

**Embassy of India  
Paramaribo**

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**Press Release**

**152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

The Embassy of India in Paramaribo organized a celebration of the 152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Mahatma Gandhi Statue, Kodjo Mentor en Present Plein in Paramaribo this morning (2<sup>nd</sup> October).

The programme began with Ambassador Shankar Balachandran garlanding the Gandhi statue and offering floral tributes. This was followed by Chief Guest H.E. Mr. Dewanchandrebose Sharman, Deputy Speaker of National Assembly of Suriname, Hon'ble Ministers Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Mr. Bronto S.G. Somohardjo, Mr. Kenneth J. Amoksi, representatives of Ministers, Ambassadors of Guyana and Indonesia and District Commissioner of Paramaribo Northeast and Hon'ble Members of Parliament Mr. Evert Karto and Ms. Niesha Jhakry and invited guests garlanding and offering floral tributes. The Ambassador and the Chief Guest addressed the gathering extolling the virtues of Mahatma Gandhi and underlining his relevance today. The students of the Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre rendered Gandhi ji's favorite bhajans. Admirers of Gandhi ji from all walks of life attended the event.

Thereafter, in keeping with the Gandhian ideals of voluntary labour and cleanliness, the officials of the Embassy cleaned up Palmentuin Waka Pasi Craft Centre.

A few photographs of the events are enclosed.

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