

Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu

Project Based Competition- call for proposals (Date Extended)

In continuation of the earlier announcement for call for proposals, published vide no.GCPCS/JU/23/019, dated 02-06-2023, and DIP/J-978-P, dated 05-06-2023 regarding the **Project Based Competition** on the theme **Designing Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in the context of 21st Century**, the last date for the submission of preliminary abstract of the proposal (in 500 words) is **extended up to 10-08-2023**. Under the said theme, the problem statement is: **“Had Mahatma Gandhi been alive today, what sort of modern Ashram would he have designed?”**

The project would be based on the team work having not more than 8 members drawn from various disciplines. In addition, each project group could have 2-3 mentors, who could be drawn from either faculty or members of the civil society.

Further the said competition is open to students/scholars of higher educational institutions of UT of Jammu and Kashmir including institutions of National Importance, CFTIs, Central Universities, State Universities, and Technical Institutions etc. The preliminary abstract of 500 words may be submitted at the email: gandhiancentreju@gmail.com. Those who have already submitted need not submit the preliminary abstract again. For other details regarding the submission of proposals, please visit website of University of Jammu, www.jammuuniversity.ac.in

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**Sd/
Director**

Gandhian Centre For Peace and Conflict Studies University of Jammu

All Heads of Teaching Departments of University of Jammu
All Rectors/Directors, Offsite Campuses
All Principals of the Affiliated Colleges of University of Jammu
Dean Student Welfare, Cluster University
Heads of Institutions of National Importance, CFTIs, Central Universities, State Universities
and Technical Institutions

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Dear All

It's a matter of pleasure to share that The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu is organising a project based competition on the theme **Designing Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in the context of 21st Century**. The project proposal would revolve around the problem statement as: **“Had Mahatma Gandhi been alive today, what sort of modern Ashram would he have designed?”** The purpose of the competition is to orient and train the students regarding the Gandhian Concept of ideal Village using technological innovation, critical thinking and creativity. The project has to be based on the team work where the students have to form the groups of not more than 8 in numbers drawn from various disciplines. In addition, each project group can have 2-3 mentors, who could be drawn from either faculty or members of civil society. **The last date for the submission of preliminary abstract of the proposal (in 500 words) is extended up to 10-08-2023.**

General Suggestions for the project proposal are:

1. The project proposal must keep in mind - Had Gandhiji been alive today and had he wished to construct an Ashram ; what sort of features would he have kept in mind for the Ashram in 21st Century.
2. Would he have made use of the internet and if so, how would he have used it?
3. Would he have used Video screens?
4. Would he have still preferred the mud walls or would he have used bamboos or some other modern eco-friendly resource?

5. Would he have relied upon solar cells, wind energy or other sources of clean energy?
6. Would he have fixed walls or could their position vary according to the season or even according to the time of the day?
7. Would he have made use of glass?
8. What sort of Kitchen would he have designed?
9. What sort of toilets would he have designed?
10. Would he have used a digital library?
11. Would his Ashram have been located on the banks of the river Tawi?
12. Would the Charkha have been redesigned?
13. Would the Mahatma have only virtual meetings and rallies?
13. Would there be a kind of temperature control?
14. Would there be any brainstorming and design/fabrication are

These are some of the suggestions, the students are free to use their imagination

You are requested to widely circulate the information and encourage the students and scholars of your institution to participate.

With Best Wishes,

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I/C Director

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Important Guidelines for the submission of proposals :

1. All the proposals should be submitted in writing with a brief practical description of the key ideas that are going to be used in the design.

2. Each project team shall initially be required to submit at email **gandhiancentreju@gmail.com**

(A) A preliminary write-up of 500 words outlining the plan of action for executing the project. In addition it must have a brief description of the basic design and the method of executing the actual prototype/model.

(B) The details of teams with names of mentors and their affiliation along with email and contact number of the members and the team head (mentor) for correspondence.

4. After all the preliminary write-ups are received, the best upto ten write ups would be shortlisted.

5. The shortlisted entrants would be informed through the mail only.

6. The shortlisted entrants then would be required to submit a detailed proposal not exceeding 3000 words along with a computer-based simulation model/drawing that should be easy to access and view.

7. Each detailed proposal should also include a detailed proposed budget under heads of expenditure, for creating the prototype.

8. In any case the proposed budget should not exceed Rs 1 lac for creating the Prototype/ model.

9. The shortlisted entrants shall be eligible for a grant of up to Rs.1 lac for creating the prototype/Model as per University norms, as applicable.

10. Money will be transferred in the name of the Mentor, who will be directly responsible for the settlement of accounts routed through proper channel.

11. At the time of sanction, the money will be transferred as per the University norms applicable.

12. All proposals shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted by the competent authority of the University.

13. From amongst the 8-10 prototype models, the final one selection shall be made.

14. For any clarification/query please feel free to contact at 9419196243.

The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu shall however reserve the right to actually execute the winning project proposal as a modern-day (21 st century) Gandhi Ashram.