



## MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL COLLEGE, UDUPI -576102

### GANDHIAN STUDY CENTRE

#### About Us:

The **Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College**, Udupi, which is also known as **M.G.M College** in its popular short form, was established by Karmayogi Dr. Tonse Madhava Ananth Pai in 1949 as a meaningful memorial dedicated to the eternal memory of the Mahatma with a resolution "to do whatever possible in the College to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi." The College was inaugurated on 27 June 1949 with the remembrance of Gandhiji and the legacy of Indian National Movement by Dr. A.V. Baliga, who was a Gandhian, freedom fighter and a Doctor & Surgeon of great eminence. This great legacy provided a meaningful base to start a Gandhian Section in the College by the first Principal Prof. Sunder Rao in 1953-54. Then, by 1959 Gandhi Study Circle was formed under the leadership of Prof. Ku. Shi. Haridas Bhat. These initiatives were blessed and supported by the founder of the College. Hence, books related to Gandhian Thought and Gandhi were collected in the College. This had become the precursor of Gandhian Studies in the College and provided a foundation to the present day Gandhian Study Centre.

The **Gandhian Study Centre** or the **Gandhian Studies Centre** that is popularly known as '**Gandhi Adhyayana Kendra**' is a **Centre for Gandhian Studies and Research**. It was started in the College to commemorate the legacy of the Mahatma and conduct special studies on the thoughts, values and actions influenced by Mahatma Gandhi. In its present form, it was established under the 'Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India (Special Studies) Scheme' of the UGC in 2007. The Centre had received a financial assistance from the UGC during the XI & partly during XII Plan periods for the activities that were to be carried out during that duration. Thus, the Centre was approved by the UGC and the activities were conducted as per the guidelines of the UGC. Thereafter, the Centre did not receive any grant even though the UGC has continued the Scheme and the approval to the Centre of our College. At present the Centre has been generously patronised by the College Management.

#### The Centre Works as

- ☐ A Study Centre
- ☐ An Information & Resource Centre on Gandhi with Gandhian Library
- ☐ A Documentation Centre
- ☐ A Research Centre
- ☐ A Dissemination Unit

The Centre is looked after by a staff who works as the Faculty, Researcher & Coordinator of the Centre. The studies/research conducted by the Gandhian Study Centre is primarily focused on the Gandhian Legacy and Freedom Movement with reference to the Udupi District and the erstwhile South Canara. It also seeks to explore new areas related to Gandhian thought 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. True to its legacy, the Gandhian Centre has been the Intellectual Social Responsibility (ISR) Initiative patronized by the MGM College for the conservation of the materials related tangible and intangible resources pertaining to the Gandhian Era and Gandhian Heritage.

**Objectives of the Centre :**

- ☐ Undertaking studies and research on Gandhian thoughts and their applications.
- ☐ Disseminating Gandhian teachings, principles, ideal and action through various outreach media.
- ☐ Working as a Centre for Studies on Freedom Movement by studying Indian freedom movement and documenting the Anti-colonial Uprisings and Freedom Movement that were seen in the erstwhile Dakshina Kannada along with area studies and socio-cultural studies.
- ☐ Documenting Gandhiji's visits to this region (viz. Udupi and Dakshina Kannada Districts).
- ☐ Undertaking archival work by preserving rare chronicles of Gandhian Era through simple digital preserving and archiving techniques. *(Started from 2020)*
- ☐ Inculcating respect for all Philosophers, Freedom Fighters and Thinkers as 'Architects of Free India/Liberated India' & 'Makers of Awakened India' or 'Makers of Spiritual India' and organizing 'Study Circles' for the students on various philosophers, freedom fighters, social thinkers, Bharatiya Vidya/Indian Thought-Knowledge-Culture- Heritage.
- ☐ Understanding the society and encouraging new ideas/dialogues through 'Social Observatory Initiative'. *(Started from 2019)*
- ☐ Guiding student's Projects (minor/small projects) on socially relevant topics. *(Started from 2020)*
- ☐ Conducting awareness course / Certificate Course in Gandhian Studies and Sustainable Development. *(Started from 2019-20)*
- ☐ Having multi-dimensional approach by promoting theoretical, applied, and action research with disciplinary, intra-disciplinary, interdisciplinary, trans-disciplinary, cross-disciplinary, multidisciplinary, composite and inclusive study patterns to test the feasibility and practicality of the Gandhian alternatives. *(Started from 2019-20)*
- ☐ Organizing Ramdhun Bhajans and interfaith prayers on Gandhi Jayanti and 'Gandhi Jayanti Lectures' every year.
- ☐ Working on a pilot initiative on the concept of (Non-formal) Listening Centre, Guidance & Learning Centre based on the Gandhian Ideals of Truth, Nonviolence, Sarvodaya, and Constructive Programme by providing a space for the students to speak up their perspectives and problems. *(Planned from 2021-22)*
- ☐ Thinking about the zero budget initiatives and low-cost initiatives as per the Gandhian Ideals for organizing activities without causing any financial burden upon the stakeholders.





### Prioritized Research areas:

Gandhian Studies, Local History of Freedom Movement, Oral History of Gandhian Era, Grey Literature of Gandhian Era, Heritage literature & literature published on Gandhian Era only once (now out of print), Peace and Humanitarian Studies, Sustainable Development and Applied Gandhian Thought.

The research/study outcomes of the Centre have been widely quoted by the media across Udupi and Dakshina Kannada. Thus, the research findings are disseminated to the public, academia and civil society through mass media and extension/outreach lectures delivered by the researcher at various places as a resource person. The Centre has been conducting Awareness Course/Certificate Course on Gandhian Thought and Sustainable Development with special reference to Sarvodaya.

### Resources Available for Reference and Study:

Gandhi Library: 1200 books, 2 Journals, 250 e-books, 1 Film, 9 Documentaries on Gandhi and online access to e-Resources.

### Seminars, Invited Talks and Discussions:

The Centre conducts Student's Seminars and Round Table Discussions for our students through Study Circles. Every year it organizes Lectures and Talks by eminent resource persons. The Coordinator of the Centre has delivered many lectures at Study Circles within the Campus, and invited lectures and talks at various places across two districts in order to disseminate thoughts on Gandhian Values.

### Certificate Course:

The Gandhian Study Centre of our College is mandated to conduct various Certificate Courses in the broad discipline of Gandhian Studies and Sustainable Development. It is also planning to introduce short-term Certificate Courses in Nonviolent Communication, Humanitarian Intervention, Development Studies, Peace Studies & Conflict Resolution.

As a first step in this direction, the Centre has introduced one basic Certificate Course in Gandhian Thought & Sustainable Development. The following are the particulars of the Course:

#### COURSE CODE: GSC-01

Course Name: **Certificate Course in Gandhian Thought & Sustainable Development**

Level: Basic

Nature of the Course: Short Term Course

Duration: 30 Hours (+2 Hours)

Medium: Kannada and English

Date of Introduction: 02-10-2019

Course Structure and Syllabus		
Sl. No.	Module	Hours
1.	Introduction to Gandhian Studies	1
2.	Mohan to Mahatma : The Making of the Mahatma	3
3.	Indian National Movement and Gandhian Era	3
4.	Basic Principles of Gandhian Thought	4
5.	Constructive Programme and Action	3







6.	Political, Social, Economic, Educational, Humanitarian dimensions of Gandhian Thought	3
7.	Contemporary Relevance of Gandhi	2
8.	Applied Gandhian Thought	2
9.	Sustainable Development	2
10.	Sarvodaya & Sustainable Development Goals	4
11.	Conflicts, Conflict Resolution, Nonviolence, Peace, and Development	3
12.	Discussion and Reflections (Open Learning Sessions)	(2)
<b>Total</b>		<b>30 + 2</b>

For more information please contact to the Coordinator who is also the Faculty, Researcher & Course In-charge: Mr Vinith Rao, **Coordinator**, Gandhian Study Centre

In Newspapers:

## Gandhian Study Centre to document unsung heroes of Quit India Movement in Udupi district

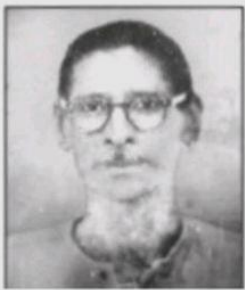
**PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi**

AN important event that fuelled nationalist spirit among youth to gain freedom from imperial bondage was Quit India Movement declared by Mahatma Gandhi on August 8, 1942.

Exactly after 79 years of that historic day, Gandhian Study Centre (GSC), MGM College, Udupi, will initiate a programme to document the unsung heroes and events connected to Quit India and Freedom Movements in Udupi.

After Gandhiji declared the Quit India resolution on August 8, 1942, the movement had spread across India.

In Udupi too, the movement gained momentum with the participation of common people who were inspired by Gandhiji's message of fearlessness.



U Shesha who defied British and hoisted tricolour upon the monolith pillar in front of Anantheshwara temple, Udupi

U Vinith Rao, coordinator of GSC, told TNIE that students studying certificate courses in Gandhian Studies will document the places in and around Udupi where the freedom movement was witnessed.

This will continue for the next one year and the academic dissemination of the documented research will be put in the public domain by next year when the nation will celebrate 75 years of Independence.

Vinith Rao informed that one among the unsung events that took place in Udupi was in Car Street and the unsung hero was a common man-U Shesha trained under S U Paniyadi (who participated in non-cooperation movement).

U Shesha had dared to defy prohibitory orders against hoisting of tricolour in Car Street of Udupi.

Hoisting of tricolour was also an offence as declared by British administration. But, a band of youth of Udupi had decided to defy it non-violently. They had openly written to the authorities that they would hoist the Indian flag in Car Street which was a prominent place then. As a result, the authorities had imposed prohibitory orders and the police force was deployed there round the clock.

But in the darkness of midnight, U Shesha climbed the 40-feet tall monolith pillar of Anantheshwara temple and hoisted the flag.

Police had to helplessly watch the flag fluttering for some days there.

MGM College students will visit this place and document it. Details on how Hiriyaadka Ramaraya Mallya used to publish articles critical of British rule in his 'Sathyagrahi' newspaper will be studied by them, and other landmark places in Udupi where freedom struggle had gained nationalist temper will be visited by the students for documentation purposes, Vinith Rao added.

Report in Mangalore Edition of the New Indian Express page 4 dated 8th August 2021

"Stand up for the Truth at any cost"

— Mahatma Gandhi's message to Ujjain, 25-02-1934





Photo Feature: Gandhi Jayanti Lectures (2016-2021)



Gandhi Jayanti Lecture 2016 by Shri Arooru Manjunatha Rao, Author and Sarvodaya worker



Gandhi Jayanti Lecture 2017 by Prof. Muraleedhara Upadhyaya, Noted writer and thinker, Udupi



Gandhi Jayanti Lecture 2018 by Dr. Nanda Kishor M.S, MAHE, Manipal



Gandhi Jayanti Lecture 2019 by Prof. Shreeraj Gudi, MIC, Manipal



Gandhi Jayanti Lecture 2020 by Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao, Former Principal, TMA Pai College of Education



Gandhi Jayanti Lecture 2021 by Prof. Prashantha N, GFGC, Kota Padukere







Photo Feature:



Yearly feature on Gandhi Jayanti: Interfaith Prayers and Ramdhun Bhajans by Students



Extension Activity: Outreach towards School Children – Coordinator speaking on Gandhi for Children







## Visit to a School in collaboration with Bharathiya Vikas Trust, Manipal



Distribution of books and certificates in the School



Distribution of Certificates to School Children at our Campus

**"Stand up for the Truth at any cost"**  
— M.K. Gandhi's message to Vijayar 29-02-1934





Mr. Vinith Rao, Coordinator, speaking on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – Amrutavaagali Swatantrya



Parakram Diwas Observed at Gandhian Study Centre

“Stand up for the Truth at any cost”  
— M.K. Gandhi's message to Indians 29-02-1894







# Gandhiji's Visit to Udupi

U. Vinith Rao

**T**he people of Udupi had made an immense contribution to the nonviolent freedom movement spearheaded by Mahatma Gandhi. Hence, Gandhiji had decided to visit the region during his Khadi Prachar Tour of 1927, but could not make it as he had to abruptly end his tour in Mangalore on October 26, 1927 to meet the Viceroy in Delhi. Later, Gandhiji visited Udupi during his Harijan Tour.

Gandhiji toured across the erstwhile district of South Canara from 24th to 27th February 1934 as part of his Harijan Tour. He had embarked upon the Harijan Tour as part of his mission to eradicate untouchability and to create a

constructive public opinion about the cause. Gandhiji visited Udupi on February 25, 1934. It was 3.30 in the afternoon when he reached Udupi by car. He was escorted by Haji Abdulla Saheb and other leaders. The people of Udupi had decorated the temple-town for the occasion. Thousands of people from Udupi and nearby villages, representing various walks of life had lined up on both sides of the streets. One could see deep veneration for the Mahatma in the curious faces of the masses. He inaugurated a Khadi Bhandar of Sri Kadubettu Srinivasa Pai. He then went to Ajjarkad grounds to address the public meeting that was witnessed by 6000 people.

*Bhavan's Journal, 31 March, 2021 ♦ 13*

First page of the article by Vinith Rao, Coordinator, GSC-MGMC, in Bhavan's Journal

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Poster of an Activity







The Gandhian Study Centre hopes to work in alignment with the Gandhian Values of Sarvodaya, Truth, Nonviolence, Satyagraha, Gandhian Constructive Programme, and Sustainable Development Goals. It focuses on all the SDGs and specially aligns with SDG 4: Quality Education (inclusive of Target 4.7: Education for Sustainable Development & Global Citizenship), SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 12 target 12.8: Responsible consumption & production, SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions, SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. This approach also helps us in the appreciation of all the other SDGs



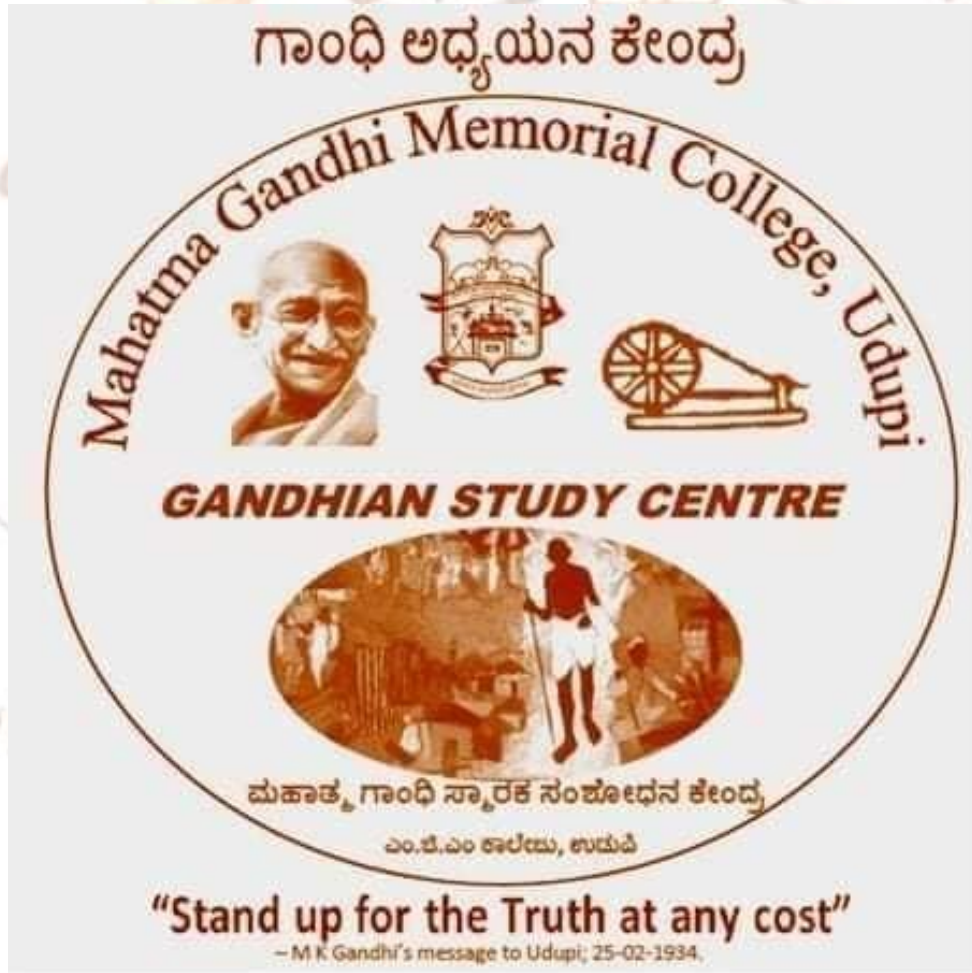






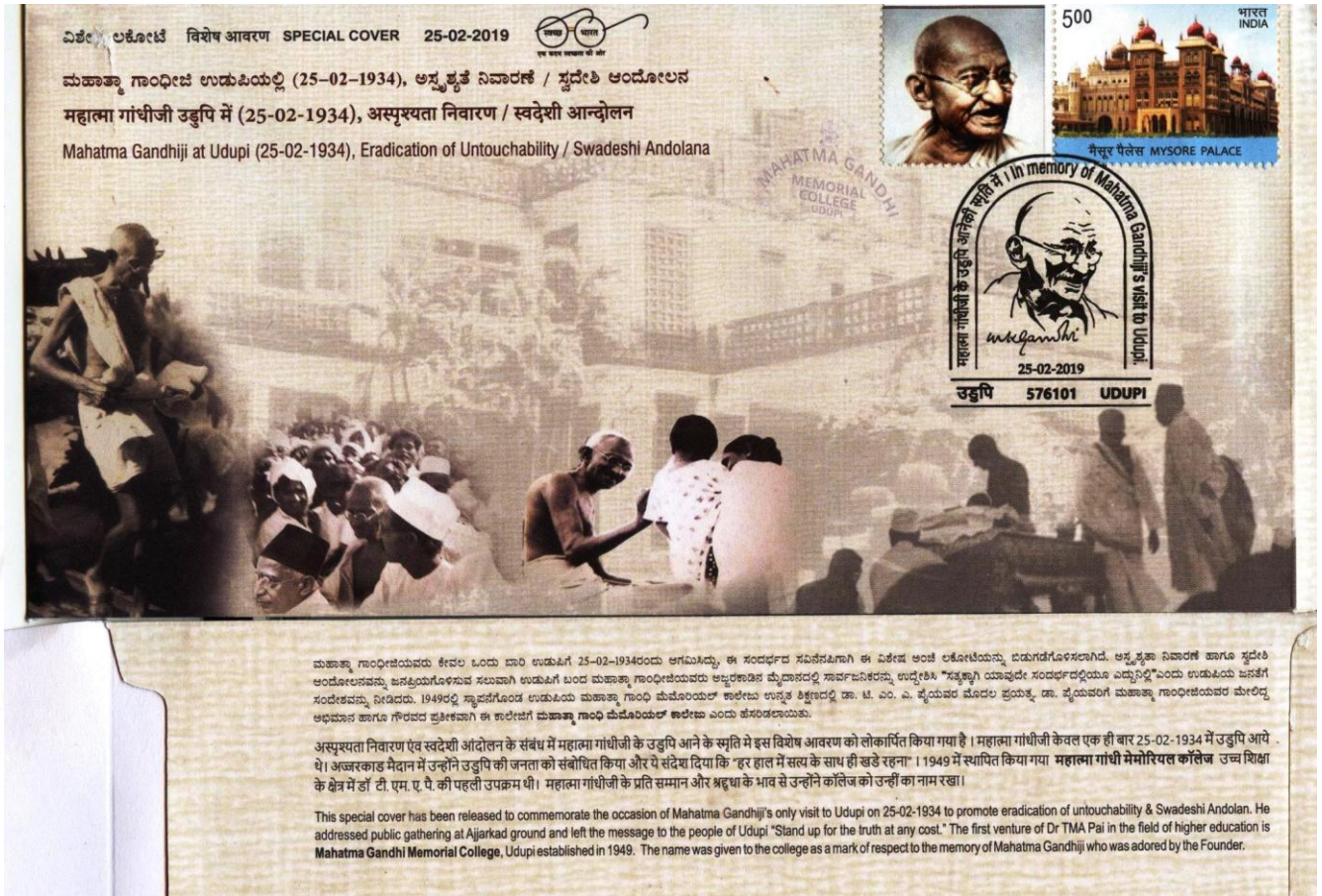


The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Udupi



Our Logo





- **Future Plan:**

The Centre has planned to develop a composite archival collection on Gandhi and the Freedom Movement by collecting the materials and facsimiles through simple digital archiving techniques.

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