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REPORT ON GANDHI@150 CELEBRATIONS IN HUNGARY **IN 2020**



The year 2018-20 all over the world was dedicated to commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of father of Indian nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The government of India dedicated the celebrations on various activities and events commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary where all the missions in the world participated in activities revolving around Gandhi.

Embassy of India in Hungary held several events and activities dedicated to this occasion which were:-

- **Inauguration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Hungarian Parliament (Oct 2, 2018**
- **Singing of the Bhajan “Vaishnav Jan to” (2nd October 2018)**
- **LED projection on historical Buda Castle (2nd October 2018)**
- **Vegetarian Food Festival (7th October, 2018)**

- **Commemorative stamp issued by Magyar Posta(Hungarian Posts) (21st February, 2019)**
- **Mahatma Gandhi –Anthology of article-“What Gandhi means to me”**
- **Khadi as an idea and not merely a “garment” exhibition (9 -26th January, 2019)**
- **Satya Varta (9th January, 2019)**
- **Digital translation of collected works of Gandhi**
- **Online Quiz**
- **Planting of trees on World Environment Day (5th June, 2019)**
- **Cycling event**
- **School outreach**

GANDHI@150 IN 2020

Year 2020 is celebrating the culmination of Gandhi@150 celebrations leading up to the grand finale on Oct 2nd, 2020. Embassy of India in Hungary planned a series of activities as a run up to the main event. The celebrations started with 10-Day daily quiz titled ‘ Know Gandhi Quiz’ which was posted daily with quotes of Mahatma Gandhi and snippets about the events done by Embassy of India till now.

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Gandhi@150 Ünnepe
Kvízjáték minden napra

Gandhiját, az erőszaktolerancia szellemében 1948. január 30-án egyenlítették az újdelhi Birtó-bécsben, nem sokkal 17 óra után, miközben indulni készült ment. Melyik sorszámból kezdte az ottani a bécs?

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Minden napra egy kvízkérdés # 2

Hol tartották le Gandhiját a „Nagyjáték el Indiat Mozgalm” programja miatt?

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Szemét szemért - és az egész világ megvakul - Gandhi

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DAILY QUIZ # 3




In commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi the Historical Budapest Centre was lit up with the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and his favorite slogan, "Truth Alone Triumphs" played in the background at Ujpesti tér.

Mention two places in Hungary where the statue of Mahatma Gandhi has been installed.

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Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony - Gandhi

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DAILY QUIZ # 4



2019-ban a Mahatma Gandhi születésének 150. évfordulójára ábránálabb rendezést szerveztünk egyike a jócska Gandhi emlékműre Ujpesti terekre elvitt ünnepségre volt.

Ki adta Bapunak a "Mahatma" nevet?

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A gyengék nem tudnak soha megbocsátani. A megbocsátás az erősek tulajdonsága - Gandhi

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Minden napra egy kvíz kérdés # 5



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Daily Quiz # 7



2019 januárjában az India Repülésiügyi és Gandhi@150 Ünnepe keretében "Theo" kiállítást rendeztünk. A kiállítást látogatók számára életrajzi kiállításokat tartunk meg.

Gandhi hitt benne, hogy az erőszakkal szembeni harcnak ilyenek kell lennie?

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Istennek nincs vallása - Gandhi

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Kvíz minden napra # 8




2019-ban az 2018-ban az ICCR szervezte a nemzetközi életrajzi kiállítás, amelyen az India Repülésiügyi keretében a Gandhi-n 150. évfordulóra rendeztünk.

A Gandhi által hirdett Swadeshi Mozgalom a khandi szöveget népszerűsítette. Milyen eszközt használtak hozzá?

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"Kijárok az erőszaktól, mert amikor úgy tűnik, hogy lát térs, a jó csak ideglen; a gonoszság állandó" - Gandhi

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Kvíz minden napra # 9




A Gandhi-n 150. évfordulóra rendeztünk 2018-ban az India Repülésiügyi és Gandhi@150 Ünnepe keretében "Theo" kiállítást rendeztünk. A kiállítást látogatók számára életrajzi kiállításokat tartunk meg.

Hogyan nevezik még Gandhi séméit? márcus

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"Te légy a változás, amit látni akarsz a világban." - Gandhi

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Celebrating Gandhi@150
Daily Quiz # 10



In 1931, an "Honesty Through Truth" a "Honesty" was conducted, a talk of truth, by Anna Károlyi Állás, a Gandhi-erőszakon a Gandhi, who read a paper written by her on the philosophy of "truth" and "ahimsa" to Mahatma Gandhi.

Which Hungarian film maker had attempted to make a film on "GANDHI" in 20th century but failed?

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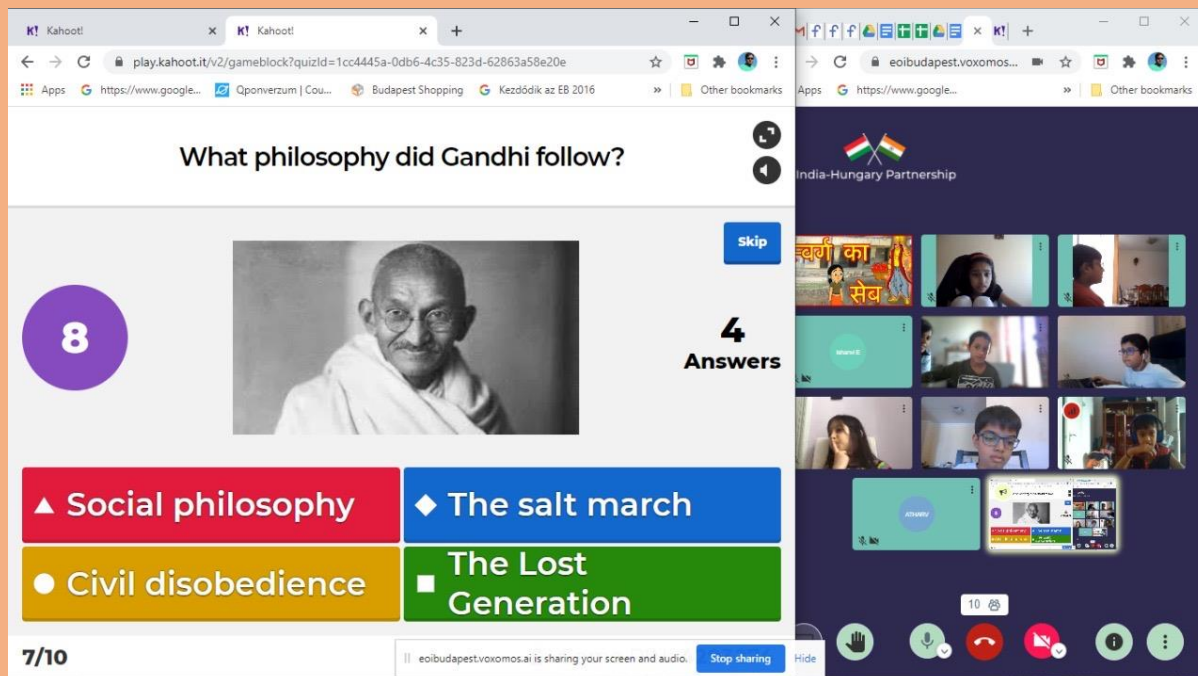
In a gentle way, you can shake the world - Gandhi

The daily quiz was very well received and got immense views and engagement on social media. Winners were given books on Gandhi Ji & Vouchers by Indian restaurants

For the Gandhi@150 celebrations, several eminent persons sent their video messages and wishes from Hungary and Bosnia & Herzegovina like the Mayor Of Dist 2, Budapest, Mr. Gergely Orsi, Vice-Rector, Szechenyi Istevan University Dr. Eszter Lukasz, well known actor Emina Muftic, Film Maker Slavisa Masic, Physicist & Doctor Nada Masic and Professor of multiple subjects Dr. Esad Bajtal from Sarajevo. The messages were posted on social media and well received. Besides participating in the daily quiz, members of Indian diaspora sent Vaishnav Jan To songs, paintings, sketches and other presentations like a doodle on Gandhi Ji.



Students of Hindi at Embassy conducted games & quizzes on Mahatma Gandhi during their online classes.



Embassy of India also posted film on KHADI and posted the documentaries on Mahatma Gandhi on all platforms.

GRAND FINALE CELEBRATION

To commemorate the Gandhi@150 grand finale , Embassy of India come on the leading TV Channel, Hir TV in a specially curated programme comprising of discussion & dance drama in 'Paletta'. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin, Dr. Gabor Sonkoly, Dean, Dept of India Studies, ELTE Univ and Ms. Panni Somi, noted Bharatnatyam Artist participated in a live discussion about Mahatma Gandhi. A dance dramam was specially designed and made for the programme with 11 artists in Budapest which was a multi camera shooting.



Artists getting ready for the performance & shoot



Director, ASCC supervising the shoot in control room





Shooting of the dance drama





Live painting going on by Artist



Artists with Ambassador after the shooting



Live Gandhi@150 programme on Hir TV Paletta



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Indiai Nagykövetség, Budapest

GANDHI@150

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- ▲ Beszélgetés Mahátma Gandhi filozófiájáról
- ▲ 'Egy új India - Gandhi látomása' - Táncdráma bemutató

Előadják:

Túri Virág Réka – odisszi tánc
Szegeci Anita – odisszi tánc
Dr. Neethu Mohan – móhini áttam tánc
Somí Panní – bharatanátjam tánc
Pethő Kincső – bharatanátjam tánc
Rukmini Zsófia – odisszi tánc & hindusztáni táncszakértő

Pénteken a HírTV műsorán!

**HÍR TV,
Paletta
2020. október 2., 13.30**

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Media Reports on Gandhi@150 Celebrations in Hungary

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The Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre's dance drama for 80th

Memorial events culminate with TV special

Two-year Gandhi commemoration reaches climax

Written by Christopher Dierberg

The full name given to the boy born in India in 1869 was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. A century and a half later, just one of those three names is all that's needed for universal recognition of the boy who became one of the greatest figures of world history, and that name is simply Gandhi.

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The actual date of birth was October 2, 1869, and thus October 2, 2019 saw the 150th birth anniversary of the lawyer, politician, social activist and writer who became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India, culminating in his being considered the Father of the Nation. And now, October 2, 2020, sees the completion of two years spent celebrating that 150th birthday of a name that still rings loudly through the ages, esteemed for the doctrine of satyagraha, or *non-violent protest*, to attain political and social progress for his country.

The Government of India decided in 2018 to commemorate this 150th anniversary of Mahatma ("Great Soul") Gandhi for a period of two years from October 2, 2018 to October 2, 2020 at national and international level to propagate his message. A National Council including the President, Prime Minister and all state Chief Ministers of India was set up. In Hungary, the Embassy of India wholeheartedly participated over the full two years, organising a series of events to mark the auspicious occasion.



The Ambassador to Hungary, His Excellency Kumar Tuhi, explains: "India proudly celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, one of its most illustrious sons, on October 2, 2019. The Embassy of India in Budapest organised a series of events and activities to mark this important milestone over the two-year period from October 2018 to October 2020, and did so in a way so as to bring out the message of Mahatma on a diverse range of topics, such as sustainability, education, non-violence, vegetarianism, gender equality, etcetera.

"What Mahatma Gandhi preached and implemented is as relevant and salient today as it was during his lifetime. His revolutionary ideas ought to be considered again by the world to solve social and personal conflicts confronting us today, including through adapting these to contemporary realities if required."

The embassy's series of memorial events culminated this October 2, 2020 with a special programme on leading Hungarian television channel RTLTV in the programme Ambassador Tuhi spoke extensively on the philosophy of Gandhi and the significance of commemorating this day the world over. Dr. Gabor Sonkoly from ELTE University shared his own experiences of Gandhi and artist Barni Somi focused on how her life has been influenced by the Mahatma and the idea behind a dance drama that was created for the programme.

Ambassador Tuhi and the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre performers

The dance drama was the work of the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre at the Indian Embassy in Budapest's District V, and saw 11 artists collaborating to create a melodious performance depicting Gandhi's philosophy of truth and non-violence that helped India free itself from British colonial rule on August 15, 1947.

The drama featured major forms of classical dance from India such as Bharatanatyam, Odissi and Kathak, interspersed with live music on sitar, veena and tabla. Visiting artists from Hungary participated including Dr. Chinmayi Ghole, Szabi von Zoltan Lantos, Iuli Wang Jieya, Szabolcs Anikó, Dr. Neepthi Mohan, Somi Somi, Váczó Károly and Kükenni Zsófia.

As the dancing proceeded, a live painting was being done on the spot by artist-wallah Majumdar who created a collage of Gandhi.

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Ambassador Tuhi in Parliament, NYTV

The embassy's commemorations were inaugurated on October 2, 2018 in the Hungarian Parliament with a floral tribute by Speaker László Kóvér in the presence of Ambassador and other MPs. They displayed Indian postage stamps honouring Gandhi, and Ar Kita Sood, Teacher of Indian Culture in Budapest, conducted a Veda session to express the parliamentarians.

Kóvér released a video by Hungarian singer Demeter Máté performing "Vishal-nasa Janta Tuhi, Gandhi's favourite bhajan, or devotional song, with filming having been done at prominent Budapest locations such as the Chain Bridge, Buda Castle, Heroes Square, Collet, Hill and so on. The introductory celebration continued into the evening when Buda Castle was lit up by a LED projection of slides on the life and teachings of the Mahatma, projected on the facade of Buda Castle (and suitably translated into Hungarian).

A vegetarian food festival later recalled Gandhi's remark that "The most violent weapon on earth is the table fork", after he became a vegetarian because he believed inherent violence was involved in eating meat, and non-violence could be achieved by abstaining from it.

In February 2019, Magyar Posta issued a commemorative stamp on Gandhi, producing 40,000 copies of a miniature sheet designed by graphic artist Tibor Dömök. The sheet contains four identical stamps showing the Mahatma in Namaskar posture, the non-contact Hindu greeting that brings the palms of the hand together before the face.

Former Prime Minister of Hungary Peter Medgyessy wrote an article titled "What Gandhi means to me". Medgyessy is described as an Indian lover and is listed in the Foundation for Traditional Indian Medicine for the Public Health in Hungary, promoting the alternative Ayurveda medicine system.

A "Khadi Exhibition" at the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Khadi and Village Industries Commission of India highlighted men's and women's apparel such as wraps, woollen and silk clothes, handkerchiefs, Nehru caps and other items made from the hand-spun and hand-woven natural fibre cotton that became a symbol of Indian national identity.

The exhibition showed how Gandhi used the portable spinning wheel known as a charkha to spin thread and make his own clothes while he was a political prisoner in Pune's Yerwade jail in the early 1930s. A simultaneous photographic exhibition showed facets of his values, beliefs and philosophy.

Commemorations continued through 2019 and 2020 with memorial speeches, lectures, film showings and "webinars" on his influence; a digital translation of his work "Satyagraha in South Africa", where he was an attorney for distribution to educational institutions, plus an online "Know Gandhi" quiz; a cycling event for hundreds of riders and the planting of 150 saplings at



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Cycling for Gandhi in 2019

Ambassador Tuhin has visited the Gandhi School of Pécs, University of Pécs, Széchenyi István University in Győr, Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts, Eötvös Loránd University and John Wesley Theological College, Budapest, among others on various occasions to spread the word.

One notable contribution to the commemoration was made by the Mayor of District II who made a video sharing his thoughts on Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi died on January 30, 1948 and is particularly remembered each October 2.

Further reading:

[Lessons form a Classic](#)

[Mahatma Gandhi Among Leaders Most Admired By CEOs Globally](#)

On video:



You can watch additional videos about [Gandhi's friendship with Tagore](#), Gandhi's [associates](#), [quotations](#) from Gandhi, the [Salt March](#), Gandhi's [march against the unjust laws of the South African government](#), the epic march of [Noakhali](#) and his [Last Journey](#).

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Looking at the short, thin, unassuming man in a loincloth, no one would imagine that this man with an iron will and a gentle approach towards humanity had the power to overthrow the tyrannical rule of the colonial empire in India. And not only in India, as he has also been the face of the civil rights movement in the early 20th century in the entire world, so much so that Martin Luther King Jr. argued that the Gandhian philosophy was “the only morally and practically sound method open to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom”. That iron-willed man was born 151 years ago, and even today, his philosophy and approach to nearly everything in life apply to the modern world and society at large.

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The government of India decided to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth in a befitting manner by having events of various kind to spread the message of his values and principles. The message of Mahatma Gandhi has appealed to a large portion of the Hungarian population. The influence of Gandhi and his teachings is way beyond the statues and mentions in the curriculum of schools and can be seen in the Gandhi School and its core philosophy, as well as several thinkers who have promoted Gandhi's teachings and values at different levels.

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'My Life Is My Message' is what Mahatma Gandhi believed,

and it is reflected in the book called *My Experiments With Truth*, which has aptly been translated by Judit Tekulics and Eszter Somogyi to Hungarian.

- [Closer Indian-Hungarian cooperation on the horizon in global issues?](#)
- [Indian student found dead in Budapest: his family now collects money to transport his remains home](#)

To spread the message of Mahatma Gandhi, the Embassy of India in Hungary organised several events from 2018, which would culminate on Oct 2, 2020, in a special programme on one of the leading TV channels in Hungary, HírTV, in the programme Paletta at 13:30. In the programme, the Ambassador of India in Hungary, Mr Kumar Tuhin, spoke extensively on the philosophy of Gandhi and the significance of commemorating this day worldwide.



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Gandhi in her role and the role of creating the dance or artist or this special programme made by the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre, 11 artists collaborated to create a melodious dance drama depicting Gandhi's philosophy of truth, non-violence, and 'Satyagrah', which helped India gain freedom from colonial rule.



In this dance drama, classical dances from India like Bharatanatyam, Odissi, and Kathak were presented with live music on sitar, violin, and tabla by veteran artists from Hungary.

The Gandhi Jayanti (anniversary celebrations of Gandhi's birth) kicked off this year in Hungary by a daily 'Know Gandhi Quiz', which received an immense amount of responses from the Indian & Hungarian audience. This initiative brings Gandhi closer to people. This was followed by dedicated Webinars conducted by the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre where notable Gandhian experts from India Dr Jacob Pulickan and Mr Sopan Joshi delivered lectures on the relevance of Gandhi for modern times.



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The webinar was held for students of Széchenyi István University, Pécs University, Dharma Gate University, and Bhakti Vedanta College. Hungarians attended the webinars in large numbers and participated in the enlightening talks by the experts. The embassy has received several video messages by eminent people from Hungary and Bosnia & Herzegovina (message from the mayor, Vice-Rector Eszter Lukacs, film directors, actors from Sarajevo, etc.)



Gandhi fought for the rights of the poor and the oppressed as well, and those outside of the caste

In continuation of the events in the past two years, some novel activities were organised by the Embassy of India.



Forthcoming events scheduled for October on Gnadhi@150-

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Digital Exhibitions are going to be showcased at the National Museum of Hungary from the end of October with Messages from Ambassador, writeup on Gandhi Ji and details on the exhibitions, for 2 months. Digital Exhibition would also be put up at the eminent Vaszary Villa Art Gallery in Balatonfured.

1. NATIONAL MUSEUM, HUNGARY

DATE: OCTOBER LAST WEEK (FOR 2 MONTHS)

<https://mnm.hu/en>

2. VASZARY VILLA ART GALLERY, BALATONFURED

DATE: OCT 12TH (NEXT 1 MONTH)

<https://kultura.balatonfured.hu/vaszary-galeria/>

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A collection of pics from #Gandhiji's South Africa sojourn, #digitalexhibition of #MahatmaGandhi encapsulates his fight for justice & human rights leading to his movement of #satyagrah #nonviolence in #India #Gandhi150 @ICCR_Delhi @GAt150 @IndianDiplomacy @MEAIndia @Upid_Msme



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