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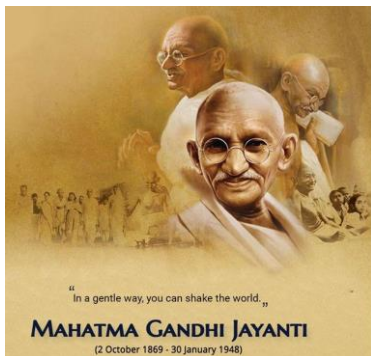
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PRESS STATEMENT

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Honoring Mahatma Gandhi: A Legacy of Humanity and Hope **IDC Commemorates the 157th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**



The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) proudly joins millions around the world in commemorating the 157th 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,

In an era marked by division and unrest, Gandhi's teachings remain profoundly relevant. His principles of **Ahimsa** (non-violence), **Satyagraha** (truth-force), and **Sarvodaya** (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.

We commend the efforts of Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Gandhi ji, founder and chair of the Gandhi Development Trust, and her daughter Asha Ramgobin, director of the Human Rights Development Initiative, for continuing in the service to humanity.

Indian Diaspora Council (IDC) President Ashook Ramsaran stated, "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."

"As we mark Gandhi Jayanti in 2026, 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.