



School of Pedagogical Sciences
MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Report of the *Christmas Celebration* dated 18-12-2024

The School of Pedagogical Sciences (SPS) at Mahatma Gandhi University hosted a vibrant Christmas celebration titled "*Buon Natale: A December to Remember*" on Wednesday, December 18th, 2024, at 10:00 AM. The event took place in the SPS Seminar Hall which showcased the enthusiastic participation from faculty, students, and special guests. The programme celebrated the spirit of togetherness, joy, and goodwill, marking the festive season in a memorable manner.

The event commenced with a prayer led by Ms Vaishnavi Venugopal, a first-year M.Ed. student, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere for the occasion. Following the prayer, the programme officially began with a welcome speech delivered by Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri, Assistant Professor at SPS, MGU. His warm and cordial words set the tone for the day and expressed appreciation for everyone's presence.

The Presidential Address was given by Prof. (Dr.) Asha J.V., the Head of the Department, SPS, MGU. Dr. Asha J.V. emphasized the importance of such celebrations in fostering unity and harmony among students and staff, especially in academic spaces. Her speech resonated with the audience, highlighting the need to blend academic excellence with cultural and festive events.

The programme featured thoughtful Christmas messages delivered by esteemed guests. Rev. Fr. Jins Nellikattil, Bursar of St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, and Vicar of St. Pius X Knanaya Catholic Church, Piusmount, delivered an inspiring Christmas message, reminding everyone of the deeper meaning of the holiday season. He spoke about peace, compassion, and the importance of selflessness.

Furthermore, Rev. Fr. Shyju Xavier, Finance Administrator of Kuriakose Elias English Medium School, Mannanam, shared his

reflections on the role of Christmas in bringing people together irrespective of differences. His message left a profound impact on the audience, encouraging unity and goodwill.

The programme was further enriched by a series of felicitations from notable faculty members and students. Prof. (Dr.) Sibu G Netto, Associate Professor, Dr. Muhammed K V, Assistant Professor, Dr. Smitha S, Assistant Professor, Mr. Blesson Varghese, Research Scholar delivered the felicitation note. The presence of students, Mr. Jimychen Paul (M.Ed. Second Year), Mr. Benison Sunny Mannarath (M.Ed. First Year), and Mr. Sijin John, (First Year student representative) added youthful energy to the proceedings.

The event is organized as a festive celebration featuring songs, dances, and fun activities. The programme consists of various performances by individuals and groups, likely aimed at spreading joy and holiday cheer. The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. M Muhammed Althaf, programmeme co-ordinator. He expressed gratitude to all the guests, faculty, students, and organizers for making the event a grand success. Special appreciation was extended to Ms Akhila Monachen, the programmeme coordinator, for her exceptional efforts in managing and organizing the celebration.

The "Buon Natale" programme was a resounding success and a true celebration of the Christmas spirit. The event not only spread joy and festive cheer but also brought the SPS community together, creating cherished memories. It served as a reminder of the values of love, unity, and compassion that Christmas stands for, while also providing an opportunity for students and staff to bond outside academic settings. Overall, the celebration was well-organized, engaging, and deeply meaningful, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

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