

# 150 YEARS OF MAHATMA GANDHI



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## Mahatma Gandhi and Village Industries A Perspective on Self-Sufficient India

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When Mahatma Gandhi was born, the British power in India had reached its prime stage. The British had become the master of almost the whole of India, at that time. Nobody even supposed at that time that the British would leave India some-day but the British had to leave India during the life period of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the first Indian to put India on a global map and the only one to be known throughout the world. He was the first Indian to make his political mark outside the country before doing so in India. He has been the greatest mass mobiliser in Indian history, having brought mass millions of men, and especially women, in to public life. He so dominated Indian politics for a quarter of a century.

Adopting the peaceful and the constitutional methods<sup>1</sup>, Mahatma Gandhi provided a new direction of the National Movement of India, on one side and on the other side, he

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