

**Permanent Mission of India to the UN  
New York**

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**International Day of Non-Violence  
(Wednesday, 2 October 2024)**

Mahatma Gandhi is one of the most iconic figures of the 21st century. Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts and works today are a very powerful inspiration for human dignity, societal values, spirituality, environment, sustainability, cleanliness and many other areas.

2 October was marked as the International Day of Non-Violence by General Assembly Resolution A/RES/61/271 of 15 June 2007. Cosponsored by 140 countries the resolution established the commemoration of the International Day as an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness".

Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to truth, to non-violence, to independence and freedom have been recognized by the UN by proclaiming his birthday, 2 October, as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Gandhian values have been recognized globally as powerful tools for seeking justice, equity, and growth. These have also inspired peoples' movements worldwide, including those led by figures like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela.

In the context of UN, the Gandhian values resonate in one way or the other in the three pillars-sustainable development, human rights and humanitarian issues and peace & security.

As we look beyond the Summit of the Future, it is important to recall and reflect on the Gandhian values and how these can influence our work at the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations is organizing a Special event to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence on Wednesday, 2 October 2024, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in CR 8 at UN HQ, New York at 1500 hrs. All are cordially invited.

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