

THE NATIONAL COLLEGE BASAVANGUDI, BANGALORE-560004 [AUTONOMOUS] DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

GANDHIAN ECONOMIC THOUGHT AND DEVELOPMENT

Duration: 30 Hours

Course code: IC-GS

Objectives and Course Outcomes:

The course Gandhian Economic Thought and Development (GETD) is designed to analyse and interpret Gandhian's view of human-centred economic growth and development, and its significance to the neoclassical economic outlook for modern growth.

Module 1: . Economic basis to understand and analyse Gandhian outlook on economic development.

7 Hours

- ♣ Introduction to economic thought in ancient civilizations such as India, China, Middle East and Europe.
- ♣ Mercantilism and Cameralism
- ♣ The Natural Law-Natural Rights Tradition
- A Cantillon, Turgot and the Physiocrats
- A Classical approach to economic growth and practice.
- A Marxian perspective on development
- Marginalism and neoclassical economics
 - Schumpeterian perspectives on capitalism

7 Hours

Module 2. Pillars of Gandhian school of economic thought. * Sarvodaya

- & Bread Labour
- ♣ Swadeshi
- ♣ Trusteeship
- ♣ Village industrialism and cottage industries
- ♣ Appropriate technologies

Module 3. How Gandhi envisioned his philosophies of economics.

8 Hours

- ♣ The book by John Ruskin entitled "Unto This Last"
- A Henry David Thoreau's theory and technique of Nonviolent Resistance (Satyagraha)
- Works by Leo Tolstoy.
- Underlying principles in Hinduism, Jainism and Bhagavat Gita.
- A Dadabhai Naoroji's writings on poverty.
- A Romesh Chunder Dutt's writings about imperialism, land tax and famines.
- A Ram Mohan Roy's views about social and economic reform and modernization.
- A The concepts of Satish Chandra Mukherjee about rural communitarianism.
- A Gopal Krishna Gokhale's economic prospects for growth and wellbeing.

Module 4. Significance of Gandhian economic thought and their application in the current globalized economy.

8 Hours

- ♣ Failure of growth-centred development policies and growing economic inequality. ♣ Steady State Economy
- Degrowth and deindustrialization



- ♣ Green Growth
- Alternative methods for evaluating economic growth Gross National Happiness (GNH), Green GDP, Adjusted Net Savings (ANS), Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI); Better Life Index (BLI); Happy Planet Index (HPI)
- ♣ Human Capabilities Approach
- A Social Safety Nets and Redistribution of Wealth

Recommended Readings:

Daly, H. E. (2007). *Ecological economics and sustainable development*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Dasgupta, A. K. (1996). Gandhi's economic thought. Routledge.

Dasgupta, A. K. (2002). A history of Indian economic thought. Routledge.

Dasgupta, S. (1989). The Core of Gandhi's Social and Economic Thought. In *Gandhi's Significance for Today* (pp. 189-202). Palgrave Macmillan, London.

