



High Commission of India
Pretoria

Press Release

Government of India has donated Rand Two million (ZAR 2 million) to the Nelson Mandela Foundation in South Africa. The decision to make the donation was made following the visit to South Africa by Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi in July 2016, and his interaction with struggle heroes at the Foundation.

High Commissioner H.E. Ruchi Ghanashyam, at an event organised by the Nelson Mandela Foundation in October 2016, formally informed the Foundation of the decision of the Government of India to donate Rand 2 million to the Foundation. Today, on 12 December 2016, the High Commissioner presented the grant to CEO of the Foundation Mr. Sello Hatang. The donation will support the Foundation in fulfilling its noble objectives in the days to come. The donation is taking place as we commemorate the Third Anniversary of the passing away of Madiba. The donation is in recognition of the importance of the Foundation in preserving the legacy of the great leader, Nelson Mandela.

The Foundation was founded by former President Nelson Mandela in 1999. India has always stood by the South African people in their struggle for equality and justice. The Government of India has been associated as a proud partner with the Foundation since its inception. This was reflected in the grant by the Government of India of Rand 12 million that covered about 85% of the cost of building the Foundation premises.

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