

ECONOMIC THOUGHT OF PT. DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA

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ABSTRACT

Two hundred years of British rule in India ended any chance of a new ideology coming through India, post the age of reason, that is, the eighteenth century. Moreover, we forgot our indigenous ways of living that had survived and succeeded for a good part of history. With the advent of our independence, we also came upon the realisation of how torn apart India was and the ruins that the British had left our thought systems in. The world at that point was torn apart between the capitalist and communist ideologies and for India to not side with anyone ideology and going for its own indigenous ways was the main goal. India, obviously, adopted a lot of concepts from all around the world in its constitution. All this while, the proponents of integral humanism gave a solution to this problem of adopting foreign systems for indigenous problems and warned against the repercussions of deviating from the accustomed ways of the land in an unnatural way. This research is to understand the place of Integral Humanism through the lens of its economic sustainability in today's society or simply the economic thought of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, the leading proponent of Integral Humanism in the 20th century.

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