



**DR SHOBHANA RADHAKRISHNA**  
(Propagating the vision of Mahatma Gandhi)

Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna is an internationally acclaimed speaker on the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Brought up in Mahatma Gandhi Sevagram Ashram in Wardha, Radhakrishna has cultivated a strong ideological connection with Mahatma Gandhi's ideals since childhood. She has established organizations to work for Sarvodaya, Gramswaraj and constructive programs. She has over four decades of experience in social work in different parts of India and dedicated her life to the cause of serving the poor.

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), New Delhi for promoting ethical business practices and organizational integrity in Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) and has given 282 talks in 39 major PSEs for disseminating Gandhian values. She regularly addresses young probationary officers of the Indian Civil Service in the apex training academies of the Government of India.

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. She has presented 'Gandhi Katha' at the Upa Rashtrapati Nivas, various Raj Bhavans and Raj Niwas, apex cultural institutes, and universities in India from 2018 to 2022. Her Gandhi Katha and lectures on Mahatma Gandhi's vision and its relevance attempt to provide some principles, ideas, and alternatives to help address the pressing challenges of our times.

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi from 2018 to 2021, she gave 267 Gandhi Katha/lectures in 135 countries organized by respective Indian Mission and facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Culture, Govt of India.

On the UN International Day of Nonviolence, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, she has given the keynote addresses 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 Mission in respective countries. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, the Indian Mission in 55 countries hosted tributes by her at Gandhi Jayanti.

During the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India's Independence-Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, she is conducting an 'Online Certificate Course on Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy' hosted by 109 Indian Mission for the international participants. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, supports the courses from 2021 to 2022.

She has delivered special homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his Martyrs Day in 2021 and 2022, the 86 Indian Mission hosted her tribute. To commemorate the 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Salt Satyagraha, 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bardoli Satyagraha, and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quit India Movement, the Indian Mission covering 90 countries hosted her talks in 2022.

The national and international community has honoured her with several recognitions and awards. The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, recognized her as an Eminent Citizen from 2010 to 2013. She is the advisor and key resource person for 'Gandhipedia', the social media platform of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India implemented by the Indian Institute of Technology in Kharagpur and Gandhinagar, along with the National Council of Science Museum, Kolkata.

She is the trustee of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Memorial Trust, Advisor of the National Coalition for Education, India, and the member of the International Association of Studies on the Mediterranean and the East in Rome, Italy.

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