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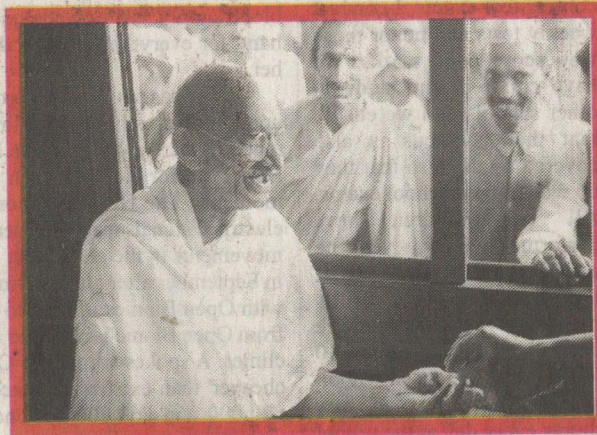
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Truth above all, Sovana told *Gandhi Katha*

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Agartala, Dec 26: Truth and non-violence are the two main values of Mahatma Gandhi's visionary philosophy and it is still relevant for any society across the world, this was stated by an eminent Gandhian scholar Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna on Thursday evening here at the Durbar Hall of Old Raj Bhavan.

With a view to commemorate the 150th birth year of Mahatma Gandhi, a programme titled "Gandhi Katha" was organized under the joint aegis of Raj Bhavan: Agartala and State Education Department wherein Dr. Radhakrishna graced the occasion and



enlightened the audience including Governor Ramesh Bais about the life, works and values of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Highlighting one of the most important principles of Gandhian philosophy, Dr. Radhakrishna said, all social action should be governed by

the same simple set of moral values, of which the main elements are selflessness, non-attachment, nonviolence and active service.

It was Gandhiji's firm conviction that the means are often more important than meeting ends. It is, of course, desirable that ends should be good and reasonable. But they merely give a direction to life while the means adopted constitute life itself.

Therefore, if the means are right, that is, if they conform to the tests of truth and non-violence, even mistakes, errors and failures aid the growth of an individual, explained the orator.

Emphasizing on the gist of

Gandhiji's mantra to lead an austere life, Dr. Radhakrishna said, Faith in God is, according to M.K. Gandhi, the foundation of all moral values. He considered his life as a series of experiments with truth.

Concluding her discourse on an affirmative note, Dr. Radhakrishna averred that Mahatma Gandhi, above all, felt that we, as individuals, should always seek truth at all times and live in a way that is in accordance with this notion so as to not only achieve spiritual liberation but for the sake of letting goodness and justice prevail on Earth.

Meanwhile, Governor Ramesh Bais also contemplated in the programme.