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**MP is marching on path  
shown by Deendayal  
Upadhyaya**



**-Shivraj Singh  
Chouhan**

**A**ccording to Indian philosophy an individual having attained the highest level of consciousness feels one with the universe. It is pleasant to hear, speak, read and write about it but it is very difficult to attain this state of mind that elevates one to divinity. The proponent of the philosophy of Integral Humanism, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya was one such great person.

He had a razor-edged intellect, but this alone cannot make one great. It needs a perfect blend of clean heart and sharp intellect to work for welfare of humankind. Though a voracious reader, Panditji was not merely a bookworm. Bookish knowledge does not help much a person who has no wisdom and insight. Pandit Upadhyaya was an original thinker having vast knowledge of subjects ranging from religion to economics, sociology etc. He was as great a litterateur as he was an ideal politician. He wrote a play 'Chandragupta' in a single sitting.

Panditji advocated development based on Indian philosophy.

He said, 'Western Science and Western Ways of life are two different things. Whereas Western Science is Universal and must be absorbed by us if we wish to go forward, the same is not true about the Western Ways of life and values'.

Panditji advocated furthering of the Indian thought of manifestation of oneness of all the different forms and unity in diversity. At Kozhikhode, where our National Executive is being held, while addressing a gathering of thousands of workers 50 years ago Panditji had said that we are not committed to any particular community or section but to service of entire nation.

It gives me satisfaction that in last 11-12 years we have been able to formulate and implement the schemes and programmes in consonance with philosophy of Pandit Upadhyaya in Madhya Pradesh. He said that progress of the nation will not be assessed by the status of the person on the highest rung but by that of the one in the lowest rung.

Let us re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of the weaker and down trodden sections of society drawing inspiration from life and deeds of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on his birth centenary year. Let us have empathy with the universe and one and all. This would be a true tribute to him. *(The writer is the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh)*