



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान,  
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National Institute of Technology,  
Uttarakhand



A Two-day National Conference  
On  
Gandhian Discourses in Humanities and Social Sciences  
[NCGDIHSS-2019]  
[Commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Gandhi]  
[October 2-3, 2019]  
(Sponsored by TEQIP-III)

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Abstract Deadline: September 05, 2019**

**Acceptance Notification: September 15, 2019**

**Registration Deadline: September 25, 2019**

**Dates of the Conference: October 2-3, 2019**

**Conference e-mail: [ncgdhss2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncgdhss2019@gmail.com)**

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Department of Humanities & Social Sciences,  
Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur-302017

**Venue: Malaviya Sabhagar, MNIT, Jaipur-302017**

## Call for Papers

### Concept Note:

“Mahatma Gandhi was a futurist in the best sense of the word. He foresaw trends and had the confidence to record his predictions and prescriptions in bold and stark terms. He did so... with *Hind Swaraj*...” [N. Ramakrishnan in *Reading Gandhi in the Twenty-First Century*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013:2]

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (popularly known and addressed as Mahatma Gandhi as well as ‘the father of the nation’ and ‘Bapu’) returned to India on January 9, 1915, from South Africa. Since then, he actively participated in and led various movements, protests, and marches and even fasted to mark his protest silently and non-violently to free his nation from the clutches of the British rulers. Because of his pacifist civil disobedience and leadership, the British Government always took him as a threat to its throne. Gandhi’s political activism began in 1917-1918 when he took up the issues of Champaran farmers, the Ahmedabad textile workers, and the Kheda peasants, etc. These struggles witnessed his specific mode of agitation, widely known as Satyāgrah, which he had earlier developed in the South African context and through which he was successful in achieving his socio-economic and political goals. In a meeting held on May 2, 2018, ShriRāmNāthKovind, the Hon’ble President of India, said, “Mahatma Gandhi was the inspiration for our largely non-violent, inclusive and democratic freedom struggle. He remains the ethical benchmark against which we test public men and women, political ideas and govt. policies, and the hopes and wishes of our country...” In the similar way, Judith M Brown and Anthony Parel in their *Cambridge Companion to Gandhi* (2011) aver that, “Gandhi has often been compared to Karl Marx because of his utilitarian justification.” On a similar note, Dr S. Radhakrishnan calls him the supreme religion, the essence of all religions and a symbol of communal unity and universal humanity.

Gandhi’s thoughts, words and activism, thus, continue to inspire and influence various forms of epistemologies and augment several streams of ontological tools. Many branches of the Humanities and Social Sciences are taught under the rubric of Gandhian philosophy. There arises, therefore, a question as how Gandhi was relevant in the previous century and how he still remains relevant in present scenario.

**The proposed seminar looks forward to receiving papers on the Gandhian discourses in Humanities and Social Sciences and the other allied areas. The possible themes may include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Gandhi and Nationalism/Hindu nationalism and revivalism
- Gandhi and the *Bhagavad Gita*
- Gandhi and Diaspora
- Gandhi in Creative Imagination
- Gandhi and Literature (Poetry, Fiction, Drama, Critical Essays, written in any language- Hindi, English, Sanskrit and Urdu, etc.)
- Gandhi and Social Sciences (Psychology, Philosophy, History, Political Science, Education, etc.)
- Gandhi and Social Engineering
- Gandhian Economics or His Economic Thought
- Gandhi and Textiles/Clothing/Swadeshi Movement

- Gandhi and Environmental Studies
- Gandhi and Film & Theatre
- Gandhi in Photographs, cartoons, paintings, statues, etc.
- Gandhi in Indian sub-continent
- Gandhi and the Global Perspectives
- Gandhi and Societies
- Gandhi and Technology
- Gandhi and Subaltern/Dalit Studies/on Untouchability and castes
- Gandhi and the State
- Gandhi and Religion
- Gandhi and Humanity
- Gandhi's Key Writings
- Gandhi in pre& post-colonial India
- Gandhi and his (Indian and Global) Contemporaries
- Gandhi's Principles, practices and beliefs
- Gandhi on Wars and non-violence
- Gandhi on Vegetarianism, food, and animals
- Gandhi's Brahmacharya: Asceticism (Abstinence from sex and food)
- Gandhi's Concept of *Nai Taleem* (basic education)
- Gandhi's Legacy and depictions in popular culture
- Gandhi's Followers and international influence
- Gandhi as Disciple and Mentor
- Gandhi's political and spiritual life
- Indian Critiques of Gandhi
- Gandhi and the Middle East
- Gandhi in the Twenty-First Century
- Gandhi in the time of terrorism
- Gandhi and Decolonization
- Gandhi and Fanon, Mandela, Thiong'o and Others
- Gandhi and health Humanities
- Internet and the Gandhian Philosophy
- Gandhi and journalism

**Seminar Language: English**

**IMPORTANT:**

1. Interested scholars, academicians, researchers, freelancers, activists, and students may send their abstracts in about 300 words (including key words) along-with their bio-notes (50 words). **The abstracts may please be sent to [ncgdhss2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncgdhss2019@gmail.com) by Sept. 05, 2019.**
2. The abstract must contain participant's/presenter's name, address for correspondence, and e-mail ids, mobile number/s on the top of the abstract/s.
3. Those who are interested in the poster/documentary presentation can also send their abstracts/proposals.

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

- For Teachers/Academicians/Freelancers and Activists: ₹ 2000/-
- For Research Scholars (PhD/M.Phil): ₹1000/-
- For UG/PG Students: ₹ 500/-
- **ON SPOT REGISTRATION: ₹ 2500/-**
- **The fee may be paid through NEFT/RTGS/IMPS to the following Accounts:**

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- **NOTE:** The fee includes registration, seminar kit, high-tea, lunch, tea and snacks for two days and participation certificate. Participants are supposed to arrange their own accommodation. However, the conference committee can help with suggestions regarding suitable and modest accommodations near the aforementioned campus.
- **NO TA/DA shall be paid to the participants.**

**About the Institute (NIT, Uttarakhand):**

The National Institute of Technology, Uttarakhand (sponsored by the MHRD, Govt. of India) is one of 31 NITs established by the NITSER Act, 2009. The temporary campus is located in a mofussil area of Srinagar-Garhwal (Dist. Pauri Garhwal) which is 105 kilometers from Rishikesh on National Highway-58 leading to Badrināth/Kedārnāth Dhām. The Rishikesh railway station is the nearest railway station while the nearest airport is Jolly Grant Airport, 130 kilometers from Srinagar. The more information about the Institute may be obtained from [www.nituk.ac.in](http://www.nituk.ac.in).

**About the NIT-UK (Satellite Campus): The Satellite Campus is functional, since December 2018, in the premises of *Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur where the conference is to be held.***

**About the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, NIT-UK:**

The department, since its inception in 2010, is run and operated from the Polytechnic campus of the Institute and known as Dept. of Sciences & Humanities. It was further upgraded and exalted in 2013 with the joining of 10 faculty members in the areas of Humanities, Social Sciences and Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. The department offers various courses in the disciplines of Humanities viz. Interpreting Literature, Theatre, and Cinema; Screen Writing and Documentary Film Making; Corporate Communication and Creative Writing in English, etc. Additionally, it also offers courses in Social Sciences like Industry and Society; Personal Management and Industrial Relation; Industrial Economics, etc. The main objective of the department is to provide responsive and intellectual milieu to the students of B.Tech, M.Tech and PhD to hone their professional skills in the techno-global era.

The Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) has been carved out from the previous department and is now fully and independently functional since July 2019. The department has well-equipped Language Lab with 30 computer terminals.

**About MNIT Jaipur:**

Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur is one of the premier NITs, established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The Institute, earlier known as MREC Jaipur, was established as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government

of Rajasthan in 1963. Later in 2002, the college was given the status of National Institute of Technology, and on 15 August 2007, proclaimed as an 'Institute of National Importance' through an Act of Parliament.

The lush green campus of MNIT is centrally located in the city of Jaipur, and spreads over 325 acres of land. At present the Institute offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses (M.Tech. /M.B.A./M.Plan /M.Sc. & Ph.D.) to about 5000 students, in almost all leading fields of engineering & technology, architecture, management and sciences. Through the internationally renowned faculty, laboratories with state of art equipments and excellent infrastructure, the institute is actively engaged in research, consultancy and developmental activities, besides imparting regular teaching.

### **About the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT Jaipur:**

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences was established in Malaviya Regional Engineering College in 1965. Currently there are nine faculty members in the Department who have specialized in various contemporary areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. Majority of the faculty members hold Doctoral degrees and are engaged in high-quality research and teaching. They have to their credit several books and articles published in national and international journals and books. The Language Laboratory of the Department is well-furnished with twenty-one computer terminals and modern software essential for the teaching of undergraduate and post graduate courses. The Department of HSS has organized one International Conference, Summer Schools, FDPs, and many national workshops.

### **Paper Proposals (For Proceedings of the Conference):**

Selected papers presented during the Conference will be compiled and published as a Conference Volume by a reputed publisher. Please follow MLA Handbook (Seventh Edition) guidelines when submitting the complete paper.

Last date for submission of complete papers: **September 25, 2019.**

### **Guidelines for Authors:**

- Font & size: Times New Roman 12, Line Spacing: 1.5, Margin of 1 inch on all four sides. Text of the paper: justified.
- Title of the paper: bold, title case (Capitalize each word), centered. Times New Roman 14.
- References: Please follow MLA (Ed. 7th) style. Use End Notes if required. Attach a list of Works Cited at the end of the paper.
- Articles should be submitted as MS Word 2003-2010 attachments only.
- Approximate length of the paper: 3000 words.
- Each paper must be accompanied by i) A declaration that it is an original piece of work and has not been published anywhere else or sent for publication ii) Abstract of paper about 150-200 words and iii) A short bio-note of the contributor(s) indicating name, institutional affiliation, postal address, mobile number and e-mail, in a single attachment.
- Papers submitted should evince serious research contributing new knowledge or innovative critical/theoretical perspectives on the subject being analyzed.

### **Transportations:**

Jaipur is well-connected with Rail, Road and Air. NIT-UK Satellite Campus (MNIT, Jaipur) is 5.4 km away from Jaipur International Airport whereas Gandhinagar (Jaipur) is the nearest railway station. The Sindhi-Camp bus stand is 8.8 km away from the aforementioned Campus. OLA/UBER cabs are easily available throughout the city.

**About Jaipur:** Jaipur, known as the official ‘pink city of India’, is the capital of Rajasthan state, and needs no introduction. It is one of the popularly sought tourist spots and it has been recently declared as the *World Heritage Site* by the UNESCO.

**Weather Conditions of Jaipur:** The weather is usually pleasant during October.

**Venue of the Seminar: The Malaviya Sabhagar, MNIT, Jaipur-302017.**

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