

**National Conference on “Gandhian Discourse in Humanities & Social Sciences” organized by MNIT Jaipur in collaboration with NIT Uttarakhand, Oct. 2-3, 2019.**

### **A Report**

A National Conference on “Gandhian Discourse in Humanities & Social Sciences” was conducted during Oct. 2-3, 2019 at MNIT, Jaipur to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The conference was conducted in collaboration with Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Uttarakhand. Ninety-five abstracts from delegates hailing from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Gujarat to the far-flung North-East states of India were received and the papers were presented in parallel technical sessions during the conference.



The conference was inaugurated by Guests of Honour – Prof. A K Vyas, Director In-charge, MNIT, Jaipur and Prof. S L Soni, Director NIT Uttarakhand and Chief Guest, Prof. Naresh Dadhich, an eminent Gandhian scholar. The special guest of

the Inaugural Ceremony was Prof. Harish Trivedi, former Head, Dept. of English, University of Delhi. The inaugural ceremony was chaired by Prof. Pradeep Trikha, Head, Dept. of English, MLSU, Udaipur.

In the conference, key-note addresses were delivered by Prof. Harish Trivedi and Prof. Pradeep Trikha and the session was chaired by Prof. Manju Singh, Head, Dept. of HSS, MNIT, Jaipur. Deans, Heads, Coordinators and faculty members from MNIT Jaipur and NIT Uttarakhand and other dignitaries were present in the conference.



Papers were presented by veteran and young scholars in total nine parallel sessions which were chaired by Dr Nupur Tandon, Dr Dipti Sharma, from MNIT Jaipur while the other sessions were chaired by Dr Sunita Agrawal and Dr Mini Nanda both from University of Rajasthan. The other sessions were chaired by Dr Ramashankar Singh (Fellow, IAS, Shimla) and Dr Bishun Kumar of SRMU, Lucknow.

In the two panel discussions held during the conference, Prof. S Ramaratnam, VC JKU, Cuttack, Dr Prakash Joshi of Dr H S Gour CU, MP, Dr Amit Mishra of Dr

BRAU, Delhi, Prof Vibhuti Singh Shekhawat, from MNIT, Jaipur, Dr Nishikant Kolge of CSDS, New Delhi and Dr. Ramashankar Singh (Fellow, IAS, Shimla) spoke on the life, works and philosophy of Gandhi and his relevance in the present scenario.



In the Valedictory Session on the second day of the conference, Prof. Badrinarayan, the Director of GBPSSI, Univ. of Allahabad delivered a key-note speech followed by a plenary delivered by Prof. Rajul Bhargava, of University of Rajasthan. This session was chaired by Prof. Sudha Rai, ex-Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Rajasthan.

Chairpersons for the conference were Dr. Preeti Bhatt, MNIT Jaipur and Dr. Renu Dangwal, NIT Uttarakhand while Dr. Ajay K. Chaubey, NIT Uttarakhand was the Organizing Secretary of the conference.