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### GANDHIAN IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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#### ABSTRACT

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi popularly revered as Mahatma Gandhi was not only one the greatest leaders of Indian Nationalism but a major social and political reformer, who played an important role in purging the Indian Society of its inherent evils. In this regard, he assumed a pioneering role in attempting to eradicate the social wrongs committed against the women of the country through ages. Gandhi's political ideologies strongly anchored in humanitarian values, were a reflection to his spiritual self. His personal philosophies of life moulded to a great extent his political strategies, with which he steered Indian on the path to freedom. For Gandhi, politics was not an exclusive category, but it was very much a part of one's holistic spiritual approach towards life in general. Therefore politics could not be divorced from social factors.