

Gandhi's impact on humanity recalled at Jayanti

CHICAGO: Members of Indian community in Chicagoland celebrated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in a manner befitting the stature of Mahatma with

ing remarks were delivered by Acting CG D.B. Bhatti. He observed that Mahatma Gandhi had influenced the course of world history in the 20th century by his lead-

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mentioned about him that "Generations to come, will scarce believe that such a man as this one ever in flesh and blood walked upon this Earth."



A section of Chicago elite with Acting CG Bhatti and Consul OP Meena at the Indian Consulate

the Indian Consulate in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trust taking lead in hosting an event at its premises in Chicago Downtown.

The Consulate celebration was highlighted by the attendance of US Congresswoman from Hawaii, Tulsi Gabbard and also a good number of Chicago elites. The event started with peace and harmony music. Consul OP Meena welcomed the guests. The open-

ership of the Indian freedom movement. Through his legacy of non-violence and noble life he is still a big inspirational force. Basic values underlying his "Experiments with Truth" were applied by him both to the political sphere and also in his personal life.

The personality of Mahatma Gandhi left a deep impact on the minds of all those who came in his contact. It was because of Gandhiji's ideals that Albert Einstein

Acting CG Bhatti also took opportunity to inform the attendees about the inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra by PM Narendra Modi. He said that the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra is a tribute to the overseas Indian community and commemorates their migration to various parts of the world, the challenges they faced abroad, their achievements and contributions. Over time, the Kendra is expected to develop into a hub of activities



Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard presented with Gandhi Portrait at Chicago Indian Consulate. Seen in the picture are Dr Sonti, Acting CG Bhatti, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard and Dr Bharat Barai

for sustainable, symbiotic and mutually rewarding economic, social and cultural engagements between India and its Diaspora.

He appealed to the Indian Diaspora to participate in Pravasi Bharatiya convention being orga-

nized at Bengaluru from 7th January to 9th January, 2017 and register themselves at the earliest on the PBD website www.pbdindia.gov.in.

The celebrations included a PowerPoint presentation on Mahatma Gandhi by Dr. Sri Ram Sonti and visuals drawn by Arvind Gunna Patel who also presented a photograph of Mahatma Gandhi to Bhatti and distributed bookmarks of Gandhi's quotes to Indian Diaspora. A 57 minutes video of inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra by Prime Minister of India was also screened.

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A gathering of Indians before Mahatma Gandhi Statue in Skokie

Protest against terrorist attacks in Uri & blasts in New York/NJ



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From OFBJP, Lalji Goswami, Shivu Vibhuti, Gaurav Patwardhan, Mahadev K.,

Bhrigraj Singh, Sunil Ganu and Prabhu Patel and Community leaders Rajesh Verma, Jeevan Zutshi, Pandit Krishna K Pandey, Anil Surpur, Praveen Ohir, Nilesh

Pathak, Suresh Patel (Palo Alto), Mahesh Patel, Basu Ullagaddi, Upendra Giri, Vinod Kumar and several others, also urged that since all these terrorists are either



sponsored or supported by Pakistan, the UN should declare Pakistan a terrorist State immediately.

Protesters also expressed their support for the recent surgical

strikes on the terrorist camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir. They urged the world to stand on the side of India and USA in the fight against terror.