



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
CANBERRA

**PRESS RELEASE**

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated on 2nd October 2017 in Glebe Park, Canberra.

High Commissioner led the congregation in paying floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Addressing the gathering of India-Australia community about the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi, High Commissioner urged those assembled to celebrate the Mahatma's birthday by not just paying tribute to him, but by more widely disseminating his noble thoughts and ideals while committing to serving the larger cause of humanity. He said that Mahatma Gandhi advocated peace and non-violence during a period which was mired by brutalities, gross inequalities on colonized societies and two World Wars. The United Nations have rightly declared the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi as "International Day of Non-violence". It was Gandhiji's conviction that nothing enduring can be built on violence. Mahatma Gandhi gave stress on moral education, community work and struggle against political and social oppression.

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