

CERTIFICATE COURSE: GANDHIAN ECONOMIC THOUGHT

Gandhian economic Thought is based on the spiritual and socio-economic principles of Mahatma Gandhi. Even though Mahatma Gandhi was not an economist professional, he gave a unique set of economic ideas which are sharp in contrast against the traditional economics of the west. Gandhi's economic ideas also aim to promote spiritual development and harmony with a rejection of materialism. The term "Gandhian Economics" was coined by J. C. Kumarappa, a close supporter of Gandhi. In recent years Gandhian economics is refined and restates as a counter theory to western economics and it is claimed to be more suitable for building up a more peaceful and stable future.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Enable the learners to understand and express difference between modern economics and Gandhi's economic thought
- Familiarize the learners with the basic concepts of Gandhi's economic thought
- Introduce the Gandhian solutions for a Sustainable Development path.
- Facilitate the learners to find out the possibility of the applicability of the Gandhian self-sufficient village economy as an alternative to present economy.
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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course would enable you to explore the intricacies of the and is designed in a manner that would equip you to enhance your knowledge on the subject.

Mahatma Gandhi is one of the rare thinkers in modern times who considered economics as a subsidiary part to the whole of human behaviour. Major economic ideas of Mahatma Gandhi are Swadeshi, Khadi and Village Industries, Bread Labour, Trusteeship, Limitation of Wants etc. The certificate course in Gandhian Economic Thought is designed to explore the involutions of economic thought based on Gandhi's principles. Total duration of the course is thirty hours (Theory: 20 hours, Practical: 10 hours)

SYLLABUS

THEORY

MODULE I

Non Violent Economy- Trusteeship- Self Employment- Swadeshi- Voluntary Poverty- Social Justice (7 Hours)

MODULE II

Phases of Gandhian Economic Thought- Influence of Gandhian Economics on Indian Thinkers: J.C.Kumarappa, Sunderlal, Vinoba Bhave- Sarvodaya Movement- Bhoodan Movement (8 Hours)

MODULE III

Decentralization- Concept of Co-operation-Rural Development- Development of village industries (5 hours)

PRACTICAL

Cleaning of Public Place (5 hours)

Making of Paper Pen, Paper Bag and Door Mat (5 hours)

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Kumarappa, J.C., (2010). Gandhian Economic Thought. Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan
2. Maharajan, M. (2008). Economic Thought of Mahatma Gandhi. Discovery Publishing Pvt.Ltd