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Press Release

Celebration of Nelson Mandela Day on 18th July 2024 by Gandhi Mandela Foundation and United Service Institution

New Delhi, India - 18th July 2024

On the auspicious occasion of the 106th birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation (GMF), in collaboration with the United Service Institution (USI), is proud to celebrate Nelson Mandela Day to honor his enduring legacy. The event will take place on 18th July 2024 at The USI, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

Prominent personalities gracing the occasion include:

1. **Maj. Gen. P K Goswami (Retd.)**, (Deputy Director General, USI)
2. **Mr. Kedir Awol Omar**, (HoRD, ICRC)
3. **Dr. Savita Singh**, (Vice Chairman, GMF)
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6. **Major Gen. RS Yadav**, (Director CS3, USI)
7. **-Shri Shankar Aggarwal**, (Former Secretary , Minister of WCD , UD, Labour, Former IT Secretary ,MEITY govt of india) (Director, GMF)
8. **Mr. Gursharan Singh**, (Former Secretary, Paralympic Committee of India, Member Asian Paralympic Committee) (Director, GMF)
9. **Dr. Gulshan Rai**, (Former National Cyber Security Coordinator, Chief CERT-IN, and Chief Information Security Officer, PMO, Govt. of India)

The speakers will address the august gathering on Gandhian and Nelson Mandela's ideals and principles, emphasizing their significance in contemporary times to encourage the spirit of global peace and harmony.

Nelson Mandela, the first President of South Africa, played a pivotal role in ending the apartheid system of racial segregation and guiding the country towards a peaceful transition to majority rule. A true follower of Mahatma Gandhi, Mandela believed in the practical approach of non-violence and peace. His relentless struggle against South Africa's oppressive pass laws and his dedication to equality earned him the Nobel Peace Prize and cemented his legacy as a global icon for justice and human rights.

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Dignitaries attending Nelson Mandela Day include:

1. **H. E. Mr. Federico Salas Lotfe**, (Ambassador of Mexico)
2. **Mr. Lovemore Ncube**, (Counsellor, High Commission of Zimbabwe)
3. **Mr. Emilly**, (Deputy Ambassador of Rwanda Embassy)
4. **Mrs. Anabella Chávez**, (Second Secretary, Cultural Business and Scholarship Affairs, Panama Embassy)
5. **Mr. Mohammed Malik**, (Ambassador of Morocco)
6. **H.E. Mr. Javier Manuel Paulinich Velarde**, (Ambassador of Peru)
7. **Stella Budiriganya**, (Ambassador Republic of Burundi)
8. **H.E. Mr. Jason Hallv**, (Jamaican High Commission)
9. **Adv. Lebohang Valentine Mochaba**, (High Commission of the Kingdom of Lesotho)
10. **H.E. Ms. Joyce Kakuramatsi Kikafunda**, (High Commissioner Uganda High Commission)
11. **Ms. Kristina Ananina**, (First Secretary, Embassy of Russia in India)

The Gandhi Mandela Foundation, a Govt. of India recognized trust, is dedicated to promoting the values, ideals, and principles of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. Headquartered in New Delhi, India, the Foundation has a global presence in the USA, Latin America, Russia, South Africa, China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Norway, UK, and Australia. The GMF has the honor of organizing various international events in association with the United Nations and the Embassies/High Commissions of different countries.

Gandhi Mandela Award

GMF confers the world's highly prestigious Gandhi Mandela Award to felicitate the leaders who promote peace, non-violence, culture, & social welfare worldwide. The first **Gandhi Mandela Award** was conferred upon **HH Dalai Lama** for promotion of global peace.

The Jury is headed by the Hon'ble Justice K. G. Balakrishnan (37th Chief Justice of India & Former Chairman, NHRC India), Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra (Former Chief Justice of India), Justice Kedarnath Upadhyay (Former Chief Justice of Nepal & Former Chairman NHRC Nepal), Justice MD Tafazzul Islam (Former Chief Justice of Bangladesh) & Justice Gyan Sudha Misra (Former Judge Supreme Court of India).

The Gandhi Mandela Foundation is honored to announce that **1992 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum** will be conferred with the prestigious **Gandhi Mandela Award** on 18th July 2024 in Mexico City, **Mexico**. This recognition celebrates her unwavering dedication to peace, non-violence, and social welfare.

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