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Course Name: Gandhian Ideals of Public Life

Course Code: POL-418

Level: 4

Credits: 2

Credits Equivalent: (One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures / organized classroom activity / contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work / practical / field work / Tutorial / teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/ group work; obligatory/ optional work placement; literature survey/ library work; data collection/ field work; writing of papers/ projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.)

Course Objective: The aim of the paper is to introduce students to the Gandhian philosophy covering the basic concepts of truth, non-violence, ahimsa, ends and means, principle of trusteeship, village economy, swaraj, ramrajya, sarvodya, among others.

Course Outcome: At the end of the course, students should be able to better understand the Gandhian philosophy covering the basic concepts of truth, non-violence, ahimsa, ends and means, principle of trusteeship, village economy, swaraj, ramrajya, sarvodya, among others.

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75 per cent attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear for the examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

A student will be evaluated on the following basis:

- Mid-term: 25 per cent
- End-term: 50 per cent
- Continuous Internal Assessment: 25 per cent

Course Content

Unit I

Basic concepts of Truth, Non-Violence, Purity of Ends and Means and Ahimsa. Gandhi on Law of Karma, Moksha, Rebirth, and Moral order.

Unit II

Principle of trusteeship, Village self- sufficiency, Cow in Village economy. Gandhi's Concept of Recycling. Economics of Khadi and Charkha.

Unit III

Decentralisation; Gandhi's concept of Morality in Politics; State- Concept, Functions, State as an organ of violence, Concept of Non- Violent State.

Unit IV

Gandhi's views on the relationship between Religion and Politics. Gandhian Concept of Panchayat Raj.

Unit V

Political Ideals - Swaraj, Gramswaraj, Ramrajya; Gandhi's views on Ideal Society and Democracy. Basic Principles of Sarvodaya

General Practicum:

- i. Class Room Presentation
- ii. Assignment/ Write Up/Creative work
- iii. Book/Journals Review
- iv. Tutorials/ Problem-Based Learning (PBL)
- v. Group Discussion
- vi. Model/Chart/PowerPoint based presentations

Suggested Readings:

- Gandhi, M. K., My Religion, Navajivan, Ahmedabad.
- Ramachandran, G., Quest for Gandhi, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi.
- Dutt, P. K., Teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhian Foundation, Gurdaspur.
- Bharathi, K.S., Socio- Religious Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi, Dattson, Nagpur.
- Betai, R. S. Gita and Gandhiji, Gujarath Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad.
- Bharathi, K.S., Encyclopaedia of Gandhian Thought, Volume I -IV,
- Anmol, New Delhi.
- Gandhi, M.K., Hind Swaraj, Navajivan, Ahmedabad.

- Gandhi, M.K., My Theory of Trusteeship, Navajivan, Ahmedabad
- Gupta, S.S., The Economic Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Ashok Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Kumarappa, J.C., Gandhian Economic Thought, Sarva Seva Sangh, Varanasi.
- Bhattacharya, B., Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Gandhi, Calcutta Book House, Calcutta
- Dhawan, G., The Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Navajivan, Ahmedabad
- Varma, V.P. Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Sarvodaya, Laxmi Narain Agarwal, Agra
- Diwakar, R.R., Saga of Satyagraha, Navajivan, Ahmedabad
- Dutta, D. K., Social, Moral and Religious Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi
 - A Critical Analysis, Intellectual Book Corner, New Delhi.
- Iyer, R.N., The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi, Oxford University Press, New York.
- Bharathi, K.S., The Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi, Concept Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Sharma, J.N., Gandhi's View of Political Power, Deep & Deep Publications, New Delhi.
- Sharma, J.N., Power, Politics and Corruption: A Gandhian Solution, Deep & Deep Publishers, New Delhi.