

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE – RAMPACHODAVRAM

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

BEST PRACTICE: OBSERVATION OF HISTORICAL DAYS

1. Title of the Practice

Commemoration of Historical Days to Foster Civic and Historical Consciousness

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To create awareness among students about significant events and personalities in Indian and world history.
- To instill a sense of patriotism, civic responsibility, and historical curiosity
- To promote active student participation in academic, cultural, and social learning through observance activities.

3. The Context

Students from rural and tribal backgrounds often lack exposure to national and global historical events beyond textbooks. The Department of History identified the need to build historical awareness through experiential learning by observing key historical days, encouraging active involvement and reflection.

4. The Practice

- The department regularly observes national and international historical days throughout the academic year.
- Activities include:
 - Guest lectures by faculty or invited historians
 - Poster and essay competitions on themes like Independence Day, Constitution Day, Martyrs' Day, etc.
 - Role plays and dramatizations on historical events and leaders
 - Documentary screenings and discussion sessions
 - Student presentations on lesser-known freedom fighters or regional history
 - Interactive quizzes and exhibitions highlighting specific events or timelines

- **Examples of days observed:**
 - Quit India Movement Day (8 August)
 - World Heritage Day (18 April)
 - Martyrs' Day (30 January)
 - UN Day (24 October)
 - National women teachers Day –(3rd January)
 - National Education Day (12th November)
 - Birsa Munda Jayanthi (15th November)

5. Evidence of Success

- High participation by students across all streams
- Improvement in general awareness and knowledge of Indian freedom struggle and constitutional history
- Increased confidence among students to speak in public and lead discussion
- Positive feedback from students and faculty from other departments
- Inclusion of local tribal history and heroes enhanced regional relevance

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- Difficulty in accessing resource persons in remote areas
- Limited availability of audio-visual equipment for documentaries
- Need for financial support for materials used in competitions or exhibitions

NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY – 12/11/2024

On **12th November**, Government Degree College, Ramachandrapuram celebrated **National Education Day** to honour the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, India's first Education Minister and a prominent freedom fighter. The event was organized by the **Department of History** and the **NSS Unit**, reflecting the institution's commitment to promoting educational values and awareness among students.

The celebration saw active participation from students, faculty, and NSS volunteers. **Ms. J.S. Suneetha Kumari**, Lecturer in History, took the lead in organizing and coordinating the event. She addressed the gathering with an insightful speech on Maulana Azad's contributions to India's educational system and his vision for a progressive, inclusive society. Her speech highlighted the enduring relevance of his ideas on education as a fundamental pillar for nation-building.

Mr. K.G. Venkatesh and **Mr. S.R.B. Chakravarthy**, students of the college, also participated and shared their perspectives on the importance of education in today's world. Their reflections inspired fellow students to consider their roles as responsible and knowledgeable citizens. The event concluded with a message of unity and a commitment to carry forward Maulana Azad's legacy. The celebration was a memorable occasion that underscored the power of education to transform society and foster a brighter future for all.



BIRSA MUNDA JAYANTHI - JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS - 15/11/2024

Date: 15th November 2024

Organized by: Department of History, Government Degree College, Rampachodavaram

On November 15, 2024, the Government Degree College, Rampachodavaram, celebrated the 148th birth anniversary of the tribal freedom fighter and social reformer, Birsa Munda. The event was organized by the Department of History and saw active participation from students, faculty, and distinguished guests.

The celebration began with the garlanding the portrait of Birsa Munda, followed by speech of Vice-Principal K.G.Ventakesh, highlighted his contributions as a leader of the Ulgulan (The Great Tumult) movement, which was pivotal in resisting British colonial rule and advocating for the rights of the tribal communities. He also shed light on Birsa Munda's vision for social justice, self-reliance, and the preservation of tribal traditions and customs. SRB.Chakravarthy,lect.in English insisted about the importance of upholding tribal rights, addressing socio-economic challenges faced by tribal communities today, and using education as a tool for empowerment. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by J.S.Suneetha Kumari, Lect.in History. The speaker expressed gratitude to the attendees, faculty, students, and the organizing committee for their dedication to making the celebration a success. The celebration served as an educational and inspirational experience for everyone involved. It provided a platform to reflect on the heroism of Birsa Munda, discuss issues relevant to the tribal communities today, and reinforce the importance of preserving and respecting their culture and history.



NATIONAL WOMEN TEACHERS DAY – SAVITHRI BAI PHULE JAYANTHI – 03/01/25

On January 3, 2025, the Department of History and the Women Empowerment Cell of the college collaboratively celebrated the birth anniversary of *Savitribai Phule*, a pioneering social reformer and the first female teacher of India. The event aimed to honor her contributions to women's education and social justice while inspiring the younger generation to continue her legacy.

Objective

The event was organized to:

1. Highlight Savitribai Phule's role in advocating for women's rights and education.
 2. Encourage discussions on gender equality and social empowerment.
 3. Recognize the importance of education in societal transformation.
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- The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp and a floral tribute to Savitribai Phule by Principal **Dr. K. Vasudha**, faculty members, and student representatives.
 - In her inaugural address, the Principal emphasized the significance of Savitribai Phule's work in breaking societal barriers and promoting inclusivity.
 - **M.Siva Kumari, Lect.in Computer applications** delivered the keynote address.
 - The lecture focused on:
 - Savitribai Phule's life, struggles, and achievements.
 - Her pivotal role in establishing schools for girls and marginalized communities.
 - Lessons from her life for the current generation.
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- The event concluded with a vote of thanks by J.S.Suneetha Kumari, Lect.in History, acknowledging the support of the college management, faculty, and students. The celebration of Savitribai Phule Jayanti was a resounding success, fostering awareness of her invaluable contributions to society. The event inspired students and faculty to work toward gender equality and education for all.



Martyrs' Day

30-01-2025

The Department of History at Government Degree College, Rampachodavaram, solemnly observed Martyrs' Day on 30th January 2025 to honor the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters, particularly Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated on this day in 1948. The event was attended by faculty members, students, and distinguished guests who gathered to pay homage to the martyrs of the nation. The event commenced with the offering of floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, followed by a two-minute silence as a mark of respect for the martyrs who laid down their lives for the country's independence and integrity. The Principal of the college, Dr. K.Vasudha, welcomed the attendees and emphasized the significance of Martyrs' Day. He spoke about the values of non-violence, truth, and sacrifice championed by Mahatma Gandhi and their relevance in contemporary times. The college vice principal K.G.Venkatesh delivered a thought-provoking speech on the historical importance of Martyrs' Day. He highlighted the sacrifices of various freedom fighters and the lessons to be learned from their struggles. Speaking on this Ms.J.S.Suneetha Kumari, Lect.in History shared her thoughts on the importance of remembering and honoring the sacrifices of national heroes. The session also emphasized the responsibility of the youth in upholding the values of justice and equality. All the teaching staff and students were presented.



128 BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLURI SITA RAMARAJU

04/07/2025

The **Department of History and Political Science**, in collaboration with the **Alumni Association** of Government Degree College, Rampachodavaram, organized a grand celebration to mark the **128th Birth Anniversary of the legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju**. To commemorate the occasion, a series of competitions were conducted including **poster presentations, essay writing, and elocution**, focusing on the life, ideals, and contributions of Alluri Sitarama Raju. These activities provided a platform for students to express their knowledge, creativity, and patriotic fervor. The program was graced by the **Principal, Dr. K. Vasudha**, who delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the revolutionary role of Alluri Sitarama Raju in India's freedom movement. **Sri P. Naga Veerabhadra Rao**, President of the Alumni Association, also addressed the gathering, reflecting on Alluri's enduring legacy and the responsibility of the younger generation to uphold his values. All **faculty members, students, and alumni** actively participated in the event, making it a memorable and meaningful tribute to one of India's greatest freedom fighters.

