

Film and Television Institute of India, Pune

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PUBLIC INVITED TO PAY TRIBUTE TOMORROW TO MAHATMA GANDHI AT RAJ GHAT REPLICA ERECTED AT FTII

Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Pune invites the general public to visit the spectacular Raj Ghat replica set up at the Institute's gate, and pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his Martyrdom Day tomorrow, 30th January.

Conceptualized by FTII's Dept. of Art Direction and Production Design, the exhibit is a replica of the black marble platform that marks the spot of Gandhiji's cremation, a day after his assassination on 30th January 1948.

The Raj Ghat memorial bears the epitaph 'Hē Ram'. These were the last words spoken by Gandhiji.

" The replica of Delhi's Raj Ghat memorial, dedicated to Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi), was opened to the public ahead of this Republic Day and has since been visited by thousands. Several Pune schools have expressed desire to send their children to visit Raj Ghat replica as the country and the international community celebrates Mahatma Gandhi's sesquicentennial birth anniversary in

2019. By erecting a replica of Sabarmati Ashram on Independence Day 2018 and Raj Ghat now, FTII pays tribute to the Mahatma and his timeless message of truth, non violence, mutual respect and social justice" says Bhupendra Kainthola, Director, FTII Pune.

The monument will be on public display till 28th February 2019.

The setting up of Raj Ghat replica is in line with FTII's biannual re-creation of monuments of national importance in the Campus to mark Republic Day and Independence Day-----Amritsar's JALLIANWALA BAUG on Independence Day 2016; Andaman's CELLULAR JAIL on Republic Day 2017; Delhi's INDIA GATE WAR MEMORIAL on Independence Day 2017, Kanyakumari's SWAMI VIVEKANANDA ROCK MEMORIAL on Republic Day 2018 and Ahmedabad's Sabarmati Ashram HRIDAY KUNJ on Independence Day 2018.

