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High Commission of India, Accra

Press Release

Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
on 2nd October 2020, in Accra

The two-year long celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, that commenced on 2nd October 2018, culminated with an event that was organised by the High Commission on 2nd October 2020.

The celebration of the finale of Gandhi@150 began in Accra on 2nd September 2020, with the live streaming of Gandhi Katha on High Commission's Facebook by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, an acclaimed international speaker. The one-hour long narration of Katha began with a message from High Commissioner Sugandh Rajaram. The Katha gave an insight into Mahatma Gandhi's views relevant to the contemporary world and his continuing legacy.

On 2nd October 2020, the programme began with offering of floral tributes by High Commissioner Sugandh Rajaram, DG of India-Ghana Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT, President of Indian Association and other dignitaries to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi located at ICT Centre, Accra. Mr. Kwasi Adu-Gyan, Director General of the Institute welcomed the audience.

In his address, High Commissioner underscored the importance of following life message of Mahatma Gandhi and urged the audience to make a resolve to inculcate values and teachings of Gandhiji, in whatever manner one can, in one's everyday conduct.

Other dignitaries, including the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, H.E. Claudia Turbay Quintero, Ambassador of Colombia and Ms. Cynthia Mensa, Special Assistance to Presidency, Ghana National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, also addressed the gathering.

The programme included screening of short documentaries on Gandhiji and cultural performances by the school children that included a skit on Gandhiji and singing of Gandhiji's favourite Bhajan - Vaishnav Jan To. A quiz on Gandhiji was also organised in which the audience, including persons representing different cultures, countries and ethnicity, participated.

High Commissioner awarded prizes to the winners of the essay competition, on various themes highlighting teachings of Gandhiji, that was organised a week prior to the main event.

The programme, which was also streamed live on High Commission's Facebook, ended with rendering of the favourite devotional song of Mahatma Gandhi – Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram - by one of the school children.

