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Press Release

**Commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

Global celebrations to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi will commence from 2nd October 2018. As part of celebrations, Government of India has decided to popularize Mahatma Gandhi's epic Gujarati bhajan (devotional song) "Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye Je" internationally.

Ms. Jadranka Jovanovic, veteran Serbian opera singer and sitting Member of the National Assembly of Serbia has soulfully recorded the bhajan under the composition of Mr Vojkan Borisljevic, prominent Serbian composer and conductor.

Mahatma Gandhi, born on October 2, 1869 in Gujarat's coastal city of Porbandar is known as the Father of India and remains one of India's greatest gifts to mankind. His name finds resonance across the continents. He played a key role in India's independence and continues to inspire countless people through his teachings of non-violence. The whole world observes 2nd October as the International Day of Non-Violence.

India is thankful to the Government and people of Serbia for naming a road after Mahatma Gandhi and installing his bust at a prominent location in Belgrade. Several events will be organized in Belgrade and world-wide to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> birth Anniversary.

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