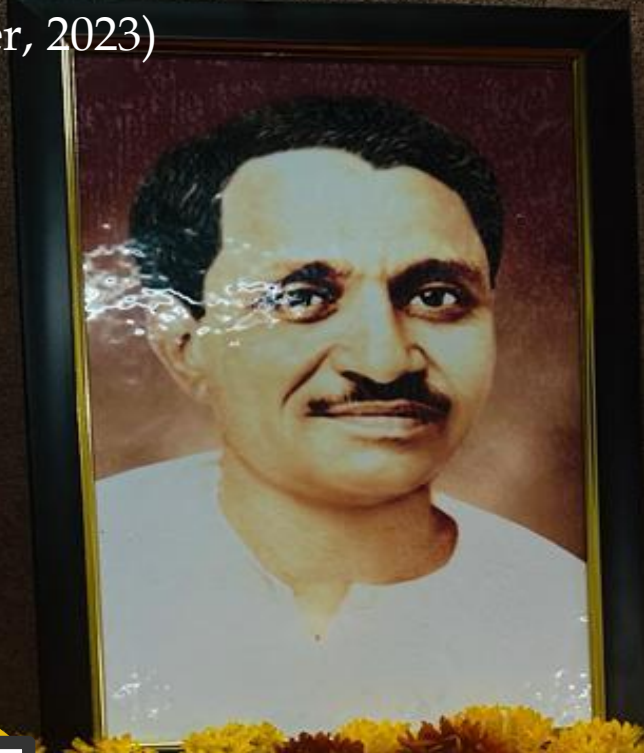


## Monthly Report

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## Executive Summary

### MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT September 2023

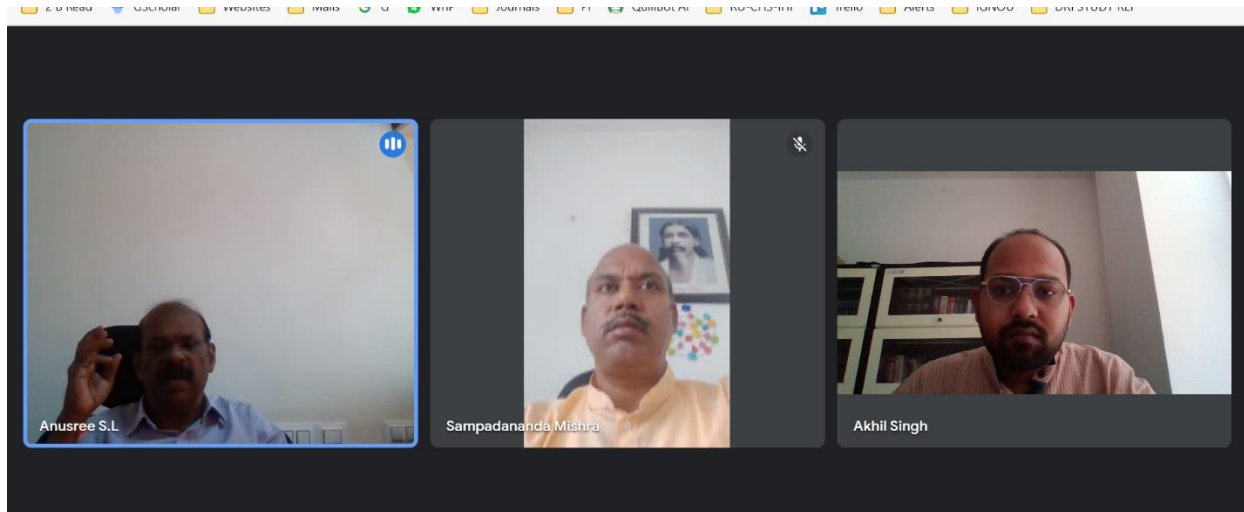
Major Activities of this Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inaugural lecture of Ekatma Manav Darshan Series</li> <li>➤ Paper presentations in Conference</li> <li>➤ One intern successfully completed his internship period.</li> <li>➤ Completion of three research papers out of field studies (Draft ready, currently under internal peer-review)</li> <li>➤ A database of experts and Institutions related to DDU has been prepared.</li> <li>➤ Three field study reports has been completed (compilation and editing under process)</li> <li>➤ Short term project sponsored by ICSSR launched.</li> <li>➤ One research proposal has been submitted to ICPR for conducting lectures.</li> <li>➤ One new intern has been selected.</li> <li>➤ Half-yearly project progress review meeting conducted and set goals for next six months.</li> <li>➤ Planning for a conference has been started (Possible dates: March 2024)</li> </ul>
Academic interaction sessions	01

Publications/ Presentations	03 Conference Presentations
Next Month Task (October 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Finish compilation of Field study reports</li><li>➤ Submission of research papers in good journals</li><li>➤ Proceed with game development.</li><li>➤ Visit to DRI and other academic meetings for possible collaboration.</li><li>➤ Finalize and notify about the conference.</li><li>➤ Conducting thematic session by eminent speaker as part of Ekatma Manav Darshan Series.</li></ul>

## Academic Interactions

Session by V. Madhusudhanan Pillai on “Introducing Bharatiya Vichara Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram Activities”

Date: 4th September 2023



### **Details:**

On September 4, 2023, an online meeting was held to introduce the activities and initiatives of Bharatiya Vichara Kendra (BVK) by Prof. V. Madhusudhanan Pillai, the Academic Dean of BVK. The meeting with Prof. V. Madhusudhanan Pillai provided valuable insights into the activities and aspirations of Bharatiya Vichara Kendra. Moreover he shared the relationship between P. Parameswaran ( BVK Director) and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. The BVK's official recognition as a Research Centre and its commitment to academic excellence make it a potential partner for collaborative efforts with the IHI project. The meeting concluded with mutual interest in exploring avenues for joint activities, and further discussions will be held to formalize collaboration plans. This partnership has the potential to contribute significantly to the intellectual and cultural development of the broader community.

BVK has earned a strong reputation through intellectual activities and publications. It has organized notable National and International seminars, including seminars on "Integral Humanism in Contemporary India" and "Research for Resurgence," attracting scholars,

students, and cultural leaders. BVRCD has obtained permission to conduct research in seven subjects: Economics, History, Management, Philosophy, Politics, English, and Sanskrit. It is well-prepared with infrastructure and experienced guides for research activities.

**Key Points:** BVK expressed to collaborate with the IHI project. It is interested in joint endeavors encompassing research, lectures by renowned scholars, Workshops, and project work, with a focus on enhancing the intellectual and practical capabilities of scholars.

BVK aspires to become a "Center of Excellence" in research and development. It is committed to maintaining high academic standards and addressing real-life issues at both the national and international levels.

## Team IHI's Participation in the 60th IPSA Conference

Date: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Details:

The Integral Humanism Initiative (IHI) team actively participated in the 60th All India Political Science Conference organized by the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) in conjunction with an International Seminar on 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: One Earth, One Family, One Future.' This prestigious event took place on September 9th and 10th, 2023, at Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha.

### Objectives Behind Participation:

1. **Promotion of Integral Humanism Philosophy:** IHI

aimed to promote the philosophy of Integral Humanism, as envisioned by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, within the field of political science and public administration. This involved advocating for the integration of Integral Humanism principles into academic and practical aspects of these disciplines.



2. **Academic Engagement:** Recognizing IPSA as a prominent academic and professional body in political science and public administration, IHI sought to engage with scholars and educators. The initiative aimed to foster discussions on the practical application of Integral Humanism in political science research and curricula.
3. **Presenting Field Visit Findings:** IHI used the platform to present findings from three extensive field visits to Pondicherry, Bangalore, and Chittrakoot. These visits were directly related to Integral Humanism and its real-world implications.
4. **Dissemination of Knowledge:** Aligning with IPSA's intellectual traditions, IHI aimed to disseminate knowledge and engage in rigorous political inquiry. The conference provided a suitable platform for sharing insights and research related to Integral Humanism, contributing to the advancement of political science.
5. **Cultural and Traditional Values:** Integral Humanism places a strong emphasis on preserving cultural and traditional values. IHI participated in discussions about how political science and public administration can play a role in safeguarding and promoting these values in governance and policymaking.
6. **Global Perspective (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam):** The theme of the International Seminar, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: One Earth, One Family, One Future," aligned with the universal and global aspects of Integral Humanism. IHI utilized this platform to explore how Integral Humanism can foster global solidarity and cooperation within the realm of politics and governance.

**Key Takeaways:** The conference allowed IHI to share the valuable findings from its field visits, contributing to the broader discourse on the applicability and significance of Integral Humanism in contemporary politics and academia. This visit reinforced IHI's commitment to advancing the principles of Integral Humanism and integrating them into political science and public administration for the betterment of society and governance. This participation helped to make new connections with other scholars working in the areas of Integral humanism.

**Relevance of the Visit:** The participation of the IHI team in the 60th IPSA Conference holds significant relevance. It provided a pivotal opportunity to achieve the initiative's core objectives, including the



promotion of Integral Humanism, engagement with the academic community, knowledge dissemination, preservation of cultural values, and advocacy for a global perspective.

## ICSSR short-time project launched (Initial team meeting)

**Date:** 14th September 2023

**Details:**

During the meeting, the project's core objectives were discussed, emphasizing its focus on assessing the utilization and impact of Community Resource Persons (CRPs) in impoverished areas of Uttar Pradesh, known for its historical poverty challenges. The research aims to understand CRPs' role in implementing the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, a relatively unexplored area. A mixed-methods approach, involving both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis, will be employed, supported by various tools and software. Key permanent tasks for the project were identified, including documentation, document review, database management, organizing meetings, data collection, data analysis, finance management, hiring research assistants, and university-related work.

The project timeline spans six months, starting with a preparatory phase and progressing through data collection, analysis, and concluding with the final report and workshop in the last month. Budget concerns were raised during the discussion, as the allocated budget of 12 lakhs rupees was considered insufficient. However, project directors acknowledged the project's potential significance in fostering inner consciousness and expressed enthusiasm for its implementation.

**Key Takeaways:**

1. The short-term project's field study data will benefit our project by enhancing our understanding of socio-political and economic aspects of Community Development.
2. It will provide valuable insights into the various policies associated with Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's name.

## Inauguration of Ekatma Manav Darshan lecture Series

Celebration of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's 107th Birth Anniversary and lecture by Shri. Deepak Sharma

Date: 25h September 2023



### **Details:**

On September 25th, the Centre for Human Sciences at Rishihood University celebrated the 107th birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, as part of the Integral Humanism Initiative Project. To start with the "Ekatma Darshan Series," CHS initiated a guest lecture scheduled from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on September 25th at Dharmakshetra. The lecture's topic was "Integral Humanism - Survival of the Weakest" with a focus on the roadmap to

### **Key Takeaways:**

1. The lecture focused on "Integral Humanism - Survival of the Weakest," highlighting the importance of inclusive development and the well-being of the most vulnerable in society.
2. "Integral Humanism - Survival of the Weakest" underscores the philosophy of ensuring the empowerment and resilience of marginalized populations to achieve a more equitable society.



Swawlambi Bharat, and it was delivered by Shri Deepak Sharma. Shri Deepak Sharma is a member of the Central Working Committee, in charge of Delhi, and serves as the All India Associate Head of Treasury for the Swadeshi Jagaran Manch. He has been actively involved with the Swadeshi Jagaran Manch since 1993 and has played significant roles within the organization during this time. Following the lecture, the Centre for Human Sciences introduced a "tree-fi" campaign aimed at fostering a connection between humans and nature. Participants were encouraged to tie a rakhi to a tree and take a selfie with the tree, sharing it on CHS's Instagram page with a meaningful caption. Selected pictures will be eligible for gifts to be awarded during the next lecture. Professor Sampadananda Mishra, the Director of CHS, provided valuable suggestions and guidelines for organizing this event.

## Half Yearly IHI Review Meeting

**Date: 27h September 2023**

**Details:**

End of this month our team successfully completed six months of this project. So we had a meeting with all team members for analyzing our project progress and future plans.

### **Part-I: Half Yearly Review Meeting**

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive review of the activities undertaken in the past six months. Key highlights included the completion of three field reports in two phases, team participation in the Wardha Conference, and the launch of the internship program. Other notable achievements encompassed the signing of an MoU with Khol-Khel, the acceptance of Shri Maheshan Sharma ji as Professor Emeritus, and the creation of a database related to Integral Humanism. Furthermore, efforts were made in the areas of academic publications, book reviews, and blog posts. The successful completion of two internships and several expert lectures was also acknowledged.



### **Part-II: Next Six Months**

In the upcoming six months, the Integral Humanism Initiative aims to organize a conference, publish research papers based on field studies, and compile field study findings into infographics. Collaboration with Khol-Khel for a blog game is planned, along with the organization of a second round table and the establishment of a social media presence. The initiative is actively seeking committed interns and will continue the monthly expert session series. The research work will be prominently displayed on the

IHI wall, and an edited book will be published using papers presented in the conference. Additionally, research books will be developed, and a summer school workshop is in the pipeline.

### **Part-III: Task Allocation**

The allocation of tasks among team members was discussed and decided upon. Each team member was assigned specific responsibilities, including finalizing research papers, compiling field study reports, managing the blog game, organizing the second round table, handling social media and the IHI wall, managing the internship program, developing research books, and handling logistics for outside visits and expert sessions.

### **Part-IV: Meeting Rules**

Meeting rules were established to ensure effective communication and coordination within the team. Group meetings are scheduled daily from 4 PM to 5 PM for updates, with individual meetings from 3 PM to 4 PM. General discussions are encouraged between 3 PM and 5 PM, with exceptions for emergencies. The last working day of each month is dedicated to preparing the monthly report, and the day before the last working day is reserved for presentations.

The meeting concluded with a clear agenda for the next six months and a commitment to achieve the outlined objectives.

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

### **Details:**

Team IHI submitted the proposal for a grant to the ICPR Lecture Series in celebration of World Philosophy Day. The proposal outlined a series of five tentative lecture titles, each focusing on significant philosophical contributions. These titles are as follows:

1. Integral Philosophy for Global Harmony: Sri Aurobindo's Vision
2. Integral Humanism in the 21st Century: Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's Relevance
3. Madan Mohan Malviya: Reviving Indian Philosophy and Education
4. Ram Manohar Lohia and the Idea of Indian Democracy
5. Beyond Boundaries: Jiddu Krishnamurti's Philosophy of Freedom

The proposed lectures aim to explore and delve into the profound philosophical ideas and legacies of these eminent thinkers. The IHI team is committed to creating an intellectually stimulating lecture series that contributes significantly to the field of philosophy and education.

## IHI Team Updates

### 1. **Mayuresh Kumar Tripathi successfully completed two months Internship Program.**

Our First Intern Mayuresh Kumar Tripathi successfully completed his two months Internship program. In the Integral Humanism Initiative he is applying his analytical expertise to compile a comprehensive compendium that captures the multifaceted contributions of Shri Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, including his works, research, and institutional legacies. During his internship, he assisted team members by transcribing the First Round-Table Report. Additionally, he contributed to the preparation of a research proposal for an ICSSR project, drawing from various policies associated with Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya ji.

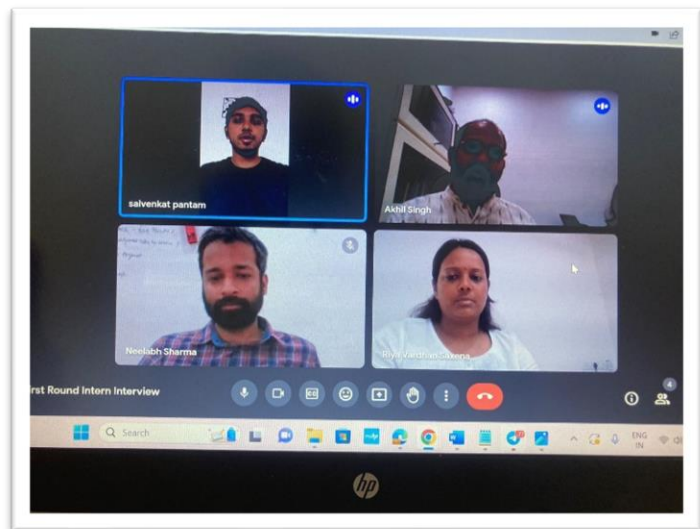
### 2. **New Intern Joined the team:**

Sai Venkat Pantham has been selected as our new intern after the two phases of Interview. He has a strong educational background in International Relations and Politics, along with relevant coursework and valuable skills that make him a valuable addition to our team.

He holds a Master of Arts in International Relations and Politics from the Central University of Kerala (2021-2023) and a Bachelor of Arts in History, Politics, and Economics from Andhra Loyola College (2018-2021).

His coursework includes a wide range of subjects in the field of International Relations and Politics, covering topics such as International Relations Theory, Comparative Politics,

Global Security, American and Indian Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, and Research Methods in International Relations, demonstrating a strong academic foundation.





He possesses proficiency in English, Telugu, Hindi, and Sanskrit. He is known for his excellent research and writing skills, strong analytical and problem-solving abilities, and the capacity to work effectively both independently and as part of a team. He is an active member of the International Studies Association and volunteers at a local food bank, showcasing his commitment to community involvement. He also has publications under review for his thesis on the "Soft Power of Japan and South Korea." His research interests span various areas, including US-China relations, international security, global governance, South Asian politics, and public policy. He aspires to contribute his skills and knowledge to a research or policy organization with the aim of making a positive impact on the world.

**Thank You**



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