

Lectures on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in the Context of Globalization



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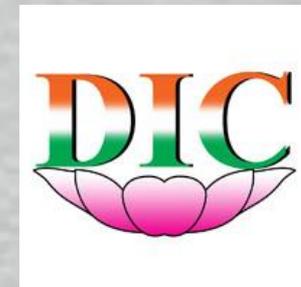
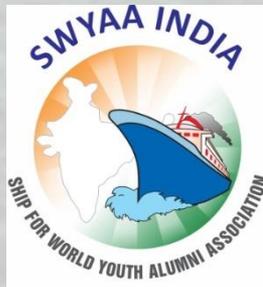


Lecture: Transformational Leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and its Relevance in contemporary world

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Synopsis of Lectures



Mahatma Gandhi is the most well-known Indian in the world. His life was one of dedication and simplicity and he valued non-violence, truth and purity of means as the guiding principles of his life. He followed the inner voice that guided him throughout his life and he could justifiably say to the world that 'My Life is My Message'. Mahatma Gandhi displayed the ability to lift the question of morals from that of the personal, and transform it into a question that reflects and impacts the ethics of all of humanity.

There are few among the 20th century leaders who can measure up to the standards set by Mahatma Gandhi in the practice of ethical leadership. Mahatma Gandhi proved that moral and ethical behavior is inexorably linked to the sincere understanding and practice of the philosophy of truth, nonviolence and purity of means. Mahatma Gandhi's thought and principles can guide the people in any part of the world as it has the strength to inspire and bring about change.

Gandhi envisioned a world that would evolve towards peace and harmony- a world where different religions, cultures and peoples of the world would live together with mutual respect and tolerance, rather than in suspicion and animosity. In a century marked by two world wars, the holocaust and the atomic bomb – when the world was torn apart by hate and intolerance—Gandhi emerged as a powerful antithesis to man's cruelty and small mindedness. He became the voice of sanity and a beacon of hope for peace minded and tolerant individuals everywhere. Gandhi spoke highly of Japanese self-respect, unity, patriotism, bravery, unity, patriotism, the resolve to do or die', all qualities admired by him as he was stepping up this campaign for Indian rights in South Africa and India. Many Japanese wrote about Gandhi's nonviolent resistance for gaining freedom for India from Colonization.





Gandhi's most important connection with Japan came through the various Japanese visitors to his ashrams, especially the Nichiren Buddhist monks who stayed with him and left a lasting impact. The legacy of these monks continued in fostering understanding between the two countries in the early decades after Indian independence and continuous to do so even today.

Many Japanese scholars and researchers are researching on nonviolence and working on promoting Mahatma Gandhi's ideology in Japan. As the bilateral relations between India and Japan have entered a new era of friendship and cooperation and during the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Abe to India, he paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko on their visits to India paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

The talk provided some principles, ideas and alternatives as to why Gandhi matters to us and the ways in which his legacy can help in addressing the pressing social and ecological challenges of our times in the era of globalization. Gandhi matters because of his legacy of nonviolent resistance to which he gave the name Satyagraha that was adopted later with such conspicuous successes by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in USA, it was adopted by activists in the totalitarian regimes of communist Eastern Europe, Solidarity, the major Polish movement was inspired by Gandhi and as are countless popular struggles across the globe.

Gandhi has shown a new path in the world divided in the matters of faith and religion because of his religious philosophy of cultivating interfaith understanding, his ideas remain persuasive and speak to us are in the realm of the environment and he was the first environmentalist who had declared that the earth has enough for one's needs but not for one's greed demonstration his environmental credo through his life. Gandhi matters for the openness and transparency of his life as there was no difference between his individual life and public conduct and for his great sense of humor for remaining positive under all the difficult circumstances. These lessons gleaned from Mahatma Gandhi's life, offer us invaluable advice on becoming global leaders having a more meaningful, self-aware, socially responsible and saner life.



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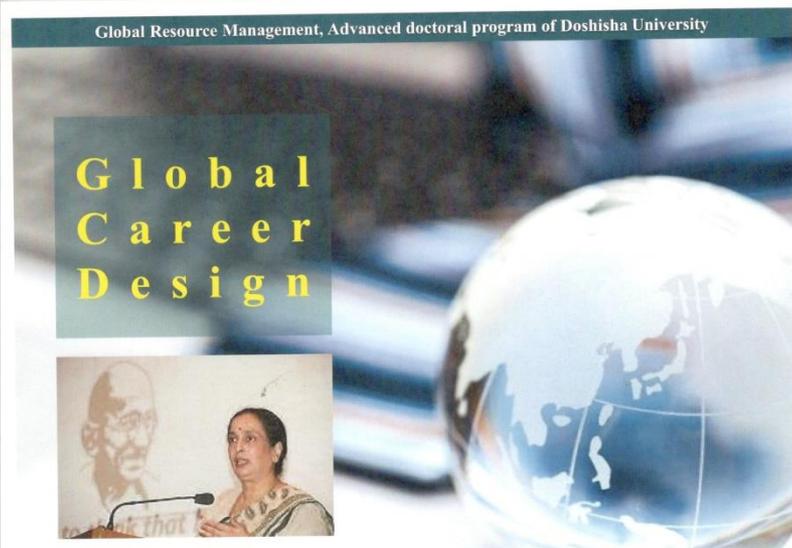
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PROFILE Mahatma Gandhi's life was one of dedication and simplicity, and he valued ahimsa and truth as the guiding principles of his life. Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna aims to spread Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts and principles to those not only in India but across the globe.

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