



Gautam Buddha University

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Invites you to a

National Seminar

on

**A Discourse on Integral Humanism:
Emerging Predicaments of the 21st
Century and Responses**

18-19 January, 2020

Main Auditorium

Gautam Buddha University

Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida, U.P. 201312

About Seminar

There has been a sustained debate on the philosophy of integral humanism since this was unveiled by Deendayal Upadhyaya 55 years ago. Integral humanism has added a new thrust to the existing Indian philosophy and continues to create a ripple in the established socio-economic and political discourses. Having intrigued from the blind imitation of the West and incessant ignorance of India's own system of thought, Deendayal Upadhyaya laid down his ideas focusing on the deep-rooted malaise of Indian society and model to cure them drawing essentially from the traditions of Sanatan Dharma.

When we look at the global level, what is witnessed that the world lives in unplumbed paradoxes. The paradox is that the economic output enlarged with robust growth rate, but benefit failed to percolate down to the societies to melt the stagnant condition of human deprivation. The similar condition is palpable in India. The paradox is that India's democracy functioned successfully but it remained clouded in the crisis of representative legitimacy. Similarly, India has also demonstrated an ugly face of the polarised affluence against the polarised face of the underprivileged. India has been witnessing the paradox of the existence of two India with incredible urban infrastructure for its less than one-third people amidst appalling rural infrastructure for more than two-third people. India has also experienced loosening bond of nationhood amidst dissident and disenchanting ethnic or political groups who often violently embroil.

Moreover, the essence is that India undergoes multifaceted predicaments. The crises appear to stem from, what once vigorously raised by Deendayal Upadhyaya, "confusion about our goal and the direction" and failing to determine the very identity whose central thrusts remain anchored in the thought of "Integral Humanism". Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's prescience in terms of the philosophy of integral humanism given more than five decades back specifically looked upon the socio-political and economic ideas and systems and put forward "an alternative mode of living based on the traditions of Sanatan Dharma" continues to establish its enduring relevance.

Given the ongoing predicaments of the societies world-wide, the relevance of the seminar is deeper and wider. Since the philosophy of integral humanism encompasses the comprehensive thought which is unique and emphasizes on the Sanatan tradition of the ancient India, therefore it will be pertinent to rediscover it for its enduring relevance. Integral humanism seeks to examine existing socio-political and economic ideas and systems and posit an alternative mode of living which is relevant in contemporary Indian conditions. The philosophy of integral humanism neutralizes confusion about goal and the direction to reach to the goal and therefore injects a solid sense of conviction with which policy makers can formidably take on the ongoing predicaments of the societies. The philosophy of integral humanism essentially keeps

at centre the *integral man*, his true and complete personality and his aspirations and therefore treats individual as the end in itself and evokes to keep individual in the centre of all kinds of policies to effectively working on the development of the societies. To diagnose the ills of societies—which are structurally imbued and whose roots lie in the socio-economic, political and cultural architecture of the societies—a holistic solution is required which can better be reinforced with the ideas espoused in “integral humanism” of Deendayal Upadhyaya.

Sub-theme

Inaugural Session: The enduring relevance of integral humanism, epistemic base of Indian knowledge tradition

Session I: Strategy for economic development: Swadeshi and model of development, inclusive growth and sustainable development, issues of employment, policies of government vis-à-vis social upliftment, rural and urban development

Session II: Integral humanism and governance: The idea of Rashtra, relations between ethics and politics, the conception of Dharma, secularism *versus* dharma, the idea of justice, the system of governance, Devolution and decentralisation

Session III: Integral humanism, health, education and social issues: Existing policies of health and education, issues of social disorganization

Session IV: Integral Humanism, nation and international relations: Cultural nationalism, intractable challenges to peace and security to the world, the state of global wellbeing

Session V: Integral humanism, environment and ecology: Issues of depleting resources, global warming and environmental security

About Gautam Buddha University (GBU)

Gautam Buddha University is a government university, established under the Uttar Pradesh Gautam Buddha University Act, 2002 (U.P. Act No. (9) of 2002), recognized by UGC under section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956 and accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The University envisions to become a world class centre for excellence in education with a special focus to serve the under privileged and economically challenged sections of the society. The University has over

500 acres lush green campus located at Greater Noida beside Yamuna Expressway and is nearly 38 Km from the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi and is modeled as a fully residential educational campus in line with the best institutions of higher learning across the globe. The uniqueness of its reputation is acknowledged through the format, content and pedagogy of its programmes and their relevance to the society. The University has a vibrant academic structure which reflects through its eight schools of learning for diverse disciplinary field. Each School of Studies in the University combines a multilateral confluence of academic training, research, innovation and creativity. The Schools are embodiments of the University's ever growing quest for excellence in higher education and research. All the Schools encompass modern fields of studies, high-end technological exposure and a meaningful dissemination of knowledge coupled with practicing wisdom. The uniqueness of the University is acknowledged through the format, content and pedagogy of its programmes and their relevance to the society. The seminar is being organized by the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Committee of Gautam Buddha University.

About Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahsangha (ABRSM)

ABRSM is an organization imbued with Indianness with an aim to propagate the ideology of Cultural Nationalism in the field of education and society. Along with safeguarding teachers' interests including their salary, allowances, service conditions and other facilities, the Mahasangh keeps in mind its national objectives, plans and executes the programmes of social concern and educational upgradation. The organization, started thirty years back in Delhi, now has spread in over 27 states with 35 state organizations and more than 100 university level organizations.

About Shaikshik Foundation (SF)

Shaikshik Foundation is an organization registered in 2012 under charitable public trust at Delhi with the samkalp of reestablishing the truth of education which is cross-sectional with the Bhartiya Chintan. Shaikshik Foundation is an independent and autonomous organization working with the aim of complete change in educational world in the light of sanatan chintan tradition of Bharat. Taking into consideration the changes taking place in the field of education across the country, this organization apprise the students, teachers, educational institutions and regulatory bodies through various programmes.

Important Instructions and Dates

Paper Submission

- Participants willing to present paper are requested to send Abstract of the paper in maximum 400 words. Abstract should include the name of the

author(s), their affiliation and address (postal and e mail) and also the Mobile Number.

- Final paper should comprise about 5000 words, typed on 12 point Times New Roman font (In Hindi Mangal). Figures need to be given in JPEG format and tables with sources.
- Abstract and Paper will be accepted through email to gbu.ddu2020@gmail.com.
- Selected quality papers of the seminar will be published by the reputed publisher.

Registration Charges	Deadlines (Extended)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Indian Nationals: Rs. 1000 • For Research Scholars/ Students: Rs. 700 • For Foreign Participants: \$ 75 (Registration fee can be deposited in the University A/C: 6660000100000672; IFC Code: PUNB0666000, Gautam Buddha University) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Abstract: 30th December, 2019 • Notification of Acceptance: 05th January, 2020 • Submission of Full Paper: 10th January, 2020 • Date of Seminar: 18-19 January 2020

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