

## Conference Features

Panel Discussions, Invited Lectures, Paper Presentations, Poster Presentations, Cultural Programmes, Exhibition, and Documentary Film Screenings.

## Guidelines for Abstract/Paper Submission

- Both the abstract and full paper must be composed in MS Word, Times New Roman font (size 12), 1.5 spacing, and in A4 size paper.
- The abstract should not exceed 250 words.
- The full-length paper should not exceed 3000 words.
- Abstracts and full papers may be sent by email to: **internationalconferencesgtds@gmail.com**. Authors are requested to use endnotes instead of footnotes as per the latest MLA style.
- In the case of joint papers, the maximum number of collaborators is limited to three. Papers should be based on original research work that has not yet been published. Papers should include the author's name, mailing address, mobile number, and email address.
- All papers will be screened by competent authorities.
- A soft copy and one hard copy of the full-length paper must be submitted on the day of the seminar's commencement.
- Selected papers will be peer-reviewed by our esteemed review committee, and evaluation will be based on originality and relevance to the conference theme.
- The organizers plan to publish the proceedings of the selected papers in the form of a book with an ISBN number at a later stage.

## Dates to be noted:

- Last date for acceptance of abstract: 14.01.2025
- Confirmation of acceptance: 15.01.2025
- Last date for final paper submission: 27.01.2025

## Mode of presentation

Oral/ ppt presentation (Only 10 to 15 slides are permitted)

Poster presentation (Area of the poster should be 3ft x 2ft). Cash Prize for the best poster will be Rs.1000/- (Thousand Only)

## Registration Fee

- *Registration fee include conference kit, Food and Accommodation.*
- *Faculty Members and other officials : Rs. 1000/-*
- *Ph.D Scholars : Rs.500/-*
- *P.G.Students : Rs.200/-*

## Accommodation

*Participants are requested to indicate their requirements regarding accommodation on or before 20.01.2025. Accommodation will be arranged in the Guest House and hostels in and around the M.G. University Campus, Kottayam. No TA/DA will be provided to the participants except for the invited resource persons and guests.*

## COORDINATOR

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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY  
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# Two-Day International Conference

in collaboration with  
**Mar Chrysostom Chair,  
Mahatma Gandhi University**

**Topic :**  
**Building Resilience and Rethinking Progress:  
Exploring the Dynamics of Development**

📅 January 29-30, 2025

📍 School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies,  
Mahatma Gandhi University, P.D.Hills.P.O., Kottayam,  
Pincode:686560



Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are honored to extend a formal invitation to you for the Two-Day International Conference titled "Building Resilience and Rethinking Progress: Exploring the Dynamics of Development." This esteemed event is scheduled to take place on January 29 and 30, 2025, at the School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

We sincerely anticipate your presence and participation, as your insights and contributions will be invaluable in fostering meaningful discussions and enhancing the overall success of the conference.

With regards,

**Dr. Manjusha K.A.**  
( Convenor )

**Dr. Noushad P.P.**  
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Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.*

## School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies at a Glance

The School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies (SGTDS) was established in 1984 as one of the founding schools of Mahatma Gandhi University. This multidisciplinary institution comprises faculty members from diverse fields, including Philosophy, History, Gandhian Studies, Sociology, Political Science, Peace Studies, and Economics.

The school began enrolling doctoral students in the late 1980s and initially offered only a Master of Arts in Gandhian Thought and Peace Science. Currently, it provides a broader array of programs, including M.A. in Gandhian Studies, M.A. in Development Studies, and a Ph.D. in various specialized areas. Admission to the M.A. programs is open to degree holders from all disciplines.

The school boasts an impressive record of publications and citations, with expectations for continued growth in the coming years. Faculty members have held significant positions within the university system as well as in various voluntary and government forums. Building on its relatively brief yet rich legacy, the school is well-positioned to achieve new heights in academic excellence and research innovation in the years ahead.

## About the Conference

The proposed conference, titled "Building Resilience and Rethinking Progress: Exploring the Dynamics of Development," aims to delve into contemporary issues in development studies, focusing on innovative strategies for fostering resilience within communities facing various challenges. This two-day event will bring together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to share insights, research findings, and practical solutions to enhance development outcomes.

## Objectives:

- To explore the evolving dynamics of development in a global context.
- To discuss innovative approaches to building resilience in vulnerable communities.
- To facilitate knowledge exchange among academicians, researchers, and practitioners.
- To identify best practices and policies that promote sustainable development.

## Major Theme:

**Building Resilience and Rethinking Progress in Development.**

## Sub-Themes:

1. Gandhi, Peace, and Conflict Resolution
2. Migration and Development
3. Gender and Development
4. Inclusive Development
5. Environment and Development
6. Technology and Development
7. Recent Trends in Methods and Methodologies
8. Decentralization and Development
9. Philosophy and Development
10. Education and Development
11. Religion and Development

## The conference will target the following groups:

- Academicians and researchers in development studies.
- Policymakers and government officials involved in development planning.
- NGOs and community-based organizations focused on resilience-building.
- Postgraduate students interested in pursuing careers in development.

