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Gujarat Law Society's

# H.A. Gandhian Society

GANDHIAN INCULTURATION PROGRAMME

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

HA COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

AND

NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY, USA

## About the H.A. Gandhian Society:

Happiness, says Gandhiji, is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony. It is to achieve this harmony that the H.A. Gandhian Society was established this year at Gujarat Law Society's H.A. College of Commerce. The intention of this society is to inculcate Gandhian values and ideals in the young minds of India today not merely in words but also in practice. Mahatma Gandhi personified India, and in practicing his ideals of truth, non-violence and service, among others, we emerge not only as true Indians, but as committed global citizens. Thus, what we think, say and do will be in harmony.

## Introduction to the programme:

In an attempt to spread the Gandhian way of life to youngsters who are geographically far from it, the H.A. Gandhian Society wishes to propose the **GANDHIAN INCULTURATION PROGRAMME**. Under this programme, we wish to invite students of foreign lands to our country, to the land of Gandhi, to our homes. We wish to encourage



an exchange of ideas and experiences so as to create bonds of friendship between nations and inculcate Gandhian values in generation next. This programme will mutually benefit the visiting students with an exposure to Indian/Gandhian living, and the host students with an exposure to Western Thought and people. This Memorandum of Understanding and the entire inculturation programme does not include any monetary exchange between the institutions.

The **GANDHIAN INCULTURATION PROGRAMME** will include, briefly, the following:

- ↓ Establishment of a Gandhian institute at NJCU in collaboration with New Jersey City University with the objective to spread the values and ideology of Mahatma Gandhi amongst students and faculty at NJCU.
- ↓ Exchange of students and faculty between HACC and NJCU.
- ↓ Invitation to about ten to twelve students in the age group of 18 to 25 to come to India and live in the homes of selected students of Gujarat Law Society's H. A. College of Commerce under the first flagship programme.
- ↓ Invitation to faculty to come to India and live in the homes of selected faculty of Gujarat Law Society's H. A. College of Commerce.
- ↓ Gujarat Law Society together with the staff and students of HACC will look after the accommodation and boarding of the visitors for the period of 10 days of their visit.
- ↓ The visiting students and faculty will be introduced to Gandhian life through:
  - Visits to centers of Gandhian study like the Gandhi Ashram, the Kochrab Ashram, Gujarat Vidyapith, and other such memorials both within and outside of Ahmedabad.
  - Local living and lifestyles of the selected staff and students with whom the visiting members reside.
  - Participation in celebrations and festivals so as to understand the background of Indian culture which influenced Gandhian thought
  - Lectures and talks by experts in Gandhian philosophy and thought.



- Interaction of the visiting members with people locally so as to understand the relevance of Gandhian thought today.
- Visiting Khadi manufacturing and selling units so as to adopt Gandhian lifestyle in daily practice
- Visiting libraries, museums and other Gandhian organizations

### **Partnering with New Jersey City University, USA:**

During the visit of the H.A. Delegation to NJCU in March-April 2017, it was observed that the environment at the university was fertile ground for the cultivation of Gandhian Thought. The acceptance and tolerance of NJCU to diverse cultures and communities was obviously exemplary.

Moreover, the MoU with NJCU includes student and faculty exchange, and this programme works on the very same lines. Also, working with NJCU on the Patel Scholars Program brought our institute closer to the officials and management of the university, thus enabling an ease of communication and organization.

Gujarat Law Society's H.A. College of Commerce thus wishes to offer its first invitation to New Jersey City University to partner in the **GANDHIAN INCULTURATION PROGRAMME**. The details and the logistics of this programme will be worked out in further discussions with Gujarat Law Society, H.A. College of Commerce and New Jersey City University.

### **Outcomes of the GANDHIAN INCULTURATION PROGRAMME:**

We hope to have these outcomes of the GANDHIAN INCULTURATION PROGRAMME :

- ↳ Spreading values and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi all over the world
- ↳ Having a mutually benefiting student and faculty exchange



- ↓ Creating bonds of friendship and understanding between students of foreign countries and India, so that national and global bonds of understanding are created in future
- ↓ Introducing students in our institution diverse cultures and nationalities
- ↓ Celebrating the unity in diversity that cuts across national boundaries

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