

CALL FOR PAPERS

NATIONAL STUDENT SEMINAR (ONLINE MODE)

Topic: M.K. Gandhi--- His Ideas on and Principles of Social Reconstruction and Basic Education: Their Relevance Today

On 17th November, 2022 at 12 noon

Organized by

Department of History

In collaboration with

NSOU Centre for Social Studies

School of Social Sciences

Netaji Subhas Open University (Accredited by NAAC with “A” Grade)

Submit Paper, See Details: National- Level Student Seminar

E- Certificates will be provided.

No Registration Fees for Students of Colleges/ Universities.



○ **Concept Note:** On 2nd of October the world celebrated the 153rd birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. This seminar is designed with the objective to create a deeper understanding of the students on the Gandhian thoughts and his principles of Social Reconstruction and Basic Education and Their Relevance Today. Focus on these aspects of Gandhian ideas, it is believed would enable the students/learners to assess Gandhi's contribution not only in politics but in all spheres of life. His political ideology cannot be understood if studied in isolation because it is inextricably linked to his ideas of a 15 point programme of social reconstruction based on a system of education known as Nai Talim / Buniyadi Siksha.

Gandhi believed that man making was fundamental to nation making. He envisioned a self-reliant people spiritually awakened, strong from within, with adherence to moral values and committed to principles of non-violence or ahimsa.

In the contemporary world uncontrolled desire of the human species for higher material consumption has created a crisis of human civilization and survival, promoted a culture of violence and destroyed social cohesion and environmental stability. It is against this backdrop that an understanding of the Gandhian model of alternative development based on non-violence and cooperation has become more relevant especially for the members of the younger generation so that they can develop a value system to face the challenges of the present day.

○ **Eligibility:** This National Level Seminar will be open to all UG/PG students/learners enrolled in colleges and universities of India.

○ **Submission of Papers:** Name, class, department, college/university, enrollment/registration no., contact details and e-mail id of the student/learner should be written at the top right hand corner of the first page. Papers (between 1200 and 1500 words with references) may be written either in Bengali or English and mailed to debaratiba@gmail.com by 30th October 2022 noon. The paper should be original and must follow UGC guidelines regarding plagiarism.

°**Acceptance of papers for presentation:** Submitted papers would be judged strictly on the basis of merit by the Department of History, NSOU. Letters of acceptance of papers with suggested modifications, if any would be sent to students by 3rd November 2022.

°**Paper presentation with PPT:** Power Point presentation (PPT) of selected papers would be preferred in the seminar of 17.11. 2022.

°**Certification:** E- Certificates for presentation of papers would be sent to the presenters by mail. Participants would also get their Participation Certificates by e- mail.

°**Joining link for the seminar:** Link for joining the seminar would be uploaded in due course on the NSOU website.

°*No Registration fees would be charge from student paper presenters and participants.*

(Guidelines for students willing to present papers- Suggested points which presenters may elaborate in their papers with other points they think are relevant)-

1. Gandhian ideas on Satyagraha, Swaraj , Ahimsa and Sarvodaya.
2. Idea of Basic Education- NaiTalim/ BuniyadiSiksha.
3. Programme of Social Reconstruction based on development of atmashakti, spiritual development, inculcation of moral values, belief in principle of non-violence, adherence to truth, prohibition of consumption of liquor, promotion of small scale industries with the aim to develop self –reliant village communities, fostering a spirit of unity between different communities, uplift of the untouchables/harijans, development of tribal people, empowerment of women/ stri shakti jagaran, etc.
4. Opinion of the paper presenter – How relevant are thoughts of Gandhi in today's world?

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