About the Webinar

Gandhiji’s philosophy to life is based upon the philosophy of idealism. He advocated the ideals of truth, non-violence and moral values to achieve the ultimate truth of self-realization. He is idolized according to his nature and he becomes pragmatist when he advocates learning by doing and learning by experience. All these lead to an integration, so essential to effective education and development of the total personality. Gandhiji was not an academic philosopher but on the basis of his own experiences he is one of those philosophers who believed in self-sacrifice. In his philosophy there is very clear indication of his love for individual and national freedom. He had a multidimensional personality with clear vision and definite approach to problems which were present in the country.

Government of India through the Higher Education apex body-University Grants Commission, New Delhi has decided to celebrate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by holding Lectures/Symposia in 150 reputed foreign Universities jointly with 150 reputed Indian Institutions / Universities. The purpose of this exercise is to allow Gandhian Thoughts and Philosophy to be widely disseminated in the intellectual circles which has launched this activity involving foreign Universities and academicians to spread his messages to the overseas students. In view of this, our Institute as part of ongoing collaboration with University of Reading, United Kingdom is jointly organizing this webinar.

About the Speaker

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About the Universities

Avinasilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore was established as an aided college by the Founder, Padma Bhushan Dr. T.S. Avinasilingam, an illustrious educationist and veteran freedom fighter from the city of Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. under the auspices of the Avinasilingam Education Trust in 1957.

Dr. T.S. Avinasilingam was a devoted follower of Gandhian ideals. He was also a renowned social reformer and follower of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa. This eminent Gandhian envisaged an institute of higher education to uplift and empower women, especially those belonging to the deprived sections of the society and to prepare them for meaningful service to their homes, community and the Nation at large. Avinasilingam Ayya, our Founder mainly aimed at the ideals of education implemented by Gandhiji and asked for activity centered education to make the students skilled and independent. Thus the Institution imparts quality education for women at all levels and follows the educational ideals of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Saradamani Devi, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi and upholds a life of purity, discipline and service. The institutional activities have been focusing on providing education with Academic Excellence, Vitality of Culture and Values and Social Relevance.

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