



DR SHOBHANA RADHAKRISHNA
(Propagating the vision of Mahatma Gandhi)

Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna is an International acclaimed speaker on the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. She has chalked out a novel way of spreading Gandhian ideology by holding Gandhi Katha based on the popularity of the Indian oral tradition nationally and internationally. Brought up in Mahatma Gandhi Sewagram Ashram in Wardha, Radhakrishna has cultivated a strong ideological connect with Gandhi's ideals since childhood. She has established many organizations to work for Sarvodaya, Gramswaraj and Constructive programs inspired by the vision of Mahatma Gandhi.

She is the Chief Functionary of the 'Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance' formed under the aegis of the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) for promoting ethical business practices and organizational integrity in Public Sector Enterprises and have given 278 talks in 39 major PSEs in India. She has regularly addressed young probationary officers of the Indian Civil Services in the apex training academies of Government of India.

She has over 40 years of experience in social work in development projects in different parts of India. Her background of Gandhian constructive work for the development and welfare of underprivileged communities has led her to dedicate her life to the cause of serving the poor.

On the UN International Day of Nonviolence, 2nd October, she has given the keynote address at the UN office, Bangkok in 2014, in the Peace Palace, The Hague in 2017, in the King Faisal Centre, Riyadh in 2018, UN office, Vienna in 2019 and UN Office, Nairobi in 2020 organized by Indian Missions in respective countries.

As a part of the 150th Birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi from September 2018 to December 2020, she has delivered 267 lectures and Gandhi Katha in 134 countries with support from respective Indian Missions and facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Since 2019, she has presented the Gandhi Katha at the 'Upa Rashtrapati Niwas', various Raj Bhavans and Raj Niwas and apex cultural institutes in India. The Katha format is ingrained in the Indian culture, and it conveys the messages by way of storytelling with narration and music.

Her Gandhi Katha and lectures on Mahatma Gandhi's vision and its relevance attempt to provide some principles, ideas and alternatives to help address pressing social, communal, and ecological challenges of our times. These lessons gleaned from Mahatma Gandhi's life offer us invaluable advice on leading an enlightened, more meaningful, self-aware, socially responsible, and saner life.

On 30th January 2021, Indian Embassies and High Commissions in 75 countries had hosted the tribute by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 73rd Martyrs' Day.

She is conducting online certificate course on Gandhian Philosophy hosted by 78 Indian Missions as part of India@75 celebrations supported by ICCR and MEA, Government of India from March 2021 to Aug 2022.

The national and international community had honoured her with several recognitions and awards. The Ministry of Rural Development, GoI recognized her as 'Eminent Citizen' from 2010-2013.

She is the advisor for 'Gandhipedia', a social media platform jointly implemented by IIT-Kharagpur, IIT-Gandhinagar & National Council of Science Museums.

She is the trustee of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Memorial Trust, Advisor of National Coalition for Education, India and Member of International Association of Studies on the Mediterranean and the East in Rome, Italy. She was former Chairperson of Gandhi Peace Centre, New Delhi.

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