



Call for Paper
Two-Day National Seminar (Hybrid mode) on
Exploring the Vision of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya: An Endeavour
Towards Integral Human Development in the 21st Century

Organized by
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Janata College, Kabuganj, Cachar, Assam - 788121
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Concept Note

The sustainable progress of a Nation rests on the all-round development of its human race who being developed could think of the growth and sustainability of this cosmic world. All-engulfing materialistic approach of this technology-driven society is leading human beings to a valueless existence. Since its inception, human civilization has witnessed transformation both in positive and negative ways. In this journey of human civilization, India that is Bharat has always played a significant role by giving birth to great thinkers who contributed in its progress by their visionary ideas. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, a visionary of the twentieth century who remains unsung to an unexpectedly greater extent, needs to be explored to bring positive transformation in the present-day world. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of Integral Humanism emphasizes holistic development, rejecting compartmentalization and promoting harmony between individuals and society. He critiqued the materialistic approach of modern civilization, advocating for a balanced synthesis of material and spiritual growth. His philosophy underscores self-reliance, with villages as the focal point of governance and economic development. Upadhyaya stressed the importance of addressing issues integrative rather than in isolation, ensuring that economic growth does not overshadow socio-political concerns. He championed "Antyodaya", uplifting the poorest sections to achieve social equity. His views on federalism promoted decentralized governance, ensuring equitable power distribution among states. His ideology, forming the basis of Jana Sangh's political and economic framework, aims at the holistic liberation of humanity.

It is in this context the proposed seminar is envisioned to generate a constructive debate around the above theme and also the following sub-themes to explore the solutions of the challenges India as well as the world is facing in the 21st century and to what extent the philosophy proliferated by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay can contribute in this direction.

Sub-themes:

- 1) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and Integral Humanism
- 2) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's vision of classless, casteless and conflict free social order
- 3) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's concept of "Rashtra Dharma"
- 4) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's idea of self-reliant economy
- 5) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's concept of "Antyodaya" and Rural development
- 6) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's idea of technological innovations and development
- 7) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's idea of federalism and decentralized governance
- 8) The Idea of Nation and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay
- 9) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's idea of "Bharatiya" culture
- 10) Relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's ideas in contemporary India and the world

Any other topics which are related to the main theme of the seminar

Venue: Janata College, Kabuganj, Cachar, Assam-788121

Procedure for submitting Abstracts:

- ❖ An abstract of 250 words (maximum) is to be sent to **munnidm@gmail.com**
- ❖ Abstracts will be accepted in MS Word (2007 or later), Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12-point, line space: 1.5 and Paper A4 and a copy in PDF with the same specifications.
- ❖ Languages: English, Bengali, Hindi and Manipuri

Important Dates:

- ❖ Last date of Abstract submission: 10th March, 2025
- ❖ Confirmation of the acceptance of abstracts: 15th March, 2025
- ❖ Last date of Registration: 16th March, 2025
- ❖ Seminar Dates: March 19-20, 2025

Link for registration: <https://forms.gle/vMd9ohRiR94wMqEH9>

Registration Fee: Participants will not be required to pay any registration fee

How to reach the Venue?

Janata College, Kabuganj is located 20 kms away from the district head quarter Silchar. Silchar is well connected through direct train service from Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Tiruvanthapuram, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Naharlagun, Secunderabad, Yashvantapur (Bangaluru) and other major cities of India. There is direct bus service from Guwahati which is 330 kms away. The nearest airport is Kumbhirgram, Silchar which is 42 kms away and air connectivity is there with Delhi, Kolkata, Bangaluru, Guwahati, Imphal, Shillong etc.

Accommodation:

The participants will be assisted in booking their accommodation if it is communicated by 15th March, 2025

Mode of Participation:

The participants from outside the Barak Valley may present their papers in online mode.

Publication:

The selected papers will be published as an edited book with ISBN by a reputable national publisher.

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We look forward to receiving communication from interested participants with regard to their participation in what promises to be an enriching and thought-provoking seminar.