

## Gandhi Jayanti at India Peace Centre

### Gandhi will ever remain relevant – Professor S. B. Singh

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated at India Peace Centre. Prof. S. B. Singh, retired Vice Principal, VMV College Nagpur, was the chief guest of the function while Dr. Yugal Rayalu, Dharampeth Science College, presided over the function. India Peace Centre's two German volunteers also contributed to the function as guests of honour.

In his scholarly address Prof. Singh touched almost every aspect of Gandhian philosophy. He said that Gandhian philosophy transcends national boundaries today. President Barack Obama, while addressing the giant parliament session of India, said that, "I'm the President of the USA because of Mahatma Gandhi". Prof. Singh recollected that Bob Dylan, in his Noble Prize acceptance speech, said, "There was a man named Gandhi... Let us make ourselves relevant to him". Prof. Singh concluded with his remark that it is for the present politicians to make themselves relevant to Gandhi.

In his presidential address Dr. Rayalu appreciated Prof. Singh for presenting a highly studied presentation. He said that, like all philosophies, the Gandhian philosophy has an eternal appeal. We need to understand it in the changing times.

Svenja and Ronja gave a joined presentation on what they understand about Gandhi, coming from a non-Indian background. They informed the gathering that many social movements in Europe are inspired by Gandhi and that his notion of non-violence is his legacy to the world.

