

Brief bio about the Guest Speaker



Ananta Kumar Giri is currently Vice Dean and Professor, Woxsen University, Hyderabad, India. He is the Founding Honorary Executive Trustee of Vishwaneedam Centre Asian Blossoming, Puducherry and Chennai. He is also currently a Visiting Professor at the School of Liberal Studies, MIT World Peace University, Pune and a former professor at the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, India. He has taught and done research in many universities in India and abroad. He has an abiding interest in social movements and cultural change, criticism, creativity and contemporary dialectics of transformation, theories of self, culture and society, and creative streams in education, philosophy and literature. Giri has written, edited, co-edited and translated more than six dozen books in Odia and English, including Global Transformations: Postmodernity and Beyond (1998); Knowledge and Human Liberation: Towards Planetary Realizations (2013); Bahudhara Barnabiva (Splendrous Beauty of the Plural, 2021); The Calling of Global Responsibility: New Initiatives in Justice, Dialogues and Planetary Realizations (2023); Rethinking Satyagraha: Truth, Travel and Translation (Editor, 2025);

Cultivating Gardens of God: A Paradigm Shift in Faith (Editor, 2025); Contemporary Contributions to Critiques of Political Economy (Editor, Routledge, 2024); New Works in Consciousness Corridors: Dialogues with Subhash Sharma and Creative Planetary Futures (New Delhi: Authors Press, 2023, Co-Editor); Rethinking Media Studies: Media, Meditation and Communication (Co-Editor, Routledge, 2024); Towards a Dharma of Peace Building (Co-Editor, Springer, 2023); Covid-19 and the Challenges of Trauma and Responsibility (co-editor, 2024); Social Healing (2023); Cultivating Integral Development (2023); Transforming the Subjective and the Objective: Transpositional Subject objectivity (editor, 2026); Corporate Spiritual Responsibility (Co-Editor, 2026); Chitta Ranjan Das and our Creative Planetary Futures: When Feet Become Wings (Editor, 2026); and Social Thought as Conversations: Towards a New Upanishad of Life and an Ecology of Hope (2026).



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Fourth Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture on Ethics

by

Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri

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Hyderabad

on

***“Gandhi and a New Ecology of Trans-Religious
Dialogues and Inter-Faith Harmonization”***

Monday, 5th October 2026

at 3.30 P.M.

in the Seminar Hall -2 of the Institute

Dr. Ashok Dalwai, I.A.S. (Retd.)

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Prof. M Gurulingaiah

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PROGRAMME

Welcome Address

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About the Lecture

Prof. M.V. Nadkarni

Honorary Professor, ISEC

Introduction of the Guest Speaker

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Remarks of the Chair

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Vote of Thanks

Dr. Akshata Nayak

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Brief background about Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture Series on Ethics



Prof. M.V. Nadkarni (Mangesh Venkatesh Nadkarni), born on February 23, 1939, a well-known Economist by training and profession, has deep interest in other social sciences as well as also in religion and philosophy. His contribution to Economics and other social sciences has been mainly in the areas of Agricultural Price Policy, Problems of Drought Prone Areas, Farmers' Movements, Political Economy of Forest Use and Management, Economics of Pollution Control, and Integrating Ethics into Economics, Decentralised development, and the 'Broad-basing Process'. He is a well-known Gandhian Scholar. Prof. M.V. Nadkarni, has instituted the Lecture Series on Ethics in Honour of Mahatma Gandhi to be held every year in the month of October at ISEC. The first lecture was delivered by Dr Sundar Sarukkai, Founder, Barefoot Philosophers & Formerly Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru on October 4, 2023 The Topic was "Ethical Praxis: Insights and Gandhi, JRD Tata and Ambedkar". The Second Lecture was delivered by Prof. R S Deshpande, Former Director, ISEC, Former Member, Board of Governors, ISEC, on October 16, 2024. The Topic was "Ethics in Buddhism and Gandhian Views" The third lecture was delivered by Dr. A Ravindra, IAS (Retd), Former Chairperson, BoG, ISEC and Former Chief Secretary, GoK on 14th October 2025. The topic was "Ethics in Politics and Governance"