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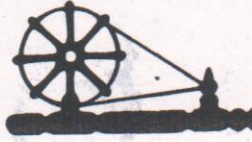
Referred to the circular received from Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti regarding let us be together in silence for introspection on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi declared as "International Day of Non-violence" by the UN.

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Dear Prof Bandyopadhyay,

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This comes from the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi for Truth and Non-violence.

Kindly go through the enclosed papers.

Thanking you and best regards,

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## Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee (brief introduction)

“Non-violence and peace are a celebration of our consciousness to honour life and creation. This celebration of our consciousness should be translated into the objective of a people’s movement for cleaning the human mind of violence and protecting the environment from pollution. This celebration is a universal message that goes beyond the social, political and religious divisions.

“Non-violence means much more than just the lack of violence. Non-violence is also action and introspection. It is the courage of truth with love. It is the reawakening of the spirit in harmony with nature and environment and all forms of life.

“Violence is pollution and pollution is violence.”

“The hand spun and hand woven cloth called *Khadi* is a thread of creation. Being a source of bread and beauty to millions in India, a hand spinning wheel is also a meditational therapy. The world again needs to get acquainted with the fabulous texture of the handspun fabric and the hand spinning wheel.”

Tara has been working for the welfare of the spinners and the weavers of *Khadi*.

Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, the daughter of Late Devadas Gandhi and Late Smt. Lakshmi Devadas Gandhi was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April in 1934 in New Delhi. She is a granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi.

Tara’s husband was late Dr. Jyoti Prasad Bhattacharjee, a leading economist. Her daughter Sukanya Bharatram is married to Mr. Vivek Bharatram and they have a son Akshar Vidur Bharatram. Tara’s son Vinayak Bhattacharjee is married to Louise Versteegh and they have three daughters – India Ananya, Anoushka Lakshmi and Andrea Tara.

Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee is the Vice-Chairperson of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust. Gandhi Smriti is the site of martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi for truth and non-violence. Tara feels it to be a great honour for working in Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti. “I have spent the last four months of Gandhi’s life with him in this house. This place takes me back to the era when I was a witness to time in the Birla House (Gandhi Smriti) as a 13 year old”, says Tara.

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## On a Thread of Creation

We are in the context of the worldwide celebration of the concept of Satyagraha - truth and non-violence - as experienced, experimented and lived by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. I wonder if at any time in the history of humanity, the philosophical and moral concepts of truth and compassion have been a subject of such collective and conscious celebration throughout the earth.

## In a Global Circle

## A Pilgrimage of

## Silence

## Seeking in the Orbit

## A Moment of

## Enlightenment

## Of Peace and Truth

## Within and Without



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The philosophy and the practice of non-violence and peace are needed for the very survival of life and environment now.

How do we observe with significance the 2nd October and accept the challenge of Non-violence at individual and collective levels?

Let us visualize a cosmic thread flowing from the wheel of eternity. This will be a flow of harmony that can orbit the Earth in 24 hours, starting at midday of the 2nd October from Japan, and after one minute of silence and introspection by the humanity, it moves westwards to encircle the whole Earth in 24 hours. This can be a celebration of our consciousness for homage to Non-violence in today's context.

In the flow of this silence, through introspection, we, the children of Mother Earth, pay homage to the greatest spiritual and creative flows of man and nature, of past and present, which have kept the spark of eternal love still glowing in each one of us.

We have observed saving of electricity for one hour all over the world. A minute of silence will be a global moment of enlightenment of the soul.

**Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee**  
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