



Voluntary movement in India: Gandhian perspectives, influence and success

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ABSTRACT

The concept of voluntarism is as old as the mankind itself, whereas Gandhian concepts of voluntary work are the product of the twentieth century. Though India had a rich tradition of voluntarism, Mahatma Gandhi's ideas and directives gave a great fillip to the development of voluntary sector during and after independent period. Many voluntary organizations are functioning in India for the development of different sectors like health, education, sanitation and environment, empowerment of women, children, tribes, marginalized and livelihood.