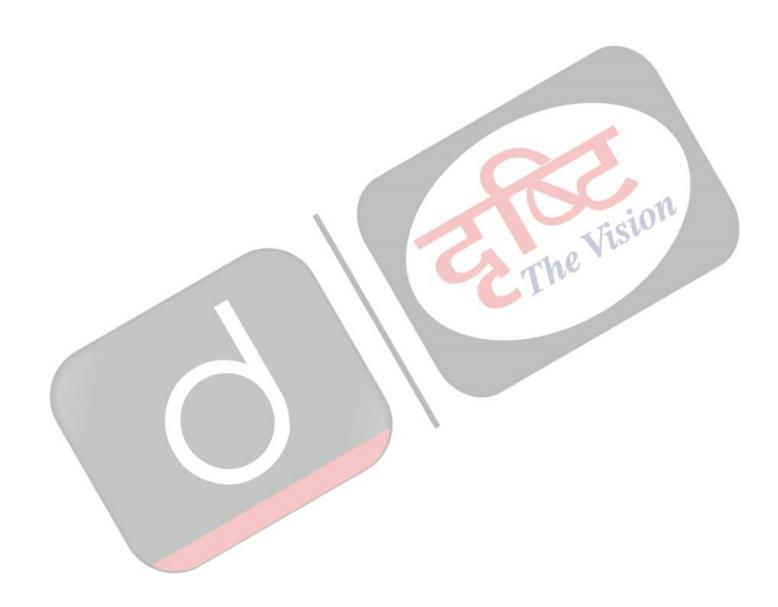


# **Gandhian Ideologies**



#### What

- Religious and social ideas adopted and developed by Mahatma Gandhi
- □ Rooted in ancient Indian culture
- □ Based on several planes- spiritual or religious, moral, political, economic, social, individual and collective
- ☐ Emphasis on Practical Idealism
- □ Aims to transform individuals and society simultaneously.
- Inspiration: Bhagvad Geeta, Jainism,
  Buddhism, Bible, Gopal Krishna Gokhale,
  Tolstoy (The Kingdom of God is within you),
  John Ruskin (Unto this Last)

## Major Ideologies

- ☐ Truth and nonviolence:
  - God is the ultimate truth and morality is its hasis
  - Nonviolence is related to love, the highest law of humankind
- □ **Satyagraha:** securing rights by personal suffering and not inflicting injury on others
- □ Sarvodaya: 'Universal Uplift' or 'Progress of All'
- □ **Swaraj:** self-rule, self-restraint, could be equated with moksha or salvation
- □ **Trusteeship:** law of non-possession, converting the privileged classes into trustees, equitable distribution of wealth
- □ **Swadeshi:** acting within and from one's own community, both politically and economically

## Relevance Today

- □ Ideals of truth and non-violence are universal and relevant to all humankind forever
- Provides solutions to the problems such as rampant greed, widespread violence, and consumptive style of living
- Mass mobilization has been utilised by leaders such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and Aung San Suu Kyi
- ☐ Can ensure world peace, can keep in check materialism and totalitarianism
- □ Political tolerance and religious pluralism holds relevance in contemporary Indian politics
- Voluntary cooperation and dignified & peaceful co-existence replicated in several other modern democracies

#### Conclusion

- ☐ Truth, nonviolence, Sarvodaya and Satyagraha and their significance constitute Gandhian philosophy, four pillars of Gandhian thought
- □ Can shape institutions and practices that value the voices and perspectives of everyone







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