

# National Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi's Nai-Talim: Education for Head, Heart and Hands

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in association with



&

Nai-Talim Seva Samithi, Sevagram

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## Introduction

Mahatma Gandhi's Nai-Talim (New Education) is a well formulated approach to education in 1937. It is based on the experiments he did right from 1904 when he was in South Africa to his stay in Sabarmati (Gujarat) and Sevagram (Maharashtra) and also based on the philosophy of education. Nai Talim's approach is for the total personality development of body, mind and spirit. This is based on four basic principles i.e. education or learning in mother tongue along with handicraft work; work should be linked with most useful vocational needs of the locality; learning should be linked with vocational work, and work should be socially useful and productive needed for living. The basic approach of Nai-Talim is work centric education with locally accessible technology. Nai Talim is an approach working on the principle which states that knowledge and work are one and same. This is working with the principle to promote the educational curriculum with the pedagogical principle of learning through the work of the handcraft. The Nai-Talim can be translated with the phrase 'Basic Education for all'. The concept of Nai-Talim has several layers of meaning. It developed out of Gandhi's experience with the English educational system and with colonialism in general. In that system, he saw that Indian children would be alienated and 'career-based thinking' would become dominant.

The Samagra Siksha (SMSA) decides to organize Two Day National Seminar on Gandhi's Nai-Talim in commensuration on the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. The Nai-Talim has lot of implications on school education. The Department of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh decides to provide a platform to the academicians, researchers and educationists to discuss the philosophy of Nai-Talim and its implications on school education. Seminar provides an opportunity to show case the practices of schools adopting the Nai-Talim philosophy and its relevance for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## About the Seminar:

The Nai Talim envisaged the new roles to the teachers. It provides new role of the teacher to link the curriculum with their world of work. This year India is celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation - Mahatma Gandhi. As a part of these celebrations the Samagra Shiksha is organizing a National Seminar on Nai-Talim.

The key features of the seminar include,

- The keynote addresses by the eminent academicians;
- Panel discussions by the field level academic functionaries based on the best and innovative pedagogical practices;
- Display/exhibition of material developed by the states to showcase their best and innovative practices based on Gandhiji's Basic Education;
- Organization of workshops with the practicing teachers of Nai-Talim Schools.

## Sub Themes:

1. Work and craft/art-based education
2. Experiential Learning
3. Individualistic Learning
4. Vocational Efficiency
5. Community Involvement
6. Values, ethics and ideal citizenship
7. Relevance of Nai Talim in 21<sup>st</sup> Century
8. Nai Talim for attaining Sustainable Development Goals



Gandhi Dharshan - Exhibition

### Who can Participate:

1. The academicians, practicing teachers and researchers.
2. Nai-Talim practicing Schools and Institutes to share their specific strategies and activities.

### Note to the Participants:

1. The participation in all two days is mandatory. TA will be paid only 3<sup>rd</sup> AC class for the out station participants on the production of the tickets.
2. Invited speakers and Senior State functionaries will be paid TA/DA as per their entitlement including Airfare.

### HOW TO APPLY

The interested researchers / participants are required to submit their full paper (5-6 pages) along with the requirement to exhibit or demonstrate their pedagogical practices. Submission should be duly typed in English or Hindi Font Times New Roman Size 12 point with 1.5 line spacing.

The participant who are willing to organize the workshops for teachers and teacher educators as a part of the seminar are also required to submit their proposals with the details of logistic support requirement, if any.

Interested participants are requested to submit their papers through e-Mail along with the registration form as per the prescribed format available on the Institute website be sent on or before **15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. The full paper along with the application for registration be sent through e-Mail to the [smsasiemat@gmail.com](mailto:smsasiemat@gmail.com)

Registration format can be download from the following SSA office website: <http://ssa.ap.gov.in>

**About Samagra Shiksha (SMSA) and the Department of School Education:** An overarching program for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class 12 has been, therefore, prepared with the broader goal of improving school effectiveness measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes. It subsumes the three erstwhile Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).

### About Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP):

The UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) is a Research Institute that focuses on Sustainable Development Goal by 2030.

### About Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE):

Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, in Government of India strives to promote resilient rural India through Higher Education and school education interventions based on the Gandhiji's Nai-Talim. The curriculum inputs are both theoretical and practical field related relevant to rural India.

### Nai-Talim Seva Samithi, Sevagram:

Nai-Talim Seva Samithi established to improve Gandhian Philosophy of education in various traits.

### Organizing Committee

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Registration  
**15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Date for notifying the list of selected papers  
**20<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dates of Seminar  
**27 - 28 September 2019**

### Patron of the Seminar

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