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## **Mahatma Gandhi, An Inspiration To Successive Generations: Arun Jaitley**

### **Collected Works Of Mahatma Gandhi**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting, Mr. Arun Jaitley launching the e-version of the collected works of Mahatma Gandhi, at function, in New Delhi on September 08, 2015.

Mr. Arun Jaitley, Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs & Information and Broadcasting launched the electronic version of "The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi"<sup>[7]</sup>, a monumental document of Gandhiji's words as he spoke and wrote, day after day beginning from 1884 till 30th January 1948 at Gandhi Peace Foundation.

The Minister also uplinked the e-version on the Gandhi Heritage Portal, a comprehensive repository of authentic Gandhian. The portal hosts e-CWMG in a searchable pdf format to ensure easy and free accessibility of the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi for people across the world.

On the occasion, Mr. Jaitley also announced that the Hindi version of the monumental work CWMG (Sampoorna Gandhi Vangmaya) would be digitized soon. Minister of State (I&B), Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Secretary (I&B), Shri Sunil Arora and Members of the Expert Committee were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion on September 8, Mr. Jaitley said the intrinsic and heritage value of the e-CWMG Project had the collaboration and partnership of institutions that have been founded and nurtured by Gandhiji himself. Shri Jaitley said that this digitized version of the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi would be instrumental in preserving the valuable national heritage and disseminating it for all humankind.

Mr. Jaitley also mentioned that the Mahatma was a true visionary, whose thought process had touched various facets of human life. His understanding of a wide range of issues had enabled the creation of a moral environment which in the long run forced the British to leave India. His writings had been inspirational in weaving humanity together. The documentation of his work through an e-version was truly inspirational for followers on the e-platform. At the same time it was a truly collectors' item available to all followers of Gandhiji's philosophy.

Speaking earlier, Secretary I&B, Mr. Sunil Arora said that in order to preserve the invaluable heritage of Gandhiji and make it available to future generations for all times to come, Publications Division had taken up the task of preparing the e-version of the 100 volumes of GWMW in 2011. He further said that in order to maintain the authenticity of this important work, it was decided to have a facsimile-based version in electronic form for preservation. It was also decided to make it into a searchable master copy in PDF format so that people could benefit of Gandhiji's life and thought in a simple and easy manner.

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