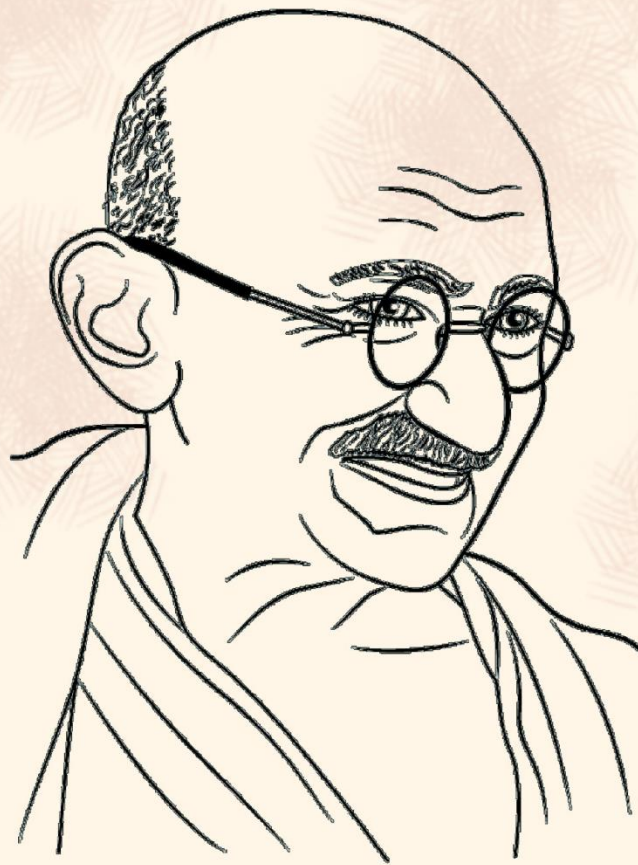


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MESSAGE

*"Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny."*



This beautiful quote of Mahatma Gandhi reminds me with a simple but a very powerful idea that "what many consider irrelevant" in their life has got immense importance to the extent of deciding the future of one's life. It also reflects the importance of learning and cultivating right things in one's life. Our beliefs, words and deeds determine our destiny.

What surprises me most about M.K. Gandhi is his immense writing ability. 100 volumes of collected works of Gandhiji's writing have already been published by Gandhi Peace Foundation. One will be amazed by the variety and magnitude of his writings. This is a collection of Gandhi's writing and words which he spoke and wrote, day after day and year after year. According to an estimate, he wrote not less than thousand words per day about various issues of the Indian society and freedom struggle.

It is really delightful for me to know that the Gandhian Study Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru College, Boko, is going to publish a book entitled 'Gandhian Ideas and Principles'. As remarked by Gandhi—everyone's life should be like a rose, just like how a rose spreads the fragrance, our work (like fragrance) should spread across', I hope that this book would flourish as an important source of inspiration and motivation among the readers and scholars.

I extend my best wishes and gratitude to all the teachers, authors, staff etc. involved in the publication of the book and wish that this book will be successful in spreading light to the readers with various Gandhian Ideas and Principles versed by Mahatma Gandhi.

I wish you all success in the publication of the book.



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MESSAGE

I have the pleasure to offer my appreciation to the *Gandhian Study Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru College, Boko* for its effort to publish a book on "Gandhian Ideas and Principles" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The book incorporates scholarly articles by various authors across the globe. I believe this publication will be a good reference for many scholars and helps them to achieve their goals in life by following the ideals and principles of the Father of the Nation.

I wish all success in the effort and hope the Book will be well accepted by the readers.

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MESSAGE

It's a matter of immense pleasure that a book titled 'Gandhian Ideas and Principles' is being published by the Gandhian Study Center of the college. I sincerely believe that the book will shed light on different dimensions on Gandhian philosophy and bring new perspectives for the study of different concepts enunciated by Gandhiji. Gandhi's ideals of truth and nonviolence may be considered to be an effective remedy for all ills afflicting our present day society. The initiative taken by Gandhian Study Center for promoting the values of Gandhi among the teachers, students and academic circles through this book is quite commendable. I wish all success to the Gandhian Study Center and hope that the center will put all efforts for spreading the Gandhian message of truth and love and inculcate Gandhian spirit of value education in the society and continue such good works for academic development of the college.

With regards.

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A few words from coordinator

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who was one of the greatest personalities of the twentieth century changed the outlook of mankind in many fronts. He was a multi-dimensional personality with many facets in his life, thoughts and works. He has remained an inspiration for millions of people around the world in their search for truth and freedom from all kinds of bondage and evils even though many decades elapsed after his death. Gandhi was the guru of Nelson Mandela for his “Long Walk to Freedom” from the clutches of apartheid government in South Africa in the last quarter of the last century. Gandhi left behind in Gandhism a great Ashtra (warring instrument) for us to fight against violence and intolerance rampant in the history of mankind generation after generation and that is nonviolence (Ahimsa). Gandhi was a votary of peace in all circumstances of his life from South Africa to India. Gandhiji gave new connotations to fight for freedom vis-à-vis India’s struggle for freedom from the British Colonial rule. Gandhi is now more relevant in the present world beset with violence and intolerance. Gandhism and Ahimsa or nonviolence are two sides of the same coin. Another aspect of Gandhism was his spirituality which he got as legacy from Indian tradition and he found a path of life in it for troubled humanity. Gandhi was an institution in himself and he became a legend even in his life time. People will scarcely believe such a man with flesh and blood walked upon the earth- this was a famous remark once made by great

scientist Einstein on Gandhi. But unfortunately Gandhism is not a fascination for the new generation of our country. So in spite of many institutions and centers of Gandhian studies we do not find remarkable impact in outlook and way of life of students and youth of the country. We, the teachers, cannot evade our onerous duty of inculcating Gandhian legacy among us and instilling it among this section instead of blaming them without rhyme or reason.

Before concluding my piece of writing, I must offer my sincere gratitude to the principal of the college Dr. Tapan Dutta for his support and cooperation in the publication of this book. Mr. Bapukan Saikia, the compiler & editor of the book, deserves special thanks for his hard work and sincerity in transforming the dream into a reality. I am also very much thankful to the esteemed contributors of articles, participatory departments and my departmental colleagues who made this endeavor a success.

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Editorial

As an addition to academic development, the Gandhian Study Center was inaugurated on 26th November, 2020 at Jawaharlal Nehru College Boko which is operating under the guidance of the Dept. of Political Science. The Center is mainly established to promote the social and political ideas of Mahatma Gandhi among the teachers and students, to analyse the relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in today's world and establish peace in the society that Gandhi dreamt of. In order to fulfill the aim, for the first time from this Gandhian Study Center is going to publish a book titled 'Gandhian Ideas and Principles'. Mahatma Gandhi, by name of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was a many-sided personality. The outward simplicity of his life and his single-minded devotion to nonviolence cloaked innumerable deep currents of ideas, disciplines, loyalties and aspirations. He came to be considered the father of his country and a protagonist of peace. Gandhi is internationally esteemed for his doctrine of nonviolent protest known as satyagraha to achieve political and social progress. The name Mahatma Gandhi is now one of the most universally recognized on earth. He was loved and honoured by almost all Indian which was seen when roughly one million people followed the procession as Gandhi's body was carried in state through the streets of the city and cremated on the banks of the holy Yamuna River.

Praising Gandhi, Ramachandra Guha once said "That, six decades

after his death, the extremists of left and right still need to vilify him is in itself a considerable tribute to the relevance of his thought". Mahatma Gandhi is such an icon who shouldn't be confined to rupee notes, statues in street corners and naming roads after him, he deserves to be remembered by his ideas and works. Therefore, the ultimate goal of the book is to draw knowledge, information and understanding pertaining to Mahatma Gandhi. In a world of nuclear terror, it seems likely that Gandhi's ideas and techniques will become increasingly relevant.

As an editor of this book, I am very much thankful to all those authors who have contributed their articles despite their hectic schedules. I am also very much grateful to all the respected members of the review committee of their guidance. Last but not the least; I convey my sincere gratitude to the respected Principal sir of the college, Coordinator sir of Gandhian Study Center for helping, cooperating and guiding me all the way. Hence, this book will definitely help the readers to know more about Gandhi and develop their viewpoints on Gandhian ideas and principles.

Bapukan Saikia

Editor

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