



## **Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik – 422 222**

### **Celebration of National Festivals Report AY 2023-24:**

The University celebrates all national festivals for imbibing the spirit of patriotism and social cohesion among the faculty, staff and students. The birth and death anniversaries of the Great Indian personalities are also celebrated by the University at its headquarters, all its Regional Centers and Learner Support Centers. While all YCMOU fraternity participates in the main function, different Schools, Divisions and Regional Centers also organize activities and a variety of programs at their own level.

The birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is observed on 2nd October every year with various activities organized to commemorate his ideals and principles. These include the Swachhta Pledge, Swachhta Rally, office and surroundings cleaning drives, plantation activities, toilet cleaning initiatives, garbage collection, and talks on health and hygiene. These activities are conducted at the University Headquarters, Regional Centers, and Learner Support Centers.

YCMOU celebrates a variety of national and international commemorative days, events, and festivals to promote patriotism, social harmony, and cultural awareness among its community. These celebrations are held at the University Headquarters, Regional Centers, and Learner Support Centers with active participation from students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, individual Schools and Divisions within the University contribute by organizing unique events, adding vibrancy to the commemorations.

YCMOU recognizes the birth anniversaries of significant national thinkers and reformers, regardless of caste or religion, including Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Saint Tukdoji Maharaj, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, Chakradhar Swami, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and Valmiki. By celebrating these figures, the University demonstrates its commitment to diverse cultural and intellectual traditions. These observances highlight their contributions to India's social and political landscape while instilling values of social justice, equality, and national pride.

YCMOU also celebrates the birth anniversaries of prominent leaders and reformers such as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Swatantravir V.D. Savarkar, Lokmanya B.G. Tilak, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Indira Gandhi, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, Yashwantrao Chavan, Vasant Naik, and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. To mark these occasions, the University organizes lectures, workshops, seminars, and sensitization programs for employees and students. Additionally, drawing and painting competitions are conducted for employees' children to encourage participation and creativity. The International Yoga Day is celebrated on 21st June each year at YCMOU Headquarters and all Regional Centers.



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