Gandhian Thought
(Syllabus approved by B.O.S. in Philosophy)

The general structure of the three-year course

F.Y.B.A. (G1): Introduction to Gandhian thought.
S.Y.B.A.(G2) : Social and Political Philosophy of Gandhi
T.Y.B.A.(G3) : Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World.

Syllabus

F.Y. B.A. course on Gandhian Thought:

**G1 : Introduction to Gandhian Thought.**

(Objective: To introduce to the student the life-sketch, personality and the thought of Mahatma Gandhi. The approximate duration of each unit will be 12 lectures)

**Term I : Life and personality of Gandhi.**

Unit 1 : Sources of Gandhian thought:
(a) Indian : Upanishads, *Gita*, Jainism
(b) Western : Bible, Ruskin, Tolstoy, Thoreau.

Unit 2 : Biographical sketch and personality:
(a) Gandhi’s role as social reformer, Political leader, Satyagrahi and Spiritual revolutionary.
(b) Personality of Gandhi: Consistency between thought and action, fearlessness, self-respect, emphasis on spirituality, tolerance, humility, economy in the use of resources, strictness in discipline and justice, innovative attitude.
Unit 3: Satyagraha

I) Meaning of Satyagraha: Individual Satyagraha and Mass Satyagraha

II) Techniques of Satyagraha (Non-co-operation, Civil Disobedience, Boycott, Fasting)

III) Ideal Satyagrahi

Unit 4: Satyagraha movements led by Gandhi:

(a) Satyagraha in South Africa

(b) Satyagraha in India (Champaranya, Kheda, Bardoli, Ahmedabad, Dandi)

**Term II: Basic concepts in Gandhian Thought**

Unit 5: Religious ideas:

(a) Concepts of God, Truth and Salvation

(b) Views on faith and intuition (Inner Voice)

(c) *Sarvadharmasamabhava*

Unit 6: Moral Thought:

(a) Doctrine of Means and ends (Purity of means),

(b) Truth, Non-violence and other Vratas (*Ekadasa-vrata*)

(c) Seven social sins

(d) *Anasaktiyoga*

Unit 7: Social Thought:

(a) Gandhiji’s views on Varna, Caste and Status of Women

(b) Svaraj and Ramrajya

(c) Doctrine of *Sarvodaya,*

(d) Critique of Modern Civilization.
Unit 8 : Educational thought:
   (a) Individual and social aims of education
   (b) Basic education and its various components

Suggested books for study.
1. Gandhi M K *My Experiments with Truth* ,
2. Gandhi M K *The voice of truth* ,
3. Gandhi M K *Mangal Prabhat* ,
4. Gandhi M K *Hind Swaraj* ,

All above titles Published by Navjeevan Ahmedbad
5. Bose. N K *Selections from Gandhi* , Navjeevan Ahmedbad 1957

Reference Books