

## **Celebration of International Day of Non-Violence and 152<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

The High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur celebrated the 152<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. The celebrations were held on a virtual platform in view of the prevailing Movement Control Order (MCO) restrictions/SOPs due to the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia. The proceedings of the celebrations are available on the official website of the High Commission of India ([click here for the video](#)). This year's celebrations assume special significance as India celebrates *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* - 75 years of Independence.

2. The virtual celebrations began with excerpts from the tribute paid to Mahatma Gandhi by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, at the United Nations, about the relevance of his teachings in the contemporary world and the marked synergy between Gandhian values and the vision of United Nations.

3. High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. B.N. Reddy, in his remarks, highlighted that Gandhiji's preaching and practice of *Ahimsa* (non-violence) had a profound influence globally. The contemporary relevance of *Ahimsa* is celebrated by observing 2<sup>nd</sup> October as the International Day of Non-violence as the world seeks to achieve peace and harmony. The path of non-violence was the cornerstone of the independence struggles both in India and Malaysia. High Commissioner also remarked that the teachings of Mahatma have a deep connect with Malaysia and continue to have a special place here.

4. Tunku Datuk Dr. Hajah Sofiah Jewa, Princess of the Kedah Royal household, niece of Dr. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, the First Prime Minister of Malaysia, delivered a special talk on "Gandhi & Tunku Abdul Rahman – A study in contrast" reminiscing the close connect between Father of India and Father of Malaysia.

5. The cultural programme began with a melodious rendition of "Sabarmathi Ke Sant Tune Kar Diya Kamaal" by accomplished Malaysian singer, Dr. Hardev Kaur and her team. It was followed by a versatile dance presentation of Gandhiji's favourite bhajans led by Shri Akshobhya Bharadwaj, Kathak teacher at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre in Kuala Lumpur, accompanied by Bharatanatyam exponent Dr. Sri Ganesan and Odissi artiste Ms. Reshmee Roy along with the senior Malaysian students of the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre.

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