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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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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).

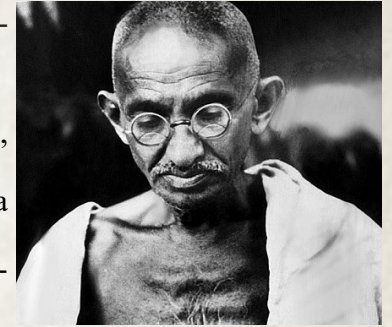
The overall purpose of the online course is to give its participants orientation in the theoretical and practical dimensions of Gandhiji Life and philosophy; legacy; Gandhiji's thoughts to comprehend the concepts like Swaraj, Swadeshi, Satyagrah, Spirituality and Trusteeship as explained and applied 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Concept Note

### Online Certificate Course on Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy for Indian Mission at USA, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Jamaica

Conducted by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna

Hosted by Indian Mission & ICCR

(As part of the commemoration of 75<sup>th</sup> Years of India's Independence)

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#### Introduction:

Mahatma Gandhi and his principles have great relevance in today's challenging times when the world is facing some of the most unpredictable times. His ideals and way of life have been unquestionably accepted and practised all over the world. Truth and non-violence are ageless and timeless concepts that have been the foundational values of many quiet and peaceful revolutions of the world and will continue to do so for the times to come.

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 Gandhi but also to Indian social life and culture.

We should think of Mahatma Gandhi as a noble spirit who continues to be among us and who contributes to the betterment of our world. His philosophy may appear to be simple to everyone but in a real sense practicing it in day-to-day life is difficult. For instance, remaining truthful, tolerant, non-violent, and respecting others in difficult circumstances of life require a great degree of commitment.

Inclusive Growth is necessary for sustainable development. Therefore, the task before us is how we, individually and collectively, can understand and take forward the Gandhian nobility of spirit in today's world. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and humanism have strength for solving the social, economic, and political problems of the day. It is becoming more and more relevant with time. Gandhiji will continue to be remembered in future for the unparalleled path he has shown to the people all over the world towards the promotion of global peace and a nonviolent society. Gandhian humanism and its practical application are the way forward in a world.

The Government has decided to celebrate 75 years of Indian independence and the idea is to create a vision for India@2047. Apart from social and cultural events scientific achievements and technological advancements will be showcased. It will highlight the contributions of freedom fighters.

As part of the India@75 celebration, it is proposed to introduce an online certificate course on Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy for the Indian diaspora and international participants in collaboration with Indian Missions facilitated by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

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The overall purpose of the online course is to give its participants orientation in the theoretical and practical dimensions of Gandhiji Life and his Philosophy; Gandhiji Legacy; Gandhiji's ideas to comprehend the concept like Swaraj, Swadeshi, Satyagraha, Spirituality, and Trusteeship as explained and applied by Mahatma Gandhi in his personal and public life.



**Background:**

As a part of the worldwide celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi since 2018, Dr Radhakrishna has delivered 267 lectures and Gandhi Katha hosted by Indian Missions accredited to 135 countries and facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Through the virtual medium, Gandhiji messages have reached wide and far and many HOMs have appreciated the efforts. The Katha format is ingrained in the Indian culture, and it conveys the messages by way of storytelling with narration and music effectively.

Further, on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Indian Missions accredited to 90 countries hosted the tribute by her to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 74<sup>th</sup> Martyr's Day on their social media sites. Indian Mission in 89 countries hosted the talk by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to commemorate the 92nd Anniversary of Salt Satyagraha.

Following the interest and awareness generated after the Gandhi Katha and lectures, it is proposed to conduct an online certificate course on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and relevance in collaboration with the Indian Missions. This will be stepping further in enhancing the understanding of the participants to get acquainted with the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and their relevance in the contemporary world. This will also reinforce that while Gandhiji's contribution 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 topics of the course will include peace and nonviolence, satyagraha, transformational leadership, swadeshi and khadi, environmental credo, spirituality and compassion, nature cure and living in harmony with nature, Gandhian economics, and trusteeship.

**Course details:**

This online course will be of approximately 4 hours duration spread over four weeks (*on Saturdays*) on a virtual platform of Cisco Webex provided by ICCR. The purposed dates are Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM (IST), [Time Zone: 9:30PM (GMT+5:5), 9:00 AM (GMT-7), 10:00AM (GMT-6), 11:00AM (GMT-5) & 12:00Noon (GMT-4)]

The Indian Mission will undertake the publicity and register the participants. The courses will be on a Pro bono basis and will be conducted by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna and her team. The course will be interactive and participatory. Being a noncredit program, there will be no course end examination.

This online certificate course is aimed at enhancing the understanding of the Indian diaspora and foreign nationals about our spiritual and cultural heritage as well as the tremendous contribution made by Mahatma Gandhi.

After completion of the course, Indian Mission will give the participants a digitally signed Certification of Participation (*signed by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna and Ambassadors/High Commissioners/ Consul General of respective countries/mission*) and will be given to the participants through digital transmission or distributed in an event.

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The suggestions from the Indian Missions will also invite diaspora-led Social Organizations, ICCs and Hindi Chairs of ICCR, local Universities, and Institutes.

It is proposed that the certificate course will cover 6 Indian Missions in May 2022. Each Mission may register 25-30 participants.

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Seventy-four years after Mahatma Gandhi passed on his relevance still matters. His pioneering vision of a non-violent society, sustainable world, religious pluralism, women empowerment, the emancipation of the marginalized, mainstreaming the poor, deprived, vulnerable, and above all unity of humankind is needed now even more than ever before. Mahatma Gandhi took a holistic view of human life and wanted all aspects of life - social, economic, and political- to be dovetailed for the creation of a just society.

In a way, Gandhian humanism and its practical application is the way forward in a world that echoes various challenges of the present time. In the celebration of India@75, Mahatma Gandhi acquires a greater significance than ever before. At this crucial juncture, a fresh look at Mahatma Gandhi's ideas and work become indispensable. It is anticipated that the participants will try to contextualize Mahatma Gandhi's teachings by assimilating Gandhian values, vista and vision in their life and mission. The certificate course will create awareness about the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi along with its usefulness in today's world.

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**List of countries for online course on Gandhian Philosophy as part of AKAM - India@75 celebrations during 2021-22 in collaboration with ICCR**

S.No.	Group	MEA Division	Country	Time Zone GMT/UTC	Status
1	1	Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	-6	Ninth batch is to be scheduled for May 2022
2		Americas	Canada	-4	
3		Americas	U.S.A.	-4	
4		Latin America & Caribbean	Colombia	-5	
5		Latin America & Caribbean	Peru	-5	
6		Latin America & Caribbean	Jamaica	-5	
7	2	Latin America & Caribbean	Chile	-4	Eight batch completed in March 2022
8		Latin America & Caribbean	Guyana	-4	
9		Latin America & Caribbean	Trinidad and Tobago	-4	
10		Latin America & Caribbean	Argentina	-3	
11		Latin America & Caribbean	Brazil	-3	
12		Latin America & Caribbean	Suriname	-3	
13		West Asia & North Africa	Palestine	2	Fifth batch completed in October 2021
14	3	Europe West	Portugal	1	
15		Europe West	United Kingdom	1	
16		Europe West	Ireland	1	
17		Europe West	France	2	
18		Europe West	Germany	2	
19		Europe West	Belgium	2	
20		Europe West	Italy	2	
21		Europe West	Netherlands	2	
22		Central Europe	Austria	2	
23		Central Europe	Croatia	2	
24		Central Europe	Denmark	2	
25		West Asia & North Africa	Lebanon	2	
26		Gulf	UAE	3	
27	4	Central Europe	Hungary	2	Fourth batch Completed in August 2021
28		Central Europe	Malta	2	
29		Central Europe	Norway	2	
30		Central Europe	Poland	2	
31		Central Europe	Serbia	2	
32		Central Europe	Slovak Republic	2	
33		Central Europe	Sweden	2	
34		Central Europe	Switzerland	2	
35		Central Europe	Bulgaria	3	
36		Central Europe	Finland	3	
37		Central Europe	Greece	3	
38		Central Europe	Romania	3	
39	5	West Asia & North Africa	Morocco	1	

40		West Asia & North Africa	Tunisia	1	Seventh batch completed in February 2022
41		West Asia & North Africa	Egypt	2	
42		West Asia & North Africa	Israel	2	
43		West Asia & North Africa	Syria	2	
44		West Asia & North Africa	Sudan	2	
45		West Asia & North Africa	Jordan	2	
46		Gulf	Iraq	2	
47		Central Europe	Iceland	0	
48		Central Europe	Czech Republic	1	
49		Central Europe	Slovenia	1	
50	6	Central Europe	Turkey	3	First batch completed in March -April 2021
51		Gulf	Bahrain	3	
52		Gulf	Kuwait	3	
53		Gulf	Qatar	3	
54		Gulf	Saudi Arabia	3	
55		Gulf	Oman	4	
56	7	East & Southern Africa	Botswana	2	Second batch completed in May 2021
57		East & Southern Africa	Zambia	2	
58		East & Southern Africa	Kenya	2	
59		East & Southern Africa	Mozambique	2	
60		East & Southern Africa	Namibia	2	
61		East & Southern Africa	South Africa	2	
62		East & Southern Africa	Swaziland-Eswatini	2	
63		East & Southern Africa	Tanzania	3	
64		East & Southern Africa	Ethiopia	3	
65	8	PAI	Iran	3	
66		Central Europe	Cyprus	3	
67		Eurasia	Ukraine	3	
68		Eurasia	Belarus	3	
69		Eurasia	Russia	3	
70		Eurasia	Armenia	4	
71		Eurasia	Azerbaijan	4	
72		Eurasia	Tajikistan	5	
73		Eurasia	Turkmenistan	5	
74		Eurasia	Uzbekistan	5	
75	9	Northern	Bhutan	6	Third batch completed in July 2021
76		Eurasia	Kazakhstan	6	
77		Southern	Indonesia	7	
78		Southern	Thailand	7	
79		Southern	Vietnam	7	
80		Southern	Malaysia	8	
81		Southern	Philippines	8	
82		Southern	Singapore	8	

83	10	Oceania	Papua New Guinea	10	
84		Oceania	Australia	11	
85		Oceania	Fiji	12	
86		Oceania	New Zealand	12	
87	11	Central & West Africa	Mauritania	0	
88		West Asia & North Africa	Ivory Coast, Côte d'Ivoire	0	
89		West Asia & North Africa	Mali	0	
90		West Asia & North Africa	Senegal	0	
91		West Asia & North Africa	Ghana	0	
92		West Asia & North Africa	DR of Congo	1	
93		Central & West Africa	Nigeria	1	
94		Central & West Africa	Republic of Congo	1	
95		Central & West Africa	Angola	1	
96		West Asia & North Africa	Algeria	1	
97	12	Indian Ocean Region	Mauritius	4	Sixth batch completed in December 2021
98		Indian Ocean Region	Seychelles	4	
99		Indian Ocean Region	Maldives	5	
100		Indian Ocean Region	Sri Lanka	5.30	
101		Northern	Nepal	5.45	
102		Bangladesh & Myanmar	Bangladesh	6	
103		Bangladesh & Myanmar	Myanmar	6.30	
104		ASEAN	Cambodia	7	
105		ASEAN	Laos	7	
106		ASEAN	Brunei	8	
107		East Asia	Mongolia	8	
108		East Asia	Japan	9	
109		East Asia	Republic of Korea	9	

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