

Bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi to be unveiled in Mississippi

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WASHINGTON: The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Consulate General of India, Atlanta, along with Indian-American community members, have come together to unveil a large bronze bust of [Mahatma Gandhi](#) in the front lawn of the Coahoma County courthouse in Clarksdale, [Mississippi](#).

The bronze bust, which is a gift to the city of Clarksdale and Coahoma County from the ICCR and the consulate general in Atlanta, is being installed as a tribute to the man who led India to [Independence](#) 75 years ago, and whose teachings have influenced many world leaders and intellectual thinkers, including Martin Luther King Jr, [Nelson Mandela](#), Albert Einstein, US Congressman John Lewis, co-founder of [Apple Inc](#) [Steve Jobs](#), and several others.

The bust will be presented during a ceremony on October 8 by Indian consul general Dr [Swati Kulkarni](#).

The ceremony has been planned for the week of Gandhiji's birthday and during the celebratory 75th anniversary year of India's Independence. The event is sponsored by the Crossroads Economic Partnership, a collaboration of the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Authority of Coahoma County; PeopleShores, a social enterprise; and Indiaspora, a non-profit organisation of global Indian diaspora leaders.

Clarksdale and Coahoma County, located in the heart of the Mississippi delta region, near the Mississippi River, is a region that has suffered depopulation and loss of jobs in recent decades. An influx of new industry, job opportunities and people, during the past four years, have begun to reverse the community's fortunes.