Gandhiji's ideals stand test of time and continues to inspire us

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of self-reliance and village economy continues to remain relevant even after 75 years of Independence. To celebrate the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on October 2, 2021, World Trade Center Jaipur, in association with Craft Council of Weavers and Artisans, organized a virtual commemoration meeting. The objective of the event was to bring together luminaries from different walks of life and create a forum for participants to reiterate the teaching of Gandhiji and pledge their support to Nation Building and work towards making a selfreliant India.

Speaking on this occasion, Prof. Meenakshi Singh, Designer and Educator, IICD, Jaipur remarked, "You can make possible anything, realize any dream and become a role model for millions if you follow the path of non-violence, maintain peace, and live a disciplined life. That is what Gandhiji exactly taught us."

Ms. Juhi Pandey, Social Designer, in her speech, highlighted the importance of being consistent. She said, "Gandhiji never gave up, he fought with a clear mind and ultimately won, leading the country to win the centuries-old bondage against slavery, poverty and unemployment. He also encouraged the production of Khadi and inspired fellow Indians to become its consumer, which, according to him, would push India toward becoming self-reliant.

Mr. Asif Cheepa, Khadi Dyer, in his speech mentioned, "The concept of Khadi developed by Gandhiji is of national importance not just because it's sovereign, but also because it provides maximum employment to the rural population and it is weather friendly considering India's geographical location and equatorial positioning."

Mr. Avishek Mandal, Alumni, NIFT Chennai pointed out, "For Indians, Khadi is not just a fabric but also a symbol of freedom from foreign rule. Whenever the issue is debated and sacrifices are remembered, Khadi will have a special mention." He further mentioned that Khadi has helped us stay close to our roots and also helped India's trade as we are a major manufacturer and exporter of the product.

Earlier, Mr. Brij Ballabh Udaiwal, Director, CCWA welcomed all the participants and guest speaker and urged all to buy locally manufactured products from Rajasthan.

Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Assistant Director, World Trade Center Jaipur proposed vote of thanks.

The webinar was held on October 2, 2021

