

GANDHIAN CONCEPT FOR THE 21st CENTURY

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Abstract : Mohandas Karmachand Gandhi, Father of our nation India, a great political leader, philosopher who spread non-violence and consistency of truth throughout his life. Gandhiji's concept of Ahimsa and satyagraha are surely eternal. It is said that, Gandhism starts from simplicity and flourished with truth and non-violence; 21st century's globalized world really need these. Most eminent worldly thinker promoted Gandhism; they said today's globalised world has need of gandhism to live peacefully. India an agrarian country has much need of Gandhiji's socio-economic philosophy to survive in the world of globalization and privatization. Gandhian thinking is based on such as ahimsa, satya and Satyagraha; his thought prominently promotes these elements. The paper broadly states that these thinking of Gandhiji. Such philosophy of Bapu must be admired by people of 21st century's modern world.

Introduction :

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy guides us past, present and future. His each one though gives immense strength and power. Gandhiji's weapons - nonviolence and satyagraha are undoubtedly useful and fruitful in today's modern India and modern life. Gandhiji said "There is no God higher than truth". Gandhiji's trinity of nonviolence, truth, sacrifice are one can use to fight against anything; in present situation there is need to accept this trinity. Gandhian concept of social empowerment can save people from all social activities. Accepting simple living and admiring high thinking human can advance their humanity and if it could get non-violence and truth's acceptance then mankind will be peaceful. Present era has need all these things.

According to Gandhiji, the adopting of peaceful method one can be superior being accepting such godly method; enemy's mind changes slowly towards peace. Gandhiji believed that only through peace and love an enemy would be permanently changed his violent thought.

Gandhian Philosophy :

To consider Gandhian thought to be an utopia in present scenario is truly a misnomer as his thought and ideas are still alive within us even after more than 70 years of his death. Capitalizing on his concepts of satya, ahimsa and satyagraha, it is to assess that it will help to solve the real problem of globalised world such as problem of armed clashes, global terrorism or the moral crisis of humanity leading to day by day global unrest, fear, mutual hatred,



jealousy, anger, intolerance, discontent, immorality and ethnic and religious conflicts. Experiment with Gandhian philosophy in general and his three cardinal principles of truth, non-violence and satyagraha in particular will definitely regenerate the society with non-violent or less violent attitude making the life free from anxiety, tensions, perplexities, anger, suspicion, hatred, and jealousy etc. Gandhi's religious belief was a synthetic product of what he received from his parent as a child and what essence he found from other religions like Jainism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity, etc. Gandhi says that "My religion enables me, obliges me, to imbibe all that is good in all religions of the earth. Gandhi says that demonizing your own enemy is an act of dehumanize him which subsequently leads to dehumanize yourself. Before demonizing others try to know your own limitations by making a self-criticism.

Non-Violence :

Non violence, where violence is absent; the technique used by Gandhiji against British rule. There are immense need of non-violence to control terrorism in today's modern period. To destroy terrorism's terror, Gandhiji's concept of non-violence is essential more. Undoubtedly non-violence is the remedy on violence.

Many types of violence finds in Indian Society:

- a. Regional violence
- b. Linguistic violence
- c. Religious violence
- d. Domestic violence
- e. Child labor etc.

Mahatma Gandhi attached more to nonviolence He preached nonviolence resistance named satyagrah to make India independence from British rules. Gandhiji's philosophy of nonviolence considered as the mightiest power at the disposal of mankind. Undoubtedly Gandhiji's thoughts are relevant in today's time; his technique of satyagrah can be useful and fruitful in today's modern life.

The Relevance in Modern Times :

Gandhi is known great political leader, In modern times, nonviolent is powerful tool for social protest. Philosopher, renowned theorist, and practitioner of truth, non-violence leader Gandhiji leading nonviolent struggle against British rule in India, which eventually helped India win its Independence in 1947. He was a man of simplicity, nobility; He was the man of action and perfection; Though he was considered a naked man, his principles and teaching are revered widely. His philosophy is considered universal and eternal by the world. There are no any doubt that Gandhiji's teachings always help in modern time

Concept of Society :

According to Gandhiji everyone should think about others happiness after that everybody become happy. This concept of sarvodaya must follow in our society, Gandhiji



thought. His view of sarvodaya states each and every person in the society should get their happiness, profits and peace.

Various cast, creed and religion we fine in India. But Gandhiji Celebrates Truth, nonviolence love and mercy which features find in every religion. In such way Gnadhiji gives education of unity to society. Though cast creed and religion are different but their values are some.

Gandhiji always takes part against castcism, classicism, untouchability, addiction of alcohol etc. He always encourages cleanliness movement, adult education, activity based education, women empowerment, liberty to all and unity etc. In such a way Gnadhiji's concept of society is based on Ramrajya (Utopia) where everybody will live in peace and happiness which has more need for 21st century.

Gram Swaraj :

Mahatma Gandhi enraged the idea of Panchayat Raj, He always promotes Panchayat rule. His 'Starting from village' concept is famous more. According to him walks of development should start from village developing village is thefoots of country's development. In present time our country India accepted this technique in little level. Today's globalized world should accept this pyramid development which has base at village.

Reflections on Indian Politics :

Mahatma Gandhi's political thinking is moral based. According to him mankind has only a religion; and the religion is humanity. He believed, no country will make superior without accepting humanity towards mankind. His political views influenced from Leo Tolstoy and Gopal Krushn Gokhale. Gopal Krushna Gokhale is Gandhiji's political guru. Both Gokhale and Tolstoy promote stateless policy towards nation which accepted by Gandhiji. Moral based political system should be admire; But these moral based political system must be on practical bases and activity bases, according to Gandhiji. His vision towards India, a republic democratic India must be based on democracy which encourage non-violence truth and unity.

Gandhiji strongly believed that India's development was possible through its indigenous political system. There all states in a nation will support one complete nation. This is the moral based political system that Gandhiji wants to flourish in the country India.

Economic views for Nation :

Gandhiji takes a side of Aparigrah for economic stability in a state. Aparigrah means do not collect more wealth. Bapu's economic views also based on moral values; anyone can say surely that Gandhiji's each concept flourished moral values.

In general Gandhiji does not state economic concept theoretically but he promotes such economic views that are moral based. According to him, development must start from village first, gradually run towards town and then city. Economic's pyramid start from village; means base must be a village. Social equality from governance also needful to raise



economy. Gandhiji's concept of economy raise self development program like Hand craft, khadi Gram Udyog, Swadeshi udyog etc. Gandhiji always takes a side of Homemade development that means consistency of indigenous things. Gandhian economic thoughts state, each one must have do some work every day. Such views are undoubtedly useful in today's 21st century's modern society.

Concept of Education :

According to M. K. Gandhi, Only a literacy is not an education not even just a starting of education: but the education is complete development of combination of heart and soul . Goal of education is develop excellence and features of a man. Gandhiji not only focused on mind development but focused on development of all part of personality. He illustrated 3H : Head, Heart and Hand. 7 to 14 years children must get education, free of cost. Education's goal is to develop knowledge, personality and character. Teacher should touch student considering spreading of non-violence society. Education should increase patriotism in wards mind.

Gandhiji thinks, children can think and imagine in their mother tongue better so primary education must be in mother tongue. Dr. Zakir Husen council illustrate ' Mother tongue is the base of all kind of education' Students can get subject properly through their mother tongue cause they genuinely love their mother tongue. Gndhiji always put prominence to vocational and functional education. His Moto was earning while learning. He viewed that such kind of vocation courses increase students efficiency.

In 1964-66 Kothari Commission studied deeply on education on education system and stated new way of education that all are based on Gandhiji's activity based education. If we think 1986 educational policy Gandhiji's educational thinking considered their mostly, so we can think, Gandhiji education policy is mast admirable more to create better education system.

Conclusion :

Ganghiji promote simplicity more, If we carefully go through Bapu's thinking, we get clearly impressed by their views. His political, social, economic views are more needy for today's life or rather would say Earthly enough.; it guide us to live life peacefully; it guide nation for how to tackle peacefully with crisis. Mahatma Gandhi belief, love concurred all, not blood fight. He strongly states only love can win enemies not anger or fight.

Gandhiji is undoubtedly amazing as a person, social activist, political leader not only in India but in the world; this even admitted by gandhiji's opponents. His thoughts are ideal. His village development technique, elaboration of economic , godly technique to save environment, equality, satya, ahinsa all are admirable to complete mankind. Today's world of 21st century is fascinated towards more addicted things but Bapu's moral values teaches to save our sole from fascination. Because of his moral values, he always remains memorable to all humans. His thought is now a way to live lives.

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