

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

The Participants will be faculty members, research scholars, and PG students from any social science and relevant discipline in a UGC-recognized university/deemed university/colleges/institutes of national importance.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Distinguished scholars from around the world are poised to share their profound insights at the forthcoming National Seminar. The seminar will be organized in physical mode; however, for registered participants unable to attend in person, they can attend virtually and present their papers via Google Meet in special virtual sessions. A Google Meet link will be provided, ensuring their virtual participation.

The Organizing Committee of the National Seminar extends a cordial invitation to esteemed academicians, research scholars, students, and learned faculty members to contribute their original research papers for presentation. We invite you to submit an abstract, approximately 300 words in length, and a full paper, not exceeding 5000 words, in MS Word format. For English submissions, adhere to Times New Roman Font, Size 12; for Hindi submissions, utilize Kurti Dev 010 Font, Size 14 or Unicode font. Please forward your submissions to mgcubpolsseminar@gmail.com on or before the stipulated deadline. Subsequently, we kindly request all interested delegates to complete the registration process within the stipulated timeline.

We are delighted to share that participants who submit an abstract and present their paper will be awarded a Certificate of Participation and Presentation at the successful conclusion of the Seminar. Additionally, outstanding full-length papers sent to the provided email address will be featured in an ISBN-edited book and incorporated into the Seminar's proceedings report. Your valuable contributions will play a pivotal role in shaping the discourse and facilitating the dissemination of knowledge at this esteemed event.

REGISTRATION FEE & ACCOMMODATION

There will be a registration fee for the participants, the faculty members have to pay Rs. 500, scholars Rs. 300, and PG students will have to pay Rs. 200. The Accommodation will be provided to all the participants by the organizers. Food (Lunch) and refreshments will also be provided to the participants during the seminar.

The registration fee should be paid through NEFT/RTGS/UPI in favor of 'Mahatma Gandhi Central University', as per details given below:

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Key Dates:

Abstract Submission: 25th February 2025
Full Paper Submission: 26th February 2025
Last Date of Registration: 27th February 2025

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar (MGCUB) is a Central University established under an Act of Parliament in 2016. The University is situated at Motihari, Bihar, the district headquarters of East Champaran and the 'Karma Bhoomi' of Mahatma Gandhi. The University is committed to promoting and imparting higher education and research in various fields of study. MGCUB aims to provide quality education to students from diverse backgrounds and foster an environment of academic excellence and innovation. The University offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in various disciplines such as science, humanities, social sciences, management, and education, among others. In total, the university runs 04 Undergraduate programs, 22 Postgraduate programs, and 20 Ph.D. Programmes of Study across 20 teaching Departments within 07 Schools.

MGCUB is dedicated to promoting research and innovation and encourages its faculty and students to engage in cutting-edge research in their respective fields of study. The University also strives to create a conducive atmosphere for the holistic development of its students and provides them with various opportunities to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities. The University is also committed to promoting social and environmental sustainability and encourages its faculty and students to contribute to society through their research, innovation, and community engagement activities.

ABOUT THE DEPTT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science at Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar is a vibrant and dynamic academic unit that is committed for promoting critical thinking, scholarly excellence, and intellectual curiosity among its students and faculty members.

The department offers postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in Political Science, and Public Administration, with a focus on contemporary issues and challenges faced by India and the world. The department's faculty members are renowned scholars in their respective fields of study, with diverse research interests and expertise in areas such as democratic theory, political economy, governance and public policy, and international relations, among others.

The department provides a supportive and stimulating academic environment to its students and encourages them to develop their analytical, research, and leadership skills. The department has been organizing seminars, conferences, and workshops on various themes related to political science and international relations, providing a platform for students and faculty to engage in academic discourse and intellectual exchange.

The department is committed to foster a culture of research and innovation among faculty and students, with a particular focus on promoting interdisciplinary research and collaborations. The department's faculty members and scholars have published their research in various national and international journals, books, and edited volumes, and have received numerous awards and recognition.

CONCEPT NOTE

On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on 26th January 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in Indian history. This day is significant as it marks the adoption of the world's longest written Constitution, a cornerstone of India's democratic framework. Since its inception, the Constitution serves as the guiding framework, shaping the nation's progress over the past 75 years.

75th anniversary of Constitution's adoption serves as a reminder of India's unwavering commitment to democracy, justice, and equality. To commemorate the completion of 75 years of the Indian Constitution over the past 75 years, the Indian Constitution has not only been a blueprint for governance but also a dynamic instrument of social change.

The Constitution has guided India's development over the past decades, even as the country has faced various social and political challenges. The Constitution's flexibility and the critical role of equality, liberty, and fraternity. However, it acknowledges the gaps in achieving true social and economic equality, as Dr. Ambedkar had foreseen. The piece also critiques the politicization of caste reservations and stresses the need for a commitment to the original values of the Constitution in addressing modern challenges.

'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan' aims to honour the contributions of the Constitution's makers while reiterating the core values enshrined in it. This seminar aims to explore the Constitution's text and context, its evolution, and its relevance in addressing contemporary challenges in governance, rights, and technology. It seeks to underscore the enduring values enshrined in the Constitution while imagining its future in a rapidly changing world.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- ▶ To assess the Constitution's transformative impact on India's legal, social, political, and economic evolution.
- ▶ To draw comparisons between the Indian Constitution and global frameworks, fostering dialogue on common challenges and shared solutions.
- ▶ To envision reforms and innovations that ensure the Constitution remains a living, adaptive document, resonating with the aspirations of future generations.
- ▶ To promote interdisciplinary research and discussions encompassing law, political science, economics, sociology, and technology.
- ▶ To encourage public discussions through comments, queries, and Q&A, and reframe youth imagination.
- ▶ To revisit the core values of the Constitution in the context of current debates on federalism, secularism, and inclusivity.
- ▶ To examine the dynamic relationship between constitutional principles and contemporary challenges in governance, human rights, and technological innovation.

SUB-THEMES FOR THE SEMINAR

A. The Past: Evolution & Legacy

- ▶ The Constitutional Assembly Debates: Ideals & Aspirations.
- ▶ Role of Key Framers and their influence on the Constitution.
- ▶ Milestones in constitutional growth: Impact and Controversies.
- ▶ Historical Challenges in implementing constitutional commitments.
- ▶ Decentralization and the 73rd & 74th Amendments: Local Self-Governance in India.

B. The Present: Contemporary Relevance & Challenges

- ▶ Indian Constitutional Values and their contemporary interpretation.
- ▶ NRC and Citizenship.
- ▶ Reorganization and Delimitation of States and Union Territories.
- ▶ Fundamental Rights and Duties: Changing societal dynamics.
- ▶ FRs and DPSPs: Complementing & Supplementing each other.
- ▶ Gender equality, Rights, Caste, Class, and Religion.
- ▶ Constitutional Commitment for Social Justice: Addressing inequalities.
- ▶ Indian Federalism: Balancing autonomy and unity
- ▶ Uniform Civil Code.
- ▶ One Nation, One Election.

C. The Future: Vision and Aspirations

- ▶ Judicial interpretation on constitutional values and morality.
- ▶ Constitutional amendments: Navigating changing socio-political landscapes.
- ▶ Indian Constitutional commitments on environmental challenges.
- ▶ Strengthening Democratic practices and institutions.
- ▶ Technology and Governance: Data privacy, cybersecurity, and the digital divide.
- ▶ The Role of Technology in Judiciary: E-Courts & Access to Justice
- ▶ The Future of Fundamental Rights in an AI-driven world.
- ▶ Constitutionalism and Democracy in the 21st Century.
- ▶ Sustainable Development Goals (2030) and the Indian Constitution.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

The seminar expects to provide a platform for academicians, legal practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and students:

- ▶ To remind of India's unwavering commitment to democracy, justice, and equality.
- ▶ To explore the historical significance and the drafting process of the Constitution.
- ▶ To call to action for every citizen to play a contributive role in shaping towards the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.