

Gandhi's book tops Kerala bestseller list

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, July 31: Even in the midst of growing anti-Gandhi diatribe from various quarters, the latest Malayalam translation of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography My Experiments with Truth has hit the bestseller list in the state.

The first edition of the book, translated by George Irumbayam and edited by Gandhian and noted poet G Kumara Pillai, was published in December, 1997, at Ernakulam. The 10,000 copies of this edition was sold out within 5 months. The second edition was released on July 23, 1998, to mark the beginning of the observation of 50th martyrdom year Mahatma Gandhi. The edition of 10,000 copies was also nearly sold out. Only a few more copies are available in Kochi bookshops.

Dr Jacob Pulickan, coordinator of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Kerala, said that the printing of the third edition had already started and it would be released on October 2, 1998.