



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
MBABANE (Eswatini)



Press Release

The High Commission of India has noted with dismay and anguish the act of vandalism perpetrated on the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Selection Park, Sandla, Mbabane.

2. The bust represents the message of Mahatma Gandhi i.e., Truth and Non-Violence, which require immense courage to practise. The philosophy and principles preached by Mahatma Gandhi apply to those having political and social grievances in society even today. In accordance with India's cherished principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (World is One Family), we are enemies to none and friends to all.

3. Mahatma Gandhi achieved independence for India through "Satyagraha" (Truth Force) and without resorting to violence in any form. He used total fasting, at times lasting as long as 21 days, as a means of non-violent protest and spent more than 10 years in jail/custody during this struggle. He embodied these noble principles and won over his detractors at the end. The High Commission of India reiterates this message of Truth and Non-violence and urges all to desist from using unlawful or violent means to achieve their ends.

4. We urge all Eswatini to recognize the true spirit of Gandhism and help us make Selection Park, Sandla, Mbabane an abode of peace and tranquility.

5. For more information on various activities of High Commission of India in Mbabane, please visit www.hcimbabane.gov.in and connect with us on our social media platforms:

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