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Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and other diversities (within 200 words).

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Gandhian Study Centre

Maniben Nanavati Women's College

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Affiliated to SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

Value Education Through Gandhian Philosophy
(A Short Term Certificate Course for the Youth Today)

Registration: Every student has to register for the course to earn a certificate after the full completion of the Course. [Link :](#)

Course Objectives :

- To create awareness about Mahatma Gandhi, his life, deeds and philosophy among the youth
- To promote and instil Gandhian values among the youth and impart value education to them through his teachings
- To offer opportunities to learners to provide experiential learning of Gandhian lifestyle through "do-it yourself" mode
- To make students self-reliant, caring and responsible beings
- To enable students to be good human beings and contribute positively and progressively to society

Course Duration: 15 hours/ 1 Credit

Learning Outcomes : At the end of the Course, the student will :

- Have a fair understanding of the importance of values in life
- Know about Gandhiji's life, thoughts and actions and the message they convey
- Practise in real life the lessons of self-dependence, sharing and mutual-coexistence

About the Centre:

Maniben Nanavati Women's College has been named after Smt. Maniben Chandulal Nanavati, fondly known as. "Mani Ba" or "Khadi Mata." She was a freedom fighter, social reformer and a staunch follower of Gandhian principles. She was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi during the Indian freedom movement and had been jailed many times for her nationalist activities. The College upholds and follows her legacy till date and will continue to do so for all times.

The Gandhian Study Centre of Maniben Nanavati Women's College was established in 2010 under the **Scheme of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India** by University Grants Commission, a government recognized body of India. Since then the Centre has been actively involved in instilling Gandhian values among the youth. The Centre has done extensive work in promoting Gandhian values and philosophy which includes publication of 2 books, organizing lectures, workshops, visits, short play competitions and research competition. Students carry out practical activities at the centre in the form of making paper bags, cloth bags, collection and sharing of used toys, holding sale and exhibition of khadi and cottage industry products, campus cleaning, offering services to municipal and NGO-run schools and others. In collaboration with the Sarvodaya Mandal, Mumbai, the centre conducts an examination based on Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography – *My Experiments with Truth* -every year for the National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers. Some of the Gandhian scholars who have visited the College are Shri Tushar Gandhi, Sarlaben Mehta, Ushaben Thakkar, Sonal ben Parikh (the 5th direct descendent of Gandhiji), Kanubhai Suchak and others.

About the Course :

Mahatma Gandhi and his principles have great relevance in today's challenging times when the world is facing some of the most unpredictable and risky times. His ideals and way of life has been unquestionably accepted and practised all over the world. Truth and non-violence that are ageless and timeless concepts have been the foundational values of many quiet and peaceful revolutions of the world and will continue to do so for the times to come.

The Course -**Value Education Through Gandhian Philosophy**- is designed to inculcate peace, non-violence, truth, honesty, mutual respect, harmony and other basic values among the students. It aims at training the students in the art of participatory management and peaceful methods of conflict resolution. Through an interesting and well-planned mix of lectures, films, audios, reading material, field and practical work, it aims at developing the overall personality of students by helping them discover their latent talents and instilling leadership qualities.

The certification course will help the students to develop awareness about the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi along with its usefulness in today's world. The students are required to register online and fulfil all the requirements for completing the course to earn a certificate. However, more important than the certificate is the value system that they learn to cherish, practise and share it for lifetime with others.

The Team:

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