

GANDHI JAYANTHI

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated annually on October 2nd to commemorate the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, a key figure in India's struggle for independence and a global icon of peace and non-violence. Known as the "Father of the Nation" in India, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi led India towards freedom from British rule through his unique philosophy of *ahimsa* (non-violence) and *satyagraha* (truth and non-violent resistance). His life and work continue to inspire people worldwide, from civil rights activists to advocates of social change.

On this day, people across India and around the world pay homage to Gandhi's memory and values. One of the main observances is held at Raj Ghat, his memorial in New Delhi, where the President, Prime Minister, and other dignitaries participate in a prayer service. Across schools, communities, and institutions, events are organized to discuss Gandhi's teachings, which emphasize truth, simplicity, and compassion. His efforts to fight against social evils like untouchability, promote self-reliance, and support the downtrodden are remembered and celebrated.

Gandhi Jayanti is not only a day of tribute but also a time to reflect on the ideals he held dear. His emphasis on non-violent resistance has left a lasting impact, leading to the United Nations declaring October 2nd as the International Day of Non-Violence. Through this day, Gandhi's message of peace and understanding transcends borders, reminding the world of the power of truth and compassion.

In his own words, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," Gandhi inspired millions to take personal responsibility for the improvement of society. Today, on Gandhi Jayanti, people are encouraged to follow his example, promoting peace, justice, and mutual respect to build a better future.

