

Rajiv Gandhi Photo Exhibit Opens in New Delhi
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A gentle rain, cooling the air and moistening the earth, blessed the opening of "Rajiv Gandhi: An Intimate Vision." A joint effort by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum, this exhibition of photographs taken by the late Indian prime minister is being shown in India for the first time.

The arrangement of the photographs and the layout of the exhibition were lovingly designed by Sonia Gandhi, the late premier's wife, and her daughter, Priyanka, to create an atmosphere of simple elegance and warmth. At a meeting with Mrs. Gandhi in Tokyo in 1994, President Ikeda first proposed the idea of exhibiting in Japan photographs taken by Rajiv Gandhi, whom he knew to have been a fine amateur photographer. It was his wish, the SGI president said at that time, to "convey the spirit of a great young leader of the people to the world."

After viewing the exhibit, well-known painter A. Ramachandran said that Rajiv Gandhi was a rare leader who genuinely loved the people. He said how wonderful it was that, through their contact with these photographs, many people in Japan developed an understanding and greater feeling of closeness to India. This, he said, underscored the importance of cultural exchange.

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