



# Monthly Report

## Integral Humanism Initiative

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## Executive Summary

### MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT November 2023

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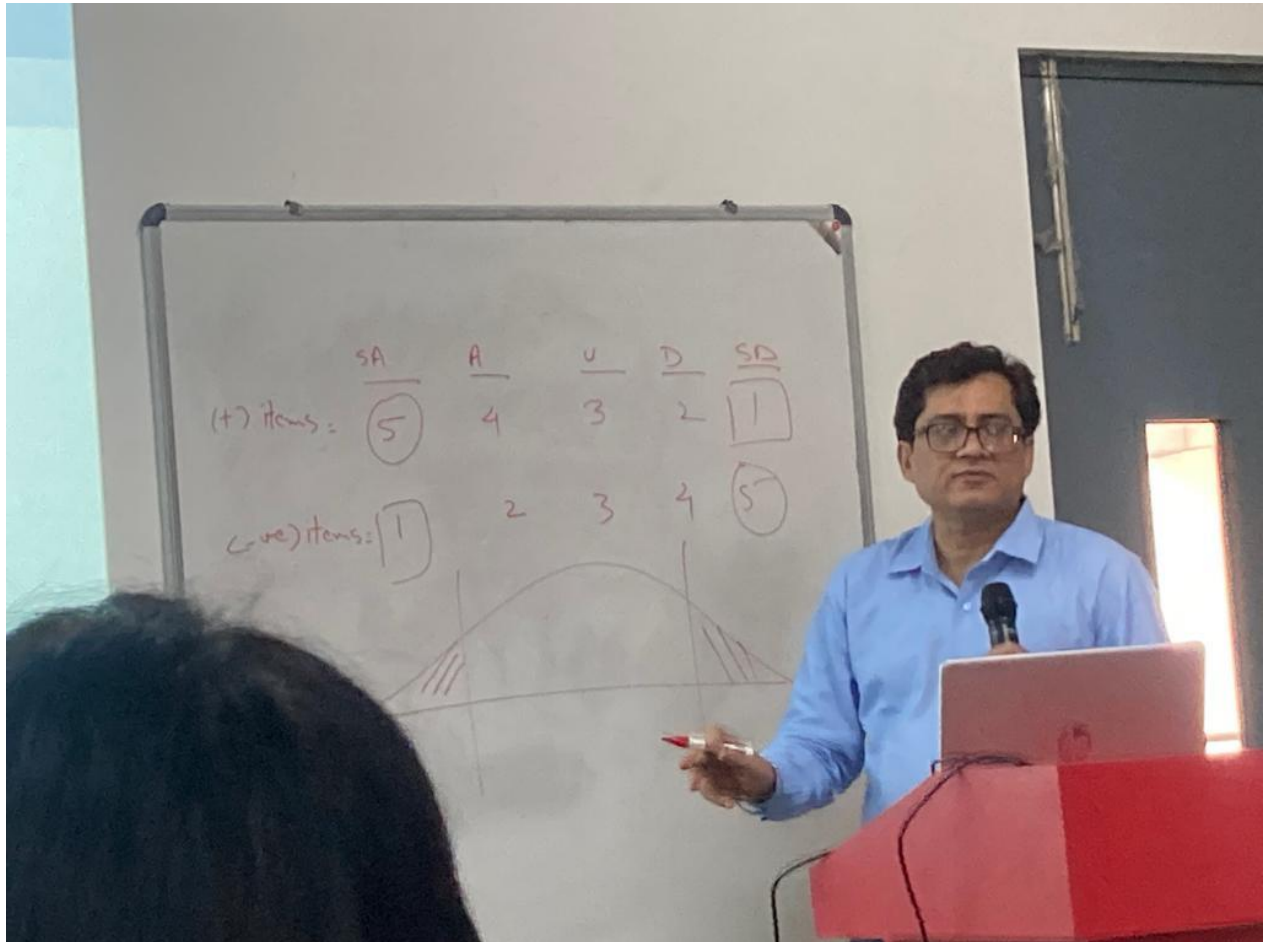
Major Activities of this Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Internship has been opened for in-house students and received good response.</li><li>➤ Completion of field study report.</li><li>➤ Hiring of research staff for ICSSR project completed.</li><li>➤ One conference has been proposed for April 2024.</li><li>➤ MoU with Khol-Khel Pvt Ltd. Completed.</li></ul>
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Next Month Task (December 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submission of research papers for journal publication</li> <li>➤ Completion of one section of write-up to proceed with game development.</li> <li>➤ Notify about the conference.</li> <li>➤ Conducting thematic session by eminent speaker as part of Ekatma Manav Darshan Series.</li> </ul>

## Academic Interactions

1. Session by Dr. Amit Ahuja, Associate Professor, School of Education (USE) Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University on "Development of Research Tools"

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> November



**Details:** In this segment, the session opened with a comprehensive exploration of the role and purpose of questionnaires in research. The discussion highlighted the differences between structured and unstructured questionnaires, emphasizing the flexibility each approach offers in data collection. Participants gained insights into the factors influencing the quality of questionnaires. Additionally, the session stressed the significance of employing specific language, such as "retrieve," "enquire," and "study," to enhance the precision of research instruments. This session provided a broad overview of the research

process, emphasizing the step-by-step approach necessary for conducting meaningful research. Logistical considerations, including data availability and feasibility, were discussed as practical aspects integral to the research process. The importance of a design-driven methodology was underscored, emphasizing its role in ensuring coherence and meaningful outcomes in research.

The Likert scales section delved into the various levels of Likert scales, ranging from 2 to 9 points, providing participants with a detailed understanding of their applications and nuances. Each Likert scale was explored individually, with examples provided to elucidate their distinctions. The session aimed to equip participants with the knowledge required to construct precise and effective survey questions using Likert scales.

The session emphasized the practical applications of the discussed research tools. Attendees were encouraged to apply the insights gained in questionnaire design, research methodology, and the utilization of Likert scales in their respective research projects.

**Key Outcomes:**

- Precision and thoughtful design are crucial in constructing effective questionnaires.
- A systematic research process, guided by a well-designed methodology, enhances the credibility of research outcomes.
- Likert scales provide a versatile tool for capturing nuanced responses, demanding a thorough understanding of their variations.



**2. Session by Srinivasarao Patturu, Dean of Design and Innovation, S.R. University on “Field Investigators Grasping Field Investigation Techniques and Discussing Key Points Essential for Their Understanding”.**

**Date:** 20th November 2023



**Details:** The session conducted by Srinivasarao Patturu, Dean of Design and Innovation at S.R. University, was dedicated to enhancing the capabilities of field investigators in understanding and applying effective field investigation techniques. The primary focus was on equipping the investigators with the necessary skills and insights required for the successful execution of the ICSSR Project titled "Empowering Rural Communities: The Crucial Role of Community Resource Persons in Advancing Objectives of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana in Poverty-Stricken Backward Districts of Uttar Pradesh." Srinivasarao Patturu emphasized the concept of precision in field investigations. He discussed the importance of formulating precise questions, ensuring that data collected is accurate and

directly contributes to the objectives of the research project. The session delved into breaking away from one-directional thinking. Patturu shared insights on avoiding narrow perspectives and encouraged field investigators to approach their work with openness, adaptability, and a holistic view. Drawing on his experiences, particularly working with Chandrababu Naidu, the Dean presented case studies illustrating effective strategies for field investigations. This included immersing in the field, conducting workshops, and gaining a deep understanding of the local electorate. Stressing the importance of clear objectives, the session highlighted the need for field investigators to define their research objectives clearly. This step is crucial for guiding the research process and ensuring that collected data aligns with the overarching goals of the ICSSR Project. Srinivasarao Patturu underscored the significance of considering cultural context, employing ethnographic methods, and incorporating sociological perspectives in data collection. Understanding the cultural nuances is essential for meaningful and contextually relevant research outcomes. The session included a discussion on the dangers of making assumptions in research. Field investigators were advised to follow a structured inquiry process, actively involve participants, and focus on building trust to mitigate the risks associated with assumptions.

**Key Outcomes:** The session provided valuable insights and practical guidance for field investigators, equipping them with the necessary tools to conduct effective field investigations for the ICSSR Project. These insights will help IHI project to plan the next field study related to corporate sector.



## ICSSR Project Started

**Date :** 8th November

**Details:** Member of IHI team along with newly joined research staff for ICSSR project visited Bareilly to get initial input from the government officials. Officials in Bareilly district provided a detailed overview of the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) within the DAY-NRLM program, shedding light on various aspects of their structure and functioning. CRPs within the DAY-NRLM program are exclusively composed of females, with no male involvement in the process. The selection criteria for CRPs include active participation, a minimum eighth-grade education, a comprehensive understanding of the DAY-NRLM program, effective communication skills, and the stipulation of only one CRP per village for dedicated support.



## IHI Monthly Internal Meeting

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Details:** The team recently conducted a thorough discussion aimed at identifying the most pertinent themes for the upcoming DDU expert sessions. The deliberations were marked by careful consideration, resulting in the proposal of 11 crucial themes that encapsulate diverse facets of community development.

These themes encompass Agriculture, delving into sustainable farming practices and the technological impact on local economies, to Rural Development, where strategies for inclusive



growth, infrastructure, and community empowerment will be analyzed. The discussion extended to Community Development, focusing on the pivotal role of communities in fostering social progress through collaborative initiatives.

Environmental Protection emerged as a key theme, addressing measures for sustainability, conservation, and community involvement in eco-friendly practices. Healthcare will be explored in terms of access, community health programs, and the integration of technology in delivery. The Corporate theme will examine the intersection of corporate initiatives with social responsibility and sustainable practices.

Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be highlighted, addressing strategies for skill enhancement, entrepreneurial development, and creating economic opportunities. Education will explore innovations, inclusive learning practices, and the role of education in community development. Cultural Preservation underscores the importance of safeguarding heritage and traditions, examining the impact of cultural initiatives on community identity.

Economics will delve into economic policies, inclusive growth, and the role of local economies in broader developmental goals. Finally, Spirituality will be explored,

understanding its role in personal and community development, and its impact on overall well-being.

Moving forward, team members are encouraged to initiate preparations, developing materials and outlines for their respective themes. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to finalize responsibilities, timelines, and additional details. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with the team eagerly anticipating the insightful discussions and contributions expected during the upcoming DDU expert sessions.

**Key point:** The team discussed and proposed 11 crucial themes for DDU expert sessions, spanning agriculture, healthcare, education, and more.

## Approved Proposal for ICPR lecture Series to Celebrate World Philosophy Day

**Date:** 28 November

**Details:** Team IHI Submitted proposal for ICPR Lecture Series to Celebrate World Philosophy Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The proposal aims to showcase the rich philosophical heritage of India through a series of intellectually stimulating lectures. The proposed lectures aim to provide a comprehensive exploration of the profound philosophical ideas and legacies of these eminent thinkers, spanning diverse areas of integral philosophy, humanism, education, democracy, and freedom. The IHI team is committed to curating a lecture series that not only honors the intellectual contributions of these philosophers but also contributes significantly to the broader field of philosophy and education. The proposal aligns with the spirit of World Philosophy Day, emphasizing the importance of philosophical discourse in fostering intellectual development and societal progress. The team eagerly anticipates the approval of the ICPR for this proposal, envisioning a thought-provoking and enriching lecture series that will engage scholars, students, and enthusiasts in a meaningful exploration of India's philosophical heritage.

## IHI Team Updates

### 1. Drafted IHI Field Visit Report Compilation

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November

The Integral Humanism Initiative, led by Team IHI, aimed to showcase the profound impact of Deen Dayal Upadhyay's philosophy across the domains of Academics, Social & Economics, and Corporates. Focused field visits were conducted to gather data on the application and outcomes of Upadhyay's ideology.

**Academic Sector:** In Puducherry, the emphasis was on meditation and concentration, highlighting the holistic development and spirituality in education. The exploration of Integral Education models showcased a dynamic and integral approach to education. In Bangaluru (Doddamadhure), the study analyzed the mainstream education system's strengths and limitations within the village's context. In Chitrakoot, a commitment to well-rounded education and traditional values was observed in schools like SPGV School, Gurukul Sankul, KDBA Vidyalaya, and PAPVP Vidyalaya Ganivan. These institutions underscored the paramount importance of academic aspects and holistic development in Chitrakoot.

**Social and Economic Sector:** In Puducherry (Auroville), Auroville's holistic approach to social and economic development, emphasizing spiritual growth and conscious living, was evident. In Bangaluru (Doddamadhure), the Swagrama Fellowship Program showcased integral humanism in community development, addressing individual needs, community well-being, and sustainable resource management. In Chitrakoot, the Deendayal Research Institute exemplified the practical application of integral humanism in rural development, emphasizing transformative and people-centric models.

#### **Key Findings:**

1. **Holistic Development:** Integral humanism translated into a comprehensive development approach covering physical, intellectual, spiritual, and social aspects.
2. **Community Empowerment:** Community-driven initiatives led to greater empowerment and self-reliance.

3. **Sustainable Practices:** Integration of traditional wisdom showcased how indigenous knowledge systems contribute to sustainable rural development.
4. **Cultural Preservation:** Initiatives like museums and Gurukuls played a crucial role in preserving local culture and identity.
5. **Innovative Education Models:** Unique educational models were identified, fostering comprehensive human development.

These findings emphasize the tangible impact of integral humanism in diverse sectors, reflecting a commitment to holistic development, cultural preservation, and sustainable practices. The Integral Humanism Initiative stands as a testament to the enduring relevance of Deen Dayal Upadhyay's philosophy in shaping a well-rounded and empowered society.

## 2. **Finalized Tentative Brochure for IHI Two Days National Conference in 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Details:** The National Conference on Integral Humanism draws inspiration from the profound philosophy of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, aiming to foster a comprehensive understanding of this worldview and its contemporary significance. Emphasizing academic rigor and philosophical exploration, this conference serves as a platform to unite scholars, researchers, and practitioners across diverse fields, promoting meaningful discourse. The conference will have three verticals- Two thematic sessions and one focused symposium. Thematic sessions revolve around following major themes, each designed to address current challenges and opportunities in various sectors while honoring the philosophy of Integral Humanism. These themes encompass economics, politics, education, foreign policy, agriculture, rural development, and conceptual and philosophical exploration. The symposium is focused on the issue of Integrating Integral Humanism Values into School Education. Participants can write papers in any of the following verticals.

## 3. **Announced Research -Intern (One Month) Opportunity in Rishihood University for IHI**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Details:** The Centre for Human Sciences at Rishihood University has opened applications for a one-month research internship under the Integral Humanism Initiative. This initiative focuses on exploring Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's



philosophy and its alignment with broader Indian philosophical perspectives, including insights from Sri Aurobindo and Swami Vivekananda. Interns are expected to commit a minimum of 3 hours per day for a total of 50 hours per month. Key responsibilities include conducting a literature review on Integral Humanism, documenting current government policies related to Antyodaya, organizing expert talks, webinars, and online seminars, as well as supporting field visits for data collection and curriculum development. Interns will actively participate in seminars and workshops aimed at disseminating research findings.

The internship offers a stipend of 4000 per month, providing financial support for the selected candidates. The selection process involves an initial application through a Google form, followed by interviews for shortlisted candidates. The application form can be accessed through the provided link. Shortlisted candidates will receive further communication from the Rishihood University team. This internship presents a valuable opportunity for individuals to engage in meaningful research, contribute to the ongoing mission of the Integral Humanism Initiative, and delve into the philosophical underpinnings that shape contemporary perspectives on societal issues.

#### 4. Monthly IHI Super Wall Poster Prepared

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> November

The Integral Humanism Initiative (IHI) embarks on a holistic exploration of interconnectedness, beautifully encapsulated in the theme for the IHI wall poster. This thematic representation underscores the profound philosophy of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, seamlessly weaving together the intricate threads of individual, societal, global, and divine connections.

**1. Man connected to Vyashti:** At the core of the theme lies the individual, symbolized by 'Vyashti.' It reflects the understanding that each person is intricately connected to the greater whole, emphasizing the significance of self-awareness and personal development.

**2. Family, Society, and Nation connected to Samashti:** Moving beyond the individual, the theme extends to 'Samashti,' encompassing the interlinked realms of family, society, and nation. It recognizes the collective responsibility and shared destiny that bind individuals into a cohesive societal fabric.

**3. Humanity and World linked to Srishti:** Expanding further, 'Srishti' symbolizes the connection of humanity to the world at large. It signifies a global perspective,

emphasizing the interdependence of nations and the shared responsibility for the well-being of the planet.

**4. The Divine connected to Parameshti:** At the pinnacle of the theme lies 'Parameshti,' representing the divine connection. It underscores the spiritual dimension of integral humanism, acknowledging the profound link between individuals and the divine, transcending the earthly realms.

This thematic representation on the IHI wall poster serves as a visual testament to the holistic philosophy of integral humanism, encouraging contemplation on the intricate web of connections that define human existence. It invites individuals to reflect on their roles not only as individuals but as integral components of families, societies, nations, humanity, and a divine order – a powerful reminder of the interconnectedness that shapes our collective journey.

**Thank You**



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