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## **Swadeshi festival to conclude today**

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Kozhikode: Mahatma Gandhi wanted India to be self-sufficient in all ways and the Swadeshi movement will take the nation towards that goal, Gandhi Peace Foundation vice-president P.V. Rajagopalan has said.

He was speaking at a function organised as part of the Swadeshi Festival at Gandhi Griham here on Tuesday.

Mr. Rajagopalan said whatever happened in India was against the Gandhian concept. "The government has become so powerful that the people are begging for survival," he said.

Lauding Jacob Pulikan, director of the Gandhian Centre for Rural Development, for his efforts to spread the Swadeshi movement across Kerala, he said Dr. Pulikan's work was revolutionary. His was a brilliant attempt to check globalisation Mr. Rajagopalan said. The festival will conclude on Wednesday.