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## US House passes legislation to promote legacies of Gandhi, King

WASHINGTON

THE US House of Representatives has passed a bill that would establish an exchange initiative between the US and India to study the work and legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

Written by civil rights icon John Lewis, who died this year, and co-sponsored by Indian-American Congressman Ami Bera, the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act authorises the State Department, in cooperation with the Indian government, to establish an annual educational forum for scholars from both countries that focuses on the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

"This legislation honours the long standing relationship between the US and people of India and advance his teachings and establish a development foundation that would allow India and the US to work together to address pressing issues like climate change, education and public health," Congressman Elliott Engel, Chairman of the

### UK clears Ambedkar House to operate as museum

London: Local authorities in north London have formally cleared the operation of Ambedkar House as a museum in honour of the architect of the Indian Constitution after it was approved as a landmark associated with "one of the founding fathers of modern India" earlier in the year. Camden Council gave the final go-ahead for the museum after UK Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick had intervened to grant retrospective planning permission for 10 King Henry's Road in Camden, where Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar lived in 1921-22 during his student days at the London School of Economics. The property was bought by the Maharashtra government for around 3.1 million pounds in 2015.

House Foreign Affairs Committee, said on the House floor on Thursday.

"Just like Gandhi and Dr King, Congressman Lewis shaped the world through his actions of non-violence and his commitment to human rights, equality, and justice for all. The Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act is a fitting tribute to the incredible life and legacy of John Lewis," said Bera.

"As the world's oldest and

largest democracies, the US and India have long traditions of upholding these values championed by Gandhi, King, and Lewis," he said.

The measure authorises USD one million a year through fiscal 2025 for the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative. It authorises \$2 million for FY 2021 for the Gandhi-King Global Academy, and \$30 million for 2021 for the US-India Gandhi-King Development Foundation.

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