

**Centre for Diaspora Studies (Independent Centre),
Central University of Gujarat (CUG), Gandhinagar**

In Association with

**Centre for Policy Research in Education, PMMMNMTT,
School of Education, CUG**

Organises

**Two-day Workshop
on**

**“Diaspora Studies in the Curriculum and Pedagogy of Indian Education
System with Special Focus on NEP 2020”**

13-14 March 2021

Diaspora Studies has emerged as a new interdisciplinary area of study in Humanities and Social Sciences focusing on various aspects and issues of diaspora and migration and their cultural, literary, social, demographic, political and economic impact on the home and host country. For most of the governments of the world diaspora has become a powerful all-round development asset and that has been conceptualized in terms of the opening up of many kinds of specialized centres to study different aspects of diaspora. It is an established fact that the contributions made by the overseas Indians to Indian economy, society, culture and literature have been substantial. Moreover, the overseas Indians are acting as ‘soft power’ promoting India's international relations being its global ambassadors and contributing immensely to the social, cultural, literary and intellectual capital of India. The current Government of India (GOI) has renewed its interest in Indian diaspora recognizing the immense contribution made by the Indian diaspora in the multifarious development of India. In view of India's recognition of Indian diaspora's support for India's independence in India's freedom struggle, its contribution to help India in its Balance of Payment crisis of 1990s and India's image making in the world by Indian diaspora, the diaspora has captured the academic interest in India. This recent proactive interest on the Indian diaspora can be seen in the kind of academic writings and the researches in Indian universities and research institutes to study various aspects of diaspora.

Diaspora Studies has a very wider academic and research scope. The changing dynamics of the migration and diaspora and their varied issues are very significant subjects that need to be studied academically. Diaspora Studies as an emerging interdisciplinary subject has attracted the attention of the academics in different countries of the world. In India, Diaspora Studies is a new growing interdisciplinary subject that has emerged in Humanities and Social Sciences dealing with the study of diaspora and its varied issues like, cultural, literary, social, demographic, anthropology, political, economic impact, international relations etc. The renewed interest of the Government of India with its diaspora supplemented by the academic studies (at school and higher education level) on Indian diaspora will certainly open a new chapter. The National Education Policy 2020 focuses more of multi-disciplinary and integrated approach to study a subject. Diaspora Studies as an area of inter-disciplinary study cuts across several disciplines to be a site of multiple discourses and orientations. So, a multi-disciplinary perspective mostly derived from Humanities, Social Sciences and Culture Studies are used to study diaspora from its multifarious layers and perspectives. So, Diaspora Studies as an academic subject will fit into Humanities, Social Sciences, Culture Studies as well to the disciplines of sciences.

So, it is pertinent to introduce Diaspora Studies in the Curriculum and Pedagogy of Indian Education System both at the school and higher education level. The proposed Workshop will provide an academic platform to scholars of diaspora studies to discuss different dimensions of Diaspora Studies in the Curriculum and Pedagogy of Indian Education System keeping in view the NEP 2020.

The Workshop will be held in physical mode in the premises of the Sector – 29 campus of CUG. The participant would be a faculty member in any university/college/institution of higher education and should have a grounding on diaspora studies. The participants will be selected from various disciplines of Social Sciences, Humanities and Sciences. The selection of participants will be made by the selection committee formed in this regard.

Outcome of the Workshop

The Workshop will provide an academic platform to academicians and educationists from various disciplines having grounding on diaspora studies to discuss various methods of introducing ‘Diaspora Studies’ at various levels including, school, college and higher education keeping in view the mandate of the NEP 2020. The Workshop will prepare a detailed report on the basis of various suggestions and policy recommendations of the resource persons and

participants for the benefit of different stakeholders including PMMMMNMTT, CUG. The proceedings of the Workshop will be published in a report/book form by an international/national publisher depending upon the availability of fund.

Major Sub-themes of the Workshop

- Diaspora Studies in Academic Discourse: A Global Outlook
- Pedagogy of Diaspora Studies
- Diaspora Studies in India: Potential and Challenges
- Diaspora Studies in view of National Education Policy 2020
- Diaspora Studies in School Curriculum
- Diaspora Studies in Curriculum of Higher Education
- Diaspora Studies and Interdisciplinarity
- Diaspora Studies and Social Sciences
- Diaspora Studies and Humanities
- Diaspora Studies and Sciences
- Diaspora Studies: Globalisation, Transnationalism and International Relations

Desirable Selection Criteria for Participants:

- The participant must be a faculty member in any University/College/Institution of higher education.
- Participant should have research degree/ publications on any issue(s) of diaspora.
- Principals/Representatives from different schools may be invited to attend the workshop.
- Participant should be from any discipline of Social Science (Education, History, Political Science, International Relations, Economics, Sociology, Culture Studies, Law, Management, Women Studies, Anthropology etc.), Humanities (English, Hindi, Gujarati or any regional literature or literature of any other country) and Sciences (any science subject).
- Selection will be made on the basis of the recommendation of the selection committee formed in this regard.

Instructions to Participants:

- The Participant must fill the Online Registration Form (Google Form).
- There is no Registration Fee.
- Attendance in all the sessions of the Workshop is mandatory.
- Modest accommodation or a fixed amount (as decided by the organising committee) will be provided to outstation participants only.
- No Accommodation and Travelling Allowance for local participants (Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad).
- To and Fro Train Fare (for the shortest route) up to 3rd AC will be reimbursed on the production of original ticket.

- Tickets are required to be booked directly from the Government booking counters/websites or any authorised agents like, Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd., M/s Ashok Tour and Travels and IRCTC website as per GoI norms.

❖ Kindly note that the Workshop will be held in physical mode only.

Important Dates

Dates of Workshop: 13-14 March 2021

Last Date of Online Filling of Registration Form: 03 March 2021

Intimation to the Selected Candidates: 05 March 2021

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