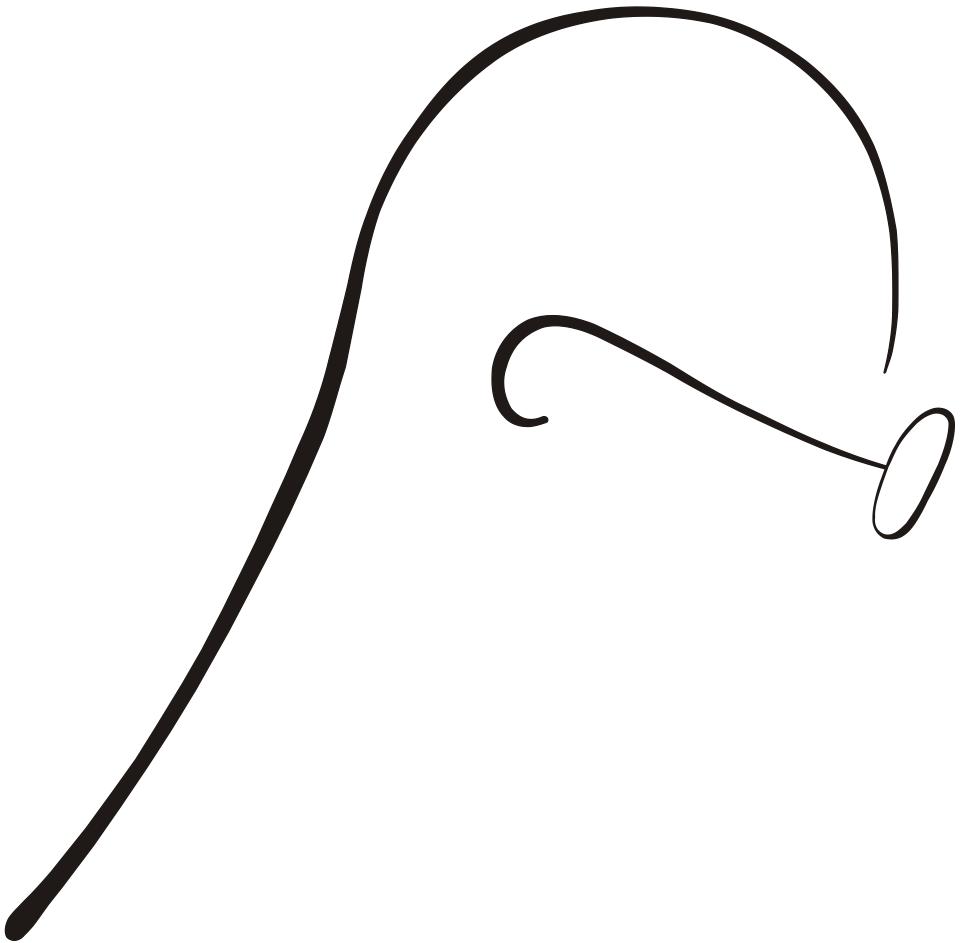


Mahatma Gandhi

An Apostle of Applied Human Ecology

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(1927–2002)

Dr T N Khoshoo was a unique environmental scientist and thinker. Dr Khoshoo started his career as a geneticist and a breeder of trees, ornamentals and subsidiary food plants; turned his attention to ecorestoration of derelict lands; conservation and utilization of biodiversity; sustainable development in resource-rich and technology-poor developing countries; and then to Gandhian environmentalism and development aimed at welfare of the weakest (*Antodaya*) leading to welfare of all (*Sarvodaya*). In Indian parlance, a *Sarvodaya* Society is a holistic version of what the West now calls as Sustainable Society. He was associated with TERI for about 17 years, after he laid down office in 1985 as Secretary of the Department of Environment, Government of India.

Dr Khoshoo received a number of prestigious medals, prizes, and awards, including the *Padma Bhushan* (in 1992), one of the nation's highest civilian honours. His achievements are best summed up in the citation that accompanied the award of the *Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar*, Government of India (in 1993), for his contributions to the field of environmental management and sustainable development:

Dr T N Khoshoo's breadth of vision and depth of knowledge coupled with broad humanism has made him what he is today, a dedicated strategist for human survival. His work both in high office and outside relating to the management of resources, the utilization of biodiversity and the need to develop forests for long-range ecological security are pathbreaking.

In 1996, Dr Khoshoo received the United Nations Award (*UNEP Sasakawa Environment Prize*), which is the highest award in the world in the area of environment.

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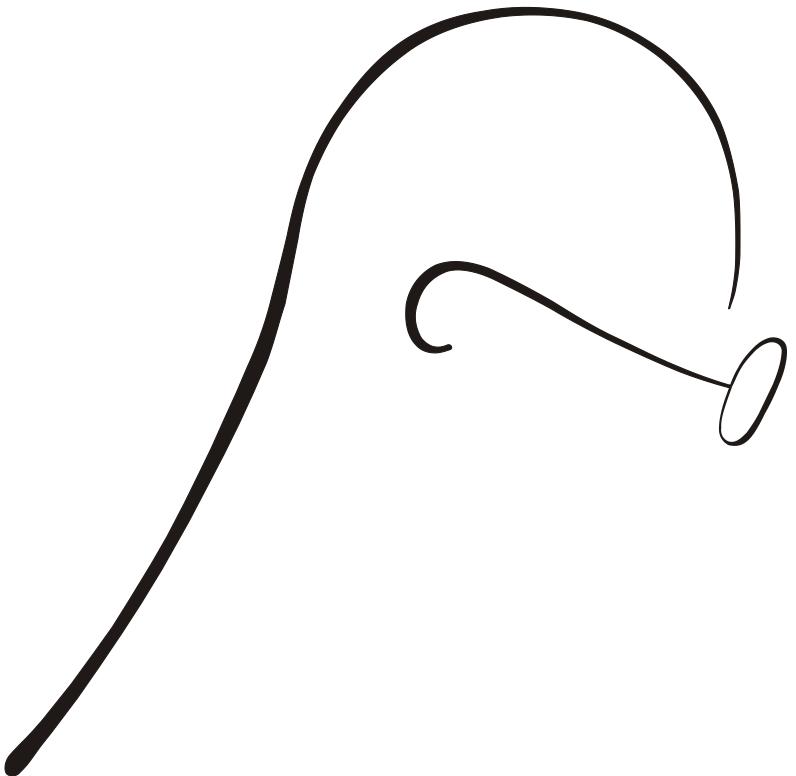
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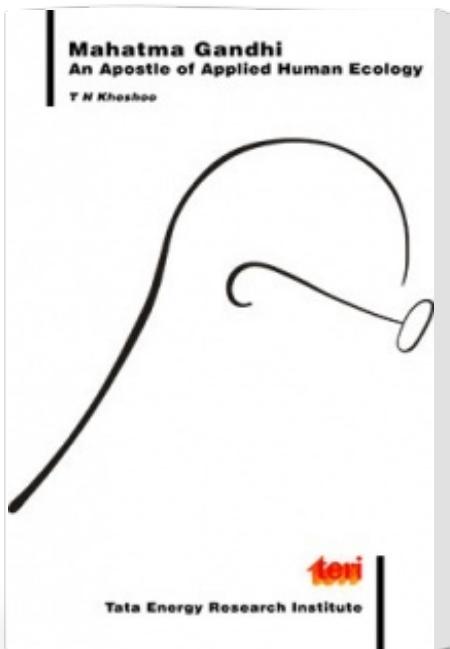
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