

## CONCEPT NOTE

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, one of the most influential global figures of the 20th century, left a profound impact on the world through his ideas, movements, and multidimensional contributions to political, social, and spiritual domains. His philosophy is marked by eclecticism rooted in ancient Indian philosophy and also Universal and western sources. It is both simple and complex at the same time, encompassing deep moral elements. Gandhi's ideology emphasizes practical idealism rather than mere utopian notions. He advocated for 'Ahimsa' as a transformative method for individuals and society, leading to socio-political and moral reforms.

Gandhian ideology played a crucial role in shaping institutions and practices that encouraged the articulation and participation of different perspectives and communities. His ideals and movements laid the foundation for a more inclusive and democratic society in India. The seven-and-a-half decades of India's independence have been a journey of numerous ups and downs. India, as one of the most ethnically diverse nations, has chosen a path of power-sharing and people-centric governance. The principles of Gandhi have also been incorporated into the Directive Principles of State Policy enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The objective of the leadership during India's early years of independence was to empower the people and transfer power to their hands in a meaningful way. The values of tolerance and nonviolence guided not only domestic policies but also India's foreign policy and its role in global politics. India consistently opted for non-aggression and peace when confronted with crises, whether on national or international scale.

As the world is facing critical challenges arising from the dominant Western, capitalist, neo-liberal model of development,

Gandhi's ideas, as articulated in Hind Swaraj and other texts, provide an alternative path towards sustainable, participatory, and inclusive development.

This international conference aims to critically reflect on the decades following India's independence and assess the extent to which Gandhi's dream for India has been realised. By exploring Gandhian philosophy in the context of 75 years of India's independence, the conference seeks to delve into the successes, failures, and ongoing challenges in achieving Gandhi's vision for the nation. It encourages deep introspection and invites participants to examine the trajectory of development, both at home and in the international arena, and to explore ways to further embody Gandhian principles in our collective journey toward a just and inclusive society.

We invite papers that understand and analyse the relevance of Gandhian thoughts and practices in the social-political-economic context of contemporary India focussing on the themes and sub-themes, which are merely suggestive and not binding for the paper presenters.

The conference will serve as a crucial platform to celebrate India's journey of freedom and to explore the application of the core teachings of Gandhi in the contemporary context. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and generating actionable insights, the conference also hopes to produce such papers that can be published in the form of the book for wider dissemination of the ideas that emerged out of this engagement.



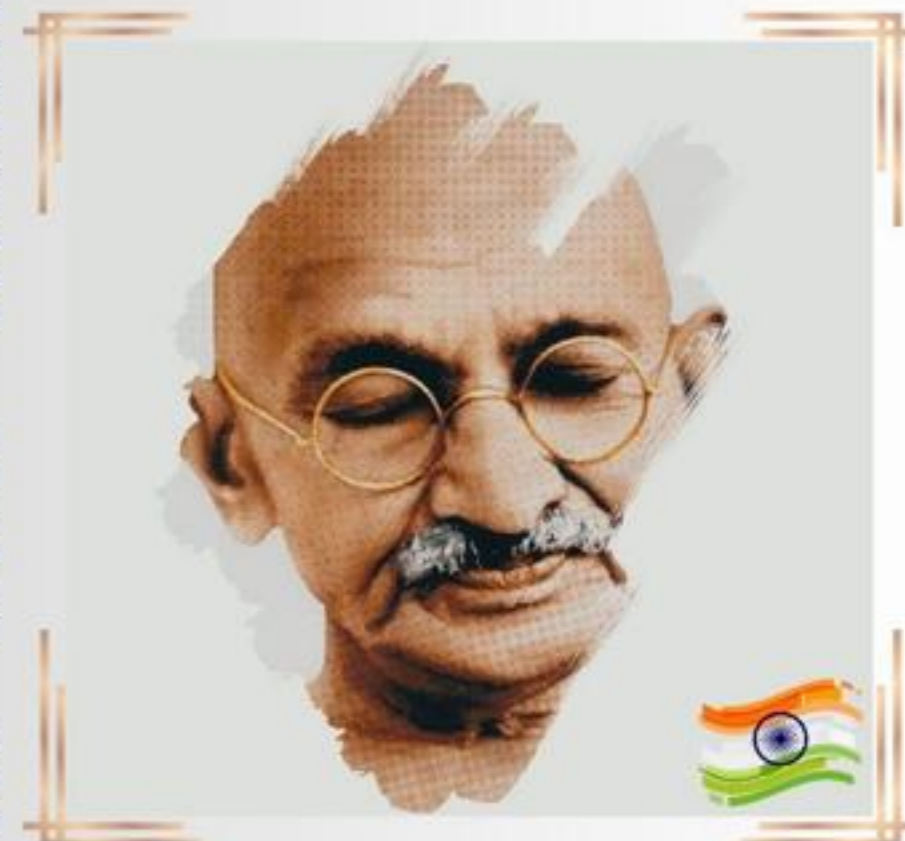
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & PAPERS FOR

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On

**India@75: The Gandhian Perspectives**

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1. APPRAISING INDIA'S DEMOCRACY AT 75: WHITHER THE GANDHIAN SWARAJ
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  - CENTRALIZATION AND DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER
  - GRASSROOT DEMOCRACY IN INDIA: ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY MOVEMENTS
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  - CONTEMPORARY DISCOURSES ON NON-VIOLENCE
  - DYNAMICS OF NON-VIOLENT ACTION TODAY
  - GANDHIAN APPROACHES TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF INTRA- AND INTRA-STATE CONFLICTS
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  - PARTICIPATORY AND INCLUSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

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14TH AUGUST, 2023

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LAST DATE OF ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 20/08/2023  
DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: 22/08/2023  
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MODE OF SEMINAR: HYBRID (BOTH ONLINE/OFFLINE)

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