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**State level Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's birth anniversary celebration:**  
**CM recounts Deen Dayal's ideology**



The statewide birth anniversary celebration of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was marked with a grand ceremony at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan, Agartala today. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha inaugurated the event and emphasized Pandit Upadhyay's belief that India's development cannot be achieved by adopting foreign philosophies. So the chief minister stated that we have to follow the ideology of thinkers like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and Upadhyay himself. A short documentary on Pandit Upadhyay's life was screened, and floral tributes were offered by the CM and other dignitaries. In his address, CM Saha highlighted Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's contributions as a statesman and the founder of united humanism, stressing that his philosophy continues to provide guidance for India's progress. The posthumous Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Award was presented to Brajesh Chakraborty for his notable contributions to social work and public relations. He was awarded Rs 1 lakh in cash, memento and a shawl. An essay competition was also held as part of the celebration, with Sneha Saha, Devatri Nandi, and Mujibur Rahman securing the top three positions.

The special speaker of today's event, Dr. New Delhi. Anirban Ganguly, chairman of Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Research Foundation, said, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was a political philosopher, organizer, writer, editor and above all a patriot. His plans for the welfare of India were full of foresightedness. He always talked about the national entity. He used to say, independence without national entity will be of no use. Shri Ganguly and his wife were felicitated on the occasion by the State Government. In the welcome speech, the Secretary of the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, PK Chakraborty said, apart from the state-level program, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's birth anniversary was celebrated in 22 sub-divisions. Also present on the occasion were Vice Chairman of State Cultural Advisory Committee Subrata Chakraborty, ICA Director Bimbisar Bhattacharya and others. Afterwards an open quiz competition was held with school students.