

**National Seminar  
on  
Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's  
Thinking and Nation Building  
in the 21st Century**

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Organized by  
Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair, Department of  
Political Science,  
University of Allahabad, Prayagraj-211002



The University of Allahabad is a Central University and was known as the 'Oxford of the East' for its enormous importance as a centre of academics and research. Established on 23rd September 1887, it is the fourth oldest University of India after Calcutta, Bombay and Madras University. The University has had a history of academic and cultural achievements to its credit. Illustrious scholars, scientists, writers and artists like Meghnad Saha, A. N. Jha, Firaq Gorakhpuri and Kshitindranath Majumdar contributed to making the University a centre of thriving academic and cultural activities. The University has shaped the cultural and intellectual debates in this part of the country over several decades.

### **Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Chair**

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Chair has been established at the behest of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and announced by the Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan during the Convocation function of the University of Allahabad on November 8, 2021. The Chair became functional from 26th May, 2022 with the appointment of Prof. Madhurendra Kumar, a senior political scientist as the founder chairperson. Situated in the Department of Political Science, University of Allahabad, the Chair is actively engaged in promoting the ideas of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay through research, curriculum design, lectures, seminars, publications, and short-term capacity building programmes for teachers in higher education focused towards the designated discipline of the chair.

### **Department of Political Science**

The Department of Political Science being the second oldest department in the country was established in 1927 under the stewardship of renowned scholar Dr. Beni Prasad. Erudites like Dr. Tarachand, Prof. A.B. Lal, Prof. Amba Dutt Pant, Prof. H.M. Jain, Prof. Alok Pant, Prof. M.P. Dube, Prof. M.F.U. Kazmi, Prof. V.K. Rai, Prof. Anuradha Agarwal, have adorned the chair of the Head of the Department. Known as one of the finest departments for its sound academic culture, the Department has produced scholars, administrators, lawyers and politicians of eminence. With 26 faculty members as Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant

Professors the department is committed to continue the tradition of teaching and research under the able leadership of present Head, Professor Pankaj Kumar.

### Concept Note:

Gifted with many faceted personality, Pandit Deendayal Upadhaya is indisputably one of the most significant thinkers on the political, social and cultural horizon of modern India. Like Mahatma Gandhi, he also derives all the tenets of his philosophy from ancient Indian culture and knowledge tradition. Having repudiated western ideologies of Capitalism, various versions of Socialism and Marxism, he propounded his own idea of Integral Humanism, a synthesis of the material and spiritual, which according to him, provides a holistic alternative perspective for political action and statecraft. He is indeed a remarkable visionary and a true democrat. His ideas on decentralization of polity and self-reliance are core to democratic principles. He exhorted to buildup new India in the post independence period on these principles as he was deeply concerned with future direction of country's progress. So he emphasised to recognise national identity based on Indian culture and age old traditions for the development of our potentialities. His ideas on economic system, nation state, eco-destructive consumerism and education, provide an alternative perspective for building a self reliant, developed, vibrant and powerful India ensuring integrated development of individual and the nation.

It is against this backdrop of Pandit Deendayal Upadhayay's thinking this National Seminar aims at deliberating issues posing challenges to nation building in the 21st century. How far his ideas are viable in restructuring a new India after seventy five years of Independence and crafting a new roadmap to development in the era of globalization are some of the pertinent points of deliberations in this academic endeavour.

### Call for Papers:

Original papers on the following suggested themes are invited:

#### **Sub themes of the seminar:**

- Pt. Deendayal Upadhayay's thoughts on Integral Humanism.
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhayay's thoughts on Economic Development.
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhayay's vision of India's foreign policy.
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhayay's views on state- individual relationships.
- Contemporary relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhayay's

thoughts on national building.

- Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's thoughts of Indian education system.
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's vision of Politics and governance.
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's vision of Indian culture and its contemporary relevance.
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's views on society and their relevance in the 21st century.
- His concept of 'Dharna' compared to other Indian thinkers such as Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi etc.

**Note:** These sub themes are suggestive. One may choose other subjects also pertaining to thoughts of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay.

### **Guidelines for submission of papers:**

The length of the paper may be limited to 3000-3500 words with an abstract of Maximum 300 words. The research paper should be typed in Times Roman with font size 12 in English and Kritidev 10 font size 14 in Hindi. Further it must be have setting of double space on A4 paper having margins of 1.5" on the Left side and 1" on the other three sides. Paper is to be submitted both in hard copy and soft copy.

Papers will be scrutinized by an expert committee and will be published in a book with ISBN number within six months after the seminar.

### **Paper submission:**

- Last Date for submission of Abstract 20 February 2023
- Last date for submission of full length paper 24th of February 2023
- Paper is to be submitted through Email on [ddchair@allduniv.ac.in](mailto:ddchair@allduniv.ac.in)



## Financial support:

Due to resource constraints no TA/DA will be provided to the participants. They are requested to claim their TA/DA from their parent Institutions.

## Accommodation:

The participants who require accommodation should clearly mark out their preference. A limited accommodation will be available in transit House, guest house, boys/girls hostels/International Hostel on sharing basis.

## Registration:

All the participants are requested to get themselves registered by billing the registration-form through a link. latest by 23 February 2023. Of line registration can be done on 25th February from 10 AM.

### Link for Registration:

<https://forms.gle/6e2GSvqMfa5RH82Y6>

### Join Whatsapp Group-

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/C66q6SN877oLRcVSt9aBvh>

## Registration fee

Local Participants	J 1000.00
On Spot Registration	J 1200.00
Research Scholars	J 800.00
Outstation Participants	J 2500.00

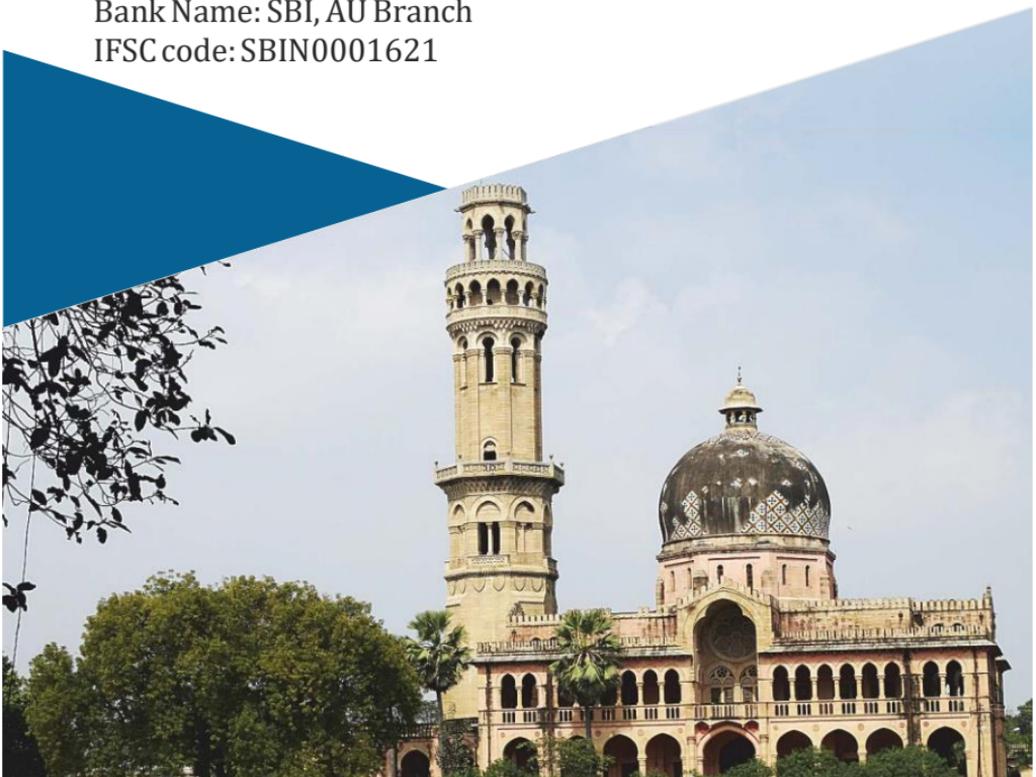
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