

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26HS604	GANDHISM: THEORY AND PRACTICE	04

Course Objectives

- To examine the foundations of Gandhian thought and its philosophical influences drawn from major religions and traditions.
- To study Gandhi's political philosophy, including concepts of Swaraj, Satyagraha and Gram Swaraj.
- To examine Gandhi's ideas on social reform such as caste, untouchability, gender, education and communal harmony.
- To analyze Gandhian economic thought focusing on decentralization, village economy and trusteeship.
- To evaluate the contemporary relevance and critiques of Gandhian ideas in modern society.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, it is intended that a student will be able to:

- Explain the foundations of Gandhian thought and his religious and philosophical influences.
- Describe crucial concepts of Gandhi's political philosophy such as Swaraj, Satyagraha and Ramrajya
- Apply Gandhian ideas to issues of social reform, education and rural development
- Analyze Gandhian social and economic ideas, including caste system, village economy and industrial structure.
- Evaluate the relevance and critiques of Gandhian philosophy in contemporary social, political and economic contexts.
- Develop critical perspectives on Gandhian thought and its application in modern society.

Unit 1 - Foundation of Gandhian thought (12 Hrs.)

Early life; influence on Mahatma Gandhi on religion: Gita (Hinduism), Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Buddhism; Fundamental ideas of Gandhi: Truth, Non-violence, Equality of religion, purity of ends and means, rights and duties, Satyagraha.

Unit 2 – Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi (12 Hrs.)

Influence on Gandhi's Political Thought: Concept of state and stateless society, Civil rights, Gramswaraj (Democracy), Ramrajya (State and Citizenship); Political ideas: Swaraj, Panchayati Raj, Sarvodaya.

Unit 3 - Social Philosophy and Reforms (12 Hrs.)

Caste system and untouchability; Women and gender relations; Communal Harmony and secularism; Education reforms (Nai Talim); Rural upliftment; promotion of Khadi and Swadeshi.

Unit 4 – Gandhian Economic Thought (12 Hrs.)

Decentralization; Industrialization; Village economy; Importance of village industries; Household Industries and Cottage Industries in National economy; comparative study of Large and small- scale industries; khadi and village industries; Trusteeship theory.

Unit 5 - Contemporary relevance and critique (12 Hrs.)

Understanding Peace, Environmentalism, Ethics, Sustainable development; Marxist critique of Gandhian economics; Adaptation of Gandhian ideas in contemporary society; critical assessment on Gandhi.

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COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping – 26HS604

Course Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall facts and explain the basic ideas and concepts underlying the philosophical message of Mahatma Gandhi including his commitment to humanity and assess the ethical foundations of Gandhism.	K1, K2
CO2	Apply and use the information in new situations the basic understanding in assessing his ethical principles of political life, his views on state, power and governance.	K3
CO3	Analyze and draw a connection, differentiate and compare to equip the students in analyzing Gandhi's approach to social reform and justice and evaluate on his contribution to equality and social harmony assessing his social ideas.	K4
CO4	Evaluate and justify a stand or evaluate Gandhian economic ideas and their philosophical basis and critically understand and explain the key concepts of Gandhian economic ideas and their relevance to contemporary economic challenges.	K5
CO5	Create or construct new ideas and examine the relevance and adaptation of Gandhian ideas in contemporary society including their application in politics, environment and grassroots movements.	K6

BTL (Bloom's Taxonomy Level) - K1 – Remembering, K2 – Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6 - Create

Relationship Matrix – 26HS604

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of Cos
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	1.9
CO2	3	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	2.2
CO3	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2
CO4	2	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	2.4
CO5	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	2	2.2
Total													2.14

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low