

Call for Papers

Academicians, research scholars, and students are invited to present papers on the above themes or any sub-themes related to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Research papers should be submitted as a soft copy in an MS Word file, adhering to the following format: a maximum of 3,000 words, Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The submission must include an Abstract of up to 250 words along with keywords. All references should follow the APA format. The research papers must be original, free from plagiarism (with a similarity index of less than 15%), and should not have been presented, submitted, or published elsewhere.

Selected research papers will be published in edited Books.

The accommodation shall be arranged for invited speakers only

The Registration fee shall not be collected from the participants

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Abstract Submission Deadline: **25.02.2025**
Full Paper Submission Deadline: **08.03.2025**

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Alagappa University has emerged from the galaxy of institutions initially founded during 1950's by the Padma Bhushan Dr. RM. Alagappa Chettiar (06.04.1909 - 05.04.1957). Alagappa University is a State Government University established by an Act of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature in 1985 as unitary type; later became Affiliating type during 2002. The University is situated at Karaikudi, in the District of Sivaganga, in the State of Tamil Nadu. Alagappa University's campus sprawls across 435.98 Acres of lush land, (428.15 acres in Main Campus and 7.83 acres in Thondi Campus) creating a highly secure, eco conscious and student friendly learning ambience. Alagappa University was brought into existence by a Special Act of the Government of Tamil Nadu in May 1985 with the objective of fostering research, development and dissemination of knowledge in various branches of learning. Alagappa University is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India. The University was accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC with CGPA of 3.594 (Dual Mode) in the 4th Cycle. The University has 44 Departments, 3 Academic Centres and 2 Constituent Colleges (AUCE, AUCPE) on its campus. 45 Colleges located in the districts of Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram are Affiliated to the University. The University is offering UG & PG programmes in the four Faculties (Arts, Science, Education, Management). The University is having International Collaborations with Universities / Institutions of Higher Learning in countries like U.S.A, U.K, Australia, Singapore, China, Malaysia and South Korea. The University's motto is "Excellence in Action" and the University keeps before it the vision of excellence in all spheres of its action.

The Chair

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair was established in Alagappa University in May 2019 with the approval and financial assistance of the UGC, New Delhi to disseminate the ideologies of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay among the Students of the University, Youth and in the Society at large. It is one of the four chairs in India approved by the UGC in the name of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and the only UGC-approved Chair established in Tamil Nadu and South India. Through this Chair, we have published four books and 14 articles, with two additional books under publication. We have also organized 36 events, including seminars, symposiums, special lectures, training programmes, and Integral Humanism celebrations, in collaboration with faculties of the University and affiliated colleges to disseminate the ideologies of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Besides this, we established the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Study Group, comprising faculty members of the University, and the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Youth Cadets, consisting of interested students from our University Departments, to carry out a series of activities. Further, the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair celebrates his birth anniversary as Integral Humanism Day and commemorates his death anniversary by conducting seminars, conferences, symposiums, and competitions every year.

The Conference

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was a prominent Indian philosopher, prolific writer, thinker, economist, and political leader deeply concerned with the development of marginalized communities in India. He was known for his visionary ideas on Integral Humanism, Antyodaya, Self-Reliant India, Decentralisation of Power, Cultural Nationalism etc. His philosophy, deeply rooted in Indian traditions, emphasized a holistic approach to development by integrating spiritual and material progress to address India's unique socio-economic needs. His philosophy of Integral Humanism made a significant contribution to the development of India's social and economic landscape.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay critiqued Western ideologies, arguing that both Capitalism and Communism were overly focused on materialism and individualism while neglecting the spiritual and ethical dimensions of human life. His concept of Antyodaya, which emphasizes uplifting the last person in society, has been widely debated in both public and political spheres. The successive governments in India have implemented various welfare schemes addressing the needs of the common people, serving as a testament to how Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's socio-economic thoughts have influenced public policy-making and governance in India. As a serious thinker, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay advocated for a governance model deeply rooted in Indian traditions and values. His ideas continue to inspire policies that promote self-sufficiency, rural development, and inclusive growth.

The chief aim of the National Conference on Revisiting Integral Humanism: A Pathway to Achieve Sustainable Development in India is to revisit the socio-economic, political, and cultural thoughts of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and highlight their relevance in addressing sustainable development in India. The conference will focus on various aspects, including sustainable socio-political systems, economic growth, agriculture, healthcare, sanitation, ecology, governance, etc.

Themes & Sub Themes

- ❖ Understanding Integral Humanism: Core Principles and Values
- ❖ Integral Humanism and its Relevance in the 21st Century
- ❖ Integral Humanism and Sustainable Socio-political and Economic Development
- ❖ Promoting Inclusive Growth and Reducing Inequality through the principles of Integral Humanism.
- ❖ Decentralization Governance in the Context of Integral Humanism
- ❖ Integral Humanism and Social Justice
- ❖ The Concept of 'Antyodaya' and its Implications
- ❖ Integral Humanism and Ecological Sustainability
- ❖ Integral Humanism and Good Governance
- ❖ Role of Integral Humanism in Addressing Poverty
- ❖ Integral Humanism and youth empowerment
- ❖ Healthcare and Integral Humanism
- ❖ Education and Integral Humanism
- ❖ Integral Humanism and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ❖ The Future of Integral Humanism in India

Invited Speakers

- ♦ **Dr. M. Uma Maheswari**, Professor and Head Dept. of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras.
- ♦ **Prof. D. Ramakrishnan**, Dean of Arts, Head -Department of Political Science, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- ♦ **Dr. C. Aruna**, Professor and Head, Centre for Women's Studies, Pondicherry University
- ♦ **Dr. P. Sakthivel**, Professor of Political Science Annamalai University, Chidambaram
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- ♦ **Dr. P. Rajkumar**, Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- ♦ **Dr. S. Theenathayalan**, Member of Syndicate, M.K. University, Associate Professor and Head of Economics, Madura College, Madurai
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- ♦ **Dr. A. Lakshmi Duttai**, Assistant Professor Subramania Bharathi School of Tamil Language & Literature, Pondicherry University
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