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Gandhi Filmotsav: Online Film Screening

The Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October, 2018 marked the beginning of two years' celebration of the sesquicentennial of Mahatma Gandhi which is slated to conclude on 2nd October, 2020. Films Division, a repository of rare live footage and documentaries on the Father of the Nation, began the *150 years of celebrating Mahatma* by producing and screening a number short films on Gandhian ideals across cinemas apart from organizing festival on his life and philosophy, throughout 2018-2020, in various places in the country.

As part of the grand finale of two years' celebration of Gandhiji's sesquicentennial, Films Division is organizing a week-long '*Gandhi Filmotsav*' which will be streamed on its Website and YouTube Channel from 26th September to 2nd October, 2020. The Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong is partnering Films Division in e-hosting the film festival.

The filmotsav will begin with an animation film, *Vaishnav Jan To...*, a pictorial reflection of the bhajan immortalized by Mahatma Gandhi, followed by milestone documentaries, *Dawn of Gandhian Era* (20 min.), *85 Nayak Ni Pol Porbander* (12 min.), *Then Came Gandhi* (21 min.), *The Great Salt March* (19 min.), *The Hundred Minutes* (13 min.), *Gandhiji : Through the eyes of a Cartoonist* (9 min.) and *Yug Devata*, a sand animation film portraying Mahatma Gandhi's dream of Swachh Bharat. A high light of the festival is screening of *Baapu Ne Kaha Tha* (83 min.) and *Abhi Kal Hi Ki Baat Hai* (42 min.), two sought-after films on Gandhiji, produced by Children's Film Society of India.

The films included in the festival schedule will be streamed on all days, on www.filmdivision.org/ Documentary of the Week and www.cfsindia.org and <https://www.youtube.com/user/FilmsDivision>, till 2nd October, 2020.

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