

Gandhian Thought

(Syllabus approved by B.O.S. in Philosophy)

The general structure of the three-year course

- F.Y.B.A. (G1): Introduction to Gandhian thought.
S.Y.B.A.(G2) : Social and Political Philosophy of Gandhi
T.Y.B.A.(G3) : Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World.
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Syllabus

F.Y. B.A. course on Gandhian Thought:

G1 : Introduction to Gandhian Thought.

(Objective: To introduce to the student the life-sketch, personality and the thought of Mahatma Gandhi. The approximate duration of each unit will be 12 lectures)

Term I : Life and personality of Gandhi.

Unit 1 : Sources of Gandhian thought :

- (a) Indian : Upanishads, *Gita*, Jainism
- (b) Western : Bible, Ruskin, Tolstoy, Thoreau.

Unit 2 : Biographical sketch and personality :

- (a) Gandhi's role as social reformer, Political leader, Satyagrahi and Spiritual revolutionary.
- (b) Personality of Gandhi: Consistency between thought and action, fearlessness, self-respect, emphasis on spirituality, tolerance, humility, economy in the use of resources, strictness in discipline and justice, innovative attitude.

Unit 3 : Satyagraha

- I) Meaning of Satyagraha : Individual Satyagraha and Mass Satyagraha
- II) Techniques of Satyagraha (Non-co-operation, Civil Disobedience, Boycott, Fasting)
- III) Ideal Satyagrahi

Unit 4 : Satyagraha movements led by Gandhi :

- (a) Satyagraha in South Africa
- (b) Satyagraha in India (Champaranya, Kheda, Bardoli, Ahmedabad, Dandi)

Term II : Basic concepts in Gandhian Thought

Unit 5 : Religious ideas:

- (a) Concepts of God, Truth and Salvation
- (b) Views on faith and intuition (Inner Voice)
- (c) *Sarvadharmasamabhava*

Unit 6 : Moral Thought:

- (a) Doctrine of Means and ends (Purity of means),
- (b) Truth, Non-violence and other Vratas (*Ekadasa-vrata*)
- (c) Seven social sins
- (d) *Anasaktiyoga*

Unit 7 : Social Thought:

- (a) Gandhiji's views on Varna, Caste and Status of Women
- (b) Svaraj and Ramrajya
- (c) Doctrine of *Sarvodaya*,
- (d) Critique of Modern Civilization.

- Unit 8 : Educational thought:
- (a) Individual and social aims of education
 - (b) Basic education and its various components

Suggested books for study.

1. Gandhi M K *My Experiments with Truth*,.
2. Gandhi M K *The voice of truth*,.
3. Gandhi M K *Mangal Prabhat*,
4. Gandhi M K *Hind Swaraj*,

All above titles Published by Navjeevan Ahmedbad

- 5 Bose. N K *Selections from Gandhi*,. Navjeevan Ahmedbad 1957
- 6 Anand, Y P *Mahatma Gandhi and Satyagraha: A Compendium*, National Gandhi Museum, Rajghat, New Delhi, 2006
- 7 Desai Narayan, *My Gandhi*, Navjivan , Ahmedabad, 1999.

Reference Books

1. Datta D.M, *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*,. University of Wisconsin Madison 1961
2. Bedekar D K *Towards Understanding Gandhi*, PopularPrakashan, Bombay 1975
3. . Prabhu R K and Rao U R (Ed.) *The Mind of Mahatma Gandhi*, Navjivan, Ahmedabad (Reprint 2002)
4. Mehta Subhash, *Handbook of Sarvodaya*, Geeta Prakashan, Mumbai, 2004
5. Bharati K. S., *Mahatma Gandhi: The Man of the Millenium*, S. Chand and Company Ltd.
6. Javdekar, Acharya S.D., *Gandhivada*, Vadavivechanamala, Pradnya Pathshala, Wai
7. *Gandhijivanarahasya*, Prasad, Pune, 1949