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Gandhi Jayanti Fortnight Celebrations (Declamation Contest on the Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary Times) at HKM GDC Bandipora 17th September 2025

As part of the fortnight-long Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations beginning on 17th September and culminating on 2 October 2025, the college organised a **Declamation Contest** on the theme **“Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary Time”** on 17th September 2025. The event was a joint initiative of the NSS Unit, NCC Unit, and the College Seminar and Debates Committee, marking the formal inauguration of the Gandhi Jayanti celebration series.

The program commenced with a welcome address by the **Officiating Principal, Dr. Mubashir Hamid**, who emphasised the timeless value of Gandhiji’s ideals of non-violence, truth, and peace, and their continuing relevance in addressing the challenges of modern society. He underlined how Gandhian thought provides guiding principles for students and youth to contribute positively to nation-building.

A total of 13 enthusiastic students participated in the contest, each presenting thought-provoking speeches on different aspects of Gandhiji’s philosophy. The participants highlighted how non-violence can counter present-day conflicts, how truth remains central to ethical living, and how Gandhiji’s life serves as an enduring model of simplicity and moral courage. The contest provided a platform for students to express their ideas with clarity and conviction, showcasing both their oratory skills and their engagement with Gandhian values.

The event was adjudicated by a panel of esteemed jury members: **Prof. Bilquees Rasool, Prof. Tariq Ahmad Bhat**, and **Dr. Ghulam Mohammad Khan**, with Dr. Khan also serving as the rapporteur of the contest. After a close evaluation of the performances, the **First Position** was bagged by **Ms. Nazrana** of the 3rd Semester.

The winner will now represent the college in the forthcoming **Inter-District College Level Competition**, carrying forward the spirit of the Gandhian message to a wider academic platform. The program concluded on a note of appreciation, with the audience, faculty, and jury members acknowledging the significance of beginning the Gandhi Jayanti fortnight with such an intellectually enriching and inspiring event.



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