

## **International Certificate Programme on Nonviolence and Peace**

A residential training programme for global students: June 15-July 31, 2025

Civilization is fundamentally a journey toward nonviolence—a belief deeply rooted in the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, who regarded nonviolence as the essence of life. As General MacArthur observed, violence is not only fundamentally wrong but also harbours the seeds of self-destruction. Gandhi's legacy exemplifies the power of nonviolence both as a personal ethos and a framework for conducting our lives—public and private—in a manner that is just, peaceful and sustainable.

In the 21st century, this idea holds even greater significance. Modernity has transformed every individual into a global citizen. As Alfred North Whitehead noted, the worlds "arise and coalesce" to shape who we are today. Technology and the interconnected global economy have amplified our strengths and their repercussions equally. Our lives now possess a *vishwaroop* (global stature), emphasizing that individual's existence is intricately linked to global society. Everyone is a stakeholder in the life of everyone else.

For the same reason, every action—personal or public—resonates across the globe. The prioritization of individualism over social responsibility lies at the heart of many global challenges. A mutually exclusive attitude by itself is an ethical violation and is at the root of many ills, whether personal misconduct or environmental degradation. In our diverse society, narrow individualistic perspectives pose a threat to the future of life on Earth.

To inspire the present generation with the principles of sustainable living in light of Gandhian nonviolence, MGM University in India offers a forty five-day residential training program focused on nonviolence and peace. Join us in this essential exploration of a path that enriches individual lives and the global living at the same time.

### **Programme Summary**

Name of the Programme: Certificate Programme on Nonviolence and Peace

(Theory and Application)

Programme Status : Training; Residential, Learning through Dialogue and Field Study

Duration : 45 Days (June - July, 2025)

Commencement Date: June 15, 2025 (Ending on July 31, 2025)

Who can Join : International participants, Professionals, Activists, Community Leaders, Teachers, Life-long Learners. (Genuine interest in nonviolence and peace; activist orientation are desirable)

Eligibility : Graduates; undergraduates with experience in peace action; Proficiency in English; 18 years and above

Intake : 25 students

- Mentors:**
- Prof. Dr. M P Mathai
  - Mr. Fernando H Ferrara Rivero
  - Dr. D. John Chelladurai
  - Mr. Leandro Uchoas
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### **Programme Details**

**Nature of Programme** : Training; Trans-disciplinary

**Methodology** : Interactive, participatory, exploratory

**Tools** : Exercises, audiovisuals, reading notes, exposure visits

**Techniques** : Design thinking, group discussions, interactive sessions, case analysis

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### **Programme Objectives**

- Introducing the participants to the basics of Gandhian Nonviolence -theory and action
  - Exploring the dynamics of nonviolence
  - Analysing the global context, conditions, and constitution of peace
  - Learning methods of nonviolent action: Struggles for justice and peace, and the construction of sustainable living
  - Equipping participants to handle conflicting situations constructively and to transform conflict into creative experiences
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### **Learning Outcomes**

- Participants come out with a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of nonviolence and its application in life;
  - Participants will have been empowered to handle challenges inclusively; and equipped with tools and techniques to construct sustainable peace within oneself and society.
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### **Pedagogy**

The programme combines various learning methods, including:

- Teaching sessions
  - Interaction with practitioners
  - Training workshops
  - Library sessions
  - Exposure visits
  - Journal writing
  - Project work
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## Syllabus

- Principles of nonviolence and peace
  - Application of nonviolent action
  - Nonviolent Methods of Dealing with Conflict
  - Project Work on any of the above themes
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## Teaching Scheme

- **Programme Credit:** 12 credits
  - **Teaching Scheme:**
    - Weekly 24 hours of teaching-learning
    - Weekly 15 hours of practical learning
    - One month campus programme
    - 15-day exposure visit to places of practice (including Gandhi Ashram)
  - **Tutorial:** Weekly 2 hours
  - **Mentor/Supervisor:** Each candidate is assigned a mentor for practical and project
  - **Project:** Periodical sharing and final report submission
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## Admission

- **Admission process** : Online application; and personal interviews: references
  - **Fees:** USD 500.00
  - **Facility:** Fees cover boarding, lodging, local travel (exposure visit), reading materials.
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## Admission Process

- **Online Application**
- **Personal Interviews**
- **References**

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