

## Flag Foundation of India commemorates Martyrs Day at a special ‘Sadbhavna Sandhya- Mahatma Ke Path Par’ programme at India Gate lawns

- Organised by the Flag Foundation of India in New Delhi, ‘*Sadbhavna Sandhya*’ witnessed thousands of people across the country paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi by observing a minute’s silence
- Over 20,000 people from all walks of life formed a massive Human Chain and chanted ‘RaghupatiRaghav’ remembering the Great Mahatma
- Renowned Bollywood singer SunidhiChauhan paid a musical tribute and distinguished Indians from all walks of life joined the event

**New Delhi, 30th Jan, 2014:** On the occasion of Martyr’s day, Flag Foundation of India rekindled the Gandhian Principles of Non-violence and Communal Harmony by organising an Evening - ‘*Sadbhavna Sandhya- Mahatma Ke Path Par*’ dedicated to the Father of the Nation, at the India Gate lawns in New Delhi.

Compered by iconic television personality **Annu Kapoor**, the programme broughttogetherthousands of people across the country to observe a minute’s silence to honour the great Mahatma, who sacrificed his life for the nation’s freedom struggle. The atmosphere was emotionally charged when over 20,000 people from all walks of life joined hands to form a human chain and chanted ‘*RaghupatiRaghav, Raja Ram*’ remembering the Father of the Nation and the Gandhian values.

The evening was further electrified by renowned Bollywood singer SunidhiChauhanwho paid tribute to Gandhiji by presenting renditions of songs of patriotism.The evening was graced by eminent personalities such as **John Abraham, RaveenaTandon, Sushil Kumar, Yuvraj Singh, Amman and Ayaan Ali Bangash**, amongst otherdignitaries from Delhi's political and industrial circles.

The event kick started with a grand choir performance by over 200 students of Vasant Valley School, followed by a special speed painting on the life of the Mahatma by famous artist, **Vilas Nayak**, a finalist of popular reality show, India's Got Talent.

Speaking on the occasion about the Great Mahatma, **Shri Naveen Jindal, President of Flag Foundation of India**, said: “Mahatma Gandhi has inspired people from across the world for generations. He embodies change that common people can bring when they get together. The Sadbhavna concert commemorates this great man, his ideals of non-violence and equality in a way that appeals to the younger generation. It is up to the youth to carry forth the values of our flag and ensure that the Tiranga flies high wherever Indians are making a mark.”

The concert will mark the culmination of the Flag Week Celebration organised by the Foundation on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the historic judgement by the

Supreme Court on January 23, 2004, to a PIL filed by Shri Naveen Jindal, which stated that hoisting the National Flag is a fundamental right of the citizens of the country.

The Flag Week Celebration started with a monumental flag measuring 207 ft. at the National Military Memorial at Bengaluru and a similar 100 ft. flag being hoisted at BhagwanMahavir Park, Jodhpur. The celebration was a sincere effort to rekindle the spirit of nationalism amongst the citizens of the country.

### **About Flag Foundation of India**

The Flag Foundation of India was set up as a registered society under the societies registration act of 1980, a non-profit body in January 2002. Hon'ble MP Shri Naveen Jindal won a decade long legal battle when the Hon'ble Supreme Court ordered the historic judgement on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2004 that enabled all Indians to display our National Flag with respect, dignity and honor thus becoming a fundamental right of every citizen.

Inspired by the judgment, the 'Flag Foundation of India' was established by Shri Naveen Jindal with a vision to popularize the display of the Tiranga by more and more Indians, with a great sense of pride. The Flag epitomises as the greatest symbol of our 'unity in diversity'. It has been functioning over a decade now with the aim of promoting spirit of nationalism, patriotism and love for the national flag of the country through its liberal use and display.

The Flag Foundation of India is a sincere effort to rekindle that spirit of nationalism amongst the citizens. It is an endeavour to build a relationship of today's youth with the Tricolor so that it becomes a power symbol of our struggle for independence, and serves as a great source of inspiration for countless Indians, spread across the globe, bringing laurels to the country in whatever the field they are.

In its endeavor to promote the use of the national flag by the general public, the Foundation has been organizing talks on the subject, has released books containing information on the flag and audio cassettes with patriotic songs rendered by noted singers of India. Flag Foundation has also organized several Tiranga runs in Delhi and Haryana.

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