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# NURSES DAY 2025



### NURSES DAY CELEBRATION AT MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Nurses all across the world commemorate International Nurses day on 12 May annually. This day also marks the anniversary of Florence Nightingale. This year 2025, the International Nurses Day theme is “**Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies**”. This theme highlights how crucial it is to promote nurses’

health and wellness. **It is a time to celebrate their dedication, compassion, and strength.** Hospitals and healthcare institutions often mark this occasion with: Recognition events that acknowledge exceptional nursing service. Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital also celebrated their Nurses.

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# PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE DAY



Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital Celebrated the Nurses days on the 25 June 2025. on the left the program director Ms. Thigs Chetty (Social Work Supervisor) was captured doing her thing on this day .

"I want to personally thank her for all of your dedication and hard work, which has been invaluable to our team's success. Your individual efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I truly appreciate the way you spend extra time to get to know every one of your patients."

"Happy Nurses Day to all of our incredible nurses! It's a privilege to celebrate you today.

"Nurses are the Heart and soul of healthcare. Your compassion, expertise, and unwavering dedication make a profound difference in the lives of our patients every single day."

"We understand the challenges you face, the long hours you work, and the emotional toll this profession can take. Your

Above: PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE DAY: Ms. Thigs Chetty. Below: MGMH Nurses during the Nurses day celebration 2025

"Your ability to provide comfort, support, and healing in times of vulnerability is a testament to your strength and compassion."

"We are committed to providing you with the resources and support you need to thrive in your careers and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of others."

"Thank you for all that you do. Your work is deeply appreciated, and we are honored to celebrate you today



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# Speech by the CEO during the Nurses day



We acknowledge that your dedication can often be stretched beyond usual expectations.

Our nurses embody both *professionalism* and *compassion*, two qualities that don't always sit hand-in-hand and as you care for our community, you offer your expertise for their physical well-being and your calling to care for their mental and emotional wellbeing. I believe it is this combination that makes our nursing profession one of the most highly respected across all professions.

And the nursing camaraderie! The collaborative spirit and mutual support create a work environment that is both efficient and fulfilling. This sense of teamwork sets nurses apart here at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, enables us to achieve excellence in the care and support we provide.

I am proud to hear about the many instances of our nurses enriching the lives of our residents and clients. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge recent feedback we've received from families of residents who have been with us in their final moments.

The combination of professionalism and compassion is critical during these difficult times for our residents and their families. We've received many letters expressing gratitude for the care and support you have provided, especially as the end of life approaches, when emotions are particularly raw. To know that our staff have been able to ease this part of their life journey says more about your qualities than I can.

As we celebrate Nurses Day, I will be reflecting on the impact you have on the lives of others and appreciating your dedication, professionalism and compassion. Our nurses: we are proud of you and the work you do. Thank you for your continued commitment to our residents, clients and each other. Your contributions are invaluable and make a profound difference, every single day.

With deepest appreciation,  
Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital CEO  
Dr. Thandiwe Mabusha



# Guest speaker during the Nurses Day



I'm honored to be speaking with you all today to celebrate incredible work that nurses do everyday. As we gather here today, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the selfless dedication and compassion that nurses bring to their work. You are the backbone of our healthcare system, providing care, support, and comfort to patients in their most vulnerable moments. I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of your tireless efforts and sacrifices. Ms. Thoko Mdletshe  
Guest speaker, MGMH-Social Work Manager.

Your work is not just a job, but a calling that requires a unique blend of technical skill, emotional intelligence, and empathy. As you continue on your nursing journey, I encourage you to remember why you chose this profession in the first place. Remember the passion, the drive, and the commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. And to the families and friends who have supported these incredible nurses along the way, I thank you for your love, encouragement, and understanding. Your support has been invaluable, and we are all grateful for your presence here today. Once again, thank you to our amazing nurses for all that you do. You truly are the Heroes of our healthcare system, and we are all lucky to have you by our side. Happy Nurses Day, and congratulations on this as well



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# Nurses Pledge led by Matron Khumalo

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and as a member of the highest character. I will be devoted to the welfare of those committed to my care and will protect their interests to the utmost of my ability. May I, while serving humanity, be ever mindful of my responsibility to uphold the honor and integrity of the nursing profession. I promise to provide compassionate and respectful care to all patients, regardless of their background, culture or circumstances. I will strive to maintain the highest standards of nursing practice and will work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals to ensure the best possible outcomes for my patients. I will respect the autonomy and dignity of my patients and will maintain confidentiality in all matters related to their care. I will be mindful of my own limitations and will seek guidance and support when needed. I will uphold the values of the nursing profession and will work to promote the health and well-being of all individuals and communities. This serves as a reminder of the ethical principles and values that guide the nursing profession.



Nurses day celebration at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital 2025



The care nurses provide can have a big impact on our lives. On our worst, most stressful days, they ease our pain, calm our fears and explain our treatment. Nurses offer a caring heart and guiding hand as we navigate our wellness journey.

Nurses Day and Nurses Week offer the perfect opportunities to celebrate nurses who care for us, our friends, our families and our communities. They do important work, and we can make them feel valued by expressing our appreciation.

Just as we must acknowledge that patients suffer, we must acknowledge that the work caregivers do is complex, important and both physically and emotionally challenging. Simply acknowledging efforts and praising good outcomes in a genuine and unscripted way is meaningful.

# Caring for nurses strengthens economy



On 25 June 2025, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial hospital celebrated the Nurses Day. This celebration is universally held on the 12 May, it is the anniversary of the founder of modern day nursing, Florence Nightingale's birthday. As the largest health care profession in the world, there is no doubt that nurses are key to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Nurses are often the only health professionals accessible to many people in their lifetime. So nurses are particularly well placed and often the most innovative in reaching underserved and disadvantaged populations. Nurses are educated to understand the complex nature of maintaining health and wellness, and the impact of psychosocial and socio-economic factors such as poverty, unemployment and ethnicity. They see the context for wellbeing and accordingly act in way to reach beyond the immediate presenting problems. National nurses associations have an important role to play in informing, advising, encouraging and supporting nurses in their work. and others to strengthen health systems and create the conditions necessary to maximize the contribution of nurses. The countdown is on. The clock is ticking and we are running out of time. Each and every one of you can make a difference. Thank your very much for your hard work and dedication.

**We are proud of you**

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# PHOTO GALLERY



Tea was served to the nurses.



ANMs receiving their gifts from DNM.



MOPD Staff and their Operational Manager.



OM Miya, Matron Khumalo and OM Khuzwayo.



Nurses from Staff clinic with Deputy Nursing Manager.



Nursing staff resighting Nurses pledge.





# PHOTO GALLERY



ANM's and OM



MGMH Nursing staff



Matrons receiving their gifts for the hard work and dedication they display in the facility.



Lighting of the candle is the sign of light. Nurses light the candle when they say the Nurses pledge



Operational Manager tMiya on the and V Khuzwayo on the right, they were captured with Matron Khumalo who is in the centre during the Nurses day.



It was time for lunch. Pho bayazifela yini pho onkabi



# CEO'S FAREWELL



MGMH CEO Mr. Maphumulo on his last exit at MGMH

The guard of honor for CEO was done by his staff members demonstrating respect, recognizing his leadership. Gratitude was expressed and his achievements were celebrated. "It has been greatest honor of my life to serve as your CEO for the past 5 years. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together. I am especially grateful for the dedication and passion of our team, who have consistently gone above and beyond", he said.

It's completely normal for a CEO to feel emotional when leaving the workplace, especially after dedicating years of hard work to the Hospital. This moment can be bittersweet, marking the end of a chapter and the beginning of a new one. As the CEO departs, they may reflect on the memories, accomplishments, and challenges they've faced. It's a time to celebrate their legacy and the impact they've had on the organization and its people. Mr. Maphumulo invested a lot of time and energy into building and shaping the hospital. The last day can bring a sense of closure and reflection on their accomplishments and the impact they've had. Leaving behind a team that they've worked closely with can be difficult, especially if they've built strong relationships.





# Old friend and colleague waive a good bye to the CEO



“As his friend, he is the most genuine and authentic person I have ever met. I have known him for 10 years. His integrity and compassion inspire me to be a better person.

As Mr. Maphumulo begins this new chapter, I wish him all the best. May he find joy, fulfillment, and continued success” he said.



Mr. Mathibela CEO's best friend was telling people who were at the event about their early days as friends.

Good day everyone, today we gather to bid



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# its prayer time by Pastor Sokhulu

Dear God, We thank you for the gift of leadership that you have given to him, and for the many ways in which he has blessed our organization. We pray for your continued guidance and wisdom as he begins this new chapter in his life. May he find joy, fulfillment, and purpose in all that he does. We also pray for our organization as we transition to new leadership. May we continue to thrive and grow, and may we always remain faithful to our mission and values. Thank you for the many blessings that Mr. Maphumulo has brought to our Facility. We will miss him, but we know that he will always be with us in spirit. In Jesus name, we pray Amen.



On the right hand side, this is our Pastor Sokhulu expressing thanks for the CEOs leadership and service to the Hospital. He also asked Gods blessings on the CEO as he begins this new chapter in his life.

Below : Mr. Makamo from Sanlam making a welcoming speech



Above: Pastor Sokhulu praying for the event

Ladies and gentlemen , esteemed guests, colleagues, and friends. My name is Siya Makoma, honored to represent Sanlam. As we celebrate the remarkable career and legacy of Mr. Maphumulo. As a sponsor, we have the pleasure of supporting this event to be successful and his team in various initiatives and projects. We have witnessed firsthand his unwavering commitment to excellence, his ability to bring people together, and his tireless efforts to drive growth and innovation. His legacy will continue to inspire and motivate us to strive for excellence in everything we do.



# PICTURE GALLERY CONTINUES



Above: Exiting CEO Mr. Siboniso Maphumulo was surrounded by his family, friends and colleagues.

Below: Mr. Maphulo was captured with his wife during his final day at MGMH



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# CEOs FAREWELL CELEBRATION



Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital Staff came out in numbers to bid a farewell to the CEO, Mr. Maphumulo. We wish you a good stay at home Mphathi.



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