



New Acropolis India Spearheads Global Initiative Celebrating 150 Years of Gandhi

199 Events | 130 Cities | 37 Countries

22 collaborations with Indian Embassies and Ambassadors

Drawing inspiration from Gandhi's pursuit of Truth and leadership through personal example, this full-day conference brought together distinguished leaders and change-makers who have been striving to make a better world through various fields of work.



FLAGSHIP EVENT IN MUMBAI

“Can the world be a better place without the aspiration of each individual to be better? Our endeavour is to revive this spirit of daring to be the change, and share the philosophical legacy and example of Gandhi with a global audience.” – Yaron Barzilay, Director of New Acropolis India and Curator of Empowering Real Change

PANELISTS



Anu Aga
CSR & Education



Chetna Gala Sinha
Microfinance



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Anthropology &
Philosophy



Pierre Poulain
Philosophy &
Photography



Ronnie Screwvala
Entrepreneurship &
Philanthropy



Dr. Saamdu Chetri
Gross National
Happiness



Sonam Wangchuk
Education &
Innovation



Dr. Tridip Suhrud
Gandhian Scholar



Dr. Vandana Shiva
Ecology &
Sustainability



Yaron Barzilay
Philosophy &
Management

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS



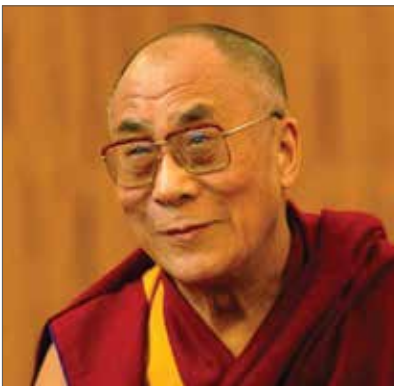
MESSAGES OF SUPPORT



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi



I appreciate the efforts of the New Acropolis Cultural Organization in providing a platform to develop leadership for a better world, inspired by the ideal of Mahatma Gandhi. I am positive that the conference will be instrumental in leveraging the strength of quintessential Indian ideals that Bapu symbolized.



His Holiness the Dalai Lama



I am pleased to know that this conference, "Empowering Real Change: Leadership for a Better World", is being hosted to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth.



Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus

I'm delighted to be with you today, and with New Acropolis India, for the celebration of the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth... Our present civilization follows a greed way of civilization. By approaching it with our creative power, we can undo the greed way, and transform it into a civilization based on human values; with empathy, peace and friendship. And that's the task. I hope that in our discussions and deliberations we come to feel that we can unleash the creative capacity to make things happen.

TESTIMONIALS FROM ATTENDEES



Sunil Mehta (Founding Trustee, Muktangan):

“We tend to be reflective, we tend to think about how we can be the change, and we try to live our lives according to that. But periodically, the other side of us, the not so good side of us, takes over with the day to day pressures and so on. And today has been a refresher course, shall I say, to remind me of these things, and to know that a lot of change is possible, but it has to start, and always be with me, and then the rest will follow.”



Miti Desai (Classical Indian dancer, designer and educator):

“With the very inspiring speakers and the line up that New Acropolis has for us today, it is and will be very inspirational. But more than this, what I really feel is, when we say empowering real change, I really see that empowering change in the team of Acropolis and the way they put this event together and the way they hold onto their vision. Every time I come to a New Acropolis event there is a certain sense of positivity, there is a certain sense of togetherness, there is a certain sense of somewhere living the philosophy that they are learning, and I think that is empowering real change.”



SHARING GANDHI'S PHILOSOPHICAL LEGACY WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

Empowering Real Change: Leadership for a Better World spearheaded a global celebration of Gandhi's iconic leadership by calling upon our affiliate associations comprising over 500 centres across 60 countries, to celebrate his philosophical legacy through cultural activities, conferences, and exhibitions.



199 Events across 130 Cities in 37 Countries have been executed so far, with 22 collaborations with Indian Embassies and Ambassadors.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES



New Acropolis France Spearheads National Festival with 17 Events

With Patronage of Embassy of India

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Sharing Gandhi's universal message through nation-wide initiative

Celebrating India's Heritage with 30 events across 10 Cities

Lectures and workshops celebrating India's philosophical, cultural, artistic heritage

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Events highlighting Gandhi's philosophy of Non Violence



New Acropolis Spain Celebrates Gandhi's Philosophical Legacy with over 15 events across Country

Events include lectures, performances, exhibitions, film screenings to explore Gandhi's philosophy of peace and leadership by example

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Publication of Special Edition magazine *Sphynx* dedicated to exploring the life and principles of Gandhi

HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES



Guatemala

New Acropolis Guatemala honours Gandhi with 22 Events across 5 Cities

Lectures, conferences, film-screenings, exhibitions highlighting the philosophy of Gandhi and India's cultural contribution to world

Celebrating Gandhi's Ideals and India's Tradition with 15 Events across Country

15 events across 6 cities

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Course in Sanskrit language and literature of
India at Grão Vasco Museum

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Launch of Special Edition Magazine
Pandava: Wisdom of India



Portugal



Russia

New Acropolis Russia Honours Gandhi with Events across 8 Cities

Exploring Gandhi's principles of Ahimsa (Non Violence) and Satyagraha (Power of Truth) and their relevance in our times

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Events highlighted the example of Gandhi and the need for inner-change to bring about change in our world

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Brazilia, Brazil



Gandhi and the Philosophy of Peace

In Partnership with Embassy of India

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400 attendees

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Lecture also held in Rio de Janeiro and Cuiaba

Gandhi and the Strength of Roots

Supported by the City Council and the National Commission of UNESCO

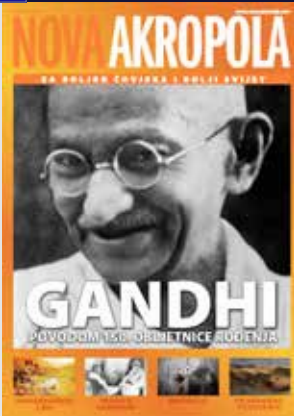
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Ambassador of India in Portugal spoke on the ethical foundation of Gandhi as a source of his strength



Oeiras, Portugal



Croatia



New Acropolis Croatia Launches Magazine Edition Highlighting India's Tradition

Articles featuring life story and ideals of Gandhi, Tagore and principles from The Mahabharata

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Events in 8 cities across the country honouring Gandhi

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Australia



Empowering Real Change

Commemorated Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on the occasion of World Philosophy Day in Melbourne

Leaders from fields of philosophy, sociology, astrophysics, ecology and CSR discussed the need to become better human beings in order to forge a better world

Honouring 150 Years of Gandhi

Explored Gandhi's concept of Swaraj as well as the relationship between Gandhi and Cartier-Bresson philosophies

Olive tree planted as a "tree of peace" in honour of Gandhi with the patronage of the Embassy of India

Attended by 97 people



Paris, France



Viseu, Portugal



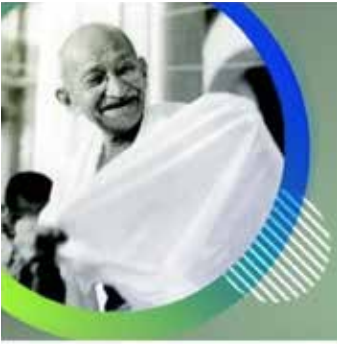
Course in Sanskrit Language and Literature of India at the Grão Vasco Museum

50-hour course investigating India's linguistic and cultural heritage

Introduction to Sanskrit grammar and classification

Exploration of key Hindu concepts from ancient Indian literature





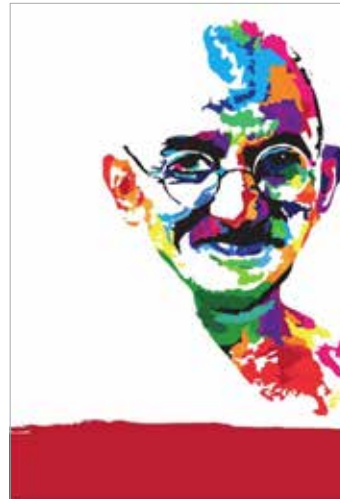
New Acropolis Guatemala Honours Gandhi with 22 Events Across 4 Cities (Guatemala)



Gandhi: The Search for Truth (San Lorenzo, Paraguay)



Mahatma Gandhi: In Search of Truth (Oradea, Romania)



Self-Rule According to Gandhi (Krayot, Israel) - 27th Dec 2019



Gandhi and the Philosophy for Peace in Partnership with the Embassy of India (Brasília, Brazil)



Mahatma Gandhi: 5 Rules of Life (St. Petersburg, Russia)



Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi across 2 Cities in Santa Fe, Argentina (Rosario and Casilda, Argentina)



World Philosophy Day 2019: Empowering Real Change (Melbourne, Australia)



Great Teachings of India (Madrid, Spain) - 17th Oct 2019



World Philosophy Day 2019: Empowering Real Change (Melbourne, Australia)



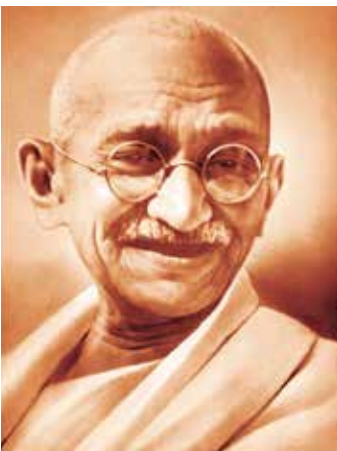
New Acropolis Germany Honours Gandhi Across 3 Cities (Germany)



The Mahabharata (Madrid, Spain) - 24th Oct 2019



Gandhi and Non-Violence (Valencia, Spain)



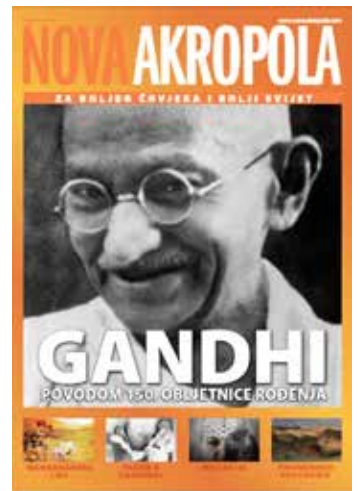
Exhibition on Gandhi: Think, Feel, Build Peace (Madrid, Spain)



World Philosophy Day 2019: Gandhi, The Strength of the Roots with Ambassador of India (Oeiras, Portugal)



Teachings from "The Bhagavad Gita" for Modern Society (Yokohama, Japan) - 26th Oct 2019



New Acropolis Croatia Launches Magazine Edition Honouring 150 Years of Gandhi (Croatia)



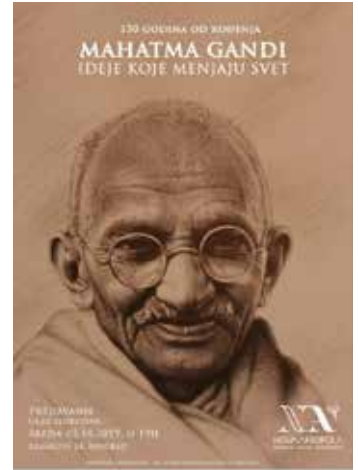
Commemorating 150 Years of Gandhi (Buenos Aires, Argentina)



Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi (Warsaw, Poland) – 27th Oct 2019



Gandhi: A Yogi against the British Empire (Bilbao, Spain)



Mahatma Gandhi: Ideas that Change the World (Belgrade, Serbia Republic)



Let's Talk About Gandhi (Granada, Spain) – 25th Oct 2019



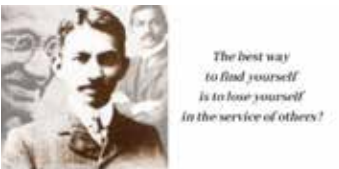
Exhibition: Gandhi and the Philosophy of Peace (Bilbao, Spain) – 3rd Oct – 31st Oct 2019



The Power of Nonviolence (Taipei, Taiwan)



How to Build Peace (Castellón, Spain) – 26th Oct 2019



Gandhi: Dare to be the Change (Toronto, Canada)



Gandhi and his Experiments with Truth (Innsbruck, Austria) – 24th Oct 2019



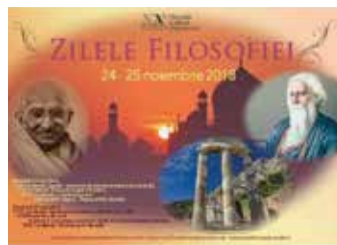
Myths and Tales of India (Bilbao, Spain) – 18th Oct 2019



Myths and Symbols of India (Madrid, Spain)



Photography Competition Honouring 150 Years of Gandhi (Honduras)



New Acropolis Bucharest Honours Gandhi on World Philosophy Day (Bucharest, Romania)



Gandhi: An Exemplary Life (Madrid, Spain) – 19th Oct 2019



Seminar and Film Screening of "Gandhi" (Málaga, Spain)



The Pursuit of Truth: Gandhiji's Inspiration (Mumbai, India)



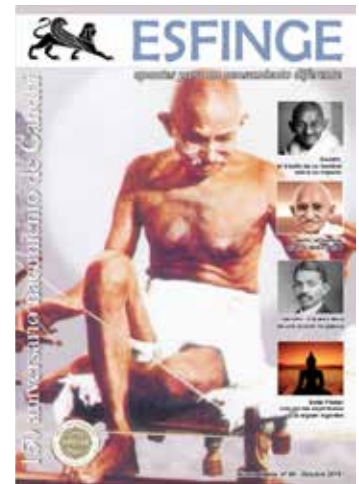
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Empowering Real Change:
Leadership for a Better World
(Chișinău, Moldova) – 15th Nov
2019



Mahatma Gandhi: Life in Search
of Truth (Moscow, Russia)



Gandhi Conference, Vandana
Shiva, The Peaceful Warriors
(Marseille, France)



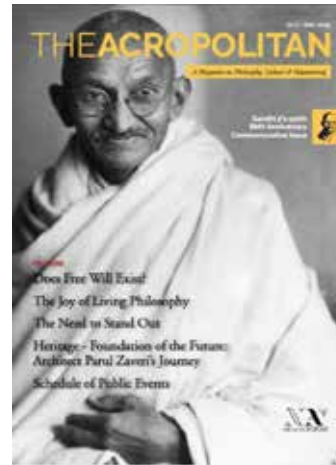
New Acropolis Spain's Sphinx
Magazine Special Edition as
Tribute for Gandhi's 150th
Anniversary (Spain)



150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi:
Change by Example (Vienna,
Austria)



Honouring Mahatma Gandhi
across 8 Cities (Croatia)



New Acropolis India's The
Acropolitan Magazine
Highlights the Global Tribute
for 150 Years of Gandhi
(Mumbai, India)



Gandhi: Warrior of Peace
(Constanța, Romania)



Mahatma Gandhi and the
Philosophy of Non Violence
(Sarajevo, Bosnia and
Herzegovina)



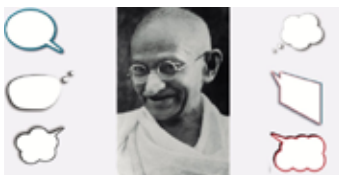
Gandhi: Cinema Forum (Bilbao,
Spain)



ABC of Philosophy (Villach,
Austria)



Gandhi, Be a Warrior of Peace
Today. In the Basque Country,
and Everywhere in the World
(Biarritz, France)



Socratic Dialogue: "If I were
Gandhi" (Madrid, Spain) – 31st
Oct 2019



Celebrating World Philosophy
Day 2018 with Gandhi: The
Warrior of Peace (Rouen,
France)



New Acropolis Czech Republic
Celebrates Gandhi's Birth
Anniversary across 9 Cities
(Czech Republic)



Conference on Mahatma
Gandhi (Bratislava, Slovakia)



New Acropolis Costa Rica
Honours 150 Years of Gandhi
with 5 Events across the
Country (Costa Rica)



New Acropolis Ukraine
organises 3 Events in Honour of
Mahatma Gandhi – Oct 2019
(Zaporizhia, Ukraine)



Gandhi's Teachings (Santa Catarina, Brazil)



Gandhi - Warrior of Peace: A Philosophy (Strasbourg, France)



Mahatma Gandhi: Life in Search of Truth (Ekaterinburg, Russia)



New Acropolis International Assembly Resolutions include Empowering Real Change



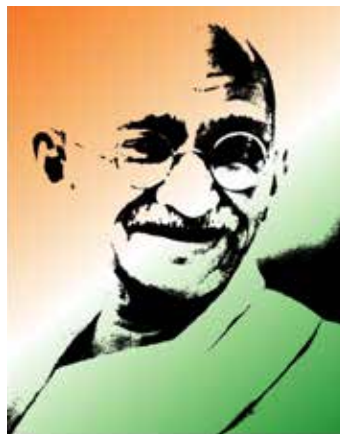
Gandhi: Warrior of Peace (Bordeaux, France)



Mahatma Gandhi: The Power of Change (Haifa, Israel) - 16th Oct 2019



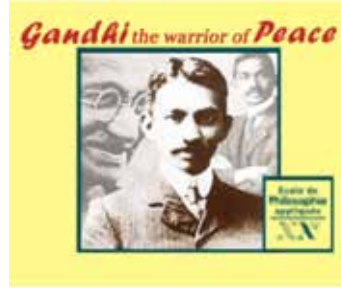
How Serving Truth Can Change the World (Volgograd, Russia)



Mahatma Gandhi: My Life is my Message (Copenhagen, Denmark)



International Philosophy Day 2018 (Tel aviv, Israel)



Gandhi: The Warrior of Peace (Montreal, Canada) - 1st Nov 2019



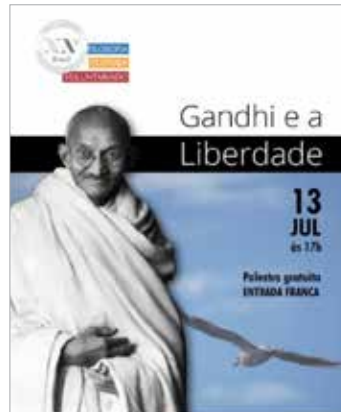
Better Together Challenge (PyeongChang, South Korea): 3rd - 5th Oct, 2019



Pandava: The Wisdom of India - Magazine honouring 150 Years of Gandhi (Portugal)



Commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (Tegucigalpa, Honduras)



Gandhi and Freedom (Bahia, Brazil)



Gandhi's Philosophy: The Bhagavad Gita (Toulouse, France) - Oct 3rd 2019



Gandhi: The Ethical Meaning of Devotion and Change (Bucharest, Romania)



Celebrating the Life of Gandhi: Peace Abbey Tour (Boston, U.S.A.)

New Acropolis Cultural Organization is an independent member of an International non-profit association (IONA), represented in over 60 countries across the world.

IONA promotes an ideal of timeless values to contribute to individual and collective evolution. Its associative structure guarantees respect for the diversity, autonomy and initiative of each of its member associations. Its operational structure enables it to act independently of all political, religious or financial interests.

We have always tried to understand the expression of all cultures, past and present, to discover the roots of their works of art, scientific advances, religious experiences and social and human projects through Philosophy, Culture and Volunteering. With inspiration from the timeless principles of the Indian tradition, New Acropolis India, works with a specific focus to rediscover India's rich artistic, scientific and human heritage and offer it as a vital contribution to collective human progress relevant to our times today.

PHILOSOPHY



Philosophy, when it is practical, is educational. It helps us to know ourselves and to improve ourselves. To be a philosopher is a way of life committed to the best aspirations of humanity.

The practice of human values is the basis for a model of active and participative Culture, which brings out the qualities of each person, broadens the horizons of the mind and opens the human being up to all the expressions of the spirit.



CULTURE

VOLUNTEER



Volunteering is the natural expression of a spirit of union with life and humanity, which manifests in the practice of values such as unselfishness, commitment and striving for the common good.