

GANDHI ON THE ANC WEBSITE¹

In an article published in *The Leader* on 30 January, I expressed the hope that action would be taken to place information on “Gandhiji in South Africa” on the internet. I wrote:

“It would, indeed, be most appropriate if the AN

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It was,
therefore,

with the
greatest
delight that
I can
report that
the ANC
website
now
includes a
“page” for
Mahatma
Gandhi,
and that
already
much
informatio
n on
Gandhiji -
his
writings
and
speeches,
and
articles
about his
21-year
sojourn in
South
Africa -
has been
placed.
What is
now
available is
equivalent
to about
500 pages,
and more
is being
added.

It can be
found at
[http://www.
anc.org.za/](http://www.anc.org.za/)

anddocs/hi
story.

I would
like to
express my
appreciation
to the
ANC and
the people
responsible
for the
website,
especially
to Tim
Jenkins,
the
freedom
fighter
who has
developed
it.

The site
has also a
substantial
amount of
information
on the
role of
India and
Indians in
South
Africa in
the
struggle
for
liberation
from
apartheid
tyranny.

The
“page” on
the role of
India in the

struggle
contains
much
relevant
informatio
n, and
there is
also a
separate
“page” on
Pandit
Jawaharlal
Nehru as
one of the
great
world
leaders
against
apartheid.

There is a
page on
the South
African
Indian
Congress,
with
speeches
and
writings of
Dr. G.M.
Naicker
and Dr.
Yusuf
Dadoo; the
testimony
of Moulvi
I. A.
Cachalia
during the
treason
trial; and
an article
on Nana
Sita. These
were

published
in books in
South
Africa and
India, but
the website
contains
additional
documents
found after
the books
were
published.

The
presentatio
ns of
Abdul
Samad
Minty to
the United
Nations, as
honorary
secretary
of the
Anti-
Apartheid
Movement
and
Director of
the World
Campaign
against
Military
and
Nuclear
Collaborati
on with
South
Africa,
may be
found
under
“Anti-
Apartheid
Movement

” and the
“United
Nations”.

In the
ANC
website
(and the
SACP site
which can
be reached
through it),
there are
biographie
s of many
leaders
who
passed
away,
including
Dr.
Naicker,
Dr. Dadoo,
George
Naicker
and Vera
Ponnen.

Altogether,
the website
already
contains
documenta
tion
equivalent
to well
over one
thousand
pages,
including
material
not
available
in South
African
libraries. It

is now
available
not only to
South
Africans,
but to
many
scholars
and
students
around the
world who
visit the
ANC
website.

I
understand
that much
more
material
will be
added
when it is
received. I
trust that
South
Africans
and others
who have
relevant
material
will
provide it
to the
website so
that the
great
contribution
of Indian
and Indian
South
Africans
were
privileged
to make to

freedom
and human
dignity in
South
Africa will
be widely
known.