

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Embassy of India Celebrates Gandhi Jayanti in Monrovia, Unveils Bust of Mahatma Gandhi

Embassy of India, Monrovia today (2 October) celebrated Gandhi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, with the participation of members of the Indian Community in Liberia, distinguished guests and a delegation of Liberian legislators led by Hon. Ellen A. Attoh-Wreh, Chairperson of the Women Legislative Caucus of Liberia (WLCL).

A key highlight of this year's Gandhi Jayanti celebration was the unveiling of the newly installed bust of Mahatma Gandhi, located prominently in the lawn of the Chancery.

The bust will serve as a lasting reminder to Embassy officials, members of the Indian Community, visitors and friends of India of Mahatma Gandhi's timeless message. The Embassy hopes that the bust will inspire reflection on the values of peace over violence, love over hate, dialogue over confrontation, compassion over indifference and service over self-interest.

Gandhi Jayanti is observed as a national holiday in India and is also commemorated by the United Nations as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador of India Manoj Bihari Verma welcomed Hon. Ellen A. Attoh-Wreh and the delegation of Liberian legislators, noting that their presence was a reflection of the close and growing partnership between India and Liberia.

The delegation had recently visited India from 10-15 August 2026 as part of a South-South Peer Learning Mission under the IBSA Fund-supported project, "Women Legislators in Liberia: Promoting Voice, Leadership and Gender-Responsive Governance for Sustainable Development." The project is supported by the Governments of India, Brazil and South Africa.

The Ambassador highlighted the continued relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's life and philosophy, noting that his message belongs not only to India but to all of humanity. The Ambassador recalled Gandhi's famous Talisman, which calls upon

decision-makers to consider the impact of their actions on the poorest and weakest members of society.

The WLCL Chairperson Hon. Ellen A. Attoh-Wreh highlighted the continued relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's message of peace, non-violence, service, dialogue and reconciliation. She also noted the relevance of Gandhi's principles to the work of legislators in promoting dialogue, inclusivity and peaceful resolution of differences.

The celebration also featured cultural presentation by school children, who presented cultural performances and rendered some of Mahatma Gandhi's favourite bhajans (devotional songs). The performances added a vibrant dimension to the commemoration and provided an opportunity for the younger generation to connect with the Mahatma's life and values.

The Gandhi Jayanti celebration also marked the conclusion of Seva Pakhwada, the fortnight-long service campaign observed from 17 September to 2 October in India and at Indian Missions abroad. During the period, Embassy officials undertook a Swachhata Pledge, beach cleaning and planting of coconut saplings under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative.

As part of the spirit of seva and community service, the Embassy facilitated the gifting of medicines by three Indian pharmaceutical companies to the Group of 77 Disabled Centre in Liberia, an institution supporting persons with disabilities under the auspices of the Office of the Vice President.

The Embassy expressed its appreciation to M/s Abeer Pharmaceutical, M/s Bunty Pharmaceuticals of SBR Group of Companies and M/s Lucky Development Corporation/Lucky Pharmacy for their gesture of solidarity and friendship. The initiative reflects the contribution of Indian companies to people-to-people cooperation and the strengthening of India-Liberia relations.

The Embassy also expressed its appreciation to the Indian Community in Liberia for its continued contribution to the social and economic life of Liberia and to strengthening the bonds of friendship between India and Liberia.

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