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Prof. Rajmohan Gandhi
Historian, Biographer &
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Professor Rajmohan Gandhi, historian, biographer, journalist and peace-builder, is currently Scholar-in Residence at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar. Until end-2012 he served as Research Professor, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

His most recent books are *Prince of Gujarat: The Extraordinary Story of Prince Gopaldas Desai, 1887-1951* (New Delhi: Aleph, 2014) and *Punjab: A History from Aurangzeb to Mountbatten* (New Delhi: Aleph, 2013).

An earlier study, *A Tale of Two Revolts: India 1857 & the American Civil War* (published in 2009) looked at two 19th-century wars occurring in opposite parts of the world at almost the same time. A previous book by him, *Mohandas: A True Story of a Man, His People and an Empire*, published in India, England, France and the USA, received the Barpujari Biennial Award from the Indian History Congress in 2007.

In 2002 he received the Sahitya Akademi (National Academy of Letters) Award for his *Rajaji: A Life*, a biography of Chakravarti Rajagopalachari.

Other books by him include *Patel: A Life*, a biography of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel; *Revenge & Reconciliation: Understanding South Asian History; Understanding the Muslim Mind; and Ghaffar Khan: Nonviolent Badshah of the Pakhtuns*.

In the early 1990s, Rajmohan Gandhi served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha. Prior to that he was Resident Editor, *Indian Express*, in Chennai, and Chief Editor, *Himmat*, Mumbai.

Associated from 1956 with Initiatives of Change, formerly known as Moral Re-Armament, he served in 2009 and 2010 as its international president.

