

## प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister

New Delhi March 27, 2018

Dear Mr. Meyer,

I thank you in advance for contributing your time and energy as a member of the Committee for the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Committee is mandated to consider policies and lay down guidelines for the commemoration, and to decide on the time-frame for the commemoration related activities.

The 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation will be celebrated in 2019. We shall use the preceding year, that is 2018, and the year that will follow, to rededicate ourselves, through our actions, to the ideals that the Mahatma taught and lived by.

We aim to bring the Mahatma's message alive for the generations across the world that have not had the privilege of living during his life time.

Your guidance, based on your lifelong commitment to the values espoused by Mahatma Gandhi, will help us to make the commemoration truly meaningful in every sense.

The first meeting of the full committee has been scheduled at 5 pm on 2 May 2018 in New Delhi. During this meeting, we anticipate a vibrant exchange of ideas on the commemoration programme, and the best ways to reach out with the Mahatma's message. I look forward to your presence at the meeting and I shall also be grateful if any initial thoughts you have on this subject can be shared with me in advance, so that we can start work on fleshing out those ideas.

A senior officer of the Ministry of Culture will contact you to seek details of your programme of participation.

We - the Government of India and I personally - look forward to working with you to spread the philosophy, ideals, service and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi across the globe.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Narendra Modi)

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