

## **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shodh Peeth**



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### **About**

This Deendayal Upadhyaya Shodh Peeth was established in the financial year 2018-19 at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra. Currently, Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh is the coordinator of this Peeth.

### **Vision and Mission-**

The vision and mission of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shodh Peeth are deeply rooted in the principles and ideals espoused by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya himself. The vision and mission of the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shodh Peeth is to emerge as a preeminent center of excellence for research, scholarship, and intellectual discourse, dedicated to advancing knowledge, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting holistic development rooted in the principles of Integral Humanism. Inspired by the visionary ideals of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the Peeth aspires to be a catalyst for social transformation, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of India's cultural, philosophical, and spiritual heritage while contributing to the creation of a just, inclusive, and prosperous society.

### **Introduction**

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was an influential Indian philosopher,

economist, sociologist, historian, journalist, and political activist. He was born on September 25, 1916, in the small village of Chandrabhan near Mathura, in present-day Uttar Pradesh, India. His upbringing was marked by modesty and a deep-rooted connection to Indian culture and traditions. From a young age, Upadhyaya displayed intellectual curiosity and a passion for social service.

Upadhyaya's political awakening occurred during his student years, where he became increasingly involved in nationalist movements and social activism. Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda, he was drawn towards the concept of serving humanity selflessly. His encounters with prominent political leaders and thinkers further fueled his passion for social reform and national resurgence.

The seminal contribution of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya to Indian political thought lies in the formulation of Integral Humanism. Integral Humanism, as articulated by Upadhyaya, emphasizes the integral development of individuals and society, balancing material progress with spiritual and cultural values. Central to Integral Humanism is the principle of Antyodaya, which advocates for the upliftment of the most marginalized and downtrodden sections of society. Upadhyaya envisioned a society where every individual, irrespective of caste, creed, or socio-economic status, could realize their full potential and contribute to the collective welfare. This concept reflects Upadhyaya's commitment to social justice and inclusive growth.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya played a pivotal role in the formation and growth of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS), a political party founded in 1951 with the aim of promoting cultural nationalism and Hindutva ideology. Upadhyaya's leadership and organizational skills were instrumental in consolidating the party's base and expanding its influence across the country.

In addition to his political activism, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya made

significant contributions to economic thought, particularly in the context of India's development trajectory. He advocated for economic self-reliance and decentralization, rejecting both capitalist and socialist models as inadequate for India's unique socio-economic conditions. Upadhyaya stressed the importance of indigenous industries, agricultural growth, and rural development as pillars of economic progress.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya stands as a towering figure in Indian political thought, whose ideas continue to reverberate through the corridors of power and the hearts of millions. His philosophy of Integral Humanism, rooted in the synthesis of material progress and spiritual values, offers a compelling vision for the future of India. As the architect of a socio-political ideology that places human dignity and welfare at its core, Upadhyaya's legacy endures as a guiding light for generations to come, inspiring leaders and citizens alike to strive for a more just, inclusive, and prosperous society.

## **Objectives**

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shodh Peeth stands as a beacon of academic excellence and cultural resurgence, guided by the profound vision and principles of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. Apart from the core objective to create awareness and engage in research on ideas and works of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya some other key

### **Objectives :**

1. **Promoting Research Excellence:** To foster a culture of research excellence across various disciplines, including philosophy, social sciences, economics, politics, and culture. It aims to provide a platform for scholars to engage in rigorous academic inquiry and produce high-quality research output.
2. **Advancing Integral Humanism:** As Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was a proponent of Integral Humanism, the Peeth endeavors to advance this philosophical framework through scholarly research and academic discourse. It aims to explore the practical implications of Integral Humanism in addressing contemporary socio-economic and political challenges, with a

- focus on promoting human dignity, social justice, and holistic development.
3. Encouraging Interdisciplinary Collaboration: The Peeth encourages interdisciplinary collaboration among scholars from different fields and disciplines. It aims to facilitate dialogue and exchange of ideas across diverse academic domains, fostering innovative approaches to addressing complex societal issues and challenges.
  4. Engaging with Policy and Governance: In line with Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of serving society through active engagement with policy
  5. and governance, the Peeth aims to contribute to evidence-based policy formulation and decision-making. It seeks to disseminate research findings and recommendations to policymakers, government agencies, and other stakeholders, with the goal of informing policy initiatives that promote the welfare and development of the nation.

In essence, the objectives of the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shodh Peeth reflect a commitment to advancing knowledge, preserving cultural heritage, promoting philosophical ideals, and contributing to the holistic development of society, in accordance with the vision and principles of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

### **Program Organized:**



Lecture Delivered by Prof. Arunoday Bajpai on the birth anniversary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay