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The Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai Organizes

35th Session of Maharashtra Tattvijnana Parishad

On

BUDDHISM AND GANDHI: PHILOSOPHY AND PRAXIS

November 18th – 20th, 2018 (10.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m.)

**Venue: Pherozeshah Mehta Bhavan Auditorium, Department of Civics and Politics, Kalina Campus,
University of Mumbai**

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About Maharashtra Tattvajnana Parishad:

Maharashtra Tattvajnana Parishad is the assembly of Teachers, students, scholars and lovers of Philosophy. It was established in the year 1982. The stalwarts such as Tarkatirtha Lakshman Shastri Joshi, Prof. Surendra Barlingey, Prof. M.A. Rege, Prof D. Y. Deshpande, Prof. S.S. Antarkar, Prof. S.H.Dixit and many more, were the founding members and the main architects of the 'Parishad'. The main aim of the Parishad was to conduct faculty-learning of and research in the subject of philosophy in Marathi medium, to provide platform for the discussion in philosophy, to promote the philosophical literature conducive for social transformation and progress and building bridges between the academician and the masses so as to inculcate interest in philosophy among all citizens. Parishad is organizing various activities for accomplishing these goals. It is doing incredible task of bringing together thinkers and scholars from various fields.

About Department of Philosophy:

The post-graduate Department of Philosophy is one of the youngest departments on campus and was started in March 1986 by the University of Mumbai. Dr. S.S Antarkar was the founder Head of the department, who laid great stress on the importance of learning all traditions of philosophy with equal openness. The syllabus thus reflected not only Indian philosophy of both, the Vedic and Śramana traditions, but also the Continental and Analytic traditions of the world. Since then, it has expanded its activities to provide foundation and diploma courses in disciplines like Yoga, Jainology, Vallabha Vedanta, Buddhist Studies, Indian Aesthetics and Communal Harmony, thus disseminating interest in the cultural and philosophical foundations of the epistemic, linguistic, metaphysical and creative heritage of humanity. The discipline of Philosophy, which is both ancient and contemporary, is indispensable in current academia. Nevertheless, its practical import is apparent in all walks of life, such as national policy decisions, corporate management, media, law, ecology, gender, science, technology; in cultures and traditions that we inherit and also in those that influence us. None of these can function without sound and critical philosophical foundations. The Department offers a variety of Certificate/Diploma Courses in Indian Philosophy initiated primarily due to the efforts of Dr. Shubhada Joshi. Donations from private funders such as the Jaina Academy U.K. and the Bhagirathi Trust in India have helped the Department to set up Chairs under the Jaina Academy Educational and Research Center (JAERC) and the Vallabha Vedanta Academy (VVA) dedicated to the Philosophy of Jainism and Vaishnavism, respectively. Since 2014, the Center for Buddhist Studies in the Department of Philosophy, conducts International Conferences, Courses and Workshops in Buddhism. The certificate and diploma courses run by the department thus are partly sustained by donations and partly function as self-supporting courses. Many of our post-graduate students avail of these courses and many of the students from these courses also avail of our post-graduate programme as continuation of their interest in

Philosophy, thus creating an interactive and inter disciplinary framework within the discipline of Philosophy itself.

Theme of the Conference:

“If one had to sum up the essence of Buddha’s teachings and Gandhi’s philosophy in just a few words, what would it be?” The reply is immediate: “*Ahiṃsā*.” In both the Gandhian and Buddhist traditions it is commonly understood that a person who is yet on the path to spiritual realization experiences the qualities of wisdom (the realization of emptiness, awakening, and truth) and morality (nonviolence) as separate but progressively reinforcing each other. For a realized being they are no longer separate. The Buddhist tradition asserts that this highest of realization is, in the last analysis, ineffable. Words can only point us towards that “emptiness” which must finally be known in experience. Nonviolence, on the other hand, is the concrete and active expression of this highest experiential knowledge. Whereas the realization of a Buddha might only be imagined, his actions can be plainly seen. The Middle Way is a way of acting in this world, a way that is aimed to liberate sentient beings from the effects of unwholesome action. In this light it does not seem so implausible to suggest the principle of *ahiṃsā* as the most fitting candidate for the essence of the Buddha’s teachings. It is this moral sensibility that guides Buddhists in everything they do. Gandhi’s views on *ahiṃsā* may throw some light on the teachings of the Buddha. Arguably the greatest exponent of nonviolence since Māhavīra and itself (Gandhi 1982: 14)

In this three days conference we are conducting two Panels of invited scholars.

Panel I: Contemporary Indian philosophers and

Panel II: Role of Religious Tradition for Social transformation

We invite papers on the following themes and are confident that scholars working from their respective areas of expertise will significantly contribute to the continuing debate and discussions on Buddhism and Gandhian Philosophy.

Sub-Themes of the Conference:

- The concept of truth and non-violence of Mahatma Gandhi
- Mahatma Gandhi’s concept of Means and Ends
- Mahatma Gandhi’s Concept of Peace
- Mahatma Gandhi’s Concept of Eleven Vows and Concept of *Svaraj*
- Mahatma Gandhi’s concept of Constructive Programme
- Four noble truths and *Ashtangamarga* of Gautama Buddha
- Buddha’s scientific perspective
- Buddha’s Concept of *Nirvana*
- Buddha’s Concept of *Brahmavihara*
- Buddha’s Concept of *Bodhisattva*

Conference Information:

Teachers & Research scholars and students working in the field of Buddhism and Gandhi are welcome to send their research articles on the above theme and related areas, in a soft copy on or before 25th October 2018. Papers can be sent in MS word format, maximum word length of minimum 2000-3000 (Times New Roman), and 12 font, for Marathi papers font 16 (Kruti/Kiran) with all details, Title of the paper, Name of the researcher, Name of Institution, Email id to mtp2018mumbai@gmail.com . Selected articles will be published in seminar proceeding with ISBN No.

Teachers, scholars and students who wish to attend the Seminar without presentation are also welcome. However, they will have to register.

Dates of submission:

- Last Date of Full Paper submission : 25th October 2018
- Last Date of Registration : 30th October 2018

Registration Fees:

- Indian Delegates from Academic Institution/
Employed Students : Rs. 1000.00
- For Senior citizens : Rs. 700.00
- Unemployed Students (B.A, M.A, M.Phil, PhD) : Rs. 500.00

Registration fees can be paid through Cash/ D.D. of any Nationalized Bank in *Favor of The Bombay Philosophical Society, Mumbai, and Payable at Mumbai.*

The DD can be sent to the following address along with registration form dully filled.

The Local Secretary, Department of Philosophy,
1st Flr. Jnaneshwar Bhavan, Kalina Campus, Vidyanagari,
Santacruz (E), Mumbai University, Mumbai – 400098

Cash amount can be paid (between 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.) along with registration form duly filled.

Important Note to all participants:

On the spot registration of payment is permissible but participants must inform by 30th October 2018 through email to the organizer for arrangement of accommodation. Those who do on the spot registration without confirmation of participation will need to make their own arrangements.

Essay Presentation Competition for the Students.

There will be essay presentation competition for the students on 20.11.2018 students may contact Dr. Gyandev Upade (Head, Department of Philosophy, B.R. College, Parbhani 431 401 Mob. 07030729623) for the Rules, Application Form and any other details. Student's participants must bring the application, duly signed by the Principal of respective college, of the time of competition. This competition is open to the students of any faculty.

Topics:-

- 1) Students 'Elections: code of conduct
- 2) Role of Philosophy in human personality
- 3) Significance of Ethical values in the development of students personality.

Students Elocution Competition:-

There will be students' elocution open competition on 20.11.2018. Students may contact Dr. Archana Malik-Goure (Department of Philosophy, 1st Floor, Jnaneshwar Bhavan, Vidyanagari, Santacruz (E), Mumbai 400098. (Mob. .8424019922) for the Rules, Application form and any other details. Participants must bring the application, duly signed by the Principal of respective college, at the time of competition.

Topics :-

- 1) Social Media and Ethics /Morality
- 2) What is Cleanliness?
- 3) Metropolitan Cities: Problems and Solutions

Open Essay Competition:-

This year late Vishwanath Vinayak Oak open Essay-competition will be on the subject "Munishri Tarunsagarji Maharaj : Life and Philosophy". Dr. Naunath Raskar. Mudhaji College, At & Post Phaltan Dist:Satara (Mob.09665409417) may be contacted for the Rules and other details.

Award for the Best Book:-

Every year Maharashtra Tattvajnan Parishad gives "Dr. Suryakant Ghugre Award for the Best Research Work" for the book related to religious philosophy and Philosophy. This year also the award will be given to the book published during January 2017 to January 2018. Desired Authors should send two copies of their recently published book to Dr. Sunil Datt Gaware Secretary, Maharashtra Tattvajnan Parishad, A-102, Laxcon, Tawaripada, Kalyan (West) (Mob.8655032602) till 15th October,2018.

How to Reach to Mumbai University, Kalina Campus:

One of the advantages of being a major metropolis is that Mumbai is well connected to the rest of the state and country.

By Air-University of Mumbai is closest to Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at Andheri (East), or at Chhatrapati Shivaji Domestic Airport, Vileparle (East), Mumbai. From airport, one can take auto or taxi to university of Mumbai Vidyanagari campus, Kalina, Santacruz (East) Mumbai.

By Train-For those choosing to travel by train, Mumbai's two railway terminals-Mumbai Central & Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) connect it to rest of the country. Alight at Dadar station and one can take a local train to Kurla (central railway) or Santacruz (western railway). After arriving at this station, one can take an Auto or Bus no 313, 318 to Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai.

By Road- Mumbai is well connected city by road. Private and state transport long distance buses depart from Mumbai Central state transport bus depot to several towns and cities. Alight at Kurla /Sion/Dadar or Santacruz. From here, one can take auto or taxi to Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai.

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Student Elocution and Essay presentation completion

Entry Form for Students

Full Name of the Student _____

Age : _____ Class : _____

College of Name/Department Name. _____

Elocution /Essay Topic : _____

Date:.....

Student Signature

Information filled by College/Department:

Mr/Ms. _____ He / She is student in the college _____ class
student age is not more then 24. I certify it.

Sign & Stamp

Principal / Head of the Department

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Registration form

Full Name: _____

Designation: _____

Institute Address: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email ID _____

Registration Category: Student / Research Student / Academia)

Title of the Paper: _____

Payment details of registration: (CASH / D.D)

Amount: _____ D.D. No: _____ Date.....

Name of Bank: _____

For Further Information Contact:

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mu.ac.in/philosophy portal