

S.Y.B.A. (Gandhian Thought)

G2: Social Thought of M.K. Gandhi

[**Objective** : To acquaint the student with various aspects of the social thought of M.K.Gandhi. The first two units will pertain to the social thought in general and next two to his religious thought. Units five and six will pertain to his political thought and the last two units to his economic thought.

The approximate duration of teaching of each unit is 12 lectures]

Part I: Social and Religious thought

- Unit 1 :**
- (a) Relation between man and society.
 - (b) Concepts of Varna, Caste and Ashrama
 - (c) Concepts of social change and social reconstruction through non-violent means.
- Unit 2 :** Gandhi's eighteen point constructive programme with special reference to communal harmony, removal of untouchability, role and status of women, Kisan, Labour and Adivasis, Khadi and other village industries, prohibition of liquor, adult education, Economic equality and his message to youth.
- Unit 3 :**
- (a) Morality and Religion ; Faith and Reason
 - (b) Relationship between God, Truth and Ahimsa.
 - (c) Interreligious harmony, fundamental unity of all religions
- Unit 4 :**
- (a) Views on Hinduism, The approach to idol worship, The concept of Vishnavajana, Interpretation of Dharmashastra and the *Geeta*.
 - (b) His understanding of other religions; the concept of prayer and worship, Approach to conversion.
 - (c) The problem of religious instruction through education.

Part II : Political and Economic Thought

- Unit 5 :**
- (a) Gandhi on Politics and Ethics ; Spiritualization of Politics
 - (d) Concept of Swaraj, Distinction between Swaraj and Freedom ; Four dimensions of Swaraj (Political, Economic, Social and Moral)
 - (e) The concept of ideal society (Ramraj), Concept of stateless society, Sarvodaya
- Unit 6 :**
- (a) Democracy : Critique of Totalitarianism and Communism, Nature and function of State, Concepts of right and duty.
 - (b) Panchayat Raj : Decentralisation of power, Village Swaraj and Gram Panchayat
 - (c) Satyagraha as a technique of mass movement in political and social life.
- Unit 7 :**
- (a) Economics and Ethics;
 - (b) Sarvodaya and Antyodaya as the goals of economic activity
 - (c) Approach to Science and Technology, Approach to machine; Critique of modern western model of development, critique of industrialism
- Unit 8 :**
- (a) Swadeshi and Decentralisation; Small scale industry, Khadi and cottage industry.
 - (d) Dignity of labour, equality of wages, Problem of leisure
 - (e) Trusteeship and Socialism

Prescribed Readings:

(General)

- (1) Gandhi, M. K., *The Voice of Truth*, Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 1968
- (2) Bose, Nirmal Kumar, *Selections from Gandhi*, Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 1972
- (3) Gandhi, M. K., *In Search of the Supreme*, Vol. I and III, Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 1961 (Relevant sections only)

- (4) *Gandhi-Vichar-Darshan*, Maharashtra Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Prakashan, Pune 29
- (5) Parekh Bhiku, *Gandhi*, Oxford University Press
- (6) Ganguli B. M., *Gandhi's Social Philosophy: Perspective and Relevance*, National Gandhi Museum, Delhi- 1973

For Units I and II:

- (1) Gandhi, M. K., *Constructive Programme*, Navjivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 1941
- (2) Kumarappa, *Why Prohibition?*
- (3) *Gandhi- Vichara-Darshan (Vol. 10)*, Jatiya Aikya,
- (4) Surana, Pannalal, *Mahatma Gandhi Ani Dalit Samasya*, Mahatma Gandhi Abhyas Kendra, Shivaji Vidyapeeth, Kolhapur

For Units III and IV:

- (1) Das, Bhagavan, *Unity of all Religions*

For Units V and VI

- 1) Singh, Dr. Amar, *Religion in Politics: Gandhian Perspective in the Present Context*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi-2003
- 2) Patil, V. T. (Ed.), *Gandhiji's Political Philosophy*
- 3) Dhavan, G. N., *The Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
- 4) Gandhi, M. K., *Panchayat Raj*
- 5) Gandhi, M. K., *Hind Swaraj*

For Units VII and VIII:

- 1) Sharma Rajni Bala, *Gandhi's World view and Industrial Civilisation*, Printwell, Jaipur, 1998
- 2) Parikh, Naraharibhai, *Manav Arthashastra*
- 3) Bankar, Shankarlal, *Majdur Pravritti*

Prescribed References:

- 1) Mashruwala, Kishorlal, *Gandhiji aur Samyavad*, Navjivan Publishing House, Ahmadabad
- 2) Iyer, Raghavan, *The Moral and Political Writings of Mahatma Gandhi*, Vols. I, II, III, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1980
- 3) Mazmudai, Dhirendra, *Samagra Gramasevaki Or*, Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan, Varanasi
- 4) Kalelkar, Kaka, *Samanvayasanskriti ki Or*
- 5) Vinoba, *Dharmasamanvaya*, Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan, Varanasi