

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

Faculty members and research scholars from Social Sciences and Relevant disciplines from a UGC recognized university/deemed University/ colleges/ institutes of national importance can participate in the seminar.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Distinguished scholars from around the world are poised to share their profound insights at the forthcoming National Seminar. The seminar will be organized in physical mode; however, for registered participants unable to attend in person, they can attend virtually and present their papers via Google Meet in special virtual sessions. A Google Meet link will be provided, ensuring their virtual participation.

The Organizing Committee of the National Seminar extends a cordial invitation to esteemed academicians, research scholars, students, and learned faculty members to contribute their original research papers for presentation. We invite you to submit an abstract, approximately 300 words in length, and a full paper, not exceeding 5000 words, in MS Word format. For English submissions, adhere to Times New Roman Font, Size 12; for Hindi submissions, utilize Kurti Dev 010 Font, Size 14 or Unicode font. Please forward your submissions to mgcubgpswebinar@gmail.com on or before the stipulated deadline. Subsequently, we kindly request all interested delegates to complete the registration process within the stipulated timeline.

We are delighted to share that participants who submit an abstract and present their paper will be awarded a Certificate of Participation and Presentation at the successful conclusion of the Seminar. Additionally, outstanding full-length papers sent to the provided email address will be featured in an ISBN-edited book and incorporated into the Seminar's proceedings report. Your valuable contributions will play a pivotal role in shaping the discourse and facilitating the dissemination of knowledge at this esteemed event.

REGISTRATION FEE & ACCOMMODATION

There will be registration fee for the participants, the faculty members have to pay 800 Rs. and the Scholars will have to pay 500 Rs. The accommodation will be provided to all the participants by the organizers. Food and refreshments will also be provided to the participants during the seminar.

The registration fee should be paid through NEFT/ RTGS/ UPI in favour of 'Mahatma Gandhi Central University', as per details given below:

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KEY DATES :

Abstract Submission : 13th March 2024
Full Paper Submission : 15th March 2024
Last Date of Registration : 15th March 2024



MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar (MGCUB) is a Central University established under an Act of Parliament in 2016. The University is situated at Motihari, Bihar, the district headquarters of East Champaran and the 'Karma Bhoomi' of Mahatma Gandhi. The University is committed for promoting and imparting higher education and research in various fields of study. MGCUB aims to provide quality education to students from diverse backgrounds and foster an environment of academic excellence and innovation. The University offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in various disciplines such as science, humanities, social sciences, management, and education, among others. In total, the university runs 04 Undergraduate; 22 Postgraduate; and 20 Ph.D. Programmes of Study 20 teaching Department within 07 Schools.

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ABOUT THE DEPTT. OF GANDHIAN AND PEACE STUDIES

Mankind is struggling to escape itself from the evils of the industrial civilisation, greed based economic system and immoral political conditioning, but unfortunately, there is no way to get rid of. In such darkness the thoughts Mahatma Gandhi could be torchbearer. Only Gandhi Ji's philosophy can bridge the Cartesian division (duality of mind and body). His dedication to truth, non-violence, morality, equity, human dignity and freedom is well defined and it's well examined fact that his way to live, can free us from many paradoxes. Keeping this in mind Mahatma Gandhi Central University established the Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies in 2019.

Department offers Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programmes in Gandhian and Peace Studies. Department is committed towards enhancing research to all aspects of Gandhian Thought and Peace. Department aims to develop Gandhian thoughts as methodological tool to understand, explain and analyse conflicts and violence worldwide. By the teaching and research, department targets to develop the principles and practices of Gandhian ideas and providing profound knowledge of the history, theory and practice.

ABOUT THE DEPTT. OF SOCIAL WORK

Social Work is a professional discipline of integrated social sciences. The trained social workers are instructed to help restore equilibrium in the Indian society challenged by traditional and modern social evils and social realities. In the year 2016, the Department of Social Work was established with the vision to become the seat of excellence in promoting higher learning and research in social work. It aims to enable the students to utilise the knowledge and skills of social work for social transformations. The Department presently offers Masters of Social Work (MSW) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programmes in regular mode to prepare students to integrate advanced professional knowledge, values, and skills and to practice competently.

CONCEPT NOTE

Gandhi's thinking is not bound by the boundaries of time and period. As much as the imprint of Indian culture and Indian values is reflected on it, to the same extent the orientation towards the ideas of Western philosophy is visible. That is why all his ideologies are eternal and appropriate even today. Today, when this nation is passing through the era of Amrit Kaal, his thoughts are not only helpful in guiding us but are also helpful in increasing our self-confidence. We the citizens have taken the resolution to make India a developed nation in this duration and we are attaining the resolution as a 'Saarthi' of the nation and adopting the Vocal to Local Approach and Atmanirbhar Bharat. In today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, the relevance of timeless wisdom often gets lost in the shuffle. However, the principles advocated by Mahatma Gandhi, also known as the Father of the Indian Nation, continue to shine as beacons of hope and wisdom in the 21st century. With simplicity, non-violence, truthfulness, self-reliance, and compassion at their core, Gandhian principles offer valuable insights into addressing contemporary global challenges. In this comprehensive exploration, we will delve deeply into why these principles remain essential and how they can contribute to a more harmonious and sustainable world. The digital world plays a significant role in shaping social change across various dimensions i.e., digital information, digital inclusion and equity, e-government and civic engagement, and social media activism. While the digital world offers immense potential for positive social change, it is essential to navigate challenges such as digital inequality, privacy concerns, and the potential for misinformation. A thoughtful and ethical approach to leveraging digital tools can maximize their impact on fostering positive social change.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To develop an awareness of the significance and need of Gandhian Approach in the combating future challenges.
- ❖ To facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, activists, policymakers, and practitioners on the potential prospects of adopting Gandhian principles for sustainable social transformation in India.
- ❖ To enumerate and discuss the role and responsibilities of the state and individuals in Viksit Bharat.
- ❖ To understand the role of Gandhian philosophy in making the Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ To explore the relevance and applicability of Gandhian philosophy in contemporary India, particularly in the context of social change and development
- ❖ To explore the Gandhi's constructive programme in social change and community welfare.
- ❖ To generate recommendations and actionable insights that can inform policy formulation and grassroots initiatives aimed at advancing Gandhian ideals of social justice, equality, and sustainable development in Viksit Bharat (Developed India).

SUB-THEMES FOR THE SEMINAR

- ❖ Gandhian Ethics in Modern Governance: Implementing Principles of Non-violence and Satyagraha
- ❖ Sustainability and Self-Reliance: Gandhian Economic Models for Viksit Bharat
- ❖ Education for Transformation: Integrating Gandhian Values into Curriculum and Pedagogy
- ❖ Grassroots Empowerment: Community Development and Gandhian Ideals
- ❖ Women's Empowerment: Revisiting Gandhian Perspectives on Gender Equality
- ❖ Technology and Tradition: Harmonizing Modern Innovations with Gandhian Values
- ❖ Environmental Conservation: Gandhian Approaches to Ecological Sustainability
- ❖ Cultural Renaissance: Reviving Indigenous Arts and Crafts through Gandhian Philosophy

EXPECTED OUTCOME

The roles and responsibilities of digital technology have been appreciated for their powerful impact and diverse and dynamic nature. It has always been instrumental in raising awareness of all aspects of the nation and its citizens. The significant outcome of this national seminar would be to understand the significance and need for social change and Gandhian ideology to play an active role and carry out responsibilities to promote and encourage the citizens to participate in national development. The seminar would be a great learning experience and opportunity for academicians, policymakers, government functionaries, corporate personnel, young research scholars, etc., to exchange ideas, views, and suggestions for social change in digital India. The compilation of opinions, thoughts, experiences, and recommendations of the seminar stakeholders can be quality inputs for policy formulation and implementation of self-reliant India.