

**High Commission of India**  
**Nairobi**

**Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi  
& 13<sup>th</sup> International Day of Non-Violence**

On the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the High Commission of India in Nairobi in association with the University of Nairobi (UoN) and Kenya-India Friendship Association (KIFA) organized a grand event to commemorate the 13<sup>th</sup> International Day of Non-Violence on 3 October 2019 at the University of Nairobi. Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, Former Vice President of Kenya & Kenya's Special Envoy to South Sudan was the Chief Guest. The event was attended by large number of people including members of the Diplomatic Corps & the UN, senior functionaries from Government of Kenya, faculty & students of University of Nairobi, media and representatives of Indian Community in Kenya.



In his remarks, the High Commissioner Rahul Chhabra underlined the importance of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of non-violence and truth in today's world. Chief Guest Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka delivered keynote address titled "Mahatma Gandhi Ji & the World Today" and underlined the importance of achieving peace and sustainable development in today's world. Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness, Director, Directorate of Asia & Australasia in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while thanking the High Commission for continuously organizing the event since past many years, thanked India for the support extended to Kenya in capacity building.



As a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, a video of the soulful rendition of Gandhiji's favourite bhajan 'Vaishnav Janato' by popular Kenyan singer Ms. Atemi Oyungu was played. A short documentary titled "the Visionary Dreamer" produced by Prasar Bharti was screened. A presentation titled 'A Simple Man, the World calls Mahatma' produced by XPD Division, Ministry of External Affairs was screened prior to the event.



A special photo exhibition of 14 panels prepared by the High Commission on the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi both in English and Swahili was displayed at the University. Mission also distributed copies of autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth' on the occasion.

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