

## FLORAL TRIBUTE TO GANDHI IN DALLAS



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Several community members gathered at Gandhi Memorial Plaza in Irving to pay floral tribute to Gandhiji on his 71st death anniversary.

Dr. Prasad Thotakura, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Chairman in his remarks stated that "At the age of 78 years, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse on January 30, 1948, during a morning prayer meeting at Birla Bhavan, New Delhi. Godse fired four bullets at Gandhi on the point-blank range. The place where Gandhiji was cremated called Rajghat which is about 5 acres land. It is important to remember the principles of Mahatma Gandhi today especially peace and non-violence. Gandhi's persuasive methods of civil disobedience influenced leaders of the civil rights movement around the world, mainly Martin Luther King Jr. in the USA. Gandhiji sacrificed 32 years of his precious life in the struggle to free India from the British. Gandhiji's principles are everlasting and ever applicable. Though he physically departed us 71 years ago, he is still alive amongst us with his valuable principles."

Rao Kalvala, Secretary, MGMNT, Abhijit Railkar, Treasurer, Board members John Hammond, Taiyab Kundawala, Advisory Board member MVL Prasad, several community leaders Sudhanshu, Dr. Puligandla, T.P.Matthew, Shabnam Modgil, many senior citizens attended the event and paid floral tribute.