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GANDHI TODAY: A QUEST FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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About the University

Mahatma Gandhi Mission (MGM) Trust, began its service to the society 40 years ago in the sectors of health and education. MGM endeavors to educate the young generation hailing from less advantaged sections and locations of the nation. Our commitment to train them as change makers towards a sustainable society, is strengthened by the cherished ideas of humane technology, appropriate systems and optimized structures as propounded by Gandhiji.

In order to realize this objective, the Trust has established over the time, 6 campuses having about 70 Colleges, Institutions and Centers and offer study, training and research facility in the fields of Engineering, Architecture, Medical, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Management, Computer Science, IT, Biotechnology, Applied Science, Commerce, Fine Arts, Ceramic and Pottery, Performing Arts, Fashion Design, Mass Communication & Journalism, Film Arts, Photography, Sports, Social Sciences including Law, Psychology, Economics and Philosophy and Gandhian Studies. It has also instituted many incubation centers for students. In order to orient all these students and their faculty members with the fundamental principles of life as practiced by Gandhiji, the MGMU has instituted a Department of Gandhian Studies. All these technical and social sciences institutions together were brought under MGM University in 2019 with the approval of the State of Maharashtra.

About CJMC

The College of Journalism and Mass Communication, established in 1993, is the first academic institute for Journalism in the region. It has a remarkable track-record of producing media professionals bound to ethical beliefs and practices. Keeping in pace with the emerging media industry the college offers UG, PG, Diploma and short programs on digital and print media, Film making & Photography.

About DGS

The department of Gandhian Studies, through its various academic study, research programs, training workshops and field actions, equips the students with the perspective of collective welfare, and enables them as change makers for a just and equitable co-existence as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi, in the light of Truth and Nonviolence.

Multidisciplinary International Conference on GANDHI TODAY: A QUEST FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

We are in an era of globalization. Global living has promised us both a heaven and a hell. It offers unbelievable temporal comforts to individuals and terminal threat to life on earth at the same time.

Modern development and its supporting science and technology as well as socio economic and political systems have come to stay. While there is no reversal possible as many reasonably argue, they can and ought to be reined to confine them within a sustainable bound, if humanity has to survive.

Science alone cannot be blamed for the catastrophic development. It is after all an empirical means to the knowledge of truth and reality. The problem lies in the parochial objectivity with which we employ science and the shallow principles with which we govern its course. It is our short sighted vested interest that makes modern science pernicious, and community living bitter. Our departure from the fundamentals of life has led us to this peril.

Civilization is essentially a journey of truth and nonviolence, Mahatma Gandhi says. For him Truth (righteousness) is the sovereign principle and nonviolence the supreme law. For humans it means

“For many, Gandhi was a new incarnation of Jean-Jaques Rousseau and of Tolstoy, denouncing the crimes of civilization, and preaching to men the return to nature, to the simple life, to health.”

- **Romain Rolland**

upholding the supremacy of life at large, and optimizing all our efforts to make them consonant with the objective. The world has come to realize this fact, as Gen. Mc Arthur said, violence ‘is not only fundamentally wrong, but contains the germs of self-destruction’. The work of Gandhi demonstrated the efficacy of nonviolence as an attitude and an optimized system of conducting personal and public life in a manner that is just, peaceful and sustainable for one and all.

Mahatma Gandhi gave two major concepts: ‘Sarvodaya’ (Welfare of All) and Swadeshi (local, decentralized, Neighbourhood engagement)as sustainable principles. As living beings, everyone, micro or macro organisms has the right to life. We need to build a life style that does not hamper the right to life of any other being even remotely. That life style is possible, according to Gandhiji, only when we optimize our approach to suit the human finite capability and in compliance with the law of nature. Decentralized approach or as E F Schumacher called it appropriate approach (technology, tool, system or structure) is the prerequisite for such a life.

Researchers and intellectuals have a special responsibility to guide humanity back to the right path using optimized and appropriate methods. To those suffer this unsustainable world, we have been telling ‘another world is possible’. We need to make this possibility a realizable goal, by giving us workable and realizable concepts, principles, theories, tools, technologies and action plans. Here is an effort to explore that possibility.

If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony.”

“We may ignore him at our own risk.”

– **MLK**

MGM University, in collaboration with Sevagram Ashram, Wardha, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, and Gandhi International, and Community of Ark, France. organizes a two-day International Conference on Gandhi Today: A Quest For Sustainable Communities. We bring together distinguished thinkers, researchers and activists from across the globe to study, interpret and contextualize Gandhian principle of welfare of all, and neighbourhoodliness, and their applications for the new generation to steer the course of life towards a sustainable future.

Objective:

To bring together distinguished thinkers, researchers and activists from across the globe;
To study, interpret and contextualize Gandhian principles their applications with reference to sustainability, Welfare of All (Sarvodaya) and Decentralized Approach (Swadeshi);
To explore what are workable, realizable and sustainable (optimized) tools, techniques and systems to steer humanity towards Welfare of All, especially for the benefit of the generation next.

Call for Papers:

The conference invites papers on the following themes but not limited to:

Broad Theme:

“Sustainable living and its principles, appropriate tools, techniques and systems”

Sub Theme:

- The idea of oneness, shared destiny and need for collective pursuit
- Welfare of All: Principles and praxis; blue print, optimized tools, Appropriate Technology, Systems and Governance
- Swadeshi concept, method and process (decentralized / optimized appropriate) in the realm of economics, politics and society
- Sustainable Life style and the necessity for decentralization
- Logic of Truth and Nonviolence
- Harmonizing Faiths, Ideologies and Isms
- Complementarity between Sarvodaya and Swadeshi (welfare of all and ‘neighbourhood engagement’)
- Any other pertinent sub-themes.

Research Paper Submission Guidelines:

Authors are requested to prepare their abstract and paper submissions and send a soft copy through email at hod.gandhianstudies@mgmu.ac.in

Guidelines:

The authors are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Cover page should mention the title of the paper, name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliations, resident country and the complete postal and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the authors.
 2. Research Papers must be typed in a Word Document format, Times New Roman, 12- point font size with 1.5 line spacing, Google Unicode for Marathi & Hindi Languages; 1 inch margins and APA style of referencing.
 3. Research Paper is limited to 5000 words, and must include the following: Objectives of the study, Methodology, Findings, Conclusion/Implications/ Recommendations. Limitations (if any), Acknowledgment (if appropriate), References, Appendices (if appropriate).
 4. Abstract may be within 350 words.
 5. Researcher is expected to follow anti-plagiarism policy, and ensure originality of the work.
- Selected candidates will be informed promptly. The decision of the Review Committee regarding the selection of papers will be final and binding.

Important Dates:

Registration	: Dec 05, 2022 (Registration link)
Submission of abstract	: Jan 15, 2023
Notification of acceptance	: Jan 20, 2023
Submission of final paper	: Jan 25, 2023
Dates of conference	: Feb 03-04, 2023 (Friday and Saturday)

Registration fees:

Paper Presentation:

Research scholars: 2000/-

Academician/ Industry personnel/ Other: 3000/-

PG Students: 1500/-

Only participation: 1500/-

(The Registration Fees includes conference kit, lunch and high tea.)

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Publication:

Selected Conference papers will be published in UGC Care List –I journal and the authors may need to pay the processing fee, and remaining papers will be published in the proceedings book form after post conference re-editing.

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