

## World Vegan Vision And Indian Consulate Hold Gandhi Jayanti



Photos (above and below): More than 160 people, including some high-profile community leaders attended the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations hosted by World Vegan Vision jointly with the Indian Consulate Oct. 1, 2021, at My Home Adult Day Care Center in Maywood, N.J. Several attendees were recognized for their contributions to the community.

BY A STAFF WRITER

**W**orld Vegan Vision, an advocacy organization, and the Consulate General of India, New York, held an event Oct. 1, 2021, celebrating Gandhi Jayanti and the languages of India. The event was held at My Home Adult Day Care center in Maywood, NJ. More than 160 people joined the

celebration, according to a press release from World Vegan Vision. The event was planned and coordinated by WVV's public relations manager Nitin Vyas and Vinod Shah, a senior executive in the organization.

Among the high-profile attendees at the event were, Cultural Consul at the Indian Consulate, Vipul Dev who represented the consulate of India; H.K. Shah and Malti Shah, founders of World Vegan Vision; Padma Shri Dr. Sudhir Parikh, chairman

of Parikh Worldwide Media and ITV Gold, and Dr. Sudha Parikh, and community leaders including Dr. Mukund Thacker.

The venue for the event was made available by Pradip Kabaria who owns the adult day care center.

Dr. Shrenik Shah, president of World Vegan Vision, New Jersey, spoke about Mahatma Gandhi and his influence in leading a healthy lifestyle with a vegan diet.

Many other talented speakers also

spoke in Gujarati, Hindi and English highlighting the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

The sponsors and donors of this program Kenny Desai, Dr. Thacker and Nishish Patel, were honored by the Cultural Consul and presented with recognition plaques for their support and donation. The support from Indo American Seniors Association of Jersey City was also recognized.

A vegan dinner and guests were entertained by live singers.



## Post Office In Houston Named After Sikh Police Officer Killed In Line Of Duty

BY A STAFF WRITER

**A** post office in Houston, TX was formally named after late Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal who was shot to death during a routing traffic stop September 27, 2019.

Elected officials, law enforcement officers, and Houston community members gathered to honor Officer Dhaliwal with a post office naming ceremony held Oct. 5, 2021, according to a press release from Sikh Coalition, whose representative Manpreet K. Singh was present at the event.

The post office located at 315 Addicks Howell Road will henceforth be named the Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal Post Office Building.

"Since my son was taken from our fam-



Pyara Singh Dhaliwal, father of late Sheriff's Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, seen here with and Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez at the Oct. 5, 2021, naming ceremony for a post office in Houston.

ily in a senseless act of violence, we have received an outpouring of support and love from the greater Houston community," Pyara Singh Dhaliwal, the late Deputy

Dhaliwal's father is quoted saying in the press release. "We are so grateful and so honored that Sandeep is being memorialized in this way—forever becoming a part of the city that he served faithfully in and out of uniform."

Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher, D-TX, introduced a bill which received bipartisan support including that of Republican Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn, which was signed into law on December 21, 2020.

The Sikh Coalition said it had assisted with drafting the legislation that named this post office in Deputy Dhaliwal's honor, and had worked to mobilize community members across the country to call on Congress for this and other initiatives to honor his memory.

The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund helped Congresswoman Fletcher's office in organizing the Oct. 5

event.

"It has been an honor to lead the effort to honor the life and contributions of Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal by naming this post office in his memory," said Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher. "Deputy Dhaliwal represented the very best of our community: he worked for equality, connection, and community through his life of service to others. The Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal Post Office now stands as a testament to his remarkable and selfless service, and I thank our partners at the Sikh Coalition for helping us build a bipartisan coalition to honor Deputy Dhaliwal and his trailblazing contributions to American life."

Officer Dhaliwal originally joined the Harris County Sheriff's Office in 2009; in 2015, he secured a historic, first-of-its-kind accommodation to wear his Sikh articles of faith while serving in uniform.