

## **High Commission of India** **Kuala Lumpur**

Gandhi@150 is a year-long celebration which started on 2nd October 2018 and will be celebrated on grand scale at its last leg i.e on 2nd October 2019. HCI, KL in partnership with various associations organised events which added more relevance to the ongoing celebrations

2. High Commission of India in association with the Telugu Expat Association of Malaysia (TEAM) organised a blood donation camp in Kuala Lumpur to commemorate Gandhi@150 on 9 March. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Indian diaspora. Shri Nishit Kumar Ujjwal, Counsellor (Community Affairs & Education) graced the occasion and distributed the certificates to the participants who donated blood. Few pictures of the events are attached herewith.





3. High Commission of India in association with Sri Sarada Devi Illam arranged for a tree planting event at the Raja Musa Forest Reserve on 23 March to celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The team planted over 600 trees at the event. Shri Shiv Sagar, Second Secretary (Projects) represented the High Commission.







4. High Commission of India in association with Malaysian Telugu Community organized Ugadi celebrations on 20 April to commemorate *bapu@150*. Shri Nishit Kumar Ujjwal, Counsellor (Community Affairs) represented High Commission of India while YB. Mr. Ganabatirao, State Minister of Selangor also attended the event. A tribute was paid to Gandhiji through audio-visual presentation and a patriotic dance drama. Large number of Indian diaspora was present in the event. The event was covered not only by Malaysian media but also by media in Andhra Pradesh, India.

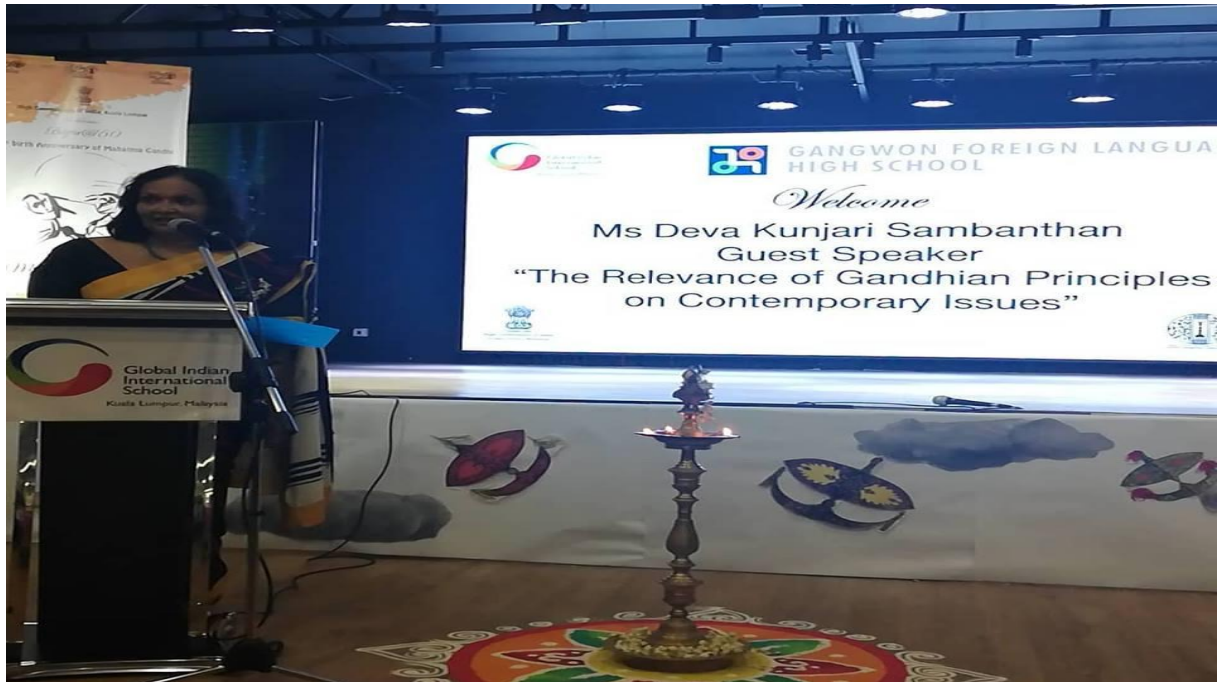








5. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC), Kuala Lumpur in collaboration with Global Indian International School (GIIS) Kuala Lumpur organised a talk on “The relevance of Gandhian Principles on Contemporary Issues” at GIIS on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to commemorate 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The talk was delivered by Smt. Devi Kunjari Sambanthan, daughter of Tun V. Sambanthan (the first Indian origin Minister of then Malaya). The talk was attended by the students from the Gangwon Foreign Language High School (GFLHS), a private school from South Korea, who have visited GIIS and participated in the GIIS Cultural Exchange Programme. Shri K. Ayyanar, Director NSCBICC represented the High Commission and Ms. Jung Inhee, Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea also attended the event. Smt. Deva Kunjari has shared on how Gandhiji’s values and principles contributed to the current political, social and community scenarios and on preserving concepts of non-violence, satyagraha, non-cooperation, religious tolerance, simple living and rural empowerment. The talk was well attended and received an overwhelming response.



6. High Commission of India in partnership with Myskills Foundation NGO inaugurated 'Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Park' in Selangor State on 26 April 2019 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Planting of 150 trees in the campus of Myskills Foundation was a part of the event. Myskills Foundation is a local Malaysian NGO which provides vocational training to under-privileged youths to help them to be a part of the mainstream society. Event witnessed enthusiastic participation from many prominent members of Indian diaspora including a representative from Chinese and Malay Community. Sh. Nishit Kumar Ujjwal, Counsellor (Community Affairs, Labour & Edu) represented the High Commission of India and Sh. M. Kulasegaran, Human Resource Minister, Government of Malaysia, represented the Malaysian Government. Among other prominent dignitaries Ms. Kamache Dorayrajoo, Member of State Assembly of Pahang State, was also present in the event. Both Sh. Mr. Kulasegaran and Sh. Nishit Kumar Ujjwal, jointly unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and participated in the tree plantation drive. Hundred and fifty (150) saplings of trees were planted in the honour of Gandhiji and the place was named at "Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Park". The event evoked widespread enthusiasm from the Malaysian Indian community and also got wide media publicity. A detailed report on this event has already been sent to the Ministry.

7. In partnership with the High Commission of India, All Malaysia Malayalee Associations (AMMA) commemorated 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi during their Vishu festival celebrations. The event was organized on 21 April 2019 at Putrajaya. Around 500 Malayalee Malaysians and their families attended the event. The highlight of the event was the Gandhi theme-based fancy dress and painting competition by school children, which was highly appreciated by participants.







8. Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) in association with Malaysia Telugu Foundation Production organised the 15<sup>th</sup> Chithirai Puthandu Mathura Geetham – One Indian One Community to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The event was organized at Temple of Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur on 28 April 2019. Shri K. Ayyanar, Director NSCBICC represented the High Commission of India. More than 300 people attended the event which featured various cultural performances.







9. Sant Nirankari Mission of Malaysia has organized blood donation camp at Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Society (NBCBICC) Kuala Lumpur on 4 May 2019 as part of a year-long celebrations to Mark 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Around 100 people attended the event and 20 participants donated blood. Dr. Praful Chandarwarkar, Dr. Jaydeep Nanda and Mr. Sunil Khamani delivered a speech. Songs were rendered by Mr Malkit Singh, Jagdish Singh and team of Sant Nirankari Mission. 12 minutes Skit was performed by the youth wing of Sant Nirankari Mission on importance of blood donation. Final discourse was given by Rev Pritamdas Binwaniji head of Sant Nirankari Mission, Malaysia. Counsellor (Community Affairs) attended the event.







10. High Commission of India in partnership with Bharat Club organized a Gandhi theme based 'Quiz Contest' in Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) on 26 May 2019. Shri Shiv Sagar, Second Secretary (Projects) represented the High Commission. There were two categories for children (i) Senior category and (ii) Junior category. The contest was dividing in three rounds covering the questions not only on Gandhiji but also on science, culture, sports and arts etc. The quiz was hosted by well-known quiz master of Malaysia Mr. Sivashankar.









11. The events organized for commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were well received by Indian Community in Malaysia. High Commission of India organized these events in association with various NGOs and organizations who wanted to be a part of this grand celebration and who value the principles of Gandhiji. These events sent strong signal about relevancy of Gandhian principles in today's volatile world.