

Remarks by High Commissioner Ruchira Kamboj on the inauguration of the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Education and Information Technology, Inanda, South Africa on 17 October 2017

Respected Minister;

Ms. Ela Gandhi;

Consul General of India to Durban;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today's event is the realization of a vision and the culmination of a dream.

A vision seen by the late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India and a dream fulfilled by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, following his visit to South Africa in July 2016 when he had sanctioned financial assistance which has ensured that this project sees the light of day.

Importantly, this project, which is being formally inaugurated today, will impart much needed critical skills to youth, leading to a path of self-reliance, growth and progress.

Knowledge and skills are the currency of the 21st century where an investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

India is delighted to be associated with the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Education and Information Technology, convinced as we are that education is the most powerful weapon which one can use to change the world.

Thank You.