



MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE

Understanding Bhojpuri Heritage: An Introductory Course

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Applications are invited from prospective candidates wishing to enrol on the Understanding Bhojpuri Heritage: An Introductory Course (Part Time) on offer at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka as from January 2026.

Bhojpuri heritage holds a significant place in contemporary society, both in India and among global diaspora communities. Encompassing language, music, dance, literature, and festivals, it serves as a vital link of identity and belonging for over 300 million native and diasporic speakers. The inclusion of *Bhojpuri Geet Gawai* on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity underscores the global importance of preserving and promoting Bhojpuri traditions that strengthen community bonds and ensure cultural continuity.

In Mauritius, the School of Mauritian and Area Studies, through its Department of Bhojpuri, Folklore and Oral Traditions, continues to lead efforts in promoting and disseminating Bhojpuri language and culture. In line with this mission, an online, assessment-based short course titled *Understanding Bhojpuri Heritage* is being launched to reach a global audience. This initiative supports the Mahatma Gandhi Institute's broader vision of internationalising its educational offerings and engaging learners from India and Indian diasporic regions with significant populations of Indian ancestry.

The aim of the course is to:

- deepen learners' understanding of Bhojpuri heritage by exploring its linguistic foundations, cultural practices, literary expressions, and diasporic transformations.
- develop skills in cultural reflection, heritage documentation, and community engagement.

1. Duration of Course

Minimum duration: 6 Months Maximum duration: 9 Months

2. Medium of Teaching

English

3. Mode of Delivery

Fully Online.

4. General Entry Requirements

(a) (i) A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ GCE 'O' Level.

OR

(b) An equivalent qualification acceptable to the Mahatma Gandhi Institute.

OR

(c) Alternate qualifications acceptable to the Mahatma Gandhi Institute including Aptitude Test (in English)/ through an Interview. Criteria for mature students will be based on prior knowledge and experience.

Since the course will be conducted online, candidates are expected to have basic IT literacy.

5. Fees:

Registration fee: MUR 125 (non-refundable)

Course Fee: MUR 3000

Mode of Application

- Applications for admission on the above programme/course is currently open online at <https://mgjportal.ac.mu> and all procedures and instructions indicated therein should be carefully followed.
- Deadline for submission of online application is **Friday 16 January 2026**.
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- **Submission of Application**
 1. Apply online <https://mgjportal.ac.mu> as per the instructions.
 2. Verify all your entries.
 3. Upload the following documents:
 - Birth Certificate
 - Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
 - National ID Card
 - Educational Qualifications
 4. Confirm your application.
 5. Applicants will receive an email if their application is accepted.
- The Mahatma Gandhi Institute reserves *the right not to run the course* if the number of registered students is not adequate.

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