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Post-Truth and Gandhi's Truth

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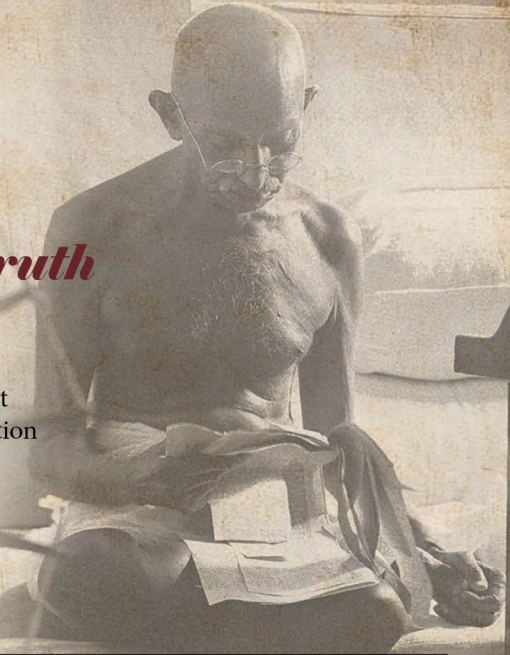
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Conference Hall (Administrative Wing)

1 Queen's Way, Kolkata – 700 071

Entry only through East Gate (opp. St. Paul's Cathedral) from 5.00 pm till seating capacity is full;
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What does **Post-Truth** mean?

“Relating to or denoting circumstances in which *objective facts* are *less influential* in shaping public opinion than *appeals to emotion* and *personal belief*.”

-Oxford English Dictionary



With falsehood spreading in the public sphere across the world, it is time to pause and consider what is happening and whether there are alternatives to the present situation. With post-truth, we seem to be living in a time in which the concept of truth has lost its importance and relevance. This lecture returns to Mahatma Gandhi to learn what it means to follow untruth, rather than truth, and the way forward towards truth. To draw from Gandhi is not to draw from an impractical moralising spirit. We need to remember that he played his practical role in the fall of colonialism. Could we develop the courage to refuse to live with lies and find it possible to move forward, from post-truth to the post-untruth era?