



Photo: Ambassador Sibi George remembering Mahatma Gandhi with Indian Diaspora in Embassy of Bern, Switzerland

150 years Celebrations of the Mahatma in India

The current year marks the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation and his wife Kasturba Gandhi. The nation is all gearing up for the celebrations, with various departments and ministries already running various initiatives to commemorate this event.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked all the Ministries and government departments to chalk out such programmes that were integral to the life and philosophy of the Mahatma. The programmes would centre around the theme 'karyanjali' or 'Gandhi in action'.

Gandhi was a self-remade man. His was a remarkable case of second birth in one lifetime. He called his auto-biography, "The story of my experiments with truth", 'experiments' being an operation on himself.

Indian embassies and missions abroad will also be celebrating Mahatma's 150th birth anniversary this year with much fervour. Proposals for the celebrations include events such as Indian vegetarian food festivals in embassies across the world. These embassies will also be coordinating with national and international universities as they hold joint conferences on Gandhi's life.

The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, launched a logo and web portal for the commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Starting this 'Gandhi Jayanti' in 2018, two-year-long celebrations from the October 2, 2018 to October 2, 2020 will be held across the country and all over the globe.

Mahatma Gandhi dedicated his life for the welfare of the people. Cleanliness, right eating, and hygiene were very dear to him. It is in this regard that the Government of India has massively launched the 'Swashtha Bharat Yatra' and 'Swachhta hi Seva' campaigns all over the country, with schools, government departments, and people from all walks of life actively participating in it.

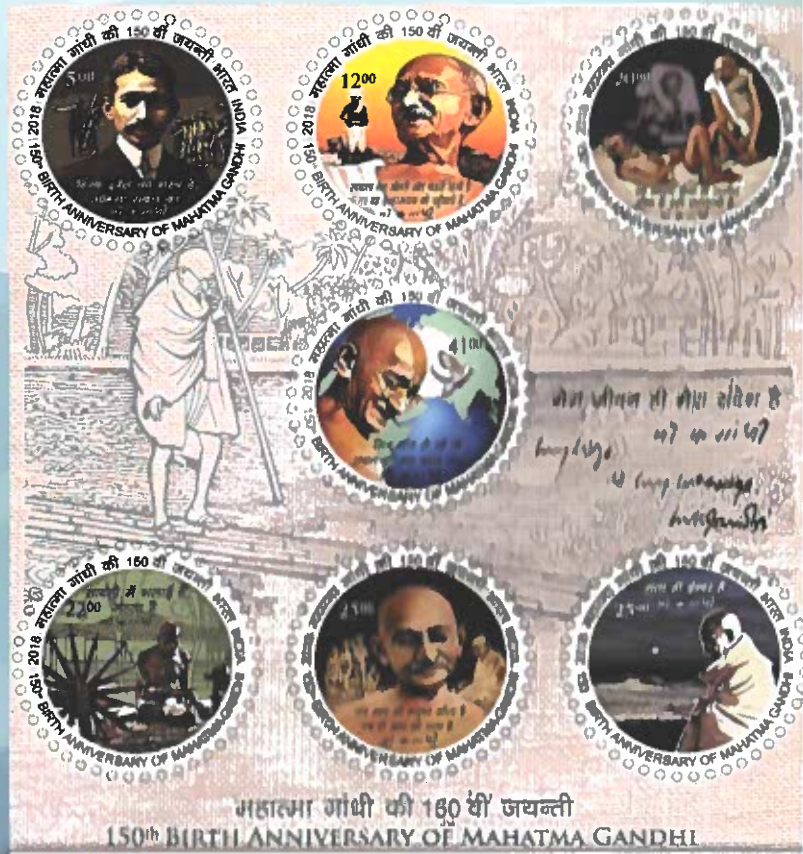


Photo: On the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2019 set of commemorative stamps were unveiled at a public reception in Berne, Switzerland