



International Webinar
on

**“Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay and
His Relevance in Contemporary World”**

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Concept Note

India attained independence on 15th August 1947. Although politically free, India like many other Asian and African countries, is still struggling to free itself from the clutches of intellectual colonialism of Western world. India like other developing countries adopted Western philosophies in the development paradigms. Such philosophies have been tested and contested in India with focus on statist monopolies, licence raj and appeasement politics with either no or little regard to the “Bharatiya” in origin.

Deen Dayal Upadhyay presented an alternative perspective with his philosophical thought of “integral humanism” that propagates oneness of various souls, whether it is human, animal or plant origin. Rejecting intrinsic diversity based on race, colour, caste or religion, integral humanism identified all human beings as part of one organic whole sharing a common consciousness of national thought. When this is put into political perspective in India, it means that Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists or people of other faiths and sects are essentially one and their intrinsic unity is based on the common consciousness of “Bharatiya”.

However, divisive and identity based politics, secular and vote bank politics with winning formula surfaced as dominant issues in the political discourses of independent India. Such politics instead of bringing unity and integrity rather cracked deep communal division between majority and minority communities in India. Real development opportunities to the socially disadvantaged hardly became a priority in the affirmative action and political agenda of political parties. Upadhyay opined for one nation with one identity and one culture which is neither Hindu, Muslim or Christian culture, but Indian or “Bharatiya” culture where there is no notion of minority and caste. Similarly, at the international level, there is also lack of consensus on global issues like environmental crisis, international terrorism and distribution of global goods due to presence of a hierarchical international order. We can look for integral humanism from the perspective of a cooperative and harmonious international world order.

From this perspective, it has become essential to organize a virtual conference:

1. To study the socio political and economic ideas of Uphadhyay;
2. To analyse the relevance of Upadhyay's ideas in contemporary India and the world.

Sub-themes

1. Western model of development versus Bharatiya model of development;
2. Ramarajya and political and economic decentralization;
3. Upadhyay and Integral Humanism;
4. Uphadyay and Rural development;
5. Contemporary political, social and economic challenges in the world and relevance of Upadhyay's philosophical thought;
6. Any other topics which are related to the main theme of the webinar.

About Maharaja Bir Bikram University

Maharaja Bir Bikram University, established by an Act of Tripura Legislative Assembly, began its maiden journey in 2015. Situated in a lush of green landscape adjacent to MBB College, Agartala, the University intends to sail through the vibrant world of academia with the objective of encouraging imagination, innovations and ideas in the newly emerging academic disciplines without ignoring the vast knowledge that have been accumulated over long period of human civilization.

Department of Public Administration

The Department of Public Administration started its journey on 10th August, 2016. The basic objective of the Department is to train Post Graduate Students thoroughly in all branches of the discipline. The curriculum of the Department focuses on the theoretical concepts as well as recent empirical aspects in the discipline. This provides the students

with necessary conceptual awareness to undertake further specialized studies and research activities.

Call for papers

Original contributions on any of the themes of the Webinar as mentioned above or any topic that is related to the main theme of the webinar are invited. Abstracts in A4 size paper, typed in double space (MS Word, Times New Roman, Font Size 12pt), within 200 words should be submitted to nationalseminarpambbu@gmail.com latest by **18th September 2020**.

Registration

Only registered participants will get **E-Certificate**. For registration, participants are required to deposit **Rs. 300/-**. Details of the Account are given below:

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After depositing the requisite Registration Fee participants are requested to kindly fill up the **Registration Form** using the Registration Link <https://forms.gle/1tsT9wcMQAeADrtP7> latest by **September 18, 2020**.

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Publication

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