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# Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay

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**Why is in news?** Prime Minister pays tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was born in **1916 in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**. His father's name was Bhagwati Prasad, an astrologer, and his mother Rampyari was a religious woman.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was an Indian politician and most important leader of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

He was also the forerunner of the present-day Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Upadhyaya started the **monthly publication Rashtra Dharma**, broadly meaning 'National Duty', in the 1940s to **spread the ideals of Hindutva revival**.

Later he started the **weekly Panchjanya** and the **daily Swadesh**.

In Hindi, he wrote a **drama on Chandragupta Maurya**, and later wrote a **biography of Shankaracharya**. He **translated a Marathi biography of Hedgewar**.

Upadhyaya is known for drafting Jan Sangh's official **political doctrine, Integral humanism**, by including some **cultural-nationalism values** and his agreement with several Gandhian socialist principles such as sarvodaya (progress of all) and swadeshi (self-sufficiency).

His **principle of "integral humanism"** is defined as "a classless, casteless and conflict-free social order". It talks about the **integration of indigenous "Indian culture"** with the social, political and economic fabric of the nation. It provides for a holistic idea of human welfare.

He visualised for India a **decentralised polity and self-reliant economy** with the village as the base. He spoke against caste polarisation and identity-based voting.

He strongly argued against the left-right division as being detrimental to the growth of a constructive, transformative pro-people ideology. He strongly believed that politics must be **controlled by the masses, and not the wealthy**.

## Various scheme in the name of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya:

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY)

Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shramev Jayate Karyakram.

Deendayal Upadhyaya Swaniyojan Yojana (DUSY).

Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana.

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