

GANDHI TEERTH



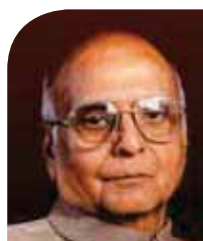
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mission

To strive towards establishing a world-order based on Truth, Non-violence, Peaceful co-existence Conservation and Love for labour. Values cherished and practised by Mahatma Gandhi.

Vision

To preserve for posterity the profound legacy of Gandhiji's life, thought and work.

Background

The prevailing situation in the world today compels every right thinking person to revisit the underlying perceptions and value system of the present model of development followed world over and seek alternatives for creating a sustainable civilization based on the eternal values of Truth and Nonviolence as taught and practised by Gandhiji. That the world at large has awakened to this realization is clear from the fact that the United Nations has declared 2nd October, the birth day of Gandhiji, as "International Day of Non-violence and Peace".

Great sages and seers like Bhagavan Mahavira, Gautam Buddha and Jesus Christ have preached the gospel of Love or Ahimsa. The focus of the teachings of the above gurus was transforming individual consciousness. Gandhiji's philosophy and programmes integrated and institutionalised these precepts as means of

transforming the society. He also developed non-violence into an effective weapon in the fight for the realization of universal justice. As never seen before in history, he also insisted on using only fair means for achieving these laudable ends. "As the means so the end", he argued.

The world is, of course, in the midst of a multifaceted crisis. People are looking for solutions. It is therefore important to draw the attention of serious minded and earnest people to the solutions offered by Gandhiji, because he was basically a man of action who tried to evolve solutions to problems faced by humanity on the basis of ethical principles. Thus Gandhi's life and principles become relevant as solutions to the contemporary issues.

It is true that larger constituencies of people from around the world are trying to study Gandhiji's life, philosophy and work. The number of experiments in the direction suggested by Gandhiji are also increasing. He is viewed as a timeless inspirer!

All these point to a need, not only to propagate Gandhiji's life and principles, but also to preserve them for posterity. Gandhi Teerth, encompassing an international research centre, a monumental Gandhi Museum, a capacious library and modern archives has been conceived and constructed keeping these concepts in view. Gandhi Teerth was dedicated to humanity by Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of India on 25th March, 2012.



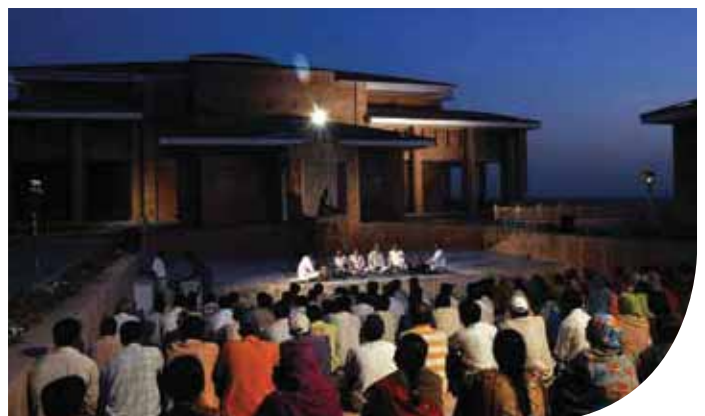
A statue of the Mahatma representing Global Fraternity



Renewable energy for ecological Conservation



Training on spinning and inculcating the love for labour



Daily inter-religious prayer



International Women's Meet on Nonviolence and Peace

ACADEMIA

- Collaboration with the universities in India and abroad to conduct study and research Gandhian thought.
- Offering Certificate and Diploma courses on social work and rural transformation leadership, based on Gandhian principles.
- Disseminating Gandhian Values through training programmes on Nonviolence, Peace Building, Conflict Transformation and Skill Development.
- Special training programme for students of national and international institutions.
- Offering the services of our well resourced modern library and archives to researchers working on the principles Truth and Nonviolence.
- Organizing annual International Conference on 'Empowering for Peace through Leadership in Agribusiness & Sustainability' (EmPeace LABS) in collaboration with Arizona State University, USA.



MOU with Gujarat Vidyapith: Ashok Jain, Narayan Desai and Dr. Khimani



Workshop for the coordinators of Gandhi Centres across Maharashtra



Students of PG Diploma in Gandhian Social Work on an exposure visit.



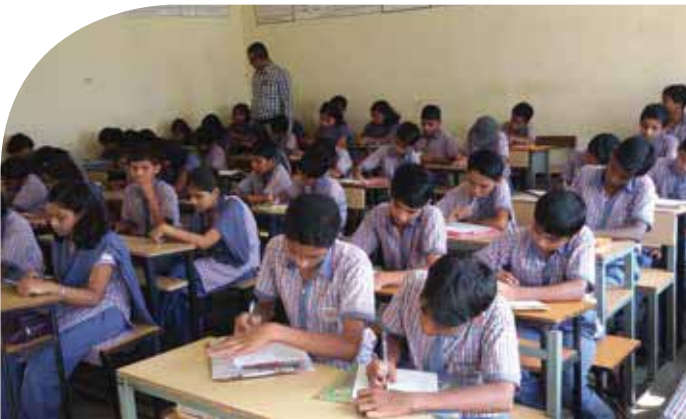
Students of International Summer School for Jain Studies at GRF



Students appearing for Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Pariksha

GANDHI VICHAR SANSKAR PARIKSHA (GVSP)

- GVSP is a reflective learning experience aimed at offering the young generation foundational values of human heritage and enabling them with harmony between body, mind and soul, and among all lives.
- GVSP is offered through Books in Hindi, Marathi, Kannad and English. Effort is being made to bring out GVSP literature in All major Indian languages.
- GVSP is conducted amongst Jail inmates every year. They are introduced to Gandhian values, so that they can get back into the main stream society.
- Ten years of successfully conducting GVSP. Touching the lives of 10 lakh students from across India and in Japan & France.
- Post-exam interactive session in selected schools / colleges to address the queries of students.



Student participants at Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Pariksha



'Mohan to Mahatma' exhibition



Jail inmates sitting for Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Pariksha



GVSP Coordinators with merit students



Students and Public taking 'Nonviolence Pledge' on the occasion of International Nonviolence Day

DISSEMINATING GANDHIAN IDEALS

- World lecture series, conferences and training programme to understand Gandhi in the present context.
- Mohan to Mahatma mobile exhibition in various parts of the Country.
- Commemorative programme on the occasion of the Birth anniversary of Gandhiji and other national leaders.
- Ahimsa Social Harmony Marches to create awareness on Social issues in rural areas. These include charkha spinning demonstrations, Gandhi Katha, musical evenings and skits on the life of Gandhiji.
- Student programmes like Elocution, Essay writing, Drawing and Singing on Gandhian ideals.
- 'GRF Think Tank', comprised of national and international scholars to deliberate on and document contemporary issues vis-a-viz Gandhian Philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

- Publishing rare and unpublished research literature.
- Publishing 'Khoj Gandhiji Ki' quarterly magazine carrying research articles and reviews on the archived material.



International Nonviolence Day celebration



Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam speaking to farmers and scientists



Students at drawing competition on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti



Distinguished guests at 'Aaple Gandhi' book release



Specialized Gandhian Library

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

- Conserves and archiving the published and unpublished writings and other documents of Gandhiji, Vinoba Bhave and that of the freedom struggle, using state of the art technology.
- Digitized (so far), 3.7 Lakh pages containing correspondence and documents from the life and work of Gandhiji and his associates.
- More than 5000 periodicals edited and published by Gandhiji.
- Conserved over 152 audio recording of speeches by Gandhiji.
- 85 Films / visual footages on Gandhiji's life.
- Over 350 audio recordings of Vinobaji's speeches.
- The Diaries of Mahadev Desai and Manubehn Gandhi.
- 10,000 books on the work and thought of Gandhiji, including the first edition books written by Gandhiji.
- Photo archives containing 5000 photographs of Gandhiji, 4250 photographs of Vinoba Bhave and 5750 photographs of historic personalities, events and places associated with Gandhiji and the Swaraj movement.
- Commemorative Stamps on Gandhiji from 119 countries.
- Rare artefacts from the life of Gandhiji, and materials used by him during 1936 Faizpur Congress.
- Preserving coins, currencies and medals commemorating Gandhiji's life and work.



Journals and magazines edited by Gandhiji.



Conservation of historic Gandhian documents



Gandhiji's artefacts from 1936 Faizpur Congress



Digital laboratory equipped with latest technology



Community dialogue on village development

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Inspired by Gandhiji's Gramswaraj and Sarvodaya as means to comprehensive independence and empowerment of villagers, GRF undertakes various rural development projects in 30 neighbourhood villages.
- Water conservation campaign under Jal Tapasvi Bhavarlalji Jain Jal Sandharan Yojana.
- Women empowerment initiatives under Kantai Gram Samridhhi Yojana.
- Dental Health and Cataract Camp.
- Environmental Conservation and Rural Sanitation drive.
- Equipping schools for extramural and extra-curricular activity.
- Rural Youth camp for cultivating a culture of dignity of labour.
- Building people institutions in villages, such as Farmer Producer Organizations to help them add value to their produce and get greater access to markets.
- The purpose of these programmes is to bring about a socio-economic and cultural transformation and help rural people in forming a self-sustaining society.



One of the check dams : First rainy season after desilting.



Annual 12 days Padayatra : promoting love and care amongst villagers.



Dr. Anil Kakodkar speaking on 'Concept of Rural Development'



Experiencing 'Dignity of Labour': Participants at Youth Camp



'Moving towards Gram Swaraj': GRF in dialogue with villagers



Youth Camp on 'Culture of Labour': Participants at a group exercise



GRF's Street Theatre - presenting a play on social awareness



Charkha training for rural landless women.



Women user-group in charge of their community toilet



Village women's meet on Kantai Gram Samridhi Yojana



Dental camp under Community Health Programme



Drinking Water Campaign at Shirsole Village

FEATURES OF GANDHI TEERTH...

- Dedicated to the service of humanity on March 25, 2012 by the then President of India, Pratibha Devisingh Patil.
- A magnificent 81000 sq. ft sustainable structure, scientifically built with Jodhpur stand stone, under green norms, to last for centuries and withstand earthquakes of 8.5 magnitude on the Richter Scale.
- 'Khoj Gandhiji Ki' - The first multi-media museum in the world, on the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi presented in 30 different sections.
- Fully air-conditioned Museum presenting the life and times of Gandhiji through interactive Touch screens, Bioscope, Digital Books, 3-D Mapping, Murals and Animation.
- Audio guided conducted tour for the museum in English, Hindi or Marathi.
- A hyper realistic statue of Gandhiji on spinning wheel.
- Situated on the lush green, pollution free afforested terrain of Jain Hills. Nestled in a beautifully landscaped garden, sprawling lawns and a mango orchard.
- The campus is designed in compliance with environmental principles and powered by solar and bio-gas energy.
- Winner of GRIHA Award, Artists in Concrete Award - Asia Fest and Art Culture & Heritage Award.
- Awarded the LEED's Platinum rating and GRIHA's Five Star rating.
- Listed in the Maharashtra Tourism Map – 'Mahabhraman'
- Over 4 Lakh visitors have come to Gandhi Teerth since 2012.
- 2 hours 30 minutes conducted tour into the Museum led by knowledgeable guides.

Facility

- An Auditorium and an amphitheatre equipped with essential modern facilities, each accommodating 250 persons; Four spacious meeting / class rooms.
- Souvenir shop having Gandhian Literatures, Khadi Clothes and handmade Gift Items.
- Food court for refreshment.
- Comfortable guest house facility for outstation visitors.
- Horse and Bullock cart rides adding to the attraction.
- Battery operated Car, Photographers and lockers available.



Hyper-realistic statue of Gandhiji



Global Solidarity Tree - Planted in soil brought from across the world



Ba's devotion to Bapu



Gandhiji immersed in charkha spinning



Northern entrance



The first section, which analyses individual's material attitude



The section showing Gandhi's growing years



Gandhi's rooms in London while he was a student



Gandhi's humiliating experience in South Africa in 3D animation



Gandhi's struggle against unjust authoritarian British rule in South Africa.



Champaran, where farmers were forced by the British to grow the non-remunerative Indigo crop



With the bullet ridden walls and cries of the hapless victims, Jallianwala Bagh comes alive



A view of Gandhi Teerth from the west gate

HONORS BESTOWED



GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat) Five Star Rating



LEED India Platinum Award



Top honors from Artist in Concrete Asia Fest (2013-14)



Bombay Chamber of Commerce Award for 'Art Culture and Heritage'



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