

Monthly Report

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Executive Summary

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT October 2023

Major Activities of this Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Second lecture of Ekatma Manav Darshan Series ➤ Research papers out of field studies (Currently under internal peer-review and revision) ➤ Field study reports- Infographics (Currently under internal peer-review and revision) ➤ Conference preparation under process (Finalized Date: 15-16 March) ➤ Joining of research staff in Special project funded by ICSSR. ➤ A comprehensive report on attending Wardha conference completed (Attached Separately). ➤ One research monograph has been completed (Attached Separately).
Academic interaction sessions	01
Publications/ Presentations	02 documents
Next Month Task (November 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Publication of Field study reports in Infographic manner ➤ Submission of research papers in UGC listed journals. ➤ Proceed with game development.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Announcement of Conference on IH➤ Visit to DRI and other academic meetings for possible collaboration.➤ Continue with Ekatma Manav Darshan Series. |
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Academic Interactions

Ekatma Darshan Series Lecture-2

Title: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Generative AI and the Technological Singularity

Speaker: Shri Pankaj Upadhyay, Author & Director (India and Middle East), Bricpoint Capital, UK

Date: 26/10/2023

Time: 12-1 PM

Details:

The session opened with Shri Pankaj Upadhyay, the guest speaker and Director at Bricpoint Capital, UK, delivering a thought-provoking lecture. Shri Upadhyay's presentation revolved around the relevance of Integral Humanism in the era of Generative AI and the Technological Singularity.

The following key points were covered during the lecture:

Shri Pankaj Upadhyay began by addressing fundamental philosophical questions regarding the nature of humanity, asking, "Where do we come from?" and "What are we?"

He elaborated on various aspects of humanism, highlighting that humanism, in its broadest sense, involves valuing the human being and the human condition. Shri Upadhyay emphasized that the journey from philosophy to science is a humanistic one, acknowledging the role of human thought and inquiry in shaping our understanding of the world.



The speaker discussed the concept of a separate sense of self as a defining characteristic of humanity. Topics related to empathy, morality, language, cognition, and their connection to the biological factors of humanity were explored.

Shri Upadhyay introduced intriguing concepts such as "Newton's sleep," "The Divided Brain," "Escaping the Hall of Miseries," and "The Invisible Gorilla" to illustrate complex aspects of human perception and consciousness.

Ethical considerations in humanity and the idea that Humanism serves as an arch of morality were addressed. The importance of artificial intelligence and its ethical implications were discussed, emphasizing that the byproduct of such endeavors is Humanistic AI.

Shri Pankaj Upadhyay concluded the lecture by highlighting the concept of integration as a process that leads from partial truth to wholeness. The Ekatma Darshan Series event was an insightful and enriching experience, providing a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and exploration of the intersection between humanism, technology, and artificial intelligence.

Key Takeaways:

1. Humanism remains essential in the face of advancing technology, guiding ethical considerations in AI and the Technological Singularity.
2. The journey from partial truth to wholeness emphasizes the need for integrating technology and humanistic values for a holistic and ethical future.

ICSSR short-time project Update (as part of sub project of IHI)

As part of the Integral Humanism Initiative, a comprehensive policy-making project focusing on the Socio-Economic Sector, we sought funding from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for a short-term project aimed at advancing the objectives of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana in poverty-stricken backward districts of Uttar Pradesh. This report details the key events and decisions made during the initial stages of the project.

Project Title: "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"

Hirings: Two research staff have been joined and Four Field Investigator will be joining this project in November.

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