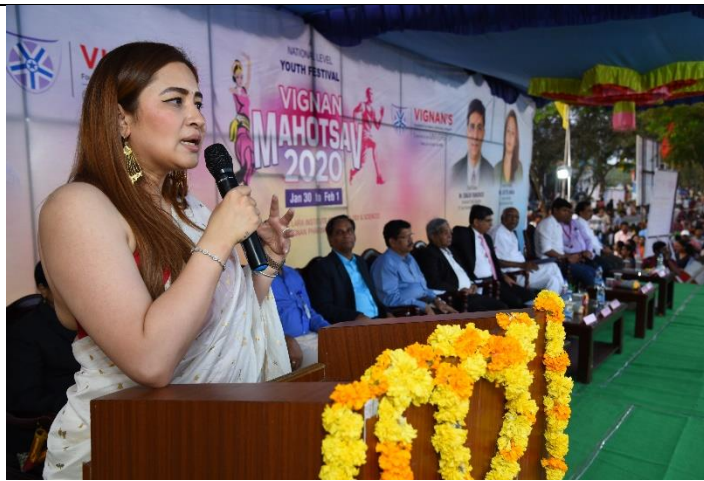
### *Outcome:*

This huge participation of student as Team Leaders, volunteers, participants and audience has created a great impact on them and has helped to gain the outcomes like:

- To practise an Ethical approach in conduction of competitions,
- To build a sportive attitude in them irrespective of them winning or losing the game,
- To inculcate leadership and managerial skills while coordinating the events
- Most important of all, they have worked together as a team with utmost dedication showcasing their Team Spirit.

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## Vignan Mahotsav – 2020







## SRUJANANKURA 2020: National Level Technical Fest

“Srujanankura 2020”, a National level Technical fest organized annually by VFSTR Deemed to be University in association with Vignan’s Lara and Vignan’s Pharmacy colleges. It provides a platform to the students to showcase their technical powers in various disciplines. The fest was conducted during 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the event consists of several activities like Paper & Poster Presentation, Project Expo, Technical Quiz and Business Plan. The main focus of Srujanakura is to benefit the scientific student community who are eager to change the world with their technical skills. A total of 3435 students have participated this year, and we have had 1600 participants in the project expos, where a total of 527 projects have been exhibited, 975 in the technical quiz, 865 in the Paper Presentation, 770 in the poster presentation, and huge numbers in the business plan business quiz, video-ad making, and in MBA paper presentation as well. 10 workshops were conducted among all the departments in addition to these technical events. Whole event was organized by 170 student coordinators and 80 faculty coordinators. Winners and Runners of the events were given Cash awards and mementoes of worth Rs.2.5 lakhs. Details of student participation in the events like Paper Presentation, Poster Presentation, Technical Quiz, Business Plan, Business Quiz, Video Ad Making are given below.

1	Paper Presentation	287
2	Poster Presentation	265
3	Technical Quiz	127
4	Business Plan	19
5	Business Quiz	12
6	Video Ad Making	14
TOTAL		724

**Mr. E.S. Chakravarthy, Global Head Resource Management Group (RMG) and Dr. K. Pavan Padmanabham - Young Scientist Awardee** has graced the occasion to inaugurate the fest.

**Shri.J.Durga Prasad Founder & CEO, Grama Bazaar and Mr.P.Vinod Kumar, CEO & Director, Rover Infotech Private Limited, Singapore** has graced the Valedictory ceremony.

In addition to this, more than 3000 school students have visited the projects displayed in the fest and this helps to inculcate the interest towards technical innovations in those young enthusiastic souls.

Dr.M.S.S.Rukmini, Dean Student Affairs acted as the Chief Convener for the fest and Dr.B. Seetharamanjaneya Reddy, Professor, Department of BME is the convener. All the events like Paper Presentation, Poster Presentation, Technical Quiz, Business Plan, Business Quiz, Video Ad Making were headed by Mr. V Ramakrishna Sajja, Associate Dean Engineering and Management

On a whole a budget of Rs.32 lakhs has been sanctioned for the Mahotsav and Rs.25 Lakhs was sanctioned for Srujanankura and an amount of Rs.25.6 Lakhs has been generated as the revenue through Registrations, Food & Game stalls and Sponsorship.

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