



**Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology(Autonomous)  
Centre for Continuous Excellence in Life Skills (C.E.L)**

GRIET/CEL/27/G/2/17-18

29August 2017

**CIRCULAR**  
**UNITED NATIONS PEACE DAY CELEBRATIONS-2017**  
**Peace! Peace! Peace!**

**There is no way to peace. Peace is the way - Mahatma Gandhi**

**Sub: - Organization of Elocution, Essay Writing, Group Discussion, Five Minute Situational Skits, Listening Comprehension, Poster presentation and Quiz on the occasion of United Nations’ International Day of Peace on 21<sup>st</sup> September and United Nations’ International day of Nonviolence on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

The preamble to UNESCO’s Constitution says that “since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed”. Position Paper on Education for Peace by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) recognizes Peace to be of tolerance, harmony, humility, togetherness, self control, love, truth, justice, equality, respect for diversity and human rights, scientific temper and spirit of critical inquiry, inclusive spiritual values, ecological balance and conservation etc. UNESCO defined TOLERANCE as RESPECT, ACCEPTANCE and APPRECIATION.

Mindfulness –based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) and Mindfulness based Stress Reduction (MBSR) are the popular training programmes( also ON –LINE) being offered by “Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Healthcare and Society” of University of Massachusetts Medical School ([www.umassmed.edu/cfm](http://www.umassmed.edu/cfm)). The never ending arms race among nations is the major threat to humanity. The data regarding the approximate number of weapons of mass destruction available in the world are available on the website of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute ([www.sipri.org](http://www.sipri.org)). September 26 is UN International day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons .Let us together invite the recent UN General Assembly Agreement by 122 countries on “Treaty of Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

**The theme of the 2017 United Nations International Day of Peace is “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.”**

The theme honours the spirit of **TOGETHER**, a global initiative that promotes respect, safety and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes in search of a better life. **TOGETHER** unites the organizations of the United Nations System, the 193 Member States of the United Nations, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions and individual citizens in a global partnership in support of diversity, non-discrimination and acceptance of refugees and migrants. It was initiated during the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September 2016. “In times of insecurity, communities that look different become convenient scapegoats,” said United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres. “We must resist cynical efforts to divide communities and portray neighbours as ‘the other’. Discrimination diminishes us all. It prevents people — and societies — from achieving their full potential.” He added, “Together, let us stand up against bigotry and for human rights. Together, let us build bridges. Together, let us transform fear into hope.”

This year, the International Day of Peace will focus on engaging and mobilizing people throughout the world to show support for refugees and migrants. Its messages will be shared with communities hosting refugees and migrants as well as people concerned that refugees and migrants may bring physical and economic insecurity to their lives. The Day will highlight solidarity with refugees and migrants and showcase the shared benefits of migration to economies and nations, while also acknowledging legitimate concerns of host communities. Ultimately, it will be about bringing people together and reminding them of their common humanity.

Young people will have a vital role to play. For example, they can volunteer to welcome and help refugees and migrants in their communities. They can also extend the hand of friendship to young refugees and migrants who they might meet in their classrooms and neighbourhoods.

The International Day of Non-Violence is marked on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. According to General Assembly resolution [A/RES/61/271](#) of 15 June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". The resolution reaffirms "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence". Introducing the resolution in the General Assembly on behalf of 140 co-sponsors, India's Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr. Anand Sharma, said that the wide and diverse sponsorship of the resolution was a reflection of the universal respect for Mahatma Gandhi and of the enduring relevance of his philosophy. Quoting the late leader's own words, he said: "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man".

**All interested students and faculty may register with the student coordinator and faculty coordinator respectively.**

Type of Competition	Topic	Date & Time	Books Prescribed (some copies available in the library)	Websites to be referred	Venue	
Group Discussion	The theme of the 2017 UN International Day of Peace is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All"	09/09/2017 9.30 AM  Competitions for both students and faculty	1). Unarmed Heroes: The courage to go beyond violence - Jaico Publishing House 2). The story of my experiments with Truth by M.K. Gandhi (Autobiography) 3). Nobel prize winners for peace - Dr. Gagan Jain, Three ESS publications 4). 10 secrets for success and inner peace by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer by Hay House India 5) Peace is the way: Bringing war and violence to an end by Dr. Deepak Chopra by RIDER publication. 6) The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alternative: Solving life's most difficult problems - Dr. Stephen R. Covey 7) Twelve steps to a compassionate life - Karen Armstrong 8) "Choiceless Awareness" by Jiddu Krishnamurti (United Nations Peace Medal Awardee) published by Krishnamurti Foundation	1. <a href="http://www.gandhiinstitute.org/take-action/toolkits">www.gandhiinstitute.org/take-action/toolkits</a> 2. <a href="http://www.sipri.org">www.sipri.org</a> 3. <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/">www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/</a> 4. <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/nonviolenceday/">www.un.org/en/events/nonviolenceday/</a> 5. <a href="http://www.unesco.org">www.unesco.org</a> 6. <a href="http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org">www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org</a> 7. <a href="http://www.ipcs.org">www.ipcs.org</a> 8. <a href="http://strategicforesight.com/ICPI">http://strategicforesight.com/ICPI</a> 9. Gandhipace foundation, India 10. <a href="http://www.amnesty.org">www.amnesty.org</a> 11. <a href="http://www.jkrishnamurti.org">www.jkrishnamurti.org</a> 12. <a href="http://www.chopra.com">www.chopra.com</a> 13. <a href="http://www.mindfulnesswithoutborders.org">www.mindfulnesswithoutborders.org</a> 14. <a href="http://www.innerpeacemeditation.org">www.innerpeacemeditation.org</a> 15. <a href="http://www.mindfulnesscds.com">www.mindfulnesscds.com</a> 16. <a href="http://www.umassmed.edu/cfm">www.umassmed.edu/cfm</a> 17. <a href="http://www.mindfulnet.org">www.mindfulnet.org</a> 18. <a href="http://www.withoutego.com">www.withoutego.com</a> 19. <a href="http://www.thepoweroftheheart.com">www.thepoweroftheheart.com</a> 20. <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/yogaday/">http://www.un.org/en/events/yogaday/</a> 21. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore - <a href="http://www.nimhans.ac.in">www.nimhans.ac.in</a> 22. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi - <a href="http://www.yogamdniy.nic.in">www.yogamdniy.nic.in</a>	Seminar Hall: 4212 Block - 4 Dept. of Civil Engg	
Situational Skits						
Elocution						
Essay Writing						09/09/2017 11.30 AM
Listening Comprehension						"Health, Harmony, Happiness and Peace through knowledge-awareness - practice of eight aspects of Maharshi PATANJALI yoga"  (Open book system in essay writing competition)
Poster Presentation						
Global Peace Quiz						
Power Point Presentation						

		<p>India</p> <p>9)“How to have a beautiful mind”, by Dr.Edward de Bono</p> <p>10) “Manifest your Destiny: The Nine spiritual principles for getting everything you want”,Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.</p> <p>11) Detox your ego: 7easy steps to achieving freedom, happiness, and success in your life.-Steven Sylvester.</p> <p>12) The power of the heart: Finding your true Purpose in life-Baptist De Pape</p> <p>13) Light on the yoga sutras of Patanjali by BKS Iyengar, Harper Element Publishers</p> <p>14) The tree of yoga by BKS Iyengar, Harper collins Publishers</p> <p>15) Heal your mind by Louise Hay and Monalisa Schulz, Hay House India.</p> <p>16) Destructive Emotions and how we can overcome them by Daniel Goleman, Bloomsbury Publications.</p> <p>17) Your Sacred self-Making the decision to be free by Wayne W. Dyer, Quill Publications.</p>	<p>23. <a href="http://www.mindandlife.org">www.mindandlife.org</a></p> <p>24. <a href="http://www.investigatingthemind.org">www.investigatingthemind.org</a></p> <p>25. PATHS(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)</p> <p>26. Centre for Study and Prevention of Violence , University of Colorado ,Boulder,USA – Institute of Behavioural Science- <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/">http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/</a></p>	
--	--	---	--	--

**Sd/-  
Dean  
(Life skills & e- Outreach)**

**Sd/-  
Principal**

**Sd/-  
Director**



**Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous)**  
**Centre for Continuous Excellence in Life Skills (C.E.L)**

GRIET/CEL/28/G/2/17-18

29 August 2017

**CIRCULAR**  
**ENGINEERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS-2017**

**Sub: - Organization of Elocution, Essay Writing, Group Discussion, Five Minute Situational Skits, Listening comprehension, Power Point presentation and Technical Quiz on the occasion of Engineers' Day on 15<sup>th</sup> September - reg.**

September 15 is celebrated every year in the country since 1967 as "Engineers' Day" to commemorate the birthday of the legendary engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. Sir Visvesvaraya, an eminent Indian engineer and statesman was born in a remote village of Karnataka, the State that is incidentally now the Hi-tech State of the country. Due to his outstanding contribution to the society, Government of India conferred "Bharat Ratna" on this legend in the year 1955. He was also called the precursor of economic planning in India. His learned discourse on economic planning in India, Planned Economy for India and Reconstructing India, was the first available document on the planning effort of the country and it is still held as the parent source matter for economic planners.

A theme of national importance is chosen every year by the National Council of the Institution and deliberated at its various State/Local Centres to educate the engineering fraternity in general and the society in particular. This year the 50th Engineers' Day will be celebrated all over the country and the National Council of the Institution has selected the theme as "Role of Engineers in a Developing India" to mark the occasion. India is still a developing country and its development largely depends upon the robust industrial infrastructure. In the Indian industry scenario, Engineering is by far the largest segment. The nature of engineering industries in India is grossly diversified starting of heavy engineering, light and medium engineering and rural or cottage engineering. India's engineering industry accounts for 27% of the total factories in the industrial sector and represents 63% of the overall foreign collaborations. It has emerged as the largest contributor to the country's total merchandise exports.

Indian manufacturing/engineering industry employs over 4 million skilled and semi-skilled workers (direct and indirect). The Indian engineering industry has emerged as a dynamic sector in the country's industrial economy and has made the country self-reliant in key areas. Being the largest foreign exchange earner in the country, the engineering sector gets around 63% of share through foreign collaborations. According to data from the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India, engineering exports from India grew 11.33% year-on-year to reach USD 65.23 billion in FY 2016-17. The Engineering Services market has witnessed substantial growth in recent decades, and has evolved to encompass a broad range of new product development, value-engineering and engineering consulting functions. The Engineering Process Outsourcing (EPO) market is likely to grow by USD 40 billion within 2020.

The total offshore engineering spend is likely to grow to USD 125-150 billion by 2020 and India, with its talent pool and experience in engineering services, is well suited to realize 25% of this opportunity. India has a well-developed and diversified industrial machinery/capital base capable of manufacturing the entire range of industrial machinery. The industry has also managed to successfully develop advanced manufacturing technology over the years. Among the developing countries, India is a major exporter of heavy and light engineering goods, producing a wide range of items.

The bulk of capital goods required for power projects, fertilizer, cement, steel and petrochemical plants and mining equipment are made in India. The country also makes construction machinery, equipment for irrigation projects, diesel engines, tractors, transport vehicles, cotton textile and sugar mill machinery. The nature of Indian engineering exports is also changing with time.

India is fast moving from exporting low-value goods to developing countries to exporting high-value goods to developed countries. With development in associated sectors such as automotive, industrial goods and infrastructure, coupled with a well-developed technical human resources pool, engineering exports are expected to grow high and high. Capital goods now account for 26% of total engineering exports.

A key driver for increased engineering exports is the trend towards shifting of global manufacturing bases to low cost countries like India. This trend is expected to boost exports of engineering goods from India over the coming years. Among developing countries, India offers the best combination of low costs, availability and skills and capabilities of manpower for the engineering sector.

In terms of availability and skills, India produces over 500 PhDs, 200,000 engineers, 300,000 non-engineering postgraduates and 2,100,000 other graduates each year, thereby ensuring a steady supply of qualified technical manpower for the sector. These huge numbers of qualified engineers are the key factor in developing the country and The Institution of Engineers (India) feels proud to be the largest body of engineers in the country with a dedicated service for the development of the nation since 1920.

**All interested students and faculty may register with the student coordinator and faculty coordinator respectively.**

Type of Competition	Topic	Date & Time	Books Prescribed (some copies available in library)	Websites to be referred	Venue
Group Discussion	Seven habits of highly effective Engineers	09/09/2017 9.30 AM Competitions for both students and faculty.	1. Seven habits of highly effective people - Dr. Stephen R. Covey 2. The 8 <sup>th</sup> Habit - Dr. Stephen R. Covey 3) You Can Win by Shiv Khera, Macmillan Publications 4) Think and Grow Rich By Napoleon Hill, Embassy books Publications.	Please refer to e-books available on the topic.  <a href="http://www.ieindia.org/IEI">www.ieindia.org/IEI</a>	Seminar Hall: 4212 Block – 4 Dept. of Civil Engg
Situational Skits					
Elocution					
Essay Writing	The theme of the 2017 Engineers' day is "Role of Engineers in a Developing India" (as per Institution of Engineers, India). (Open book system in essay writing competition)	09/09/2017 11.30AM Competitions for both students and faculty.	Open book system in Essay Writing Competition	<a href="http://www.ieindia.org/IEI">www.ieindia.org/IEI</a>	
Listening Comprehension					
Power Point Presentation					
Technical Quiz					
Poster Presentation					

Sd/-  
Dean  
(Life skills & e- Outreach)

Sd/-  
Principal

Sd/-  
Director