



## Synoptic Glance On

# Collaborative Programmes Organized with Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad



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In the prevailing circumstances when the entire humanity is bleeding under the damaging impacts of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) which have shaken the roots of almost every imaginable dimension of our lives across the globe marking the unsustainable nature of socio-economic transactions, and hence, there is a sincere need to revisit the core values and lessons practiced by the Great Soul, loving called as Bapu. His philosophy on 'A Life with Human Values', 'Sanctity of Means and Ends', 'Love thy Enemy', 'Uncompromising Commitments towards Truth and Integrity', 'Simple Living and High Thinking', 'Empathy' and 'Antyodaya' stands timeless and still instills great sense of moral ethics in human beings. While the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi across the country and abroad is on board, the stress borne by the entire humanity due to prevailing COVID-19 pandemic reminds us the undeterred values of the Mahatma to find succor and strength for meaningful takeaways. This being the backdrop, it is quite appropriate to highlight the significance of his timeless values in the present context in the pursuit and larger vision of a Sustainable future and Self-Reliant India. The world still elicits the importance of moral plurality, self-reliance, non-violence, truth, swadeshi, character education and an empathetic approach to humanity as advocated by the Great soul.

This brief report provides a synoptic glance of the three programmes organized in collaboration with Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad.

Sl.	Name of the Programme	Theme	Objectives	Date	Resource Persons	Organisers
1.	One-Day International Webinar	Hiroshima Day for Peace in Gandhian Perspective	a. Hiroshima Shrine: A Learning Centre for the Warmongers and Peace Entrepreneurs; b. Peace and Conflict: A Conundrum in Global Politics; c. Necessity of Experimenting and Essentialising Gandhi ; d. Importance of making Gandhi a therapeutic healer;	6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	1. <b>Prof. Clayborne Carson</b> Director, Martin Luther King Jr. Education and Research Institute, Stanford Institute, Palo Alto, CA, USA  2. <b>Prof. Jonathan Granoff</b> President, Global Security Institute, USA  3. <b>Prof. Akhiko Kimijima</b> Constitutional Law and Peace Studies, College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Japan  4. <b>Dr. W. G. Prasanna Kumar</b> Director, MGNCRE, MHRD,	Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University In Collaboration With Gandhi-King Global Initiative, Stanford University Centre, USA & Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad, India

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			<p>e. Gandhian Peace as an observable, achievable and tested essence;</p> <p>f. To initiate peace in diplomatic missions to counter and contain the ideas of individualism, hegemonism and anarchism;</p> <p>g. To solve the conundrums of peace and conflict in international relations;</p> <p>h. To solve the conundrums of peace and conflict in international relations;</p> <p>i. To experiment and mediate Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence as a therapeutic healer in peace and conflict studies</p>		<p>Govt. of India</p> <p>5. <b>Prof. Kazuya Ishii</b> Professor, Kagawa University, Japan</p> <p>6. <b>E. P. Menon</b> Bangalore Peace Activist</p> <p>7. <b>Ela Gandhi</b> Gandhi Development Trust, Durban, South Africa</p> <p>8. <b>Tore Naerland</b> Bike for Peace, Norway</p> <p>9. <b>Christian Bartolf</b> Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin, Germany</p> <p>10. <b>Dr. Sriram Sonty</b> Chicago, USA</p> <p>11. <b>Willian Arias</b> Peace Activist, Colombia</p>	
2.	Three Day Online International Conclave (eConclave)	Intrinsic and Instrumental Significance of Mahatma Gandhi for a Self Reliant India	<p>a. To explore measures to ensure self-sufficiency and strengthen Rural Economy of India;</p> <p>b. To re-emphasize and augment fundamental tenets of Gandhian Philosophy for younger generations of global citizenry;</p> <p>c. To examine the relevance of Gandhian Rural re-</p>	19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020	<p>1. <b>Christian Bartolf</b> Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin Germany</p> <p>2. <b>Dr. A Raghu Kumar</b> Advocate, Telangana High Court Gandhi Scholar, Author &amp; Speaker</p> <p>3. <b>Dr. John Chelladurai</b> Dean of Studies, Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India</p> <p>4. <b>Prof. Yashwant Pathak</b> Associate Dean, Tcop Dean's Office, University of South Florida, USA</p> <p>5. <b>Dr. Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra</b> School of Politics Security &amp;</p>	<p>Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University</p> <p>In Collaboration With Gandhi-King Global Initiative, Stanford University Centre, USA &amp; Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad, India</p>

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			<p>construction programme in the pursuit of Self-Reliant India; and</p> <p>d. To engage proactively the academia and the researchers as key stakeholders in realizing the vision of Self Reliant India.</p>		<p>International Affairs, University of Central Florida, USA</p> <p>6. <b>Dr. Soham Pandya</b> Executive Director, Centre for Science for Villages, Wardha, Maharashtra, India</p> <p>7. <b>Dr. W G Prasanna Kumar</b> Chairman, Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education, Ministry for Education, Government of India</p> <p>8. <b>Mr. David Gengan</b> President, Pietermaritzburg, Gandhi Memorial Committee, South Africa</p>	
3.	One Day International Webinar	Conceptualizing Contemporaneity of Gandhi Organized by	<p>a. To discuss the historicity and contemporaneity of Gandhi</p> <p>b. To investigate the notions of self-reliance in Gandhian parlance</p> <p>c. To examine the impact of Gandhi in the contemporary socio-political and ethical re-thinking</p> <p>d. To analyse Gandhi and his imagination of a cohesive nation</p> <p>e. To discuss Gandhian philosophy and its decisive impact on politics in India and overseas.</p>	25th August, 2020	<p>1. <b>Prof. Clayborne Carson</b> Director, Martin Luther King Jr. Educational And Research Institute Stanford Institute, Palo Alto, CA, USA</p> <p>2. <b>Prof. Naresh Kumar Sharma</b> University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India</p> <p>3. <b>Prof. Isao Takagi</b> Soka University, Japan</p> <p>4. <b>David Kirshbaum</b> Nonviolence International Representative to the United Nations, New York</p>	<p>Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University</p> <p>In Collaboration With Gandhi-King Global Initiative, Stanford University Centre, USA &amp; Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad, India</p>
4.	Three Day Lecture Series	Nation, Icons, & Peace	<p>a. To disseminate ideas about India as a nation;</p> <p>b. To revisit national icons who played roles in nation building processes;</p> <p>c. To acquaint</p>	18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	<p>1. <b>Prof. Prasad Gollanapalli</b> GKF, Hyderabad</p> <p>2. <b>Shri Narendra Singh Bhaduria</b> Senior Journalist, Luckow, U.P.</p>	<p>International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS)</p> <p>Department of History, Rajiv Gandhi University, Gandhi King Foundation,</p>

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			and familiarise the younger generations with the ideas of national icons; d. To promote the ideas of Truth, Non-violence and Peace; and e. To carry on the legacies of national icons through such kind of lecture series.			Hyderabad & RGNIYD, NE Regional Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University Campus

In the backdrop of these events it is worth reminding all the stakeholders that the five 'I's including intent, inclusion, investment, infrastructure, and innovation as highlighted by the hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi during his clarion call to make India a self-reliant economy during COVID-19 pandemic, though may not have a direct mention of Gandhian Principles and Models, but is indispensable for each one of these five I's to materialize due to the sheer expanse of Gandhian thought towards the basic fabric and constituents of Indian Society/Economy if not for anything else. The discourse on Mahatma hence holds high relevance in given context of COVID-19 and a Self-Reliant Nation.