

This year we celebrate the 10th Annual Salt March. It coincides with the celebrations of 20 years of freedom in South Africa. Once again we are reminded of the important message of the 10th clause of the Freedom Charter which places a responsibility on us as a country to maintain peace in South Africa and in the continent.

This is what the clause says:

There shall be Peace and Friendship!

South Africa shall be a fully independent state which respects the rights and sovereignty of all nations

South Africa shall strive to maintain world peace and the settlement of all international disputes by negotiation –not war

Peace and friendship amongst all our people shall be secured by upholding the equal rights, opportunities and status of all

The right of all peoples of Africa to independence and self-government shall be recognised, and shall be the basis of close co-operation.

But peace and friendship begins with oneself, in one's home and village and community and country. So in keeping with this idea this march is dedicated to building a culture of peace and nonviolence within ourselves

Time	: The March begins at 7.00 a.m.
Start	: Phoenix Settlement
Finish	: King's Park Athletics Stadium

NB: Buses will leave from Kings Park Athletics Stadium from 5 a.m. - last bus at 6 a.m.

Register online now: www.saltmarch.org.za

Registration forms will also be available on buses and at the Phoenix Settlement.

For further information call : Kidar on **081 750 1004**

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Ethekwini Municipality



Gandhi Development Trust



The Office of the KZN Premier



**Let us commit ourselves to active nonviolence
Celebrate 20 years of freedom**



10th ANNUAL Salt March

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The Gandhi Development Trust (GDT)
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The Gandhi Development Trust (GDT) was established on the 19th August 2002 with the vision of creating a nonviolent peaceful world

Gandhi Development Trust (GDT) programme is underpinned by its vision of creating a nonviolent society based on the principles of Ubuntu.

Among its various projects the flagship project is the production of our monthly newspaper- ***Satyagraha-In Pursuit of Truth***

Our programme is aimed at the achievement of our vision. Three important strategies are:

1. Strategic interventions in early childhood development (ECD) phase,
2. Targeted intervention in education both at community and schools levels and:
3. A broader intervention in to the community as far and wide as possible.

Through research and consultations a pilot project for ECD has been developed and is being implemented in 5 centres in the Inanda area.

A schools intervention project has been developed, implemented, monitored and evaluated over a period of 3 years and is now a popular project in the Phoenix Inanda Ntuzuma and Kwa Mashu area.

The newspaper is being printed on a monthly basis for the past 14 years. The paper started off as a broad sheet insert in the Post newspaper. Today the paper is an independent 12 page tabloid newspaper with a readership of over 100,000. It is produced in both print which is distributed to some 100 schools, 10 shopping centres, 6 organisations, posted throughout the country and accessed on the web by over a 1000 people from all over the world.

All three programmes are in line with the National Development Plan.

The Salt March

The Salt March is an event which promotes a culture of nonviolence. Its roots are in two important historic events. One was in India when on the 8 March 1930 Mahatma Gandhi announced at a meeting in Ahmadabad, ***“I want to deprive the Government of its illegitimate monopoly of salt. My aim is to get the Salt Tax abolished as the first step towards freedom.”*** Many laughed at the idea of a salt march. But salt is an essential item for all. It is a basic food. Tax on a basic food item was indeed a gross violation of a fundamental right. The Salt March which took place in Dandi, India from March-April 1930, involved thousands of people who walked through 7000 villages, 240 miles from Ahmedabad to Dandi where on the sea shore they affirmed their right to make their own salt.

The second was in South Africa when in 1955 Chief Albert Luthuli, President of the African National Congress (ANC) called on the people of South Africa to come with their requests on what they would like to see in a free and democratic South Africa. Thousands of people defied many obstacles and travelled to Kliptown to the Congress of the People and there unanimously affirmed the Freedom Charter.

This march is not competitive and does not enforce completion. It is a march for you to enjoy, meet people, bond with people of different backgrounds, races, religions and commit yourself to the goals of Ubuntu, nonviolence and conservation.

Celebrate 20 years of freedom.

“We live with the hope that as she battles to remake herself South Africa will be like a microcosm of the new world that is striving to be born....Let it never be said by future generations that indifference, cynicism or selfishness made us fail to live up to the ideals of humanism.... Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

