

# CALL FOR CHAPTERS FOR BOOK

## RELEVANCE OF DUTIES IN CONTEMPORARY WORLD WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON GANDHIAN THOUGHT

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### Introduction

In present times, the growing assertion of rights often ignores the importance of duties as its correlative. Individuals in our society, by and large, are well occupied in identifying their rights; often overlooking their duties. This has been a great casualty to duties in our society, which is identified and recognised as a duty-based (Dharma-based) society. Without the proper observance of duties, rights remain a dead letter in a void domain.

In this context, Gandhi's thoughts on duties become pertinent to address the prevailing challenges of society. In Gandhi's view duties are more fundamental than rights because the latter springs from the former and ensure its better implementation. As he points out *"Begin with a charter of the Duties of Man, and I promise the rights will follow as spring follows winter."* Gandhian Swaraj means the sum total of the swaraj (self-rule) of individuals and such Swaraj emanates only from the performance of duties by citizens without having strong reservations for their rights. Gandhi conceived India as society guided by *Dharma* practised communally in the vast and diverse terrains of India. Gandhi's idea of duty becomes more relevant in the 21st century, given the increasing clamour for rights. Though India came up with a specific and dedicated chapter (Chapter IV- A) on Fundamental Duties in the Constitution, its effectuation and realisation is still a great challenge.

Against this backdrop, the proposed book would examine the relevance of duties in legal and social discourse generally and particularly through the lens of Gandhian thought. The idea of the book emerged from the National Seminar on "Gandhi on Duties" organised by Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in collaboration with Delhi Central-District Legal Services Authority.

We invite chapters focusing on (but not restricted to) the following themes:

1. Duty as Source of Rights
2. Community Interests vs. Individuality
3. Priority of Duties over Rights
4. Relevance of Duties in the Present Age
5. Gandhian thought on Duties in Indian Jurisprudence
6. Gandhi and Fundamental Duties
7. Gandhian Duty in Indian Education

## **Target Audience**

The book would attract a wide range of audience comprising students, researchers, and academics from law, political science, sociology as well as general readers. The book undertakes a critical analysis of the topic with a research-based approach to unravel the unexplored facts and provide fresh insights relating to it. This would generate great interest among the readers for the book.

## **About the Editors**

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## **Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the book is to reflect on the significance of duties in creating an egalitarian society by collating and contextualizing the relevant literature. The book seeks to make a particular appreciation of Gandhi's views on duty as they are pertinent to create a cohesive, responsible and value-based society in the present right-dominated world. A viable solution to the current real world problems could be found in exploring the philosophy on duties and the book is a humble attempt to provide a relevant literature in this regard.

## **Keywords**

Duties, Rights, Constitution, Gandhian Philosophy, Law, and Dharma, Access to justice in Gandhian Deontology,

## **Important Dates**

**Intimation of Intent of Expression: April 20, 2020**

**Full Chapter Submission: June 30, 2020**

Please intimate your Intent of Expression (Intent to Contribute, Title and Brief of the Chapter)

## **Submission Guidelines**

1. Entries may be emailed to [singh.genetic@gmail.com](mailto:singh.genetic@gmail.com), under the subject heading "Relevance of Duties in Contemporary World Paper Submission".
2. The title of chapters should be appropriate and relevant to the topic.
3. The paper shall be original and unpublished.

4. The paper should not be plagiarized, and free from grammatical, spelling and other errors.
5. Co-authorship is allowed subject to a maximum of two (authors can be from different institutes).
6. Word limit should be between 4000-6000 words including footnotes.
7. An abstract comprising 150-200 words should be submitted along with chapters.
8. The submission should be accompanied with a covering letter specifying the author's name, designation, institution, contact number and e-mail ID.
9. Any uniform method for citation may be followed.
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12. Page borders, headers, footers shall not be used.
13. The paper shall be in MS Word Format.
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