



Speech of
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
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At

Bapu Museum, Gandhi Hills, Vijayawada, on 2nd
October, 2019 in connection with 150th Birth
Anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi

Distinguished guests on the dais and off the dais, ladies and gentlemen, media representatives, ADARIKI NAMASKARAM.

I deem it a privilege to be here as part of 150th birth anniversary celebrations of our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Government of India is commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, for a period of two years from 2nd October, 2018 to 2nd October 2020 at national and international level to propagate his message.

The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is an ideal time to remember his principles of truth and non-violence uncompromising commitment to them.

The occasion of 150th birth anniversary celebrations has given us an opportunity to remind the humanity of the world the importance of Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi's teachings are relevant in every sphere of the country such as Swacch Bharath, rights of women and children, civil liberties of disadvantaged groups, well being of farmers etc.

Mahatma Gandhi strived to lead the country to not just political independence, but to a better India and a society free of caste, religious, economic and gender discrimination. Mahatma Gandhi inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. That is why, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday is celebrated worldwide as the International Day of Non-violence. Leaders of civil rights movements in the United States, including Martin Luther King Jr., James Lawson, and James Bevel, drew their inspiration from the writings of Gandhi and developed their own theories about non-violence. Martin Luther King even went to say, "Christ gave us the goals and Mahatma Gandhi the tactics," and he often referred to Gandhi as the "little brown

saint.” Former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela was a follower of Gandhi’s philosophy of non-violent resistance from his early years.

As the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi ji has declared, all programmes associated with the celebrations of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi should be designed with the motto of ‘Karyanjali’ or ‘Gandhi in action.’ The occasion should be celebrated in a manner to ensure that Mahatma Gandhi continues to be an inspiration for future generations.

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