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Gandhian Tradition and Remembrance Rules

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Rule 1 Paripati

“Paripati” at Gujarat Vidyapith is the traditional and value-based system of collective living, learning, and discipline for students, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi’s vision of Nai Talim. It embodies the principles of simplicity, self-reliance, community spirit, moral character, and holistic education through daily practices such as prayer, group activities, Khadi, industry, and rural immersion.

[1] Scope and Applicability

- [a] It is applicable to all students, hostels, and academic departments of Gujarat Vidyapith.
- [b] Paripati shall be considered a mandatory component of student life, forming part of the holistic education model.
- [c] Evaluation of Paripati participation may be integrated with academic credit or conduct assessment, as determined by the Academic Council.

[2] Core Elements of Paripati

- [a] Prarthana (Prayer)
 - [i] Daily prayers in hostels and common assemblies shall be mandatory.
 - [ii] Each department may select approved hymns, songs, or prayers from the authorized Vidyapith collection.
 - [iii] Instruments, training, and resources shall be provided by the institution to ensure meaningful participation.
 - [iv] Every Friday shall be observed as Sarva-Dharma Prarthana (Interfaith Prayer).
- [b] Samuh Jivan (Community Life)
 - [i] All students (hostel residents and day-scholars) shall participate in community duties (cleanliness, group activities, organization).
 - [ii] Group work shall be supervised by Heads of Departments, hostel wardens, and designated faculty.
 - [iii] Such participation shall be evaluated as part of conduct and community credits.

- [c] Khadi
- [i] Wearing Khadi is mandatory for all students, teachers, and staff.
 - [ii] Approved dress:
Boys: Pant–Shirt or Kurta–Dhoti in Khadi.
Girls: Punjabi Dress with Dupatta, Lehenga–Zabbha, or Saree in Khadi.
 - [iii] Vidyapith shall ensure supply of genuine Khadi through its Khadi unit.
 - [iv] The dress code is to be observed as a matter of discipline and value, not coercive punishment.
- [d] Dinacharya
- [i] Vidyapith working hours: 08:00 AM to 06:00 PM.
 - [ii] Each department shall prepare a weekly timetable, ensuring at least 40 hours per week of academic, udyog, and cultural activity.
 - [iii] Daily schedule along with academic learning shall mandatorily include:
 - (1) Prayer & group assembly (30 minutes).
 - (2) Udyog (minimum 1 hour).
- [e] Udyog
- [i] Udyog is compulsory for all students and shall carry academic credit.
 - [ii] Students shall select from approved Udyog (spinning, weaving, handicrafts, agriculture-related activities, etc.).
 - [iii] Final semester students may be exempted, with Academic Council approval.
 - [iv] Udyog shall be oriented towards self-reliance and livelihood skills.
- [f] Katai / Kantan (Spinning & Weaving)
- [i] Every student shall engage in spinning on Petty Charkha or Ambar Charkha.
 - [ii] Minimum production targets (yarn/pooni/cloth) per semester may be fixed.

- [iii] Competitions and quality assessments shall be organized.
- [iv] Departments shall provide maintenance kits and training.
- [g] Gram Jivan Yatra / Padyatra (Rural Immersion)
 - [i] Each department shall allocate at least 6 days annually for rural immersion, padyatras, or rural camps.
 - [ii] Objectives: direct exposure to rural life, agriculture, Panchayati Raj, and Gandhian rural reconstruction.
 - [iii] Reports shall be submitted and evaluated.
 - [iv] At least one external evaluator shall be included in assessment.
 - [v] Rural immersion shall remain a credit-based requirement.

Rule 2 Swayampak

- [1] Swayampak is a distinctive Gandhian practice of Gujarat Vidyapith, envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi to inculcate the values of self-reliance, dignity of labour, collective living, discipline, and simplicity. It involves students and academic staff jointly preparing and sharing food in a spirit of equality and cooperation. The activity integrates education with life skills and community living, thereby aligning the daily routine of students with Gandhiji's ideals of shrama-yoga and samuhik jeevan.
- [2] Nature of Activity - Swayampak shall include the following:
 - [a] Cooking together in groups.
 - [b] Learning the taste and value of simple, nutritious food.
 - [c] Working collectively and sharing responsibilities.
 - [d] Experiencing group/community living.
 - [e] Practicing Gandhian ideals of equality, cooperation, and simplicity.
 - [f] Faculty and academic staff shall also join the activity as co-participants, setting an example of dignity of labour.
- [3] Objectives of Swayampak:
 - [a] To cultivate self-reliance, simplicity, and cooperation among students.

- [b] To strengthen the practice of dignity of labour by engaging both students and staff in cooking and cleaning.
- [c] To nurture communal harmony, equality, and collective discipline.
- [d] To make education life-oriented, integrating daily living with Gandhian values.

[4] Organization of the Program:

- [a] Each academic department of Gujarat Vidyapith shall organize Swayampak in its own manner and at suitable times, ensuring participation of students and faculty.
- [b] Departments may combine academic, cultural, and value-education sessions with Swayampak to enrich its impact.
- [c] The prior approval of the Vice Chancellor shall be necessary.

Rule 3 Swabhiman Project for Nurturing Aptitude (SWAPNA)

[1] Introduction:

The SWAPNA, which stands for 'Swabhiman Project for Nurturing Aptitude', is an initiative aimed at providing students with the opportunity to earn while learning at Gujarat Vidyapith, an esteemed educational institution founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920. This program has been designed to empower students by fostering their skills, knowledge, and character in alignment with the values espoused by Mahatma Gandhi. SWAPNA Initiative is following Mahatma Gandhi's idealism in Self-reliance (Swavlamban) by promoting "earning while learning", and Dignity of Labor (Shramadaan).

- [2] This initiative will be taken care of by the SSCW branch. There shall be a committee for the implementation of this initiative.
- [a] A Dean nominated by the Vice Chancellor as Chairperson.
 - [b] Estate Branch Head;
 - [c] Chief Warden of the Hostel;
 - [d] Library Head;
 - [e] SSCW Branch Head as member secretary;

- [3] Objectives: The primary objectives of the SWAPNA program are as follows:
- [a] To offer students the opportunity to gain practical experience and develop vocational skills through work-study arrangements.
 - [b] To offer aspirants the chance to explore employment opportunities across diverse sectors in the modern era.
 - [c] To promote academic excellence, holistic development, and social responsibility among participants.
 - [d] To provide deserving students with financial assistance to pursue their education at Gujarat Vidyapith.
 - [e] To uphold the principles of Swavalamban, Swaraj, Swadeshi, Sarvodaya, and Satyagraha in education, as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.
- [4] Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for the SWAPNA program, students must fulfil the following criteria:
- [a] Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Gujarat Vidyapith.
 - [b] Must exhibit academic potential, punctuality, work dedication, and a strong commitment to personal and community development.
 - [c] Must be willing to actively participate in work-study opportunities as part of the program.
 - [d] Must have permission from the head of their concerned department.
- [5] The work may include:
- [a] Campus Beautification Squad:
 - [i] Cleaning and maintaining campus roads for a pleasant environment.
 - [ii] Beautifying offices, hostels, guest houses, and prayer halls.
 - [iii] Maintaining solar panels, water bodies, and water conservation systems.

- [b] Artistic Touch Crew:
 - [i] Adding colour and life through painting and electrification projects.
 - [ii] Ensuring smooth plumbing operations campus-wide.
- [c] Green Guardians:
 - [i] Planting and nurturing gardens for a greener campus.
- [d] Library & Cultural Heritage Crew:
 - [i] Supporting operations at the library, CWMG (Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi) department, Archives, Museums, etc.
- [e] Frontline Support Squad:
 - [i] Assisting at reception, help desk, branch/department offices for seamless operations.
- [f] Security Support Unit:
 - [i] Aiding security points to ensure safety across the campus.
- [g] Tech Wizards:
 - [i] Managing computer systems, networks, and data entry tasks for efficient digital operations.
- [h] Media & Publishing Assistance Team:
 - [i] Assisting in radio/magazine script writing, content creation, report writing, documentation, etc.
 - [ii] Supporting activities at the publication department for effective dissemination of information.

[6] Application Process and Duration:

The SWAPNA program will be conducted during summer vacation for the duration of one or two months. It may continue throughout the year on the basis of the requirements of work and the decision of the authority. Students interested in applying for the SWAPNA program must fill up the prescribed application form and submit it along with the supporting documents. A selection committee will review applications and select candidates based on eligibility criteria, academic schedules, and potential for contribution to the program.

[7] Working Rules:

- [a] A student can work a maximum of 8 hours during vacation/ holiday (2-4 hours in a working day apart from academic hours)
- [b] Student will be paid @ Rs. 50/Hour as a scholarship for their participation.
(Can be revised from time to time)
- [c] Payments will be disbursed at the end of the project period based on attendance and task completion.
- [d] Certificates of participation will be awarded to students who complete the assigned work satisfactorily.
- [e] Students must maintain discipline and uphold the values of Gujarat Vidyapith.
- [f] Any misconduct or negligence in assigned tasks may lead to disqualification from the project.
- [g] Mobiles are not allowed at the workplace, and students must maintain the decorum of the program.
- [h] Participants will be present in uniform, and regularity will be checked continuously.
- [i] Safety protocols must be followed strictly during physical labour.
- [j] All the decisions of the committee will be bound on all student participants.

[8] Monitoring and Evaluation:

- [a] The SWAPNA program will be monitored and evaluated regularly to ensure its effectiveness and impact on participants by the committee.
- [b] Regular attendance will be recorded to ensure accountability and the pay bill.
- [c] Feedback from student participants, concerned faculty, mentors, and other Stakeholders may be collected and used to make improvements to the program as needed.

Rule 4 Khadisutra

- [1] “Khadisutra” is a symbolic thread spun by the students, teachers, and staff of Gujarat Vidyapith on the charkha (spinning wheel) during daily morning prarthna (prayer).
- [2] In pursuance of the foundational principles laid down by Mahatma Gandhi and the objectives of Gujarat Vidyapith, the University hereby adopts “Khadisutra” as the official symbol of respect and welcome for guests and dignitaries at all formal functions and ceremonies.
- [3] The use of plastic items and floral bouquets, though common in present-day events, is neither environmentally sustainable nor aligned with the values of simplicity and self-reliance. Gujarat Vidyapith, in its commitment to environmental responsibility and cultural integrity, replaces these with the presentation of “Khadisutra” — a hand-spun thread of khadi.
- [4] A collective practice not only instills inner reflection and devotion but also upholds the Gandhian ideal of dignity of labour. It shall be the duty of every student to participate sincerely in this activity, contributing to the shared goal of promoting the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and the mission of Gujarat Vidyapith.
- [5] Students engaged in the practice of Khadisutra apart from the curricular shall be remunerated in accordance with the approved rates.

Rule 5 Annadhenu

- [1] “Annadhenu” is an institutional activity of Gujarat Vidyapith Mandal, established with the objective of promoting self-reliance in food production, protection of indigenous cattle, and dissemination of Gandhian ideals of Gram Swaraj, constructive work, and sustainable rural economy.
- [2] The objectives of Annadhenu shall be:
 - [a] To maintain and protect indigenous cow breeds through Gaushala activities.

- [b] To promote natural farming methods for ensuring safe and sustainable food production.
- [c] To develop training, research, and extension activities in cattle care, dairy development, organic agriculture, and rural livelihoods.
- [d] To collaborate with Krishi Vigyan Kendras, rural institutions, and voluntary organizations for strengthening food self-sufficiency.

Rule 6 Sthapana Din

- [1] “Sthapana Din” (Foundation Day) at Gujarat Vidyapith refers to the commemoration of the establishment of Gujarat Vidyapith by Mahatma Gandhi on 18th October 1920.
- [2] The “Sthapana Din” is considered an institutional annual event of Gujarat Vidyapith Mandal, falling under the constructive programmes framework of the Mandal.
- [3] It is observed every year as an occasion of remembrance, reflection, and reaffirmation of the institution’s Gandhian ideals of Satyagraha, Swadeshi, Khadi, Nai Talim, Gram Swaraj, and constructive work.
- [4] Each year, the Vice Chancellor shall nominate one department to be responsible for organising the activity.
- [5] On this day, Gujarat Vidyapith may organizes:
 - [a] Prayer assemblies and Sarvadharm Prarthana in accordance with the Paripati.
 - [b] Lectures, seminars, and discussions highlighting Gandhiji’s vision in the context of modern education, society, and nation-building.
 - [c] Felicitation of teachers, staff, students, and constructive workers who have significantly contributed to Vidyapith’s mission.
 - [d] Cultural, constructive, and community programs involving Khadi, spinning, rural development exhibitions, and student activities.

Rule 7 Shahid Din

- [1] “Shahid Din” (Martyrs’ Day) at Gujarat Vidyapith is observed every year on 30th January, the day Mahatma Gandhi attained martyrdom in 1948. The day holds a special significance for Gujarat Vidyapith, founded by Gandhiji himself in 1920, as an occasion to reaffirm its commitment to the Gandhian values of truth, non-violence, swadeshi, and service to humanity.
- [2] Each year, the Vice Chancellor shall nominate one department to be responsible for organising the activity.
- [3] On this day, the following practices are carried out:
 - [a] Two Minutes of Silence at 11:00 a.m. across the Vidyapith campuses, in line with the Government of India’s notification, to pay homage to Gandhiji and all martyrs who laid down their lives for the nation.
 - [b] Sarvadharm Prarthana and recitation of Gandhiji’s favorite bhajans (such as “Vaishnav Jan To” and “Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram”), as part of Vidyapith’s Paripati.
 - [c] Lectures, discussions, and seminars on Gandhiji’s philosophy, peace, nonviolence, and relevance of martyrdom in the contemporary world.
 - [d] Student and staff participation in activities such as spinning (charkha), khadi exhibitions, social service, and rural engagement, reaffirming the constructive programme of Gandhiji.

Rule 8 Rentiya Baras

- [1] “Rentiya Baras” is a traditional observance at Gujarat Vidyapith, deeply connected with its Gandhian ethos of self-reliance (swavalamban) and dignity of labour.
- [2] “Rentiya Baras” is traditionally observed on the twelfth day (Baras) of the Shravana month of the Hindu calendar.
- [3] The day is dedicated to spinning on the charkha, symbolizing Gandhiji’s call for economic independence through khadi and village industries. On this day, students, teachers, and staff

members of Vidyapith collectively engage in spinning yarn as an act of remembrance and reaffirmation of Gandhiji's constructive programme.

- [4] Each year, the Vice Chancellor shall nominate one department to be responsible for organising the activity.
- [5] Key Features of Rentiya Baras at Gujarat Vidyapith:
 - [a] Observed annually by all departments and hostels as part of the Paripati.
 - [b] Every student is expected to spin a certain number of rounds (anti) on the pati rentiya or amber charkha.
 - [c] Competitions for quality spinning and yarn production are sometimes organized to encourage skill and dedication.
 - [d] The activity reinforces values of discipline, patience, and commitment to national self-reliance.
 - [e] Reports of participation are reviewed by the Paripati Samiti to ensure continuity and improvement in practice.

Rule 9 Gandhi Jayanti

- [1] Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated every year on 2nd October to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, 1869–1948).
- [2] It is a national holiday in India and is also observed worldwide as the International Day of Non-Violence (as declared by the United Nations in 2007).
- [3] Each year, the Vice Chancellor shall nominate one department to be responsible for organising the activity.
- [4] Gandhi Jayanti is observed with:
 - [a] Prayer assemblies and all-religion prayers (Sarva Dharma Parthana)
 - [b] Spinning on the charkha
 - [c] Lectures and seminars on Gandhian thought
 - [d] Social service and cleanliness drives
 - [e] Student activities reflecting simplicity and self-reliance

Rule 10 Parivar Melo

- [1] In respectful memory of Kasturba Gandhi, revered as Mahatma Gandhi's spiritual companion and moral support, Gujarat Vidyapith commemorates her Punyatithi (Death Anniversary) every year through the festival titled "Parivar Melo." This festival aims to promote Gandhian values of simplicity, unity, service, and familial harmony within the Vidyapith community.
- [2] The objective of "Parivar Melo" shall be:
 - [a] To pay homage to Kasturba Gandhi and reflect upon her life and contributions.
 - [b] To foster a spirit of community, togetherness, and value-based living among the university family.
 - [c] To celebrate Indian culture, craft, dialogue, and service, following Gandhian ideals.
- [3] Each year, the Vice Chancellor shall nominate one department to be responsible for organising the activity.
- [4] Activities During "Parivar Melo": The following activities may be organized:
 - [a] Bhajan Sandhya and prayer meeting in remembrance of Kasturba Gandhi. [b] Lectures or talks on the life and values of Kasturba and Mahatma Gandhi.
 - [c] Cultural programs, folk performances, and exhibitions reflecting Gandhian themes.
 - [d] Community traditional food festival and sustainable practices.
 - [e] Competitions (essay, elocution, poster making, etc.) on themes like women's empowerment, freedom movement, and Gandhian philosophy.
 - [f] Workshops or stalls for handloom, khadi, crafts, and rural technologies.
- [5] Participation:
 - [a] All faculty members, non-teaching staff, students, and their families shall be encouraged to participate actively.

- [b] Invitations may also be extended to alumni, local community members, and dignitaries promoting Gandhian values.

Rule 11 Mission LiFE

- [1] In the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi’s enduring ideals of self-reliance, ecological harmony, and social responsibility, Gujarat Vidyapith—established in 1920 to nurture education grounded in truth and service—hereby embraces Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) as an institutional activity. Inspired by the call of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), this initiative aligns with the Vidyapith’s commitment to fostering sustainable living and conscious citizenship. Through this adoption, the Vidyapith reaffirms its resolve to cultivate lifestyles that honor the interconnectedness of humanity and nature, echoing Gandhiji’s vision of trusteeship and simplicity.
- [2] The objectives of Mission LiFE at Gujarat Vidyapith shall be:
 - [a] To inculcate environmentally responsible behaviour among students, faculty, staff, and the community.
 - [b] To promote sustainable lifestyles based on Gandhian values of simplicity, conservation, and harmony with nature.
 - [c] To reduce institutional carbon footprint through energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste management.
 - [d] To integrate environmental education and LiFE principles into curricula, co-curricular, and extension activities.
 - [e] To encourage community outreach and awareness campaigns for sustainable living in villages, towns, and partner institutions.
 - [f] To align with the national and international agenda on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

- [3] Scope of Application - Mission LiFE shall apply to all stakeholders of Gujarat Vidyapith, including:
- [a] Students (through curriculum, student clubs, and extension activities).
 - [b] Faculty and Staff (through institutional practices and training).
 - [c] Community and Villages (through outreach programmes, NSS, NCC, and Gram Seva).
- [4] The Mission shall cover the following areas of practice:
- [a] Energy Conservation – Use of renewable energy, energy audits, energyefficient lighting and appliances.
 - [b] Water Conservation – Rainwater harvesting, water audits, efficient irrigation systems.
 - [c] Waste Management – Segregation, composting, recycling, and reduced use of plastic.
 - [d] Sustainable Mobility – Promotion of walking, cycling, and public transport. [e] Biodiversity Protection – Tree plantation, herbal gardens, organic farming.
 - [f] Sustainable Consumption – Khadi, local products, minimalism, responsible food practices.
 - [g] Awareness & Training – Workshops, campaigns, exhibitions, and eco-friendly cultural events.
- [5] A coordinator shall be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- [6] Mission LiFE Committee - To ensure proper governance, Gujarat Vidyapith shall establish a Mission LiFE Committee, consisting of:
- [a] Vice Chancellor - Chairperson
 - [b] Two Trustees nominated by the Gujarat Vidyapith Mandal - Members.
 - [c] Two experts shall be nominated by the Vice Chancellor - Members.

- [d] Registrar - Member
 - [e] Two senior faculty members with expertise in Environmental Science / Sustainable Development - Members
 - [f] Coordinator, Mission LiFE Cell, Gujarat Vidyapith - Member Secretary
- [7] The nomination in the committee shall be for a term of three years from the date of notification.
- [8] Functions of the Committee
- [a] To frame the annual Mission LiFE Action Plan for Gujarat Vidyapith.
 - [b] To integrate LiFE principles into teaching, research, and extension activities.
 - [c] To coordinate with UGC, MoE, MoEF& CC, and GUJCOST for grants, training, and collaborations.
 - [d] To oversee green audits, sustainability reports, and environmental impact assessments.
 - [e] To promote student-led eco-initiatives like eco-clubs, LiFE champions, and sustainable campus activities.
 - [f] To ensure compliance with statutory norms and policies on environmental conservation.
- [9] The Mission LiFE Committee shall submit an Annual Report of activities to the Executive Council of Gujarat Vidyapith.



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