



# Gandhian Eco-Philosophy Fellowship



State Knowledge Management Centre on Climate Change  
Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization  
Department of Environment, Government of MP



## About the Fellowship Programme

Gandhian Eco-Philosophy fellowship programme is a unique initiative by Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO), Department of Environment, Government of M.P. The fellowship programme will be coordinated and anchored by State Knowledge Management Centre on Climate Change (SKMCCC) at EPCO. The fellowship is designed to offer an experience of deep study of the subject and provide practical experience of the principles of Gandhian philosophy and its relevance in today's environmental crisis. The programme will be conducted through vivid experiences from guided visits to sustainable project sites/villages, knowledge centers of Gandhian philosophy (Wardha, Sabarmati Ashram etc.), sessions with experts and scholars of Gandhian Philosophy which would lead towards writing a high quality research paper with high impact. The idea is to provide a platform that intends to support and stimulate scholarly deliberations on the relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in context of sustainable development, environment and climate change.

## Fellowship Programme Details

- a. Gandhian Philosophy and Environment Talk Series:** EPCO will organize Gandhian Environmentalism Talk Series on *"Understanding Gandhian Philosophy Sustainable Development. Environment. Peace"* wherein experts on Gandhian Philosophy will be invited to deliver sessions on the subject. All the fellows will have to regularly attend these sessions and actively participate in discussions.
- b. Exposure Visits:** The fellows will be taken to guided tours to places of traditional wisdom, environmental importance, villages where Gandhian Philosophy has been translated into actions.
- c. Research Paper Writing:** During the course of the fellowship the selected fellows will have to undertake writing a research paper worthy enough of



publishing in peer reviewed journals. The medium for research paper writing can be English or Hindi language. The paper writing process will be guided by the team of experts at EPCO. The papers submitted by the fellows will be peer reviewed by the committee of Gandhian Philosophy experts constituted by EPCO.

- d. **Symposium and Publication:** A symposium on ***“Understanding Gandhian Philosophy Sustainable Development. Environment. Peace”*** will be organized and the fellows will be given an opportunity to present their work alongside many other esteemed Scholars. A publication of papers will be released by EPCO.

## Eligibility

- a. Individuals having a serious and genuine inclination to understand, study and explore the environmental relevance of Gandhian Philosophy and ideology in today's context.
- b. Writing, reading and speaking proficiency skills in Hindi/English.
- c. Willingness to travel, to devote time and commitment to pursue the fellowship with full dedication and sincerity.
- d. The applicant must have a minimum of Graduation degree in any academic discipline from a reputed and recognized university, institute etc. Higher Qualification and scholar of Gandhian Philosophy will be given preference.
- e. The upper age limit is 50 years as on 31/10/2019. However the age limit will not be the constraint for selection for deserving applicants, subject to Executive Director, EPCO's approval.
- f. A complete application form (available on [www.climatechange.mp.gov.in](http://www.climatechange.mp.gov.in) and [www.epco.in](http://www.epco.in) ) along with the following documents
  - i. Self attested Photocopy of academic record
  - ii. A statement of Purpose (SOP) (200 -300 words) explaining the
    - Purpose and interest to be part of the fellowship programme



- One's suitability for the fellowship programme
- iii. A copy of recently published article or paper on Gandhian Philosophy or any other contemporary issues originally written by you, as a proof of your academic contribution. This will help us to assess your competence for the fellowship.
- iv. Reference letter by any person of eminence (Current employer/supervisor, Professor or academic guide, elected people's representative, District Collector etc.)

## Selection Process

- a. The application process will be online.
- b. The fellowship will not be offered on first come first serve basis.
- c. Maximum batch size will be 20 participants.
- d. The applications received will be reviewed by the panel of experts. The applicants shortlisted by the panel may be called for personal interview (if need be it may be conducted online through Skype / Google etc.).
- e. Selection will be made primarily on the basis of your inclination and contribution towards Gandhian philosophy, complete application form submitted along with SOP, article submitted and personal interview by jury.
- f. Care will be taken to maintain regional balance, gender balance, and diversity of backgrounds and qualifications of applicants.
- g. No TA/DA shall be admissible for appearing for personal interview.
- h. On selection of an applicant for the fellowship an agreement will be signed between the selected fellow and EPCO and this document will become the part of the agreement.
- i. The selected fellows will report to Coordinator, State Knowledge Management Centre on Climate Change (SKMCCC), EPCO.
- j. Any unofficial and unlawful means of recommendations will not be entertained and would automatically lead to summarily rejection of the application form.



- k. Executive Director, EPCO will approve the list of candidates recommended by the panel.
- l. Executive Director, EPCO reserves the right to cancel, debar and disqualify any or all applications without assigning any reasons.
- m. Executive Director, EPCO's decision will be final and abiding.

## General Terms and Conditions

- a. **Time Period** -Gandhian Eco-Philosophy fellowship programme is an eight month long fellowship starting from 15 January 2019 to 15 September 2019.
- b. **Important dates**-Applications for the fellowship opens: 14 December 2018  
Deadline for Submission: 07 January 2019
- c. **Fellowship Award**
  - i. Each fellow will be provided a consolidated sum of Rs. 50,000 /-to carry the required research work.
  - ii. On successful graduation the fellows will be awarded a certificate of completion by EPCO.
- d. **The fellows will be entitled to the following benefits during the fellowship**
  - i. Fellows will be entitled to a fellowship grant, a consolidated sum of Rs. 50,000 to carry out the research work during the entire fellowship period.
  - ii. The travel and stay arrangements during the exposure visits will be made by EPCO for all the fellows.
  - iii. Standing invitations to all the fellows to attend monthly knowledge sessions with experts that will be organized by EPCO.
  - iv. The fellows will have access to EPCO's library during the fellowship period.
  - v. Upon request the fellows may be provided a work space for a short duration during the fellowship period.
  - vi. A copy of the book of research papers proposed to be published by EPCO
  - vii. Fellows will be presented a certificate of completion of fellowship.

#### e. Deliverables and Expectations from Fellows

- i. Produce quality research paper with high impact value.
- ii. Attendance in monthly sessions of Gandhian Environmentalism Talk Series and exposure visits arranged and review meetings as and when planned during the fellowship period.
- iii. Assist in designing and organizing monthly sessions of Gandhian Environmentalism Talk Series, Exposure Visits and Symposium.
- iv. Commitment to pursue the fellowship programme.
- v. Punctuality, sincerity, regularity and active participation.

## Contact Details

### Coordinator

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**Disclaimer:** In the larger public interest, EPCO reserves the right, at its discretion to change or modify the general terms and conditions and structure of the fellowship described in this document with Executive Director, EPCO's approval. In case of any discrepancy Executive Director, ECPO decision will be final and binding.



## **Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO)**

*Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO) is registered society under Department of Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh. Established in 1981, EPCO's comparative advantage or its USP is its ability as an "environment problem-solving intermediary" This has largely been helped by the multi-disciplinary composition of the EPCO professionals. In this unique position EPCO connects government as well as non-governmental agencies in solving the environmental problems. To avoid silo thinking in environment and development sector the organization is attempting to play a bridging role between bilateral or multilateral donors who wish to make better investments in people and communities so that the investments are green and also leads to better green governance.*

*EPCO has been in the unique position to witness some of the most significant developments from the perspective of sustainable development and environment almost from the time they began to unfold. One of the major roles that EPCO performs is to mainstream environmental concerns in various development initiatives of the state; especially poverty and livelihood related issues. EPCO has successfully focused attention on the environmental problem areas of the State through Environmental Status Reports.*

## **State Knowledge Management Centre on Climate Change (SKMCCC)**

*The state Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) has adopted a Vision Document-2018 wherein it has been mentioned that a knowledge centre on climate change is to be set up in Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO), Bhopal. GoMP has declared EPCO as the "State Designated Agency for Climate Change" in the state and also Nodal Agency for Climate Change Knowledge Management. State Knowledge Management Centre on Climate Change (SKMCCC) is receiving technical and financial support from Department of Science & Technology (DST) under the National Mission on Strategic Knowledge Management. Major function of SKMCCC is to create, collect, analyze, synthesize and disseminate the knowledge on climate change.*

*SKMCCC intends to partner up with the organizations, institutions that are already working in this field and would help in strengthening their capacity and disseminating their works. The capacity building and training activities are being taken up in a much larger and focused way to create awareness on climate change issues and thereby assisting the states officials to formulate policies and programs that strengthen its resilience. The knowledge creation includes mainly research studies commissioned to scientific institutions, scholarships for primary research on climate change issues in MP, action research projects to generate new knowledge through experimental learning. For more information on SKMCCC please visit our web portal [www.climatechange.mp.gov.in](http://www.climatechange.mp.gov.in)*