

## *A Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi*

We consider ourselves as scientific soldiers and since we work for a scientific organisation in the Forensic domain, Truth, Science and Humanity are our weapons with which we fight the war against crime, greed and violence. We believe that Gandhian values are universal and immortal. The relevance of Gandhian values and principles in today's world has been debated and discussed. The greatest scientists of our times *Albert Einstein* wrote about Mahatma Gandhi that "Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth". These words are true in every essence. We ponder really as Einstein prophesied is it really possible to sustain with Gandhi's values, philosophy, principles, ideology? What he preached, he lived, he loved and he conquered. He conquered not only the war of India's independence but also conquered the mind and soul of millions across the globe as the Gandhian values and principles dissolve all boundaries, precipitates all biasness.

Truth, Non-Violence, Love, Compassion, Tolerance, Patriotism, Swadeshi, Service to mankind, Managing Change and Women Empowerment are the values which are imperative to be mentioned and pertinent from the perspective of character building to nation building. These values are precursors for the foundation of a crime free society where peace is paramount, dignity is indispensable and humility is nurtured.

*Satyamev Jayate*-Truth alone triumphs, this is the very essence of Justice. Sometimes we hear "Justice delayed is justice denied" and we feel that 'God sees the truth but waits' and waits pretty long. We as forensic scientists also render our services in pursuit of truth and justice thus 'Justice hurried is justice buried' one thing we are very cautious about. We are committed to deliver highest quality forensic reports at the earliest. For achieving this goal we are expanding our infrastructure and facilities manifold.

*Pride for being an Indian* and love for the motherland is one value for all of us which we nurture and carry from cradle to grave irrespective of our caste, color, creed, region, language or religion. Indianness is not to be measured, was never measured, can never be measured. Technically speaking its qualitative and not quantitative. There exists no Limit of Quantitation for Indianness -Either you are an Indian or you are not.

*Women empowerment* was also one of Gandhiji's vision. He said strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from an indomitable will. Nirbhayas fighting spirit and Laxmi's surviving spirit are true examples which shook the nation and we salute them. The best barometer to the progress of a nation is its treatment of women. All nations have attained greatness by paying proper respect to women. We at FSL Delhi take up cases pertaining to crime against women on priority.

Gandhian Principle of *Be the change you want* shall also never lose its relevance. The best way to bring a change is to initiate it. In the context of our organisation we see that today we too are going through an organisational metamorphosis. The need is there to change our attitude of being complacent and be the change we want for ourselves. Strengthening our FSL, expansion, renovation and developing its resources in order to be in the league of the best Forensic Science Laboratories in the world needs commitment and the same patriotic zeal that Mahatma preached. We work towards creating a crime free society by assisting the criminal justice delivery system. We have a vision to provide leadership in our domain. At FSL DELHI we are actively participating in the "SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN" by launching a month long cleanliness drive in our organisation with the same ethos and the favourite tenet of Gandhiji.

*Cleanliness is next only to Godliness*