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Online Certificate Course Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy *Global Pursuit of Peace, Truth & Non Violence* {7th May, 14th May, 21st May, and 28th May 2022}



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Mahatma Gandhi and his principles have great relevance in today's challenging times. His ideals and way of life have been unquestionably accepted and practised all over the world. It is well known that there is a growing interest worldwide in Mahatma Gandhi and his theory and practice of peace, nonviolence, and interfaith harmony. People are trying to understand Gandhian Philosophy to equip themselves. Many of them have expressed their desire to get in-depth knowledge and training in Gandhian thoughts which would expose them not only to the life, philosophy, and method of Mahatma Gandhi but also to Indian social life and culture. Gandhian humanism and its practical application are the way forward in today's world.



With resilience and resolve, Mahatma Gandhi carried forward the torch of our great nation's guiding philosophy, which has been the underlying message of the Rig Vedic verse, *Ekam sat, vipraah bahudhaa vadanti* (Truth is one, but the sages call it by many names). This fact serves as a reminder to us that for centuries, India has been a repository of wisdom, anchored in the conviction of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam* (The whole world is one family).

The overall purpose of the online course is to give its participants orientation in the theoretical and practical dimensions of Gandhiji Life and philosophy; legacy; Gandhiji's thoughts to comprehend the concepts like Swaraj, Swadeshi, Satyagrah, Spirituality and Trusteeship as explained and applied by Mahatma Gandhi in his personal and public life. The course attempts to promote the Gandhian vision of peace, non-violence and purity of means and his concept of World Order for Global Peace. The course for the Indian diaspora and international participants will be in collaboration with Indian Missions and Indian Council for Cultural Relations as part of the commemoration of 75th Years of India's Independence - *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*. From March 2021 to February 2022, we have completed eight online certificate courses hosted by 55 Indian Mission and ICCR. The participants from various countries have wholeheartedly taken part in the classes. This online course is aimed at enhancing the understanding of Indian spiritual and cultural heritage as well as the tremendous contribution made by Mahatma Gandhi during the century of his life was great indeed, his contribution in the next century when the world is facing many challenges could be even higher.



The courses will be conducted by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna and her team. The course will be interactive and participatory and is a non-credit program. After completion of the course, participants will be given a digitally signed certification. The online course will be spread over four weeks-60 minutes once a week every Saturday's on a virtual platform.

Broad topics to be covered in four courses:

- ◆ Gandhian Philosophy of Truth, Non-violence, Sarvodaya, Satyagraha and Swaraj
- ◆ Transformational Leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhian Economics of Trusteeship
- ◆ Mahatma Gandhi's Spirituality, Wellness, Nature cure and Environmental credo
- ◆ Mahatma Gandhi's Ashrams, Khadi, Charkha, Swadeshi and Minimalistic living



Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna was born and brought up in Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in Sevagram near Wardha in Maharashtra. She has cultivated a strong ideological connect with Mahatma Gandhi's ideals since childhood. For the past two decades, she has attempted different ways of spreading Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy to people in India and abroad by giving lectures, workshops and Gandhi Katha.

Dr. Radhakrishna has travelled to 42 countries and presented lectures and Gandhi Katha. During the commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi starting from 2018 to 2020, She has delivered an online Gandhi Katha hosted by Indian Missions accredited to 135 countries. Through the virtual medium, Gandhiji messages have reached wide and far and many Heads of Indian Missions have appreciated the efforts. On 30th January 2022, Indian Missions accredited to 90 countries hosted the online tribute by Dr Radhakrishna to pay homage to



Mahatma Gandhi on his 74 Martyr's Day. Indian Mission in 89 countries hosted the talk by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna on 12th March 2022 to commemorate the 92nd Anniversary of Salt Satyagraha.

Mahatma Gandhi's life and thoughts can guide the people in any part of the world and participation in this course is a unique way of finding inspiration from it!

