## **EMBASSY OF INDIA**

## **BUDAPEST**

## REPORT ON GANDHI@150 CELEBRATIONS IN HUNGARY



The year 2018-19 all over the world is dedicated to celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of father of Indian nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The government of India dedicated the entire year on various activities and events commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Hungarian Parliament (2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018)
- Singing of the Bhajan "Vaishnab Jan to" (2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018)
- LED projection on historical Buda Castle (2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018)
- Vegetarian Food Festival (7<sup>th</sup> 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" (9 -26th January, 2019)
- Satya Varta (9th January, 2019)
- Digital translation of collected works of Gandhi
- Online Quiz
- Planting of tress on World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June, 2019)
- Cycling event
- School outreach

As the monumental day approached, Embassy of India had a series of activities & events lined up from Oct 2-6<sup>th</sup> in Budapest and Pecs city.

The celebrations of 'Gandhi Jayanti' started on Oct 2 at the Gandhi Grammar School, and the Center for Minority - Roma Methodology, Education and Culture (NeRok) in the ancient city of Pécs where Ambassador H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin and Mr. Attila Sztojka, DG, State Secretariat for Social Affairs & Inclusion, Mr. Prabal Dutta, GM & Delivery Centre Head of TCS, Mr. Istvan

Ignacz, Director Of Gandhi School paid their respects at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi. This was followed by the speeches of Ambassador and other dignitaries on the relevance of Gandhian thoughts in today's times. The programme was made lively by a colourful cultural programmes based on songs and events of Mahatma Gandhi's life by artists from Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre, Budapest and students of Gandhi School as well as some other local schools.





A programme was held at the University of Pécs in the presence of Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin, Vice Rector Dr. Bernadette Peley, Leader of Media office of university Ms. Eva Harka, and Former Director of Hungarian Cultural Centre Mr. Zoltan Wilhelm. Floral tributes were paid at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi installed in the Botanical Garden of the University and his life and ideals remembered.











Indian students at Pecs University wearing Gandhi bands & caps

Another ceremony was held at Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts, Budapest on Oct 3, at which a number of Hungarian citizens and officials together with the Embassy officials gathered to remember Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to India's freedom movement. The Museum hosts a Gandhi bust in its compound. After the flower tributes at the bust and speeches by the Ambassador and Museum Director Dr. Fajcsák Györgyi, an Indian fusion musical programme followed by a symbolic tying of thread from the yarn available with the museum on the bust of Mahatma Gandhi was organized.











Sonali Roy performing on Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram on music ensemble by Chirayu Bhole on Tabla, Szabi Toth on Sitar and Tibor on Congo



150 ÉVE SZÜLETETT - meghitt ünnepségen emlékeztünk Mahátma Gandhira Budapesten a Hopp Ferenc Kelet-Ázsiai Múzeum és az Indiai Nagykövetség szervezésében, békefonalat kötve Kumár Tuhin nagykövettel, Fajcsák Györgyi múzeumigazgatóval s Szaraszvatí Keserű Aranka MJSz elnökkel

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Lecture on Environmental Credo of Mahatma Gandhi By Shobhana Radhakrishna at ELTE University, Budapest on 04/10/2019

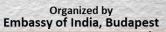
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Jugalbandi of table & Pakhawaj by a young Hungarian artist

The Embassy organised a series of lectures by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna from Gandhi Forum, India at ELTE University, Central European University and Bhakti Vedanta College on 4<sup>th</sup> October as well as at the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct on the topic 'Transformational Leadership of Mahatma Gandhi & its Relevance in Contemporary World.'

Last but not the least, a lecture was held by H. E Mr. Kumar Tuhin at John Wesley Theological College, Budapest where Ambassador addressed the students and professors and spoke about the principles of Mahatma Gandhi in contemporary times. Ambassador presented Books on Mahatma Gandhi to the Rector Dr. Gabor Ivanyi.

