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One Day National level Seminar (Hybrid Mode)

On

Contemporary Relevance of Gandhiji

Organized by

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Vidyasagar University

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Venue: Seminar Hall, Dept. of Political Science

Concept Note

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi, played the leading role to independent India. Gandhism neither wished nor willed an 'ism' in his glorified name, but the evolution of Gandhism becomes a global necessity for peace, prosperity, freedom, harmony and survival of the whole human race. Gandhism is a new hope, new force and above all a new challenge in the modern world. Gandhism is reminder of something which the modern world has forgotten i.e. its basic culture of truth and non-violence. *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule* (1909), *Satyagraha in South Africa* (1928), *An Autobiography or the Story of My Experiments with Truth* (1940) and a large number of original ideas, which one can perceive in Gandhi's countless writings and speeches from 1900 to 1948 constitute the basis of Gandhism.

Gandhism is the living thought for solving the social, economic and political problems of the present day. Gandhism is becoming more and more relevant with the passage of time with its use of moral principles' in each and every field. In fact, the future generations will recall Gandhi's idea particularly in two specific areas: first, in regard to the use of non-violent methods to resolve the social and political conflicts, and secondly, for trying to come to grip with the problem arising from the culture of 'consumerism' in the post-industrial era.

Mahatma Gandhi was a multifaceted genius who never wrote for the pleasure of writing, but always with a purpose and as a guide to action. He applied his mind to a large number of human concerns and left a permanent impact on the social, economic and political forces of the day. Gandhi dominated the Indian Political scene for more than a quarter of a century and most of the political and intellectual political giants were influenced by him. He left an perpetual impact on India and the world at large because he always spoke and understood the language of the masses. He made the people fearless to fight against injustice and exploitation. Throughout his life, he worked for the upliftment of the downtrodden. His ideas and programmes of action were such that 'even a child' could easily understand and practice them.



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Against this backdrop, the Gandhian Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University proposes to organise a One-Day Seminar (blended mode) on 2nd October, 2024, inviting papers which could come under the following themes but not be limited to them:

- The Philosophy of Gandhi
- Gandhian Movements and methods
- Gandhism in post Gandhian era
- Contemporary relevance of Gandhian thoughts
- Gandhian Approach to World Politics
- Gandhi and Social Justice

Call for Papers

- Please e-mail abstracts within 200 words (Either English or Bengali) to the email addresses:
eyasin_khan@mail.vidyasagar.ac.in
- Abstracts should include your name, designation, institutional affiliation, Mobile No. and e-mail id.
- Deadline of submission of abstracts is 30.09.2024

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