

MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Madras Christian College (MCC), is one of India's premier educational institutions, founded by Scottish missionaries in 1837. Over the years, it has evolved into an institution committed to academic excellence, spiritual vitality and social relevance. In the year 2018, MCC was re-accredited by NAAC with an 'A' grade. It ranks 14th in the NIRF ranking, reflecting its high academic standards, robust research output, and unwavering dedication to quality education. The College started the Institution's Innovation Council in the year 2020, and the MCC-MRF Innovation Park (MMIP) in the year 2021 for fostering advanced research and innovation start-ups and nurturing entrepreneurs. MMIP helps in fostering advanced research and innovative start-ups and nurturing entrepreneurs.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK (AIDED)

The Department of Social Work congruent with the Mission of Madras Christian College offers Human Rights and Value based Professional Social work education as a vocation of service through building of character, experiencing transformational development and acquiring critical consciousness in order to empower people to promote an egalitarian and just society. The Department of Social work offers a Master Degree in Social work (MSW). Social work is a practice profession and therefore the objectives of the MSW course are to prepare candidates for a career in Social work.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 5, 2025

Registration Deadline for Presenters

June 20, 2025

Last date for submission of Full Paper

July 24 & 25, 2025

Seminar Dates



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“RASHTRIYA EKTA (NATIONAL UNITY) SEMINAR” ON Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Commitment to Social Justice and Tribal Rights: Revisiting his Contributions in Light of Vision Viksit Bharat 2047

24th & 25th July 2025



Venue:

Madras Christian College, Chennai

ORGANIZED BY

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK (AIDED),
MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),
CHENNAI.**

**The seminar is being organized under the special call
'Rashtriya Ekta (National Unity) Seminars'
in collaboration with the**

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
(ICSSR)**



ABOUT ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), established by the Government of India in 1969, is dedicated to promoting research in social sciences across the country. ICSSR provides grants for various research-related activities such as projects, fellowships, international collaborations, seminars, conferences, and publications. It supports capacity-building programs and surveys to enhance research output. Additionally, the National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), a part of ICSSR, offers library and information services to social science researchers. ICSSR also operates the ICSSR Data Service, facilitating data sharing and reuse to foster a strong research environment within the social sciences community in India. The Council plays a vital role in sponsoring research programs, offering scholarships, promoting interdisciplinary research, and supporting publications in the field of social sciences.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

This seminar, organized under the special call titled “Rashtriya Ekta (National Unity) Seminars”, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), aims to critically explore the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, focusing on his unwavering commitment to social justice, tribal rights, national integration, and sustainable development.

Through the lens of social work and policy, the seminar will bridge historical insights with contemporary challenges and opportunities in building an inclusive and equitable India, aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

KEY THEMES & SUB-THEMES

1. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Social Justice

- Analysis of Patel’s political philosophy and its implications for social justice.
- Patel’s approach to integrating marginalized communities into the national mainstream.
- The role of social work in furthering Patel’s vision of social equity.

2. Patel’s Commitment to Tribal Rights: Historical Context and Impact

- Examining Patel’s role in the integration of tribal communities into India.
- Protecting tribal land rights and preventing exploitation.
- The role of tribal advisory councils and their contemporary relevance.

3. Vision Viksit Bharat 2047: Revisiting Patel’s Contributions

- Aligning Sardar Patel’s values with India’s developmental goals for 2047.
- Examining the intersection of national unity, social justice, and sustainable development.
- The role of social work in achieving Vision Viksit Bharat with a focus on marginalized communities.

4. Policy Frameworks for Tribal Welfare: Learning from Patel’s Model

- The constitutional safeguards and their effectiveness in tribal areas today.
- Patel’s contributions to the Indian Forest Act and land protection.
- Evaluating the role of modern policies in strengthening the rights of tribal populations.

5. Community Development and Social Work: Patel’s Influence on Modern Practices

- Exploring Patel’s influence on contemporary social work practices.
- Approaches for empowering tribal communities through skill development and social inclusion.
- The role of social work education in perpetuating Patel’s legacy of social justice.

REGISTRATION

There is **no registration fee** for presenting papers or posters in the seminar; however, only paper and poster presenters will be permitted to participate, and there will be no provision for general attendees or observers. GOs, NGOs and Tribal Research Institutes interested in showcasing their research work, community-based models, or exhibiting indigenous products are most welcome. A dedicated exhibition space will be provided for eligible organizations upon prior confirmation.

CALL FOR PAPERS / POSTERS

Research papers are invited from academicians, scholars, researchers, representatives of NGOs, government functionaries, and institutions engaged in tribal development on any of the themes listed below. Contributors are encouraged to present empirical studies, conceptual papers, best practices, or policy analyses that align with the seminar’s focus.

The full-length paper must be original work, formatted according to APA guidelines, and submitted via email to mccswd@mcc.edu.in within the specified deadline.

Poster Presenters are requested to submit a poster along with the abstract. Be sure to include the abstract title, author and co-author names, and the institution(s) where the research is underway.

The recommended poster size is 3 feet by 6.5 feet (36 inches by 78 inches).

Publication Opportunities:

Selected high-quality research papers from the seminar will have the opportunity to be published in an edited book by a reputable publisher. Papers chosen for publication will undergo a blind rigorous review process to ensure they meet the standards required for inclusion in the book.