

## ABOUT G. M. UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Gangadhar Meher University, a unitary state government university came into existence in 2015 by up gradation of erstwhile Gangadhar Meher (Autonomous) College, Sambalpur was established in 1944. It is situated 320 km away towards the west from Bhubaneswar, the state capital of Odisha. The nearest airport is Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda which is 55 km away from university, and the nearest railway station is Sambalpur Jn. which is 1 km away from the university. The university provides UG, PG, M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in 20 schools across arts, science, commerce and management disciplines. The School of Education is one of the oldest schools under Arts and Humanities which provides educational programmes to the aspirants for degrees in BA (Hons), MA, M.Phil. and Ph.D. in education along with Integrated BA/B.Sc B.Ed. Every year a record number of students from School of Education are qualifying NET/JRF conducted by University Grant Commission. The School of Education assures quality education based on the principle of meeting, exceeding and delighting students' needs and aspirations. The motto of the School of Education is '*If we want to fall let us fall together and if we want to fly let us fly together*'.

## ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Currently, the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of M.K. Gandhi, the father of nation has been celebrated not only in India but also in the world. Ideas, ideology and personality of Gandhi for construction and reconstruction of present social order across the globe have got remarkable bearings. Gandhi was not only a statesman and a

freedom fighter, he was a multifaceted personality having in-depth and thorough ideas on different aspects of both human life and social life right from philosophy, economy, polity, education, science and technology, psychology, values and morality, trade and commerce to international peace and harmony.

The 74<sup>th</sup> United Nation General Assembly (UNGA 74) concluded on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in New York City, USA discussed widely on top five issues such as terrorism, climate change, cyber threats, fiscal crises, and religious fundamentalism. It seems, the entire world is suffering from all these challenges. While searching for the solution to address all these issues the Gandhian thoughts come into mind. Therefore, School of Education, G.M. University, Sambalpur is going to organise an interdisciplinary national seminar on the eve of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of M.K Gandhi to create a platform for intellectuals across different disciplines nationwide to discuss and debate on thoughts of M.K. Gandhi and their relevance to present society on the topic "Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

## OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

- ✓ The basic objective of the seminar is to bring together academicians and experts from different parts of the country to exchange knowledge and ideas on relevance of Gandhian thoughts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- ✓ To disseminate ideas on Gandhian philosophy for the benefit of youths of the generation to come.

## THEME AND SUB-THEMES

- ✓ Philosophy of M.K Gandhi and its relevance

- ✓ Educational thought and practices of M.K Gandhi
- ✓ Gandhian thought for social development
- ✓ Gandhi on peace, security, national and international harmony
- ✓ Gandhi and sustainable development
- ✓ Gandhian thought on economics, commerce and business
- ✓ Gandhi on science and technology
- ✓ Gandhian thought on values and morality
- ✓ Research on philosophy of M.K Gandhi: Retrospect and prospects
- ✓ Political thought of M.K Gandhi
- ✓ Personality of Gandhi and its relevance in psychological perspectives
- ✓ Gandhian thought on media
- ✓ Gandhi and women empowerment
- ✓ Gandhian literature
- ✓ Gandhian thought on digitalization and space technology

## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Academicians, professionals, research scholars and students from any discipline who need to enhance their knowledge on 'Relevance of Gandhian thoughts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century'.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SEMINAR DATES

**08<sup>th</sup> -09<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

Last date of submission of abstract

**15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

Last date for Intimation of accepted abstracts

**20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

Last date for submission of full paper

30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

(Abstract and full paper for the seminar need to be sent to the  
Email Id: [schoolofeducation.gmu@gmail.com](mailto:schoolofeducation.gmu@gmail.com))

### ABSTRACT WILL BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- ✓ Connection of the topic to the theme and subtheme of the seminar topic.
- ✓ Relevance of the topic from regional, national and global perspectives.
- ✓ Conceptual clarity and methodological application.

### INSTRUCTION TO THE AUTHORS

- ✓ The abstract of the paper should consist of 200 to 500 words.
- ✓ An author can submit one paper only. Each paper should comprise of a title page illustrating the title of the paper and sub-themes under which it falls.
- ✓ The full paper should be in English, typed in Times New Roman with a font size 12 and spacing of 1.5.
- ✓ All papers should be submitted via email id only. No other means of paper submission will be allowed.
- ✓ Papers will be selected through a peer reviewed committee to be formed by the university.
- ✓ Confirmation on acceptance of the paper will be communicated to the author(s) via their email id.
- ✓ No accommodation will be provided.
- ✓ No TA/DA would be provided to the participants.

### REGISTRATION FEES

There will be **On-Spot Registration** by paying the fee at the registration desk on the first day of the seminar.

- ✓ Faculty participants (Outside GMU)- 1500/-
- ✓ Faculty participants (Inside GMU)- 1000/-
- ✓ Research scholars' (Ph.D. and M.Phil)-500/-
- ✓ UG and PG Students - 300/-

(The registration fee includes the seminar kit, tea, working lunch for two days)

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Vice Chancellor, G.M. University

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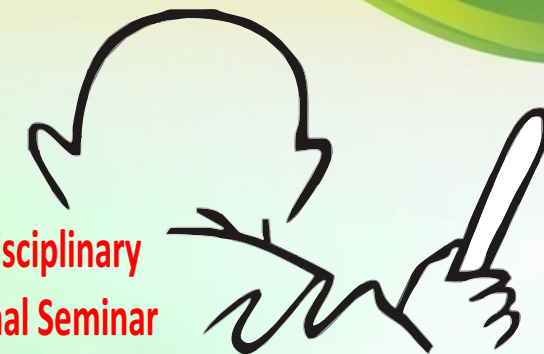
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