Programme

SATURDAY, 28 AUGUST

9:00 am  REGISTRATION

10.00 am  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  
_Formal 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
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

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

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

5.00 pm
Break

6.00 pm
Prayer meeting

6.30 pm
Cultural Programme

7.30 pm
Dinner

SUNDAY, 29 AUGUST

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 21st 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