

National Symposium  
30 January, 2019  
on  
Globalization and Gandhian Philosophy  
organised by  
University Department of English  
Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner

**Objective**

The Symposium is being organised to pay tribute to the architect of the Indian National M. K. Gandhi, who inspired the Nation to fight against colonial rule. Its primary purpose is to address the relevance of Gandhian philosophy in facing the challenges posed by Globalization

**Symposium Events**

- Inaugural Session
- Key note Address
- Plenary Session
- Technical Paper presentation
- Valedictory Session

**Participation**

Faculty from Universities, Colleges, reputed Educational Institutions, Schools of Gandhian Thoughts, NGOs, Research Bodies, Regulatory Bodies such as UGC, AICTE, CBSE, NCTE, State Boards shall be invited to participate in the event.

**Registration Fee** – Rs. 200/-

**Venue** : Auditorium, Vashishtha Bhawan, Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner (Raj.)

**Climate**

The Weather in Bikaner is variable. The days are usually comfortable with over 20 degrees, while it might get colder when night falls with less than 8 degrees on average. So it is advisable to put on woollens.

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## Important Dates

Last Date for submission of abstract – 14 January, 2019

Date of intimation for acceptance of abstract – 20 January, 2019

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## Thematic Note

Gandhi, despite his being a product of globalization, for he was educated in London, started his political career in South Africa before he even joined the political arena in India and was greatly influenced by Western figures such as Jesus, Tolstoy, Thoreau and Ruskin, might not have known the present day globalization for its being far away in his time. However, it is undoubtedly true that he has reflected on related areas of international federation, world peace, exploitation of the weak by the strong, freedom, equality, fraternity, dignity of the individual, primacy of the individual in a socio-political system, mechanisation, media and trade, etc. As such, Gandhi has a vision for unity of Mankind, universal brotherhood and “ ..... living association of human beings....” the world over. Similarly, contemporary globalisation encompasses phenomenological paradigmatic evolution of technological trends from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Century in the field of information, communication, multi-media, trade, commerce, finance, international institutions/relations, national development, political systems and ecological patterns, etc. The most common emergence of this predisposition is the apparent unity of mankind found in coming together of even distant nations through technology regulated regimes of internet, satellites, supersonic jets, multinational corporations and constantly receding international trade barriers. The global transformation it has brought about, has turned the whole world into “a global village” (term coined by Marshall McLuhan in 1960); these are manifest processes of Globalization.

In this sense, Globalization is certainly adding to the solution of numerous challenges facing the mankind at large. This hypothesis, however, needs to be systematically analysed. Here arise certain pointers-Haven't we shrunk internally despite our having been expanded externally? What is the relationship of globalisation with the five Ps namely Population, Poverty, Pollution, Proliferation of armaments and world Peace? Hasn't globalisation unleashed multiple crises including economic, ecological and political crisis? The economic crisis is now being felt worldwide? The high resource demand of globalisation is creating resource wars across the planet. Hasn't this increased violence and militarisation ? Doesn't the emergence of corporate globalization threaten the existence of representative democracy?

Gandhi's philosophy and politics are more relevant than ever before in finding ways to live peacefully, equitably and sustainably on this fragile planet. The Seminar, therefore aims at exploring the contemporary relevance of Gandhian key concepts of Swaraj, Swadeshi, Sarvodaya, Satyagraha, Trusteeship Philosophy, Basic Education including Nai Taleem in solving the problems faced by the global world.

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