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Situating the Relevance of Gandhian Principles in the Contemporary Society

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ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi is one of the greatest legends who has served and contributed towards the development of the country at all levels. The ideals that Gandhi has left behind remains as a remark over the seeking of excellence in all levels. The emphasize always lies upon the practical idealism which remains double-edged in its working. The principles are note in transforming the society with empowerment at all fronts. Today, we are at path way of development which the modern society is looking upon. These principles have a sightedness on removing various problems that the society at current faces. The advancement that is taking place is the understanding that the generation has created itself from the Gandhian principles that works in the pace of taking forward ethics with the pace of development at a dynamic standards. The modern developments have been economical at the reaching of ground root levels that creates active participation from all sides with the look of growth qualitatively focusing upon reliance with the responsibility among individuals in the personal and collective form. The essay paper provides a glance over the Gandhian principles and ideologies working at the levels connecting towards citizens that makes them better in living with the form of ethical based working in the administrative systems that move and reflect all spheres of society creating the morale standards.

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Introduction

Gandhian principles/Gandhism refers to the set of ideas that has been evolved from life and work that inspires at the societal upliftment representing the vision that our great leader, Mahatma Gandhi had the outlook over it. Indian society at the roar of independence saw the outbreak of new ideas that revolved around them which gained influence as the Indian living systems were built on ethical systems. The political plans and strategies built up has been looks and binds completely over the tenents that makes the society move in a upright manner. The guidance provided has remained a pillar that people build their future making the growth over all sections of society. The truth, non-violence, satyagraha, fasting, silence, basic education, welfare are the seeds that have been utilized for the quality enhance growth intending to bear sweet fruits in future.

Many of the thinkers regard the aspects approved and convey by Gandhiji are similar to that with the religious thinker, Buddha. But it can be noted that the ultimate aim of these principles have been enhancement of living in the society gaining the sate of self-determined living. The motto behind these principles has been revealed to realize that the people must know the way of living and that which would lead them to the solutions that would assist them to address the pain and sorrows of the society at appositive manner without harming and creating disturbances all around. On the bold structures of truth and non-violence the rich values creates the resistance that is the need of time. Though the times have grown with the technological advancements, we find that Gandhian principles are evergreen connecting the social, cultural, economic, political and other major spheres of nation. India since times has been proving its best with the calm and bold nature upholding the 'Satyameva Jayate' which has been the strong root showing pathway towards development. The diversified nature of the country requires we-ness that the principles take through. The advancement has diverted its focus upon the sustainable development that is necessity even with the value that our future generation keeps at the stake of consistency. The individuals at the society are to be noticed with the change that does not take away the glory created by our ancestors but the utilization is made so that the change reflects these principles which would invoke the humanistic nature along. The quality of the citizens matters more than quantity by which these principles finds its relevance with growing times creating responsible and active individuals which promotes welfare at all fronts where all people are living with common brotherhoodness is the modern society's willingness.

SATYAGRAHA AS A POLITICAL METHOD IN CONTEMPORARY TIMES

The modern scenario stands over the conflict resolution with problem solving techniques which can take the path of aggression as well as calmness. The term SATYAGRAHA means split into two 'satya' means truth and 'agraha' means firmness on aspect. With this regard Gandhian ideology upholds it connecting towards foundation that whole world would rely upon. The ideology upholds towards love and compassion that humanity is held high. The reformation of the individuals was the aim that required pursued. The individuals require to move away from the direct control with luxuries. This serves

as a strongest weapon to uphold peace at all levels. The communal conflicts at times can be taken peacefully with higher levels of understanding that the principle works which promotes non- violence. Being in the twenty –first century the conflicts and tensions arise which requires the keen understanding with proper analysis and must be having aim towards solving it fairly which makes the principle relevant. Religious fundamentalism is the base where a lot of fear and tension outbursting with violence happens which requires to be noticed at the well –being of the people. Though we find that the times have changed working with ethics and commonsense promoting fairness at instances creates the way for resistance with peace . Each and every minute harm that is taking can be solved with ultimate fairness with only making bilateralism among the tension groups . The evil nature of violence long lasts forever that the future generation has to feel the tremors which at present making these principles realistic can engage them in finding cause behind the obstruction so that it could be dealt. Instead of rising arms in any conflicts ,its felt that they were bullets with poison if shooted destroys all which is to be resolved without sacrifice for a bad cause remaining safety and focusing at growth in all fronts. In purview to pacify aspects in a wrong manner it is that in the modern situation the truth is to be emphasized so that the unjust systems gain the rectification which would be followed by young people. The conversion of individuals for the sake of truth which is not a victory or loss to anyone but lies to rectify the damaged systems at the 21st century . The administrative machinery is in need of truth at its working .

THE ENGAGEMENT OF GANDHIAN PRINCIPLES WITH CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL REFORMS

Gandhian principles which had seen its success at the removal of Racism in the developed countries which is the inspiration for the modern society to uphold the living of every individual in a civilized manner .The purview towards the securing of living standards enabling individuals to live in a upright manner enjoying all the facilities is necessary. There are customs and traditions that has been binding the society from ancient times, but sometimes with the move of the time it gets proved to be illegal at the stake over promoting living at society. The principle of ‘ Sarvodaya ’ gains its importance providing welfare to all without any discrimination promoting them to enjoy the privileges that is given to human beings on virtue of being humans. With the connection over the ‘Ahimsa’ the individuals being let with the conditions that they can remain to live with necessity that they require to live in society . The enabling of individuals in a right form to take part in all the developments that’s taking place without hindering anyone . The individuals must not be under the clutches in the choice what they intend to do. When being under the clutches the violence would intake over the society which further destructs the peace. Here the principles work at realistic manner which promotes the satisfaction over living in a civilized life. The reformation that has taken place and needs to take must go in the terms where all the benefit is to the people and would change the illegal aspects that revokes and changes the minds of people at the positive side with the fairness that any section of society is not affected. The creation of civil rights made with intention of living with unity that is the need of technological advancement that with Gandhian principles works with the desired aim. Indeed the evil practice still today requires to be removed that the education truly stands upon.

MODERN-DAY RELEVANCE OF GANDHIJI'S DEMOCRATIC DECENTRALIZATION MODEL

The greatest thinking given to the society which is through the Gandhi's principles is the concept of decentralization. Today at the peak of development that is been seen at the levels, it is true that not only at the higher levels the building up administration is made. At the beginning the local level thought processes must be encouraged. The desired decentralization invokes the ground root levels whereby the social and economic problems would be under control. Certainly, the understanding with proper practical implementation is possible only through the experiences that it would turn the principles to its working. The advancements that are taking place requires over the seek that even the villages develop, but does not mean that the traditions are destroyed completely .The true ideas of active working requires to emerge from the all sections so that fairness is upheld. We find that today decentralization has led towards the benefits that the village panchayats are made as self governing units where people need not run upto the distance places to seek welfare ,but find economical over uplifting developments. The decentralization has created such a thinking over where all are provided with opportunities at local levels which they do not feel marginalized. The decentralization has made the agricultural lines grow into scientific ways in the purview of the Gandhi's ideas. The improvised growing with the community has further led to harmony with certain components. Any crisis at a point of time would not shatter individuals.

GANDHIAN PRINCIPLES OF TRUTH AND ETHICS IN MEDIA

The advancement that has taken place at the current times is growing in the times of popularity and publicity. The practical aim of media remains as service. Media is not just one which provides time to time information but influences the people to act over and live in the society . Mahatma Gandhi had once opined ,” The newspaper is a great power ,but just as an unchained torrent of water submerges the whole countryside and devastates the whole crops ,even so an uncontrolled pen serves but to destroy.” This statement perfectly indicates that the media must serve to people in bringing out fairness and justice so that the people seek welfare and absence of fear to live in society is upheld. Media in the modern times is felt by the people that they are under the clutches of subjugation that which the social responsibility is completely forgotten. At a positive note, it's found that due to the advancement the truth is shown or published directly or indirectly that is the connectivity of Gandhian principles. The manipulation of facts must be avoided with only aim to educate people sowing the seeds of qualitative growth. Media being the ‘voice of voiceless’ has to work using the principle of ‘satya’ to empower the weaker sections of the society. This been utilized can create a vibrant democracy. The journalistic ethical code must be followed that would ensure the highest professional standards. The truth cannot be misused favouring any individuals. The transparency must be always in the purview so that self – regulation would take place and individuals would boost their confidence connecting the safe living. The public opinions and ideas makes a difference at society which without fear. The presentation of examples and use of satyagraha would remain a strong weapon of non- violence. Media should not prove

people to go at the extent of violating human rights , but the popular suggestions with suggestions can undertake the betterment working in all rounds. Gandhi's canons were independence, adherence of truth and self-restraints which makes media fearless. In the current scenario, these ideas are to be accepted at working in order to prove democracy at its best. The commercialization should remain at the control over ethics and morality without creating gaps between the rich as well as poor,

SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY DEPENDENCIES AND GANDHIJI'S UNIVERSAL MOBILIZATION OF MASSES

Mahatma Gandhi had believed in information reaching among people shall be in a manner of ethics .The authenticity of facts was one which was encouraged, that always Gandhi opined to all people to carry their own newspapers and to read it carefully so that when gathered along with their friends and relatives will not create mess giving out way to rumors. Gandhi always a foresightedness that people must know what's going around within a shorter span of time so that the awareness among people is seen .For Mahatma Gandhi it was always that 'science without humanity' shall not be the situation , but the science spoken through social media creates and enable to create value based society that often connects among one another. In the current scenario, it can be noticed and experienced that the social media has walked the man's life into clutches of loneliness that mobilizing with one another has become a challenging aspect . The societal interpersonal connection has erupted among people that requires to be rectified so that rich values can be followed by individuals on base of setting an example towards justice and betterment. The people much over all times at the social media have forgotten the humanistic society where the self-respect remains an issue. The Gandhi's ideas always have motivating society to use the social media effectively that can gather the people and fill them with the knowledge that creates sense of unity promoting positive nationalism without giving way to fake aspects and to abuses which creates sympathy and boots humanity. As expected, the technological advancement created a way to rational thinking which was growing out with scientific lines. Gandhi had invoked the idea of self-awareness with indigenous skills that peaceful coexistence would be the priority. The mobilization of masses in today's situation remains as easy as to connect with people virtually with ethical senses.

GANDHIJI'S DOCTRINE OF TRUSTEESHIP AND ITS RELATION WITH CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mahatma Gandhi always had a focus on freedom of living standards so that people have individualistic scope of development. It does not promote a scope towards the misusing of wealth and creating exploitation. The 'trusteeship' had its point view over distribution of wealth among all sections by the contribution at corporate property to establish relation between rich and downtrodden . This to promote way to recognize right of property for societal welfare . The moral revolution for the change of hearts that could seek at the pulse of community based living and strengthening ties of unity. Today in the advancement times this is relevant as the society requires the people having adequate to look up to the have-nots so that change is purely emphasized giving out bests that the bulks of poverty gain the cherish of better living standards. Often, we find that many such businessmen show the true essence of humanity that they strive forward towards uplifting of society by setting up various charitable institutions. In the technological era complete distribution of wealth cannot be a possibility but opportunities for development will remain as true responsibility. Gandhiji in his speech had once said," The best way to find you is to lose yourself at the service of others" ; which is the base over which concern to the needs of people gained attention . The rural developments with different trusts have been working in a realistic manner resulting in up lifting of people of society. Here it is the corporate are provided with a chance to manage resources effectively. Today we find companies do a lot for the sake of development at society so that with the pace of liberalization they gain opportunities to prove themselves best which continues to be a responsibility benefitting common people. These CSR activities are intending to eradicate poverty which is the worst form of violence that needs to be tackled. In terms of education , environment sustainability, gender equality ,protecting national heritage ,supporting governmental plans, benefit to Defence sector are working with dynamicism which have perfectly shaped the law enforced by constitution and corporate providing important role in reducing problems which the nation is facing.

CONCLUSION

Gandhi's principles are completely relevant to the modern scenario. It is very true that a leader and thinker like Mahatma Gandhi will remain as an inspiration to all the people in the promotion over welfare seen in all the best possible ways. Even though at the current times that the technological advancements are covering the society like the dense forest the principles of Gandhi remain as the Sun providing the nutrients that shower the brightness of love and compassion creating unified nations with sense of commonness. In the current essay paper , we find all the details and clear description of how the principles are necessary and shapes the society promoting sustainability .These existed principles are necessary for the human survival enhancing the dignity. The principles in the current situation find as a solution for dreams of co-ordination and co-existence to step ahead with reality. The principles not only finds its significance in the national levels but at the international standards gains over a lot of whereby the concept of collectivity has spread. At all the fronts these principles are applicable which would completely turns the wheel of cultured character and dignified living. **"Being human is worth, but being humanistic is a treasure with miracles."**