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Dr. Abhiram Biswal is a very eminent political Scientist in Odisha. He is one of the significant writers and regular columnist of Sambad Newspaper. He started his educational career from Ravenshaw junior College and completed his education from Utkal University. After that he worked at many reputed institutions in Odisha. Presently he is working as an Asst. Professor in B.J.B. Auto College, Bhubaneswar. On his credit he has published number of articles and research papers in different national and international journals and also he has attended number of national and international seminar and webinar.

Any Other Remarks:

The webinar was presided by Principal Ranjit Ranjan Sahoo. In this virtual meeting theme of the webinar and introduction of the guest was given by Miss Selina Tarai, followed by address of the resource person Dr. Abhiram Biswal. On his address he has explained about importance of Gandhian principles in today's world. In this webinar more than 85 participants were joined. The webinar was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Mathuri Charan Nayak, IQAC coordinator of our college.

RELEVANCE OF GANDHISM (GANDHIBADARA PRASANGIKATA)

Mahatma Gandhi's ideas not only inspired people all over the world but also played an important role in transforming India and the world from the perspective of compassion, tolerance and peace. Mahatma Gandhi's role and his influence in the creation of New India is undisputed. Even in the present twenty-first century, Gandhi as a man and a philosopher is as relevant as he was before. '**Sarva Dharma Sambhav**' accepted by Gandhiji means that all religions are equal and '**Sarva Dharma Sambhav**' means goodwill towards all religions, maintaining an atmosphere of harmony and compassion in this global and technological age and '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**'. It is necessary to realize the idea of (the world is a family). The relevance of Gandhi and his ideology in this current era of communal fanaticism and terrorism has increased further, because **according** to his principles, it is necessary to carry all religions and ideologies together in order to maintain communal harmony. In today's era, his principles are very important, because never before has he felt so much need.

Gandhiji is considered a man of experimentation, but this experiment was not limited only to the intellectual level: In fact, he also introduced it in his life, which some people criticize even today. But words like **‘what will people say’** did not have a place in his thinking and experiments. Among the influential people of the 20th century are Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachov, Albert Schweitzer, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King(J), Aung San Suu Kyi, Poland’s Lech Walesa, etc., who followed Gandhi in their respective countries used ideology and brought non-violence as its weapon and brought changes in our areas and countries. This is proof that after Gandhi and outside India also through non-violence, a successful fight was fought against injustice and it was also conquered.

Today, in any country of the world, when a peace march comes out or atrocities and violence are opposed or the violence has to be answered with non-violence, then the world remembers Gandhi on all such occasions. Therefore, it is not an exaggeration to say that Gandhi’s thoughts, philosophy and principles were relevant even yesterday, are still today and will remain so in the coming time.

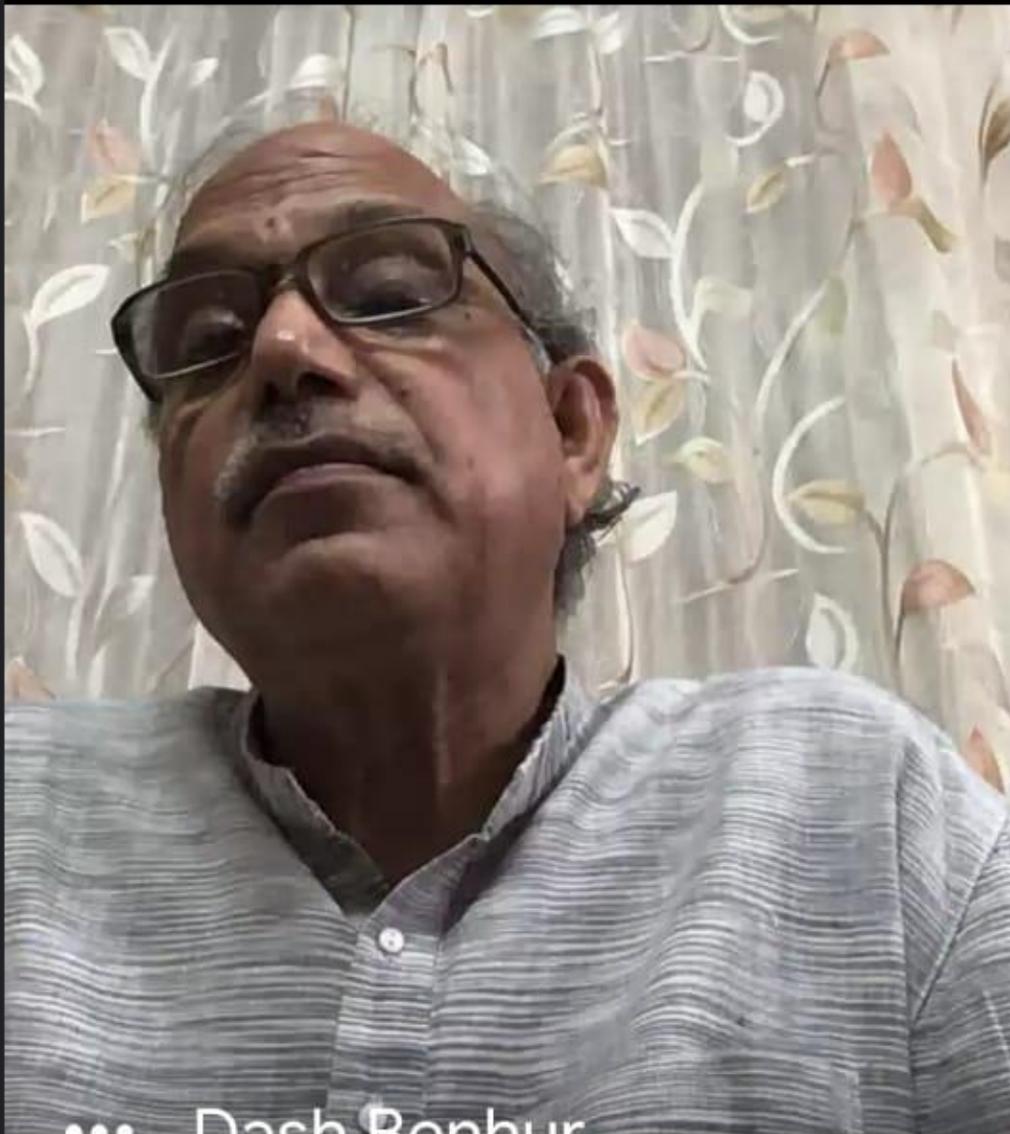
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