



## Mahatma Gandhi

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# Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”

## Brief Description

**Birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1869, Porbandar (Gujarat).

2<sup>nd</sup> October is observed as **International Day of Non-Violence**.

**Profile:** Lawyer, Politician, Social activist, Writer and led Nationalist Movement.

**Father of the Nation** (first called by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose).

**Ideology:** Believed in the ideas of non-violence, Truth, Honesty, Care for Mother Nature, Compassion, Welfare of Downtrodden etc.

**Political Mentor:** Gopal Krishna Gokhale

**Death:** Shot dead by Nathuram Godse (30<sup>th</sup> January, 1948).

30<sup>th</sup> January is observed as **Martyrs' Day**

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize five times.



## Gandhi in South Africa (1893-1915)

Used satyagraha against racist regime (Native Africans and Indians were discriminated).

**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)** is celebrated every year on 9<sup>th</sup> January, to commemorate his return from South Africa.

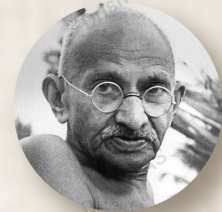
## Contribution in India's Freedom Struggle

**Small-scale movements** like Champaran Satyagraha (1917)—First Civil Disobedience, Ahmedabad Mill Strike (1918)—First Hunger Strike, and Kheda Satyagraha (1918)—First Non-Cooperation.

**Nationwide Mass Movements:** Against Rowlatt Act (1919), Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22), Civil Disobedience Movement (1930-34), Quit India Movement (1942).

**Gandhi-Irwin Pact (1931):** Between Gandhi and Lord Irwin that marked the end of a period of civil disobedience.

**Poona Pact (1932):** Between Gandhi and **B.R. Ambedkar**; this abandoned the idea of separate electorates for the depressed classes (Communal Award).



## Books Written

Hind Swaraj, My Experiments with Truth (Autobiography)

## Weeklies

Harijan, Navjivan, Young India, Indian Opinion.

## Gandhi Peace Prize

is given by India for social, economic, and political transformation through Gandhian methods.

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.”

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty”

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