

Two Day National Seminar
on
Perspectives on Mahatma Gandhi
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About the Seminar

Mahatma Gandhi remains a critical reference point to exhibit plurality of ideas not only in the context of India, during the Indian freedom struggle and post-independence period, but in the entire world which increasingly faces today a near possibility of a nuclear holocaust threatening the entire mankind. The efforts to transform the culture of war and violence into culture of peace and non-violence have so far not succeeded. There is increasing realisation that peace is not merely an absence of violence but is intimately linked with issues of justice as reflected in the several struggles for justice waged in different parts of the world. The challenge is to transform violent struggles into non-violent ones aimed at stirring and mobilising society into a wider dialogue on the fundamental and ethical issues. This debate has to be converted into a critical mass so as to sensitise the educators, academicians, activist- members of the civil society, policy makers and students at all levels.

Mahatma Gandhi through his ideas and ideals changed the very meaning of 'peace' and 'non-violence'. He revolutionised these concepts and practically demonstrated their use on a massive scale. No wonder, he is rightfully acknowledged as one of the precursors on the techniques of conflict resolution. For him, non-violence was an article of faith and his adherence to it was based on principles rather than opportunism or cost benefit considerations.

The seminar is going to focus the following sub-themes on discourses, thoughts and practices of Mahatma Gandhi, besides symposia and panel discussions involving eminent scholars who have dedicated themselves in studying and nurturing the ideas, ideals and dream of Mahatma.

1. Freedom
2. Non-violence
3. Society
4. Polity
5. Religion
6. Culture
7. Gender
8. Universal Brotherhood
9. Environment
10. Peace
11. Language
12. Education
13. Conflict Resolution
14. Village Cottage Industries
15. Untouchability

Call for Abstracts

Abstract should be submitted as per approved **format (1.5 spacing, font size 12, Times New Roman)** in about **300 words** excluding title, affiliation, etc.

Online submission through email is preferred.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to edit/reject the abstract, if required.

Last date for receipt of abstracts is 23rd September 2019

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Registration

Registration fee: Rs 500 (Academic and Professional Bodies)

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