Sadbhavana Diwas 2020

On 20 August, 2020, The Internal Security Academy, CRPF, Mount Abu, celebrated Sadhbavana Diwas by taking a Sadhbavana pledge. The Mission of the CRPF commits the Force to the preservation of National Integration, communal harmony and Public order and remaining committed to the mission, the Force has written a glorious history of sacrifices for the nation.

Shri K.K. Pandey, Commandant (Trg/Adm), ISA, administered the Sadhbavana Pledge to the officers and jawans of the Academy.

The day is observed to encourage national integration, peace, affection, and communal harmony among the Indian people of all religions. 'Sadbhavana' in the English language means goodwill. Celebrated on **August 20** every year, Sadbhavana Diwas commemorates the memory of our late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi. Being the youngest Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi's thought process was modern and different from others.

Rajiv Gandhi had the vision of a developed nation via many national as well as international projects that he pioneered. The main theme of Sadbhavana Diwas is to promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religions and languages.

About Rajiv Gandhi

He was the youngest Prime Minister of the country. He was the 6th Prime Minister of India from 1984 to 1989. After the assassination of the 5th Prime Minister of India Mrs Indira Gandhi, on 31st October, 1984, Shri Rajiv Gandhi became the 6th Prime Minister of India. He became Prime Minister at the age of 40.

Rajiv Gandhi was born in Bombay on 20 August 1944 to Indira Gandhi and Feroze Gandhi. He was just three when India became independent and his grandfather became Prime Minister. His parents moved to New Delhi from Lucknow. His father, Feroze Gandhi, became an M.P., and earned a reputation as a fearless and hard-working Parliamentarian.

In 1951, Rajiv was admitted to Shiv Niketan school, where the teachers said Rajiv was shy and introverted, and "greatly enjoyed painting and drawing". He briefly went to the Welham Boys' School, Dehradun, but soon moved to the residential Doon School, Dehradun in 1954 in the Himalayan foothills. There he made many lifelong friendships and was also joined by his younger brother, Sanjay.

From 1962 to 1965 he studied engineering at Trinity College, Cambridge but did not obtain a degree. In 1966 he began a course in mechanical engineering at Imperial College London, but did not complete it.

Gandhi returned to India in 1966, the year his mother became Prime Minister. He went to Delhi and became a member of the Flying Club, where he was trained as a pilot. In 1970, he was employed as a pilot by Air India.

He contributed greatly to the development of the country. He announced a National Policy on Education in 1986 to modernize and expand higher education programs across India. He founded a central government based institution namely Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya System in 1986 for the upliftment of the rural section of the society providing them free residential education from 6th till 12 class. Due to his efforts, MTNL established in 1986 and also created public call offices (PCOs) for spreading telephones in rural areas.

In post-1990, he introduced measures for reducing License Raj allowing businesses and individuals to purchase capital, consumer goods and import without bureaucratic restrictions. He introduced the age of voting rights as 18 and also included Panchayati Raj. He strongly encouraged youth power and said that the development of the country depends only on the awareness of the youth of the country. That's why Jawahar Rozgar Yojana was started to give jobs to the youth.

Quotes by Rajiv Gandhi

“India is an old country, but a young nation; and like the young everywhere, we are impatient. I am young and I too have a dream. I dream of an India, strong, independent, self-reliant and in the forefront of the front ranks of the nations of the world in the service of mankind”

“Better a brain drain than a brain in the drain”.

“A responsive administration is tested most at the point of interface between the administration and the people.”

“She was a mother not only to me but to the whole nation. She served the Indian people to the last drop of her blood.”

“Our task today is to bring India to the threshold of the twenty-first century, free of the burden of poverty, legacy of our colonial past, and capable of meeting the rising aspirations of our people.”

“For some days, people thought that India was shaking. But there are always tremors when a great tree falls.”

“Development is not about factories, dams and roads. Development is about people. The goal is material, cultural and spiritual fulfilment for the people. The human factor is of supreme value in development.”

“Women are the social conscience of a country. They hold our societies together."

Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award

In 1992, Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana award was instituted by All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress in memory of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Every year this award is given to those who have devoted their lives to understanding and promoting social harmony. This award constitutes a citation and cash Prize of Rs 10 Lakh.

List of recipients of the award:-

Year	Recipients	Notes
1995	Jagan Nath Koul	Social activist, Founder of SOS Children's Village of India (SOS CVI)

1996	Lata Mangeshkar	Singer
1998	Sunil Dutt	Actor, Politician, Peace Activist
2000	Kapila Vatsyayan	Scholar
2003	S. N. Subha Rao	Peace Activist
2004	Swami Agnivesh	Social Activist
2006	Nirmala Deshpande	Social Activist
2007	Hem Dutta	Social Activist
2008	N Radhakrishnan	Social Activist
2009	Gautam Bhai	Social Activist
2010	Wahiduddin Khan	Islamic Scholar, Peace Activist [14]
2011	SPIC MACAY	Promotes Indian Classical Music and culture among the youth
2012	D. R. Mehta	Work through Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur
2013	Amjad Ali Khan	Musician
2014	Muzaffar Ali	Film Maker

2016	Subha Mudgal	Singer
2017	Mohammad Azharuddin	Former Cricketer
	M.Gopala Krishna	Retired IAS Officer
2018	Gopal Krishna Gandhi	Communal Harmony, Peace and Goodwill

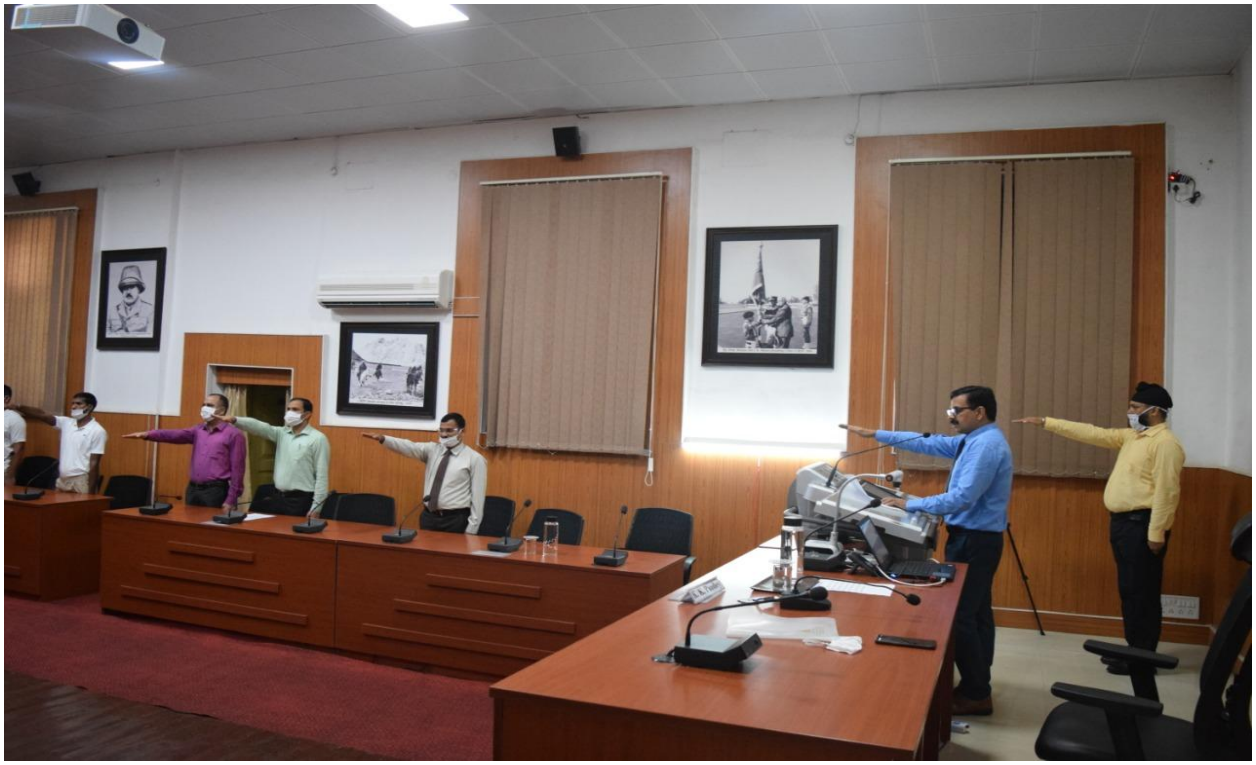
Sadbhavana Diwas Pledge

Sadbhavana Diwas is celebrated across the nation with great zeal and enthusiasm. On this day a pledge is also taken by the people across the country, which is as:

"I take this solemn pledge that I will work for the emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region, religion or language. I further pledge that I shall resolve all differences among us through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence."

IMAGES:

Shri K.K.Pandey, Commandant (Trg/Adm) administering the Sadhbavana Pledge to the officers and men of ISA, Mount Abu



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