

Press Release on the Launch of the 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of
Mahatma Gandhi, Sofia, Bulgaria,
2 October 2018

The Embassy of India in Sofia, in association with the Friends of India Club and Association India, will organize special programmes on 2nd October 2018 to mark the launch of the 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi in Sofia, Bulgaria.

2. A public event will be organized in the morning at 1100 hrs at the prestigious South Park in Sofia with Ambassador Pooja Kapur paying floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's recently installed statue, created by Bulgarian sculptor Mr. Ivan Rusev and inaugurated by President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind and President Mr. Rumen Radev of Bulgaria on 6 September 2018. Ambassador Pooja Kapur will address the gathering which will include members of the diplomatic corps, Bulgarian friends of India from all walks of life and the Indian community. This will be followed by release of commemorative postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi issued by the Department of Posts of India. Noted singer Ms. Dyana Dafova will then sing one of Mahatma Gandhi's favorite bhajans (devotional song) "Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye je Peed paraayi jaane re" meaning, "*A good human being is one who feels the pain of others.*"

3. An evening programme will be organized in the City Centre with the LED projection of a 4 minute film on Mahatma Gandhi at 2000 hrs on the UniCredit Bulbank Building at Todor Alexandrov Boulevard. This will be viewed by thousands of people through evening from 8 pm to midnight. Ms Dyana Dafova's video of the devotional song *Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye je Peed paraayi jaane re* will also be released on the occasion.

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