G-3 Relevance of Gandhian Thought

[Objective: In this paper the student is supposed to study in the first part of the paper how Gandhian thought was carried forward and developed further by some followers of Gandhiji. In the second part the student is supposed to study how Gandhian perspective can be applied and is also being applied for solving some socio-cultural and political problems. The weightage of each unit will be 12 lectures]

Part I: Gandhism after Gandhi

Unit I: Acharya Dada Dharmadhikari:
(a) His Contribution to economic and social thought of Gandhi
(b) His conception of Sarvodaya
© His conception of Sarvadharma samabhava

Unit II: Acharya S. D. Javdekar
(a) Synthesis of Gandhi and Marx
(b) ‘Satyagrahi Samajvad’

Unit III: Vinoba Bhave:
(a) His conception of Sarvodaya
(b) Interpretation of the Geeta (Sthiprajna-darshana)
(c) Bhoodan, Gramadan

Unit IV:
(a) Gora: Atheism, Rationalism
(b) Jayprkash Narayan: Total Revolution

Part II: Movements Influenced by Gandhian Thought

Unit V: Peace Movement:
(a): Gandhian model of Development
(b) Applications of Gandhian methods and techniques for solving various socio-political issues
© Introduction to some movements: Green Party (Germany); Movement for New society (USA)

Unit VI: Anti-imperialist and Anti-racist Movement
Impact of Gandhian thought on the following leaders and their movements:
(a) Martin Luther King
(b) Nelson Mandela
Unit III: Environmental Movement:
Introduction to the nature and ideology of the following movements:
(a) Chipko Andolan (Sundarlal Bahuguna)
(b) Narmada Bachao (Medha Patkar)
© Ganga Bachao Andolan

Unit IV:
(a): Women Empowerment movement: Vinoba’s and Dada Dharmadhikari’s concepts of ‘Stree-shakti/Naree-shakti’, The activities of the organizations like Brahma-Vidya Mandir and All India Women’s Conference (1929)

(b) Evaluation of the Gandhian movements: Their Strength and Limitations; Potentials for Further development

Books for Reading:
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S. D. Javdekar, *Satyagrahi Samajvad*
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Dr. Savita Sing, Global concern with Environmental Crisis and Gandhi’s Vision APH Publishing Corporation, New Delhi 1999
David Hardiman, Gandhi in his Time and Ours, Permanent Black- Delhi, 2003
B. Saguna, *Empowerment of Rural Women through Self-Help Groups*, DPH, New Delhi
(Relevant Information should also be collected from Internet)