

BSW213- GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Objectives:

- o **To create insight about the basic concepts of Gandhi & his views on society, development, industrialization, economics & education**
- o **To know the relevance of Gandhian philosophy & application of Gandhian model of development in dealing with social problems**

Unit1-Foundations of Gandhian Thought

A brief overview about Mahatma Gandhi's life. Foundations of Gandhian Social Thought. Influence of religions and philosophers. The experiences in his life. The basic values – truth, non –violence- eleven vows, seven social evils. Views about Man and society- Man as interpretation of god. Gandhiji's perceptions about society .

Unit II Gandhian Views on Social Problems

Elimination of social problems- Untouchability, Caste system, Problems of women, Alcoholism. The concept of trusteeship to eliminate economic inequality. Education concept of Nai -Talim or Basic education

Unit III-Gandhian Concept of Community Development

The Concept of development- antyodaya, sarvodaya,
Means to achieve Development: - Swadeshi, Panchayatraj, Constructive Programmes 9

Unit IV Gandhian Economic Thought

Ethical basis of economics, purity of means, simplicity of life, co-operation, bread labour-self-reliance-classless society
Gandhiji's views on industrialization

Unit V - Relevance of Gandhian Ideologies

Reviewing the implementation of Gandhian ideologies in the contemporary world
Film Reviews – “Gandhi”, review of the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi “My Experiments with Truth”
Visit to Rural development Agencies based on Gandhian ideologies(Gandhian Ashrams, Gandhi Smaraka Seva Kendras)

Reference:

1. Selected works of Mahatma Gandhi – (Vol. 1 –5).
2. Gandhian Sarvodaya: Thomas Vettickal
3. Gandhian Economics: Sreeman Narayan
4. Mahatma Gandhis World View: M.P Mathai, Gandhi Peace Foundation Trust
5. Reading Gandhi (Ed): Sujit Kaur Jolly Concept Publishing Delhi