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*"Character is the foundation of
personality.
Character will show on the face, echo
in what we speak
and reveal in all our actions".*

*"Prayer is not a mechanical process.
When prayer comes from the
depth of our spirit then it never fails
to give us the moral strength".*



"There is really nothing to be afraid of in this world except "fear" itself. Be fearless in thought; Be fearless in words; Be fearless in action. This opens the road to true freedom".

"Kindness will always pay high dividends. Let us spread kindness and reap the responses. Demand discipline and hard work but do so with genuine kindness in your heart. You will then never draw a blank".

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"Do not be satisfied with good intentions and ideas. These are utterly useless unless you practice them. Truth, Beauty, Goodness, these must also be practiced – Otherwise you betray them".

"To combine kindness with firmness is the art of leadership based on comradeship. Leadership without comradeship will fail".

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*"Effort with most of us is Sporadic.
Our intention is good but our effort is
not sustained. Sustained effort alone
can give us any victory worth the
name".*

*"GANDHIGRAM is the child of
Gandhian Revolution".*

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*"Library is the heart of the
University system".*

*"A Rural University must become the
instrument in diverse
ways to achieve integrated Rural
Development".*

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*"If higher education will not go out
of the class rooms to help
the people, a day will come when the
people will care
little for such education and may even
turn against it".*

*"We need a revolution inside the
classroom
and equally outside in the life of the
people".*



*"Research and extension must cross -
fertilise each other all the times.
Such research and extension and
scientific academic
knowledge become the foundation of a
Rural University".*

*"The Rural University will have to
attack ignorance and
unemployment through every
programme of study and extension".*



"Unemployment and Ignorance are first cousins. These two evils will have to be attacked simultaneously".

"The rural university will pick and choose subjects of study closely relevant of Integrated Rural Development".

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"The aim of Gandhigram University is Integrated Rural Development".

"We want to bring more happiness to the men, women and children in the rural areas".

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*"We want the rural areas to be
cleaned, more prosperous,
more enlightened, and educated".*

*"The Rural University will have quite
a number of features Common to
Universities".*



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