

**GOVERNOR URGES PEOPLE TO FOLLOW GANDHI'S PRINCIPLES
(GANDHI JAYANTI MESSAGE)**

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The Governor Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai greeted the people on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. In his message, the Governor said Gandhi Jayanti is one of the most important national events of India celebrated every year on **October 02**, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. "We celebrate this day with great pleasure every year to pay tribute to the father of the Nation as well as to remember his values, principles and philosophy. **October 02** is also celebrated internationally as the International Day of Non-Violence because of being a preacher of non-violence throughout his life. We remember Gandhiji as Bapu. He was a symbol of peace, non violence and truth," the Governor said.

The Governor added, "Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi or Mahatma Gandhi was a renowned freedom activist and an authoritative or powerful political leader who played an essential role in India's struggle for Independence against British rule of India. His aim was to build a new society that practices non-violence and honest behaviour. His legendary tolls of truth and non-violence to fight for freedom have inspired so many leaders across the length and breadth of the globe in their struggles against injustice. Spinning and weaving was elevated to an ideology of self-reliance and self-Government the Governor added.

The Governor further said that, **October 02** is observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas as a tribute to the father of Nation. "He fought for the rights of the downtrodden and weaker section. He wanted India to be free from the undesirable practice of untouchability," the Governor added.

"Mahatma Gandhi's life and principles has inspired lives of all ages," the Governor said urging all the people to follow the principles laid by Mahatma Gandhi.

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