

अध्यक्ष : डा. मनमोहन सिंह
भारत के प्रधानमंत्री
Chairman : Dr Manmohan Singh
Prime Minister of India
उपाध्यक्ष : श्रीमती तारा गांधी भट्टाचार्य
Vice Chairperson : Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee
निदेशक : मणिमाला
Director : Manimala



गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति
(एक स्वायत्त निकाय, संस्कृति मंत्रालय)
Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti
(An Autonomous Body Under Ministry of Culture)

10.9.2012

**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

(Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee)

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.

