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The Department of Youth Affairs
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Government of India

International Seminar on **CULTURAL FUTURES**

Call for Papers

Youth Power in Heritage, Arts and Innovation

January 17-19, 2027 | Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, India

Jointly organized: The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad

Concept Note

- The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with Gujarat Vidyapith, invites youth researchers, practitioners, and leaders (below 35 years of age) to participate in an International Seminar on "Cultural Futures: Youth Power in Heritage, Arts and Innovation."
- This three-day seminar (January 17–19, 2027) seeks to engage young voices in shaping cultural futures by exploring how heritage, arts, and innovation can intersect. It focuses on how technology, storytelling, and entrepreneurial strategies can revitalize traditional culture and folk arts, creating global pathways for cultural outreach.

The seminar aims to:

- Strengthen youth leadership in heritage conservation and cultural industries.
- Provide a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue among young scholars, practitioners, and policymakers.
- Foster networks that bridge traditional knowledge with modern innovation.
- Contribute to the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, preparing youth as cultural innovators and entrepreneurs.

Themes and Sub-Themes

Youth, Technology and Cultural Innovation

- Digital storytelling for heritage
- Innovating museum and heritage space
- Intangible and tangible in the digital age
- Technology in archaeology and museum research

Cultural Entrepreneurship and Global Reach

- Youth-led ventures in creative industries
- Performing Arts, technology and global circuits
- New media and ethical representation
- Cultural heritage and tourism development

Knowledge, Policy and the Future of heritage

- Indian Knowledge System and contemporary heritage management
- Youth, policy, and cultural diplomacy
- Sustainable practice in cultural heritage
- New policy for protecting Indian tangible and intangible heritage

Open Perspectives on Youth, Technology, and Heritage

- This invites research, on any other emerging or intersecting issues related to youth engagement, technology application, and cultural innovation.

Paper Submission Guidelines

- **Eligibility:** Open to youth researchers, scholars, and practitioners (below 35 years) from India and abroad.
- **Abstract:** 250–300 words, submitted by the deadline
- **Paper Length:** 4,000–6,000 words.
Formatting: APA style, Times New Roman, font size 12.
- **Submission Process:** Submitted for review via email.
- **Language:** English
- **Review:** Submissions will be peer-reviewed by an expert committee from Gujarat Vidyapith.
- **Publication:** Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the Vidyapith Journal and a seminar compendium supported by the Ministry.
- **Support:** Travel Allowance (TA) will be provided to selected paper presenters.

Panel Discussion

- In addition to paper presentations, the seminar will host a Panel Discussion by youth participants. This format is designed to bring forward creative, critical, and innovative ideas from emerging scholars and practitioners (below 35 years), enabling a collaborative exchange of perspectives on cultural futures.

Significance of the Event

- Brings global youth voices together to deliberate on the future of heritage, arts, and culture.
- Encourages cross-cultural understanding and dialogue.
- Bridges the gap between traditional practices and modern innovations.
- Nurtures youth-led cultural entrepreneurship.
- Strengthens India's role in shaping global cultural futures in alignment with Viksit Bharat @2047.

Institutional Collaboration

Gujarat Vidyapith

Founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920, Gujarat Vidyapith is a deemed university dedicated to national reconstruction through value-based education. With its rich legacy in culture, history, peace studies, and museology, it provides an ideal platform for deliberations on heritage and arts.

Department of Youth Affairs

As part of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, the Department facilitates youth development and nation-building activities, empowering Indian youth through global exposure and leadership opportunities.

Collaborative Impact

This partnership integrates Gujarat Vidyapith's academic expertise and Gandhian legacy with the government's national goals for youth empowerment. Together, they aim to develop young leaders in heritage and cultural innovation, strengthen academic and policy linkages, and provide a global stage for Indian as well as international youth voices.

Important Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline** : 15 November, 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance** : 30 November 2026
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline** : 30 December 2026
- **Seminar Dates** : 17-19 January 2027

Please Note: Scholars who previously submitted a paper are not required to resubmit.

To present your paper in this year's program, please intimate your intention to our team.

Contact Information

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