



Indian Diaspora Council

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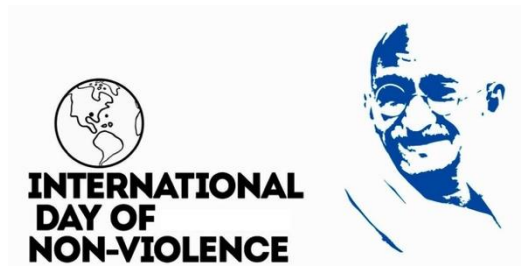
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**Jai Gandhi Jayanti जय गांधी जयंती !**

### IDC RECOGNITION of 155<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY of MAHATMA GANDHI

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat. Known as the *Father of the Nation* in India, Gandhi played a pivotal role in the country's struggle for independence through his philosophy of non-violent resistance, or *Satyagraha*. His peaceful methods of protest against British colonial rule led to India gaining independence in 1947.



*Gandhi's influence extends far beyond India's borders:*

- In 2007, the United Nations officially designated October 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence, recognizing Gandhi's global impact.
- Gandhi was named Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1930, becoming the first and only Indian to receive this honor.

Gandhi Jayanti is marked by various events and activities:

- Cultural programs & memorial ceremonies are held across India.
- In New Delhi, prominent figures including the Prime Minister and President pay respects at Raj Ghat.
- Educational institutions engage students in activities such as performances of Gandhi's favorite bhajan, "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram," debates, and film screenings



"On behalf of all countrymen, salutations to Pujya Babu on his birth anniversary. His life and ideals based on truth, harmony and equality will always remain an inspiration for the countrymen," **PM Modi 2024**

*PM Modi, Om Birla pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 155th birth anniversary at Rajghat*

The 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi serves as a reminder of his core principles: Non-violence (*Ahimsa*), Truth (*Satyagraha*), Peaceful Resistance & Social Justice, and Equality. These teachings continue to inspire movements for social change and conflict resolution worldwide.

"As we commemorate Gandhi's 155th birthday, it is an opportunity to reflect on his life's work and strive to embody the values of peace, tolerance, and harmony in our daily lives, carrying forward his vision for a more just and equitable world,"

- Dr. Nicole Bissessar, Director of Community Cultural Affairs, Indian Diaspora Council

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