

HON'BLE PM NARENDRA MODI UNVEILED THE MAGNIFICENT BUST OF MAHATMA GANDHI GIFTED BY ICCR

The cultural bond between India and Japan is a captivating tapestry woven with threads of tradition, respect, and shared values. It transcends geographical boundaries, embracing the essence of both nations.

Against this background, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) presented a precious gift to Japan—a magnificent bust of Mahatma Gandhi which was unveiled by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Hiroshima, Japan on 20th May 2023. This gesture carries deep significance as it symbolizes the enduring bond of friendship and mutual admiration between our two nations.



The bust of Mahatma Gandhi, sculpted by Ram Sutar (Padma Shri awardee), embodies the principles of peace, non-violence, and harmony that Mahatma Gandhi espoused throughout his life. It serves as a powerful reminder of the values that India and Japan hold dear, values that resonate deeply with the hearts of our people.

Mahatma Gandhi, revered globally as the Father of the Indian nation, is an icon of peace and social justice. His teachings and philosophy continue to inspire countless individuals across the world, transcending borders and cultures. By presenting this bust to Japan, ICCR aims to further strengthen the cultural ties between our nations and foster a deeper understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals.

The gift of Mahatma Gandhi ji's bust is not just a physical representation; it carries with it the essence of India's rich heritage and the spirit of friendship that exists between our peoples. It is a testament to the shared values of compassion, truth, and empathy that form the foundation of our cultural exchange.



This noble gesture will serve as a catalyst for enhanced cultural cooperation, dialogue, and understanding between India and Japan. It is our sincere hope that the presence of Mahatma Gandhi's bust in Japan will inspire future generations to strive for peace, justice, and harmony in their own lives and in the world around them.

Through the exchange of art, cuisine, philosophy, and spirituality, India and Japan have forged a deep connection that celebrates their unique heritage while fostering mutual understanding and friendship. It is a bond that continues to grow, enriching the lives of people from both nations.