PREFACE

Gandhi's vision of Ahimsa and the values of life are becoming increasingly relevant in the contemporary world. His emphasis on the need for a change of attitude towards life was apparently aimed at bringing about a change in the mind of man there by enabling him to strive for social change. His call for eradicating poverty, untouchability and other social evils and his appeal for developing a work culture were all intended to achieve a brighter new world for the welfare of all. 'Gandhi's idea of social transformation' has a special significance in this context. The transformation of society is inextricably linked to the enlightenment of the individual.

This study is divided into five chapters. The Introduction is given in chapter 1. The Concept of Social Transformation is detailed in Chapter 2. The Materialistic and Spiritual Aspects of Social Transformation are discussed in Chapter 3. Gandhi's Vision on Social Transformation and the Way Ahead to attain this objective are given in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 provides a concluding analysis on Social Transformation as visualized by Gandhi.

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