



**Indira Gandhi National Tribal University**  
Amarkantak, M.P.

(A Central University established by an Act of Parliament)



**National Seminar**  
**Two-Day National Seminar**  
on

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Visual Media and  
Indian Democracy**

Scanning the Scanners

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**About the University**

The Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak has been established by an Act of the Parliament of India. It came into existence by the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak Act, 2007 and came into action in July 8th, 2008. The jurisdiction of the University extends to the whole country and it is fully funded by the Central Government through the University Grant Commission. The University caters to the tribals long cherished dream of higher education.

**How to Reach**

Amarkantak is situated 30 kms in the west of Pendra Road Railway Station (Chattisgarh) on Katni-Bilaspur track of South West Central Railway. Almost all the trains playing on this track stop here. It can be reached by bus from all directions as there are good frequency of buses on Jabalpur, Raipur, Bilaspur, Allahabad, Rewa, Shandol, Dindori and Anuppur routes. Amarkantak can be reached by air through Jabalpur (M.P.) And Raipur (Chhattisgarh). Nearest Airport Jabalpur- Distance 220 KM from Amarkantak. Raipur- Distance 230 KM from Amarkantak. Nearest Railway Station Pendra Road -Distance 35 KM from Amarkantak Bilaspur- Distance 120 KM from Amarkantak.

**Call for Paper**

This seminar aims at investigating and analysing the role of visual media as the functioning of democratic institutions and process, forming and moulding the public opinion, enhancing or eroding the credibility of political system and affecting the process of political socialisation. No doubt visual media must be given the freedom of expression, criticism of the government of the day, analysing the policies, scanning the administrative actions and functioning as safety valve for dissent, but the visual media due to penetrating and wide spread impact cannot be allowed to distort the facts, telecasting implanted news and creating confusion. A responsible press is essential but irresponsible propaganda cannot be allowed. The visual media as we perceived has become the mouth piece of one political organisation or the other and people fails to distinguish between factual and fake news. The scanners must reflect the mirror image of the socio-political system. The hypothesis of the proposal is scanning the scanners viz a viz Indian democracy. The proposal as listed has many sub themes which need to be investigated and analysed with facts and figures and intellectual inquiry of this phenomenon is the central idea of the proposal. The proposed national seminar will cover the following sub themes:

- Visual media and public opinion
- Visual media and political and ideological biased
- The issue of fake news
- Commercialisation of visual media
- Political institutions and visual media
- Political process and visual media
- Impact on the credibility of government and political system
- Issues of corruption
- Visual media and foreign policy

**Guidelines for Abstract and Paper Submission:**

Research paper writers are requested to submit their original research papers both empirical and conceptual as well as case studies on the related or exact themes as outlined above in not more than 5000 words along with an abstract of 150 words in Ms Word, 1.5 Line Space, Font 12 Points in Times New Roman for English and Kruti-Dev 10, Font size 14 for Hindi. All the papers should be sent or e-mailed (soft and hard copy of the paper) to the organizing secretary of the seminar on or before 15th March, 2021. Selected papers will be published in the seminar proceeding. Registration is compulsory for all the delegates.

Travelling allowance shall be paid as per norms to the paper presenters only.

**Registration Fee:**

<b>Paper Presentation</b>	
-Academicians	Rs. 200
-Students and Research Scholars	Rs. 100

**Dates to Remember:**

**15 March 2021** Last date for Submission of Abstract and Full Length Paper

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021** Scheduled Dates for the seminar

**Travel, Food and Accommodation:**

Accommodation and food will be provided to all registered participant during seminar. Travel allowances will be provided subjected to availability of funds.

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