

Grand Finale Celebrations of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur organized the Grand Finale Celebration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2020, on the virtual platform. This year, the event was celebrated in compliance with the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) and prevailing SoPs due to COVID situation in Malaysia. The proceedings of the online celebrations and cultural programmes are available on the official website of the High Commission of India.

2. On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, on 1st October 2020, High Commission of India hosted online “Gandhi Katha” by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, the globally renowned Gandhian and Chief Functionary of Gandhian Forum of Ethical Corporate Governance (GFECG), New Delhi, India, on its social media platform.

3. On 2nd October, the virtual celebrations began with the rendition of bhajan by Mrs Visalakshi Nityanand, Carnatic Vocal Teacher, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre and her team. Following the Gandhi Bhajan, a fascinating video based on Gandhiji’s quotes was performed in the form of story by the children of the members of the Bharat Club.

4. The High Commissioner also shared his thoughts on Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion. In his remarks, he underscored the relevance of Gandhiji’s principles and ideals of simplicity, harmony with nature and self-awareness, especially in the context of the global pandemic. He highlighted Gandhiji’s vision of *VasudhaivaKutumbakam* – that is, the whole world is one single family, is an aspiration for a globalized, interconnected world, while respecting and preserving diversity and promoting tolerance. In his concluding remarks, High Commissioner earnestly advised people to follow the ideals of Gandhiji to make the world a happier, peaceful and prosperous place.

5. The programme also included presentation of Kathak dance repertoire, highlighting the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, by the artists of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC), Kuala Lumpur. In addition, a video demonstrating Yoga Asanas by Shri Khemchand Gupta, Yoga Teacher and his students is also available on High Commission website for viewing.

6. To mark this occasion, Global Indian International School, Kuala Lumpur organised a painting competition for its students, providing children the opportunity to reflect upon the life, ideals and teachings of Gandhiji. A short video of the painting competition is available on the website.

7. A digital exhibition on the life and times of Mahatma Gandhi is also available on the website of the High Commission of India.
