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Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya or Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University was established to fulfil a dream of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. Mahatma Gandhi was of the firm opinion that Hindi should not only be the national language of the country but it should also gain the status of a world language. The dream of the Mahatma was reflected in the resolutions passed by the First World Hindi Conference organized in Nagpur in the year 1975.

The first resolution demanded Hindi to be made one of the official languages of the United Nations Organisation and the second resolved to establish an International Hindi University at Wardha, the land where Gandhi ji experimented all programmes dear to his heart.

The University was created by an Act passed by the Indian Parliament in 1997 .Section-3 of the Act mandates special and unique responsibility to the University to enrich Hindi language and literature by teaching and research and make it capable of becoming a World language in the real sense of the term. Since 1997 the University is functioning as a residential University solely dedicated to the cause of Hindi. Spread in an area of more than two hundred acres, the fast coming University buildings are pleasant blend of aesthetics and functional utility.

Mahatma Gandhi, Hindi and International are three key words which are integrally woven in the philosophy guiding the functioning of the institution. It has initiated academic programmes in areas which were important in Gandhi's socio – political agenda such as Non Violence, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Women Studies and Tribal and Dalit Studies. To provide Hindi, tools necessary to become a language of serious study and research, many disciplines of knowledge are being taught in Hindi and efforts are on to produce standard text books and other reading material in the language.

The University has also undertaken an ambitious project to publish an Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences in Hindi. It is expected that in next few years this project will see the light of the day. To fulfil its international commitments the University is offering its services to the Hindi Departments across the globe. It is coordinating international efforts in areas like syllabus development, content creation and audio-visual aids to students who study Hindi as foreign language.