

## FURTHERING INDIA-JAPAN RELATIONS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MAHATMA GANDHI



India and Japan share a close and strategic relationship that spans various domains, including diplomacy, trade, security, and culture.

In this context, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) presented a gift—a 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), reflects the principles of peace, non-violence, and harmony that Mahatma Gandhi espoused. It serves as a powerful reminder of the values that India and Japan share, values that resonate deeply with the hearts of our people.

Mahatma Gandhi, known as the Father of the Indian nation, is an icon of peace and social justice. His teachings and philosophy continue to inspire individuals across the world. 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.

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.