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Changing the world is a common thing. A lot has changed and it is changing but friendship between India and Russia has not changed.

— Prime Minister Modi on Vladimir Putin's two day visit to India

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Bapu is my hero because...

When Adults Were Inferring Him, Children Heard What Gandhi Ji Said

Gandhi. A name that resonates deeply in the heart and mind of every Indian. A simple man who led the most difficult struggles in the history of time. A man who is often quoted in the most obscure debates, but who preached simple values all his life. A man who led with simplicity and became an idol for many generations to come. This Gandhi Jayanti, as many drew complicated analogies in convoluted speeches about the father of the nation came to the front, we bring to you a simple story of a simple man, who with his simple values became everyone's hero. As India celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of our Bapu, students of AIS VYC Lucknow share their wishes and celebrates the occasion with this story.

“A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

“Gandhi ji was a great man who always believed in helping others. He always preached that every job is equally important, that one should always take pride in doing their work on their own.

Once when Gandhi ji was in school, he was caught cheating by his teacher and when he was asked, he told the truth. It were these thoughts of equality, honesty, bravery and fairness that made him a great

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man, and that is why he is my hero.”
Yashika, AIS VYC Lucknow, V A

“Christ gave us the goals and Mahatma Gandhi the tactics.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“Gandhi ji taught us of the three monkeys: never speak wrong, never see wrong and never hear wrong. These values are essential to have

a successful life. On the occasion of his birthday, we should remember him as a teacher whose principles work as an effective strategy in the most difficult situations.”

Vikram Raj Sharma,
AIS VYC Lucknow, V A

“I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

“Gandhi ji believed that every person is a child of

God and so they should be treated equally. He also encouraged people to

take pride in what one has and what one does. People called him Bapu with utter admiration. Despite the fact that Gandhi ji had to deal with discrimination himself on numerous occasions, he continued to treat everyone fairly. He never let anyone influence his ideas, which is why he is my hero. I wish to follow his footsteps and be honest, kind and brave like him.”

Amisha, AIS VYC Lucknow, V A

“Revolutionaries are disciples of Mahatma Gandhi, directly or indirectly.”

— Ho Chi Minh

“When the British government increased taxes on salt, he took a stand and organised the Dandi March, which became a revolutionary movement against the atrocities of the British. His non-cooperation movement saw the entire nation follow his lead. His values were simple, but he was firm in his belief of those values, something we should all inculcate in our own selves. It was his determination, grit and firm resolve that made him a revolutionary who changed the world.”

Aayushi Singh,

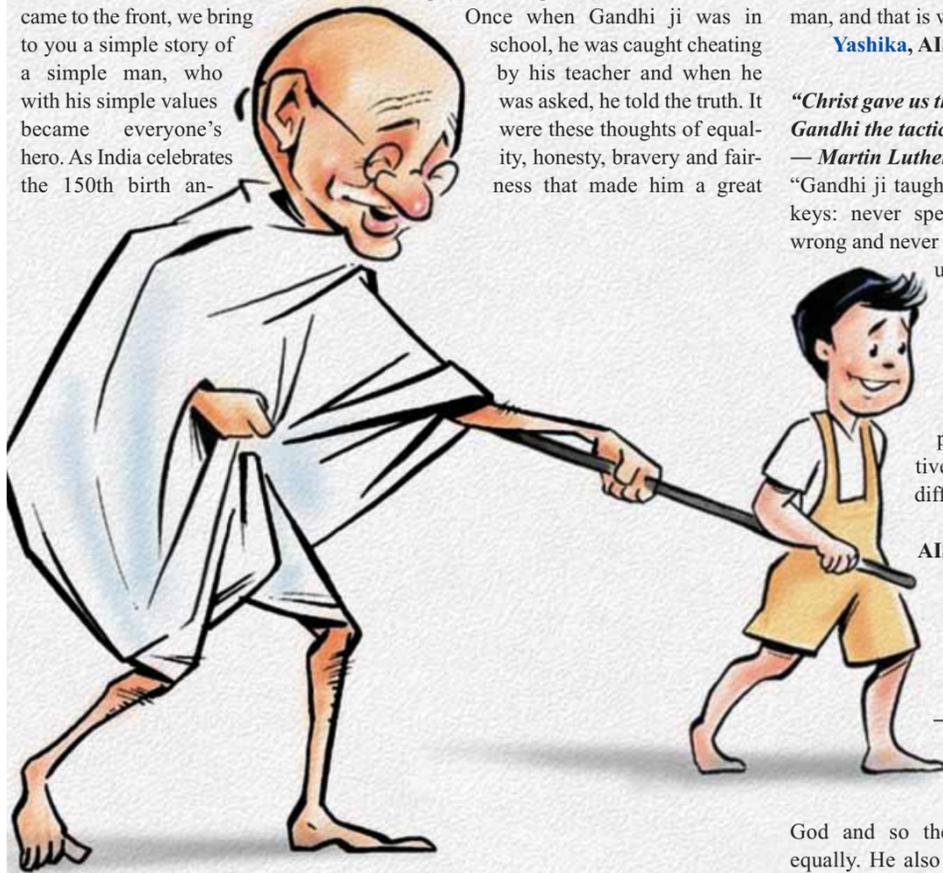
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“Strength does not come from physical capacity.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

“Who thought that a lean man like Gandhi ji could take up one of the biggest fights in the country's history, a fight that shaped the future— India's struggle for independence. In my opinion, he was a courageous man for he fought boldly against the British for our independence. He was a fearless leader and showed us how strength need not be restricted to physical parameters.”

Vardan, AIS VYC Lucknow, V A



Dr Venkatesh Dutta, Associate Professor, Environmental Sciences and Management, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University

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Dr Dutta Advocates For Proper Water Management

Nabhaneel Tiwari & Ria Kapoor
Alumnus, ASCO, AUUP

Dr Venkatesh Dutta is an environmental management specialist with specialization in water resources management. Currently working as associate professor of Environmental Sciences and Management, BBAU, he has relentlessly worked for the cause of rivers for the past decade. In an exclusive interview with GT, he talks about the damage done to rivers, the need to restore them and more.

During your decade long career, you actively championed the cause of rivers.

Any particular reason?

Protection of rivers is something that I feel deeply about. Indian rivers have a history as old as its culture. Similarly, these rivers that have been flowing through our mother land for over thousands of years, providing us with water for drinking and other activities, also deserve to be recognised globally.

Do you think urbanisation is responsible for the deteriorating condition of rivers?

Urbanisation is seen as the

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process of developing societies and these societies into cities. However, in the process of development, what we overlook is that we often exceed the carrying capacity of both land and water. As a consequence, urbanisation takes its toll on not just rivers, but also on land. Therefore, it is important that this growth occurs in a balanced way and in sync with the environment. We are in desperate need of peripheral parks, green belt designs and zones. Having these along with malls and industries will ensure a balanced ecosystem.

A great deal of river pollution is often attributed to religious practices. What is your take on the same?

In India, rivers are sacred to us. There is a spiritual belief attached to the entire riverscape. However, this spiritual aspect is gulping down water from the rivers with practices such as immersion of idols and performing someone's last rites. Today the number of

people practicing such rites have increased although rivers are limited. We can manage the crisis by adopting 'land immersion' where idols are immersed on land and not rivers. Another one is to use environment-friendly materials in creation of the idols and finally, all the communities should come together to celebrate festivals so that the number of idols to be immersed in rivers get reduced.

According to you, what are the steps that can be taken to protect rivers?

To begin with, we have to recognise critical river stretches as 'river protection zones'. We have 'coastal management act' and 'coastal management protection zones', but sadly for rivers we don't have any protection zones as of now. Another thing that can be done is starting small. For example, Ganga is our national river, but if nothing is done to save its tributaries, we will not be able to save the river in the long run. We forget that it is these tributaries that bring fresh water into the river. So, if we start with these small rivers, we are ultimately contributing on a grand scale.

To Amitians, I would say...

I think, as a student, you need to come up with your own innovative ideas and stop copying from the west. Bring something to the table which is locale-specific and relevant to our own culture, something that will be of use to the society. Innovation and originality are of great importance in a student's life.