

# **Mahatma Gandhi And Concept Of Trusteeship : A Critical Evaluation**

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During the Indian freedom struggle Mahatma Gandhi observed that my concept of development means even unto the last. He further said 'I do not want to rise on the ashes of the blind, the deaf and the dumb.

**Mahatma Gandhi wrote :** My ideal is equal distribution but so far as I can seek it is not to be realized. I therefore work for equitable distribution'. In the context of India's economic requirements in terms of her masses he elaborated his ideas: By all means let monied people have tasteful ornamentation, whether in dress or office surroundings, but I do plead for an observance, as between themselves and their starving brethren, of a due sense of proportion such as is always observed in well ordered society. India's minimum is a langoti requiring less than 1/6 of a square yard. Let our fashions have some correspondence to this minimum', On another occasion he remarked I do not envisage a dead artificial level among the people. There will be a variety amongst them as among the leaves of a tree'. His scheme of constructive programme, he remarked, will, however, be a structure on sand if it is not built on the solid foundation of economics equality. Economic equality must never be supposed to mean possession of an equal amount of worldly goods by everyone. It also means that the cruel inequality that obtains today will be removed by purely non violent means.'