

# IIT Gandhinagar, The University of Saskatchewan, Canada will jointly organise a workshop on Digital Studies

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Gandhinagar: Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) in collaboration with the University of Saskatchewan (USask), is going to host a 'Winter Institute in Digital Humanities' (WIDH) from December 8 to 22, 2019 at the IITGN campus. This international workshop is designed and offered collaboratively by both academic institutions with an aim to initiate an interdisciplinary dialogue on digital studies.

In this age, when we are witnessing a "digital turn" in civilizations, the workshop intends to develop critical approaches/pedagogic methods in order to explore these changing contours. The workshop, which is supported by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, will provide an introductory approach to Digital Humanities through lectures on theoretical developments in the field and hands-on engagement with key digital tools and methods. The focal areas of this workshop are textual scholarship, social media and ethics, theories of digital media, network society, digital archiving, open-access digital scholarship, digital tools, project management, diversity and digital humanities, text encoding initiatives, Geographic Information System (GIS), and Spatial Humanities.

About 26 speakers from diverse academic and professional backgrounds, including four keynote speakers- P Sainath, Former Rural Editor of the Hindu, Magsaysay Award Recipient and Founder of People's Archive of Rural India (PARI); Prof Anil Gupta, Visiting Faculty, IIM Ahmedabad; Jatindra K Nayak, Former Professor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and Literary Critic; K P Jayasankar, Professor and Dean, Centre for Critical Media Praxis, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai; will share their perspectives and expertise through various talks on different aspects of digital studies.

About 40 Scholars, postgraduate students, researchers in Humanities & Social Sciences, media professionals, and freelancers from all over the country are going to participate in the WIDH to deliberate and reflect on various aspects of digital studies. The participants will also go for a field visit to Punsari village in Sabarkantha district to know its initiatives in becoming a smart village of the country.

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