

Embassy of India  
Warsaw

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Press Release  
Celebration of the 154<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi



The Embassy of India in Warsaw celebrated the 154<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bapu-Mahatma Gandhi today in the Embassy premises with joy and gratitude.

Floral tributes were presented at the bust of Bapu at the Chancery premises by the Ambassador of India Nagma M. Mallick and other participants. In her speech, Ambassador Mallick began by recalling Gandhiji's relations with eminent personalities of the region, mainly great and thinker and writer Leo Tolstoy, and Herman Kallenbach, his Lithuanian friend with whom he set up Tolstoy farm, his first ashram, in South Africa. She then described the Salt March or Namak Andolan and ended by explaining Gandhiji's commitment to vegetarianism.

Students of Good Maharaja School presented the 'Gayatri Mantra' and sang Gandhiji's favourite Bhajan 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram' on this occasion. Mr. Filip Ruciński, Research scholar of Sanskrit Sahitya-aur-Darshan at University of Warsaw and Ms. Amma Kandel, sang 'Vaishnav Jan To', and two short songs from Bapu ka paath - *Utho Jaago Musafir* by Kabir Das and *Prabhu mere avaguna dur karo*. The performances were greatly appreciated by the audience.

During the event, winners of Hindi Diwas 2023 competitions on Essay writing, poetry and handwriting organised by the Embassy in the month of September were also

awarded by the Ambassador. Ms. Ujwala, winner of first prize in Poetry competition also recited her poem 'Mere Sapno ka Bharat' for the audience.

Many Polish Friends of India and members of the Indian community attended the Gandhi Jayanti celebration.









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