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Observance of 72nd Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Sao Paulo

Marking the 72nd Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Consulate General of India, Sao Paulo and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) organised day-long activities to pay homage to the Mahatma.

2. Consul General, Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra, along with the officers of the Consulate and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, paid floral tributes at the Mahatma Gandhi Statue at Ibirapuera Park in Sao Paulo. The noted Gandhian Scholar Prof. Lia Diskin and her team members of Palas Athena, also joined in paying homage to the Mahatma at the Gandhi statue.

3. In the evening a musical tribute was offered to the Mahatma at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, by `Ratnabali Ji`, Sao Paulo-based Indian singer, by singing some of the favourite bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi. The video launched by PD Division in 2018, showcasing the medley version of the famous bhajan '*Vaishnava Jana To*' by artists from across the globe was also played at the event. Remembering Mahatma on his death anniversary, Ms. Puja Kaushik, Director, SVCC, spoke about the Gandhi's teachings of peace and non-violence and showed some rare pictures of the last days from the Mahatma's Life. The event was attended by more than 80 people and Gandhi comics titled '*Mahatma Gandhi – Father of the Nation*' by Amar Chitra Katha (Portuguese version) were distributed to all the participants.

4. As part of ongoing celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Consulate General of India, Sao Paulo and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Sao Paulo had organised two rounds of online quiz on life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi in December 2019 and January 2020. The winners of the quiz, Ms. Luciana Silva Santos and Ms. Natasha D'Souza were honored by Consul General, Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra, at the function held at Cultural Centre on the occasion of Martyrs Day.

Some photographs of the events observing Martyrs Day are attached herewith.







