



Vice chancellor of the University of Mysore G Hemantha Kumar inaugurates the 'Gandhi Kavigoshti', organised by the Centre for Gandhian Studies in Mysuru on Tuesday. Registrar Lingaraja Gandhi, writers C P Krishna Kumar, Kalegowda Nagavara, S G Siddaramaiah, Cha Sarvamangala, Director of Gandhi Bhavan M S Shekar are seen. DH PHOTO

## Gandhi's ideas and principles influenced literature: UoM VC

**MYSURU:** "As the thoughts, ideas and principles of Mahatma Gandhi have influenced the social, economic, political and spirituality areas, it has also made a strong influence on the field of literature," said G Hemantha Kumar Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore.

Addressing the gathering at 'Gandhi Kavigoshti', organised by the Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan and Sahitya Akademi, here on Tuesday, he said, "Mahatma Gandhi is not only a great leader for the country, but also a great human being and a role model who influenced the world with his ideas and principles, through truth and non-violence."

The VC also informed that the Centre for Gandhian Studies has installed 27 cement sculptures depicting various historical moments of Mahat-

ma Gandhi on the premises which is a matter of pride for the university.

Registrar Lingaraja Gandhi said, "The 21st century is the era of advanced information technology where we can access information under a single roof. But the 20th century was the era of Mahatma Gandhi, who inspired the entire world by using truth and non-violence as a weapon.

As many as 18 poets from across the state participated in the programme and presented poems written by Kuvempu, Da Ra Bendre, Pu Ti Na, M Gopalakrishna Adiga, G S Shivarudrappa, D Govindadas, P Lankesh, on Mahatma Gandhi.

Writers like C P Krishna Kumar, Kalegowda Nagavara, S G Siddaramaiah, Sarjoo Katkar, Cha Sarvamangala, and others were present.

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