

Goonj Celebrates National Youth Day

On 12th January 2019, students from across the campus poured into NLH-203 as Goonj, the Hindi literary society of MAHE celebrated National Youth Day that marks Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary—commemorating his life and teachings. The event kicked off with a welcome address by Anvita Sharma, a second-year MIT student. It was followed by a beautiful rendition of Vande Mataram by a first-year SoC student, Bhoomika Kiran.



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The chief guest, Dr KP Nandan Prabhu, Associate Professor at the School of Management, MAHE, delivered a passionate speech on Swami Vivekananda's ideology and thought process. He spoke about the simplicity of Vivekananda's teachings and how he

aimed to apply spirituality to life while not necessarily being entirely consumed by it. He analysed the three vital principles around which Swami Vivekananda's teachings revolved, belief in self, complete focus towards a singular goal, and taking responsibility for one's actions. Dr Prabhu then went on to explore Vivekananda's ideas on education, highlighting the flaws in our education system. Furthermore, he spoke about Swami Vivekananda's patriotism and his views on Indian society and its herd mentality. The talk was peppered with anecdotes that kept the audience engaged throughout and received a standing ovation.



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The talk was followed by Goonj members Aman Mittal, Pranjal Singh, and Sankalp Rai reciting poems about Swami Vivekananda's greatness, and his messages to the youngsters from all over the world. Swapn Ghai, a member of Goonj, delivered a powerful speech on the five pillars of Swami Vivekananda's ideology. After around an hour and a half, the celebrations came to an end with a vote of thanks by the President of Goonj, Rahul Ravishankar Singh.

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