



Indian Diaspora Council

## Indian Diaspora Council International

Shared heritage, aspirations and interests

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### PRESS STATEMENT

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### **Honoring Mahatma Gandhi: A Legacy of Humanity and Hope** **IDC Commemorates the 156th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**



The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) proudly joins millions around the world in commemorating the 156th birth anniversary of **Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**, revered globally as a symbol of *peace, justice, and non-violent resistance*.

Born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat, Gandhi's unwavering commitment to truth and non-violence transformed the course of history. His leadership in India's independence movement inspired civil rights and freedom movements across continents, from South Africa to the United States.

In an era marked by division and unrest, Gandhi's teachings remain profoundly relevant. His principles of **Ahimsa**, अहिंसा (**non-violence**), **Satyagraha**, सत्याग्रह (**truth-force**), and **Sarvodaya**, सर्वोदय (**welfare of all**) continue to guide efforts toward peaceful coexistence and social equity.

The United Nations' designation of October 2 as the **International Day of Non-Violence** is a testament to Gandhi's universal legacy. Across the globe, communities gather to honor his life through educational forums, peace walks, cultural tributes, and interfaith dialogues.

### **A Call to Action**

Let this day be more than remembrance. Let it be a reaffirmation of our shared responsibility to uphold dignity, foster peace, and champion the rights of all people.

IDC encourages its global affiliates to engage in meaningful activities that reflect Gandhi's ideals—whether through youth-led initiatives, community service, or storytelling that preserves ancestral wisdom. *The Ghandi Foundation of USA (GFUSA), in collaboration with the Consulate General of India, Atlanta, cordially invites you to celebrate (see the flyer below).*

"As we mark Gandhi Jayanti in 2025, let us renew our dedication to building bridges across cultures and generations. Gandhi's message is not confined to history—it is a living call to action for justice, compassion, and unity."

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

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*



# Consulate General of India, Atlanta

in collaboration with



## The Gandhi Foundation of USA (GFUSA)



**Reginald Chapple**, the Superintendent of Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park and Preservation District, is in charge of 35 acres which includes the Birth Home, the Family Home, The Visitor Center, the Gandhi Statue installed in 1998 and numerous other historic monuments and landmarks.



**Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan**  
Consul General of India-Atlanta

*Cordially Invite you to celebrate*

### 157<sup>th</sup>. Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

At **The Gandhi Statue**: 450 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA - 30312

On **Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 11:15 am**

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#### **Program:**

- ❖ Homage and Tribute at The Gandhi Statue 11:30 AM
  - ❖ Welcome, Invocation and Greetings
- ❖ Keynote Remarks: Hon. Ramesh Babu, *Consul General of India-Atlanta*
  - ❖ Remarks: Guest speakers
  - ❖ Cake cutting celebration
- ❖ Peace Walk from Gandhi Statue to King Crypts & Floral tributes
  - ❖ Visit to Gandhi & King rooms - Freedom hall (Optional)
  - ❖ Adjourn at 1:00 pm

- P.S.** 1. Free Parking on John Wesley Dobbs Ave. (between Jackson St. & Boulevard)  
2. Videography inside the Freedom Hall is strictly prohibited without prior written permission.