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Celebration of 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The Consulate General of India, Sao Paulo and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre celebrated the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2021.

2. Consul General Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra along with the officials of the Consulate paid floral tributes at the Mahatma Gandhi Statue near Ibirapeura Park in São Paulo. Members of the Indian community, Brazilian Gandhian Scholar, Prof. Lia Diskin and other members of Palas Athena Association also joined for the floral tribute.

3. As a part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and 152nd Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Consulate General of India, Sao Paulo & Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre collaborated with Museum of Sacred Arts of Sao Paulo to organise an exhibition titled 'MAHATMA' at Sala Metro Tiradentes, São Paulo.

4. The exhibition has been curated by Ms. Puja Kaushik, Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, and has on display 17 pictures covering some milestone events from Gandhi's life and share the journey of a common man becoming the 'Mahatma'. The photographs selected for the exhibition are from the collection of National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi. Apart from the photographs, the exhibition also showcases a bronze sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi by Biman Bihari Das; Charkhas; Stamps issued in the name of Mahatma Gandhi across the globe and a few publications on Mahatma Gandhi available in Brazil.

5. Consul General, Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra joined Padma Shri Prof. Lia Diskin & Director, Museum of Sacred Arts Senhor. Marçal de Barros to inaugurate the exhibition, which was attended by representatives from the State of Sao Paulo, City of Sao Paulo, and members of Consular Corps of Sao Paulo.

6. While addressing everyone during the opening ceremony, Consul General, Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra spoke about celebration of 75 years of

India's Independence and the importance of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle. Through her address, Prof. Lia Diskin, Co-Founder, Palas Athena highlighted the importance of Gandhian teachings and philosophies in the present day times. She said *'Gandhi has given us a guide in how to evolve in non-violence'*. Senhor Marcel de Barros, Director of Museum of Sacred Art expressed his gratification in collaborating with the Consulate General of India for an exhibition on the *'MAHATMA'*.

7. The opening ceremony included Sitar recital by Brazilian artist Fabio Kidesh; Kathak dancer performance by Gyanshree Karahe & theatrical monologue on Mahatma Gandhi by Brazilian theater artist João Signorelli.

A few photographs of the event are attached herewith.















