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**Subject: Observation of Silence on 2nd October,
International Day of Non-violence**

Dear friend,

Let us be together in silence for introspection on 2nd October, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, declared as "International Day of Non-violence" by the UN. The observation time for introspection can be 12 noon, or it can be any time for a minute or more on this day. It may be observed individually or collectively at any place.

This comes from the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi for Truth and Non-violence.

Kindly go through the enclosed papers.

Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee

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SILECE FOR NON-VIOLENCE

On a Thread of Creation
 In a Global Circle
 A Pilgrimage of Silence
 Seeking in Orbit
 A Moment of Enlightenment
 Of Peace and Truth
 Within and Without

We are in the context of the world wide celebration of the concept of Satyagraha – truth and non-violence as experienced, experimented and lived by Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi. I wonder if at any time in the history of humanity, the philosophical and moral concepts of truth and compassion have been a subject of such collective and conscious celebration throughout the earth.

Gandhi belongs to the entire Humanity and his life, philosophy and thought will remain a constant subject of study, analysis and veneration as well as strong negative reactions.

The 2nd October – the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi – has been declared as the International Day of Non-violence by the United Nations. With the world wide reality of consciousness of non-violence, there are also the terrifying contradictions of the reality of appalling and environmental pollution, horrifying human violence and terror with the threat of biological, chemical and nuclear weapons and a global chain of sentimental fear.

Yet the strongest force is inherent in truth, courage and compassion that are the desperate need of today. The philosophy and the practice of non-violence and peace are needed for the very survival of life and environment now.

How do we observe with significance the 2nd October and accept the challenge of Non-violence at Individual and collectively levels?

Let us visualize a cosmic thread following from the wheel of eternity. This will be a flow of harmony that can orbit the Earth in 24 hours, starting at midday sharp of the 2nd October from Japan, and after 1 minute of silence and introspection by the humanity, it moves westwards to encircle the whole Earth in 24 hours. This can be a celebration of our consciousness for homage to non-violence in today's context.

In the flow of this silence, through introspection, we, the children of Mother Earth, pay homage to the greatest spiritual and creative flows of man and nature, of past and present, which have kept the spark of eternal love still glowing in each one of us.

We have observed saving of electricity for one minute all over the world. A minute of silence will be a global moment of enlightenment.

Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee (brief introduction)

“Non-violence and peace are a celebration of our consciousness to honour life and creation. This celebration of our consciousness should be translated into the objective of a people’s movement for cleaning the human mind of violence and protecting the environment from pollution. This celebration is a universal message that goes beyond the social, political and religious divisions.

“Non-violence means much more than just the lack of violence. Non-violence is also action and introspection. It is the courage of truth with love. It is the reawakening of the spirit in harmony with nature and environment and all forms of life.

“Violence is pollution and pollution is violence.”

“The hand spun and hand woven cloth called *Khadi* is a thread of creation. Being a source of bread and beauty to millions in India, a hand spinning wheel is also a meditational therapy. The world again needs to get acquainted with the fabulous texture of the handspun fabric and the hand spinning wheel.”

Tara has been working for the welfare of the spinners and the weavers of *Khadi*.

Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, the daughter of Late Devadas Gandhi and Late Smt. Lakshmi Devadas Gandhi was born on the 24th of April in 1934 in New Delhi. She is a granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi.

Tara’s husband was late Dr. Jyoti Prasad Bhattacharjee, a leading economist. Her daughter Sukanya Bharatram is married to Mr. Vivek Bharatram and they have a son Akshar Vidur Bharatram. Tara’s son Vinayak Bhattacharjee is married to Louise Versteegh and they have three daughters – India Ananya, Anoushka Lakshmi and Andrea Tara.

Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee is the Vice-Chairperson of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust. Gandhi Smriti is the site of martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi for truth and non-violence. Tara feels it to be a great honour for working in Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti. “I have spent the last four months of Gandhi’s life with him in this house. This place takes me back to the era when I was a witness to time in the Birla House (Gandhi Smriti) as a 13 year old”, says Tara.

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