



2 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

"I OBJECT TO VIOLENCE BECAUSE WHEN IT APPEARS TO DO GOOD, THE GOOD IS ONLY TEMPORARY: THE EVIL IT DOES IS PERMANENT."
- MAHATMA GANDHI -

WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



The aim of the day is to spread awareness about the idea of non-violence through education. 2 October is the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of non-violence, and the day is intended to disseminate the message of non-violence widely.

The principle of non-violence rejects the use of physical violence in order to achieve social and political change. The three main categories of non-violence action include protest and persuasion, non-cooperation and non-violent intervention.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ Why is International Day of Non-Violence celebrated?
 - ✓ Who is Gandhi and what were his non-violence movements?
 - ✓ What is the meaning of non-violence?
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MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZEN



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Martin Luther King Jr was a Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States. His leadership was fundamental to that movement's success in ending the legal segregation of African Americans. King rose to national prominence as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which promoted nonviolent tactics, such as the massive March on Washington (1963), to achieve civil rights. His principles of nonviolence include nonviolence as a way of life for courageous people, seeking to win friendship and understanding, seeking to defeat injustice not people, and choosing love instead of hate. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.