

Conference on

# GANDHI AND GRAM SWARAJ

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## Programme

### SATURDAY, 28 AUGUST

- 9:00 am                    **REGISTRATION**
- 10.00am                   **INAUGURAL SESSION**
- Prayer Song
- 10.05 am                 ***Welcome Address***  
                                Shri T.R.N. Prabhu  
                                *President, Sevagram Ashram Pratishtan, Wardha*
- 10.10 am                 ***Introductory Remarks***  
                                Dr. George Mathew  
                                *Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi*
- 10.15 am                 ***Special Address***  
                                Lord Bhikhu Parekh  
                                *President, Gandhi Foundation*  
                                *Member of House of Lords, United Kingdom*  
                                ***Gandhi's Vision of India***
- 10.45 am                 ***Keynote Address***  
                                Prof. Rajan Welukar  
                                *Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai*
- Vote of Thanks***  
                                Dr. Siby K Joseph  
                                *Director, Jamnalal Bajaj Memorial Library and Research Centre,*  
                                *Wardha*
- 11.15 am                 Tea Break

11.30 am

**SESSION 1**  
***Gandhi's Vision of Gram Swaraj***

**Chair:** Shri Chandan Pal  
*President, Sarva Seva Sangh, Wardha*

***Speakers***

Shri Ramchandra Rahi  
*Chairman, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi*

Dr. Varsha Das  
*Former Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi*

Question and Answers

1.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm

**SESSION 2**  
***Panchayati Raj Today***

**Chair:** Dr. George Mathew  
*Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi*

***Speakers***

Shri J.S. Saharia  
*Chairman, International Society for Human Awakening and Development, former Chief Secretary and State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra*  
***Electoral Reforms in Maharashtra***

Shri Bhim Raskar  
*Director, Resource and Support Centre for Development, Mumbai*  
***Panchayati Raj: Changes and Challenges***

Mr. Sumedh Gurjar  
*Director, Centre for Research & Documentation, YASHADA, Pune.*  
***Participatory Planning and Panchayati Raj***

Question and Answers

3.45 pm

Tea Break

4.00 pm

**SESSION 3**  
***How Gandhi comes alive today?***

**Chair:** Dr. Alok Oak  
*Faculty, Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts, Pune*

***Speakers***

Dr. John Chelladurai  
*Dean of Academics, Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon*

Ms. Mallika Mehta  
*Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts, Pune*

5.00 pm

**SESSION 4**  
***In the footsteps of Gandhi: Shri Dharampal (1922-2006)***

*Lecture by*  
Prof. Gita Dharampal  
*Dean of Research, Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon*

5.30 pm

Break

6.00 pm

Prayer meeting

6.30 pm

Cultural Programme

7.30 pm

Dinner

**SUNDAY, 29 AUGUST**

9.30 am

**SESSION 5**  
***Gandhi, Ecology and Sustainable Development***

**Chair:** Prof. Balveer Arora  
*Founder Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism,  
Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi*

***Speakers***

Shri Bharat Dogra  
*Social Thinker and Activist*

Dr. Rajni Bakshi  
*Journalist and Author, Mumbai*

Dr. Ash Narain Roy  
*Director, Institute of Social Sciences*

11.00 am Tea Break

11.15 am **SESSION 6**  
***Gandhi in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

**Chair:** Prof. Vrajindra Upadhyay  
*S.K. Dey Chair Professor, Institute of Social Sciences*

***Speakers***

Dr. Neelima Deshmukh  
*Professor, Public Administration & Local Government (Retd.),  
RTM Nagpur University*

Dr. Manoranjan Mohanty  
*Professor, Political Science (Retd.), Delhi University*

Dr. Anand Kumar  
*Professor, Sociology (Retd.), Jawaharlal Nehru University*

1.00 pm Lunch

2.00 pm **SPECIAL SESSION**  
***Gandhi Model Village - Gadchiroli***

**Chair:** Shri Gautam Bajaj  
*Brahma Vidya Mandir, Paunar Ashram, Wardha*

***Speakers***

Shri Devaji Tofa  
*Gram Sabha Mendha Lekha, Gadchiroli*

Dr. Satish Gogulwar  
*Founder Trustee, Amhi Amachya Arogya Sathi, Gadchiroli*

Smt. Kumari Bai Jamkatan  
*Treasurer, Maha Gram Sabha, Korchi, Gadchiroli*

3.00 pm **Gandhi, Panchayat and Women's Empowerment**

**Chair:** Dr. Supriya Pathak  
*Head, Department of Women Studies,  
Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Viswavidyalaya*

***Speakers***

Ms. Nilam Mishra  
*President, Bhagini Nivedita Grameen Vigyan Niketan, Jalgaon*

Dr. Bharati Shukla  
*Associate Professor, Jabalpur University, Jabalpur*

Prof. Kusum Tripathi  
*Visiting Professor, Department of Women Studies  
Dr B R Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore*

4.00 pm

**VALEDICTORY SESSION**

***Opening Address***

Shri T.R.N. Prabhu

***Special Address***

Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar  
*Former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad*

***Valedictory Address***

Ms. Supriya Sule  
*Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)*

***Concluding Remarks***

Dr. Ash Narain Roy  
*Director, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi*

5.30 pm

Tea