

Gandhi Research Foundation

Post Graduate Diploma in Gandhian Social Work

Course Syllabus

Objective of the Program

- Retune graduates with social work study background or professional students with social work experience / aptitude towards a Gandhian Approach to Rural Development Social Work.
- Note: The course will be developed through experimentation. The course content for the first batch will be custom tailored for a pilot project region in Maharashtra. To be optimal the final contents will also incorporate the suggestions of the students so that the course has sufficient richness in terms of concepts, skills and practical exposure.

Qualification

Master of Social Work ; Graduates of Professional Studies relevant to rural development with at least one year experience in Social Work or Exceptional Aptitude / Innovative Ideas.

Methodology

- The Program will be of one year duration out of which the last six months will be for internship. The first six months also will be spent with field work and campus study in a 50:50 equation;
- Month 1 : After a weeklong orientation , the students will be on a village stay and study program for three weeks in which they will understand the realities of the rural area which will form the 'field action zone' for the program.
- Month 2: Course 1: Gandhian approach to Development Social work. People with skill gaps will be given essential inputs to be ready for the next course.
- Month 3: Course 2: Methods and Techniques for Gandhian Social Work might be conducted in the field itself through a 'learning through doing / problem solving approach'
- Month 4: Course 3 Development and Welfare Programs of India. Basically a self study and presentation by students; should preferably be conducted in an ambience of related schemes.
- Month 5 and 6: Course 4: Internship for Six weeks. The seventh and eighth week will be for mid-term evaluation and related preparation.
- Months 7-12: Course 5: Placement (with relevant agency). It could also take the form of continuation of Internship. During this period the student will be expected to prepare a dream Project

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Credits

- Course 1: Gandhian approach to Development Social work. (5 Credits)
- Course 2: Methods and Techniques for Gandhian Social Work (5 Credits)
- Course 3 Development and Welfare Programs of India. (5 Credits)
- Course 4: Internship for Six weeks (10 Credits)
- Course 5: Placement (25 Credits)

Course 1. Gandhian Approach to Social Work: Philosophy and Practice

- Month 2: Course 1: Gandhian approach to Development Social work. People with skill gaps will be given essential inputs to be ready for the next course.
1. Fundamentals of Gandhian philosophy / thought – Truth – Nonviolence – Self - realization.
 2. Gandhi's vision of an ideal society and ideal world - order – Sarvodaya - the India of Gandhi's Dreams –Gram Swaraj / Ramarajya.
 3. Approach to Social Transformation - Resistance and Reconstruction (Satyagraha and Constructive Program) - Importance of voluntary action (collective social action) - swaraj from below.
 4. Stewards of Social Change – Social Entrepreneurship Approach and Lok Sevak Approach; Skill-sets needed ; Modes of Training; Social Work as spiritual sadhana/yajna
 5. Salient features of main stream Social Work (philosophy, values, principles, skills Components, Scope and Limitation) and comparison with Gandhian Approach
 6. Case Studies of Gandhian Approach – Indian and Global (ten case studies)

Note: Students will acquire the following through extra mural engagements (prayer, guest interactions, contemplation...)

- i. Gandhian ethics and its relevance for social work
- ii. Individual and society – organic relationship and challenges; Personal transformation and social change
- iii. Means-End issues
- iv. Justice and Righteousness
- v. Code of ethics for social workers

Course 2. Methods and Techniques for Gandhian Social Work

Month 3: Course 2: Methods and Techniques for Gandhian Social Work might be conducted in the field itself through a 'learning through doing / problem solving approach'

1. An overview of social case work, social group work, and social work research
2. Integrated social work – *samagra gram seva*
3. Understanding Indian village communities – Perspectives of Marx, Jawaharlal Nehru, B.R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Phule
4. Gandhian understanding of community – Social, Economic, Political and Spiritual dimensions - village as organic community
5. Gram Swaraj approach to Community organization (73rd and 74th Amendments and Provision for Tribal Areas) – Rural Reconstruction and Voluntary Action
6. Case studies of social transformation actions (ten case study)

Review:

Course 3. Development and Welfare Programmes in India

Month 4: Course 3 Development and Welfare Programs of India. Basically a self study and presentation by students; should preferably be conducted in an ambience of related schemes.

1. Development programme in India - an overview, critique and case study
2. Social welfare programme in India - an overview, critique and case study
3. Social Welfare administration - structure and functions
4. Social Welfare legislations - (a) Human Rights (b) Right to Information (c) Right to Education (d) Food Security; Citizens' Responsibility.
5. Social Welfare – Voluntary sector – role of voluntary sector – structure and governance of voluntary organization – Accountability and transparency.
6. Government - N.G.O interface – working partnership and alliance building.

Review:

Course 4. Internship for Six weeks

Note: Students will be required to carry out in depth planning and field work in the chosen regions in appropriate teams of talent mix.

Course 5: Placement

During this Period the student will be required to be involved in responsible leadership roles. This period will also give the opportunity for framing one's own dream project (involving directions of work, problem and region identification, project formulation and finalization of linkages. Bringing all these information into a document that could be presented to scheme / financial agencies). It is quite possible that the Placement becomes an extension of internship.

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1. Program Schedule, 2017-18

Note

Field Visits : Weekly Two Days (Thursday and Friday);

Weekly Feedback : Saturday

Week Off : Sunday;

Regulations : PG Diploma Candidates shall avoid

1. 'T' Shirts and Jeans in the academic campus;
2. their mobile phone in the academic campus / Class room
3. Contact Number during the day: 0257 - 226 00 33 (Extn. 205, 207, 204)

: Bikers are advised to wear helmet while riding in the campus

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: Sh. Ashwin Zala 094 049 55 272

2. Daily Schedule for Students of PG Dip in GSW

05.30 – 5.45 AM : Morning Prayer

06.00 – 7.00 AM : Agriculture

08.15 – 8.45 AM : Breakfast

09.00 – 09.30 AM : GRF Prayer

09.30 - 10.45 : Class I

11.00 – 12.15 PM : Class II

12.15 – 12.45 PM : Journal Writing

01.00 – 01.30 PM : Lunch

01.30 – 02.00 PM : Free Time

02.00 – 03.00 PM : Library Work

03.00 – 05.30 PM : Interactive Session / Hand on Experience

05.30 – 06.00 PM : Library

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| 06.00 – 06.15 PM | : GRF Prayer |
| 07.00 – 07.30 PM | : Dinner |
| 08.00 – 08.45 PM | : Group Discussion / Documentary |
| 08.45 – 10.00 PM | : Self Study |

PS: subject to midterm modification on the basis of learning.

Faculty

1. Dr. D John Chelladurai
2. Sh. Ashwin Zala

Visiting Faculty

1. **Dr. Sudharshan Iyengar**, V.C., Gujarat Vidyapith
2. **Prof. M P Mathai**, Former Director, School of Gandhian Thought, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala
3. **Dr. Ramchandra Pradhan**, Rtd. Professor, Delhi University, Delhi
4. **Dr. Vishwas Patil**, Former Principal, V N College, Shahada
5. **Ms. Nilima Mishra**, Director, BNGVN, Bahadarpur
6. **Dr. Hemlatha Kulkarni**, Principal, DAMU College of Social Work, Aurangabad
7. **Dr. Sughan Baranth**, Chairman, Nai Talimi Sangh, Sevagram, Wardha
8. **Dr. Shriram Jadhav**, Secretary, Sewagram Ashram, Wardha
9. **Dr. Premanand Mishra**, Asst Prof, Peace Research and Gandhian Thought, Gujarat Vidyapith