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There will be registration fee for the participants, the faculty members have to pay Rs. 800 before the early bird deadline date after that, the registration fee will be Rs. 1000/- and the Students and the Research Scholars will have to pay Rs. 500 before the early bird deadline date after that, the registration fee will be Rs. 600/-. The accommodation will be provided strictly on a sharing basis. The participants have to tick Yes in the Google registration form if they need accommodation. Food and refreshments will also be provided to the participants during the seminar.

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KEY DATES :

Abstract Submission : 23rd Feb 2025
Full Paper Submission : 26th Feb 2025
Early Bird Registration : 25th Feb 2025
Final Registration deadline after early bird : 28th Feb 2025



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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.

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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 world-wide. 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

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of social work, deeply embedded in his values of non-violence (Ahimsa), truth (Satya), self-reliance (Swadeshi), and social welfare (Sarvodaya), continues to offer a transformative framework for addressing social issues in contemporary times. Gandhi's vision of social work was not confined to charity or temporary relief but aimed at empowering individuals and communities, fostering dignity, and creating systemic, sustainable change. His idea of social work extended beyond addressing immediate needs to the promotion of long-term structural changes through grassroots empowerment, education, and a deep commitment to justice.

This seminar aims to explore the relevance, prospects, and challenges of implementing Gandhian philosophy in modern social work practices. By reflecting on the lasting impact of Gandhi's ideas, we will critically assess how these values can be adapted to contemporary social challenges, including inequality, environmental degradation, and community development. The seminar will offer a platform for interdisciplinary discussions about the enduring relevance of Gandhian thought and its application in modern social work.

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of social work offers an alternative, community-driven approach to tackling social issues in contemporary times. Although the world has drastically changed since Gandhi's era, the need for social work rooted in non-violence, self-reliance, and service to humanity is as urgent as ever. This seminar will not only explore the prospects of applying Gandhian thought in modern social work but also confront the challenges of doing so. By engaging in interdisciplinary dialogue, we hope to inspire a new generation of social workers and change-makers committed to Gandhian values of peace, justice, and empowerment for all.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To Explore Gandhian Approach in perspective of Social Work
- ❖ To provide a detailed understanding of the core principles of Gandhian philosophy that guide social work, including non-violence, truth, self-reliance, and the welfare of all
- ❖ To Analyze the Prospects of Gandhian Social Work in Contemporary Contexts
- ❖ To evaluate how Gandhian values can be applied to current social challenges, such as inequality, poverty, climate change, and social justice etc.
- ❖ To Identify Challenges in Adapting Gandhian Philosophy to Modern Social Work
- ❖ To analyse how Gandhian Philosophy can foster sustainable, community-driven solutions for the present social problems.
- ❖ To critically assess the difficulties in applying Gandhian ideals in today's socio-political and economic landscape, considering challenges like globalization, state policies, technological change, and individualism.
- ❖ To encourage interdisciplinary discussions and exchanges among scholars, social workers, activists, and policymakers to generate insights on how to effectively integrate Gandhian principles into contemporary social work practices.

SUB-THEMES FOR THE SEMINAR

- ❖ Gandhian Approach of Social Work: Core Principles and Practices
- ❖ Prospects of Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary Social Work
- ❖ Gandhian principles in the context of modern issues such as poverty, education, inequality, and human rights.
- ❖ The application of non-violence and truth in conflict resolution, peace-building, and reconciliation processes.
- ❖ Community empowerment, self-reliance, and sustainable development through Gandhian frameworks.
- ❖ Challenges in Adapting Gandhian Social Work to Modern Realities
- ❖ The tension between Gandhian ideals and the challenges of globalization, market-driven economies, and consumerism.
- ❖ Difficulties in implementing self-reliance (Swadeshi) in a globalized, interdependent world.
- ❖ Addressing systemic inequalities and structural barriers within modern bureaucratic systems and institutions.
- ❖ The complexity of applying non-violence in an era marked by violence, political polarization, and global conflicts.
- ❖ Social Work Education and Gandhian Thought: Teaching Values of Non-violence and Empowerment
- ❖ Global Perspectives on Gandhian Social Work: Learning from International Case Studies