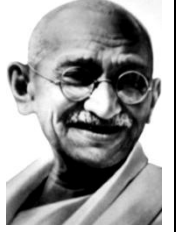




GANDHIAN STUDY CENTRE

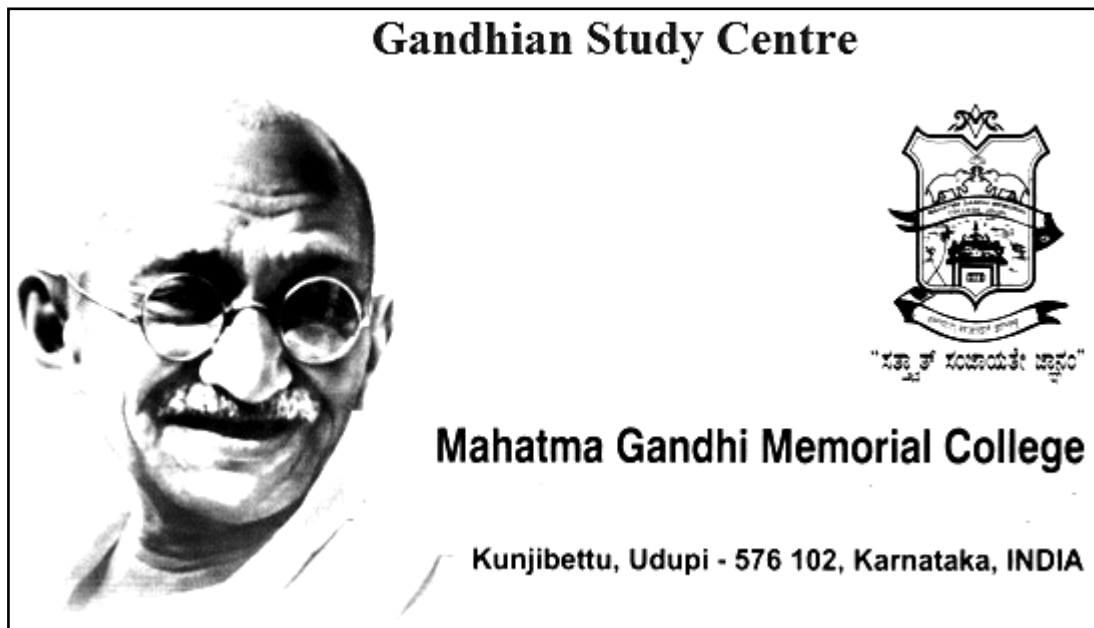
[Centre for Gandhian Studies and Research]

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MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL COLLEGE UDUPI, KARNATAKA

Abridged List of Activities (2010-2015)



The **Gandhian Study Centre** was established in the college on 14 April 2007 with an aim to undertake research and disseminate Gandhian teachings, principles, path and ideals among the students, youth and general public of this region. Stalwarts like Shri K.K. Pai and Dr. M.V. Kamath were instrumental in the establishment of the Centre. The Centre was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. U. R. Ananthamurthy, noted writer and Jnanapeeth Awardee.

In 2008, the centre was approved and sponsored by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, under the ‘Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India (Special Studies) Scheme.’

The centre for Gandhian Studies and research, popularly known by the name *Gandhi Adhyayana Kendra*, conducts research studies and extension activities on Gandhian Philosophy and Action. The research conducted by the Gandhian Study Centre seeks to explore new areas and applications of Gandhian Philosophy along with studies on the relevance of Gandhian teachings and their interdisciplinary interface with various disciplines. The Centre interacts with various departments of the College to have a better interpretation of the trans-disciplinary and multilingual scope of the Gandhian Philosophy and Gandhian Literature. The Centre works under an Executive and Advisory Committee. The activities are streamlined and guided by the Principal of the college who is the Director of the centre. There is a fulltime researcher who acts as the non-administrative In-charge and coordinates the activities of the Centre.

The centre has a good collection of books on Gandhian Thought and houses more than 1250 books on Mahatma Gandhi out of which about 200 are very rare books. The collection includes the books by Gandhi, and the books on Gandhi published in Kannada, English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Konkani and Urdu languages. In addition to these, there is a small collection of Tulu literature on Gandhi. The Centre also has 250 e-books, 2 Journals, 9 Documentaries and 1 Film on Gandhi.

Objectives of the Centre

1. Undertaking research and studies on Gandhian thoughts and their applications.
2. Updating and upgrading the Gandhian library and the reading room with recent books and journals on Gandhi.
3. Collecting rare books, literature, papers, pamphlets, journals, articles, bibliographies, photographs, paintings, chronicles, souvenirs depicting Mahatma Gandhi.
4. Organising seminars, conferences, exhibitions and workshops to promote and propagate Gandhian philosophy.
5. Organising competitions for the students to encourage them to study about Gandhi and the Gandhian way. Organising series of lectures, extension and outreach activities on Gandhian themes to create social awareness.
6. Working as the information centre about Mahatma Gandhi for the public and the students.
7. Studying the Indian freedom movement and the Gandhian era in context with the Gandhian influences seen in this region.
8. Collecting documentary films and other audio-visual materials on Gandhi.
9. Inculcating patriotism and respect for all Freedom Fighters as “Architects of Free India”.

Prioritised Research areas:

Gandhian Studies, Documentation of the Freedom Movement, Peace and Humanitarian Studies, Sustainable Development and Applied Gandhian Thought.

- **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Sl No.	Topic	Year
1	Documentation and Recordings of Mahatma Gandhi's Visit and Freedom Movement in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada	2011-12
2	Mahatma Gandhi and the Gandhian Way as Seen by the People Across Udupi and Dakshina Kannada – A Composite Study	2012-13
3	Gandhian Worldview and Humane, Sustainable Development	2013-14
4	Revisiting the Gandhian Era: A Study in Udupi and Dakishna Kannada Districts of Karnataka.	2014-15
5	The Gandhian Way to Communal Harmony and Conflict Resolution	(Ongoing)

❖ Research Notes and Working Papers:

1. Gandhian Influence on Literature and Revival of Tulu Literature. (2012)
2. Keynotes on Pandita Kshama Row's Satyagraha Gita, UttaraSatyagraha Gita and Swarajya Vijaya. (2012)
3. Observations on GandhiNama. (2013)
4. Gandhian Perspective on Euthanasia (2013). [presented during the panel discussion on "Euthanasia- A Controversial Contrivance" at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on the "Contemporary Issues, Concerns, and Challenges" organised by the Dept. of Political Science.]
5. Relevance of Gandhian Approach to Health Care and Hygiene. (2014)
6. Content Analysis of the Harijan Weekly from 1933-1948. (2014)
7. The Chronicles of the Gandhian Era in South Canara. (2014-15)
8. The history of Pre-Gandhian Freedom Movement in South Canara. (2015)
9. Conservation and Archival Organization of the Newspaper clippings of the Gandhian

Era (A Concept Paper on the best practices followed by the Gandhian Study Centre, MGM College, Udupi) (2015)

- SEMINARS ORGANISED

Sl. No.	Date	Title	Seminar / Workshop
1	02-10-2010	Gandhian Thoughts	State Level Seminar
2	17-09-2011	Gandhian Principles: Relevance to the Contemporary Period.	National Seminar
3	21-03-2012	Mahatma Gandhi: Perspectives and Programmes	National Seminar & Workshop

❖ **Details on student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops /seminar) with external experts:**

- 21-08-2010, A Special Lecture on ‘Gandhian Values: Relevance of Gandhi in 21st Century’ Prof. Manmohanlal Goswami, Former Principal, Bharathiya Mahavidyalaya, Farookabad, U.P.
- 02-10-2010, A State Level Seminar on “Gandhian Thoughts” was organized. Keynote Lecture was by Shri H.S. Doreswamy, Veteran Gandhian and Freedom Fighter from Bangalore, and Mr. K.M. Udupa delivered a lecture on ‘Greatness of Gandhi.’ Gandhi Jayanti Special Lecture was delivered as the Keynote Address by Veteran Gandhian Shri. H. S. Doreswamy.
- 18-01-2011, ‘*Swaasthya Sankalpa*’ Health Awareness Programme, lecture by Devadas Hebbar and by Social Coordinators of SKDRDP.
- 17-09-2011, “National seminar on Gandhian Principles: Relevance to the Contemporary Period”
Resource Persons: Dr. J.S. Patil (Keynote address on Gandhian Principles and their Relevance), Dr. P.L. Dharma(Gandhian Initiative of Democratic Decentralisation), Dr. J.S. Sadananda(Gandhi and Civil Society) , Dr. Narayanasamy(Gandhian Ideals: A Panacea to Global Terrorism), and Dr. M. V. Kamath (Valedictory lecture on Enduring Greatness of Gandhi). The lectures were followed by interactive sessions with the resource persons.
- 02-10-2011, Gandhi Jayanthi Special Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Surendra Rao, Professor and Head, Department of History, Mangalore University.

- 12-03-2012, *Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi – Upanyasamale -16*, Lecture on *Gandhi Tattvaadarshagalu* by Dr. H. Srinivasiah, Prof. H. R. Dasegowda , Shri Sacchidananda Hegede and Dr. J. S. Patil.
- 21-03-2012, National Seminar & Workshop on “Mahatma Gandhi: Perspectives and Programmes”
Resource Persons: Dr. A. S. Chousalkar (Keynote Lecture on “Gandhi and Gandhian Perspectives”), Dr. Krishna Kothai(Lecture on “Gandhian Cult of Sarvodaya”), Dr. M.V. Kamath (Lecture on “Gandhi as Communicator”). The lectures were followed by interaction with scholars and a workshop on Gandhian Programmes.
- 02-10-2012, Gandhi Jayanti Special Lecture by Dr. Ramadas Prabhu of Govt. First Grade College.
- 02-10-2013, Gandhi Jayanti Special Lecture by Prof. Nandan Prabhu of MIM, Manipal.
- 02-10-2014, Gandhi Jayanti Special Lecture by Mr. Prathapachandra Shetty Halnadu of Basrur Sharada College.
- 02-10-2015, Gandhi Jayanti Special Lecture by Prof. Varadesh Hiregange, Director, Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies, Manipal University, Manipal.
- 06-02-2015 to 09-02-2015, A Photo Exhibition on ‘Gandhi in Karnataka’ was organised in the College by District Information and Publicity Department, Govt. of Karnataka in collaboration with the Centre.

❖ **Participation Extension activities:**

- 27-08-2010, “*Vidyarthigalige Gandhijyannu Parichayisuva Karyakrama*” Extension lecture at National Pre-University College, Barkur.
- August 2010 to December 2010, a series of extension lectures and awareness programmes were organized for High School students in collaboration with the Bharatiya Vikas Trust. Resource persons delivered lecture on Gandhian Principles in 50 schools across Udupi District.
- 14-09-2010, Lecture to Kadiyali School students on Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Mr. Kokkarne Surendranath Shetty and Shri. K.M Udupa.
- In the year 2010-11, the centre in collaboration with BVT has distributed books “*Paapu Gandhi Gandhi Baapu aada Kathe*” and “*Architects of Liberated India*” to about 50 high schools. The students are encouraged to read these books and

motivated to write essays on Gandhi; best three essays from each school are awarded with a certificate of merit. This programme still continues and the Centre awards the Certificate of merit.

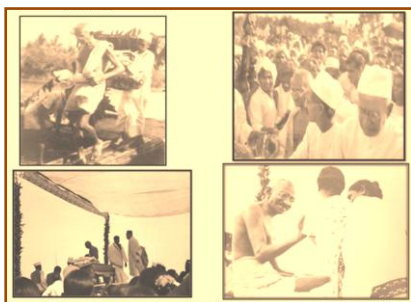
- 20-01-2011 to 28-01-2011, an eight day '*Madhyavarjana Shibira*' De-addiction Camp was organized in association with Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Trust and Udupi De-addiction Council. 44 addicted people participated and got the benefit from this holistic camp. Series of lectures were held for the inmates on Gandhian teachings. For the first time a camp of this nature was held in a college campus to promote a social cause. Thus this camp sent a strong message to the youth and the society.
- 3-9-2011, Essay Writing and Drawing Competitions on Gandhian Themes were held for School Children of Udupi.
- 21-03-2012, a workshop on "Rural Empowerment" with demonstration and training in areca leaf plate making, paper bag making, waste management and vermicomposting.
- 02-10-2012, visit to State Home and distribution of fruits to the inmates.
- 02-10-2013, visit to Asha Nilaya and distribution of fruits and sweets to the children.
- 30-12-2013, a special lecture and awareness programme organized for selected higher primary and high school students.
- 23-12-2014, an extension programme and special lecture on "Life and Ideals of Mahatma Gandhi" was organized for the high school students in collaboration with BVT.
- 28th March 2015, selected parts of *Gandhi Katha* (Hindi version) were screened for the public in the college AV hall as a tribute to late Narayanbhai Desai. Mr. Shrikumar of 'Sangatya' Karkala and an associate of Shri. Desai arranged the videos of Gandhi Katha and spoke about Narayan Desai and the Gandhian Way.
- 08-05-2015, Mr. Vinith Rao, Researcher, Coordinator and Programme In-charge, delivered a lecture on the 'First Strides of Mahatma Gandhi in Karnataka – South Kanara – Udupi' organised by Vartha Elakhe to mark the Centenary celebrations of Gandhi's first visit to Karnataka.

In addition to the above, the students from other schools and colleges, members of the civil society, and the interested public are invited to take part in the Gandhi Jayanti Lectures, Bhajans, Seminars, Workshops, Extension lectures and Social activities organised by the Centre. The Centre interacts with the civil society and the public at large for the purpose of the research and extension activities. The library of the Centre is open to all the enthusiasts

who look for authentic sources that help in better appreciation of the relevance of Gandhian World view and action. The Centre has been organising Ramdhun Bhajans / Sarvadharm Prayers and Exhibition of rare photographs on Gandhiji on October 2nd of every year. On Sarvodaya Day a small documentary is screened for the enthusiasts.

❖ **Interactions:**

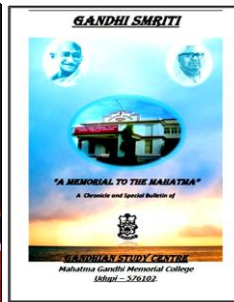
- The Centre interacts with various departments of the College to have a better interpretation of the trans-disciplinary and multilingual scope of the Gandhian Philosophy and Gandhian Literature.
- Organises seminars in association with the Department of Political Science of the College and also actively takes part in the organisation of Political Science seminars.
- Interacts with *Jilla Vartha Elakhe* and Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies, Manipal University.
- Interacts with Rashtrakavi Govindapai Research Centre and RRC for the conservation of archival materials of the Gandhian Era.
- Interacts and collaborates with Bharatiya Vikas Trust, Manipal for extension activities.
- Connects with people at large through surveys, interviews and social media / networking.



❖ **List of eminent academicians and scientists / scholars / visitors to the department:**

- Shri H.S. Doreswamy, Veteran Gandhian and Freedom Fighter, Bangalore.
- Shri Bantakallu Lakshminarayana Sharma, Veteran Gandhian and Freedom Fighter
- Dr. M. V. Kamath, Padmabhushan Awardee Veteran Journalist and Former Chairman of Prasar Bharati
- Dr. H. Shantharam, Administrative Officer, Academy of General Education, Manipal
- Dr. J.S. Patil, Former Vice Chancellor of Karnataka Law University, Hubli
- Prof. Ashok Chousalkar, Gandhian Scholar, Rtd. Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science, Shivaji University, Kollapur.
- Prof. Manmohanlal Gosswami, Former Principal, Bharatiya Mahavidyalaya, Farookabad, U.P.
- Dr. Krishna Kothai, Development Specialist, Azim Premji University, Bangalore.
- Dr. Narayanasamy, Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed University, Tamilnadu.
- Dr. J.S. Sadananda, Professor, Kuvempu University, Shimoga.
- Dr. P. L. Dharma, Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science, Mangalore University.
- Shri Pangal Rabindra Nayak, Noted Philanthropist and President of Senior Citizens' Forum.
- Shri A.G. Kodgi, Former Chairman of the Task Force for Implementation of Third Finance Commission Report, Govt. of Karnataka.
- Dr. N.K. Thingalaya, Economist and Former Chairman of Syndicate Bank.
- Dr. Bhaskarananda Kumar, Former Head, Dept. of Orthopedics, KMC Manipal.
- Dr. P. Shripathi Rao, Dean, KMC Manipal.
- Shri Devadas Hebbar, Former President of Udupi Taluk Panchayat and President, Janajagruti Vedike.
- Shri K. M. Udupa, Managing Trustee, Bharatiya Vikas Trust, Manipal.
- Dr. H. Srinivasiah, President, Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi.
- Prof. H. R. Dasegowda, Secretary, Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi.
- Shri Sacchidananda Hegede, Chairman, Karnataka State Temperance Board.
- Dr. Ramadas Prabhu, Scholar in Gandhian Thought and History, Government College.
- Prof. Nandan Prabhu, Scholar in Gandhian Thought and Management, MIM, Manipal.
- Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao, Principal, TMA Pai College of Education, Udupi.
- Shri Prathapachandra Shetty Halnadu, Scholar in Gandhian Thought and Kannada Literature, Basrur Sharada College, Basrur.

- Shri Matapadi Kumaraswami, District Reporter, Udayavani Kannada Daily.
- Mr. Shrikumar, of Sangatya - Karkala (A disciple and an associate of late Narayanbhai Desai)
- Prof. Varadesh Hiregange, Director, Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies, Manipal University
- Mrs. Rohini, District Information and Public Relations Officer, Udupi, Govt. of Karnataka



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