

# DEENDAYAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Deendayal Research Institute, a premier voluntary organization of India is engaged in socio-economic and applied research in rural India. Ever since it was founded by the noted social scientist and philosopher, Rashtrarishi Nanaji Deshmukh in 1968, the Institute has been striving to validate on ground, the principles enunciated by late Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay through his philosophy of 'Integral Humanism'.

During its existence of over four and a half decades, the DRI, as it is commonly known, the Institute has done pioneering research on various issues and subjects touching rural lives. Briefly, the subjects are:

- agriculture,
- water conservation,
- livestock development,
- rural entrepreneurship and skill development,
- education,
- health and hygiene
- social behavior,
- inculcating scientific temperament among children, and
- identifying and adapting appropriate technology

Swavlamban, i.e., self-reliance is the key word that the Institute's activities revolve around. Contemporising indigenous thought, traditional wisdom and knowledge systems, and technologies are central to its activities. Education and health are other key areas.

A unique 'self-reliance model' evolved by the Institute has been awarded ISO: 9001-2008 for its replicability. Another unique concept that the Institute has worked with is 'Social Architect Couples' as the agents of change in rural India. Over the years, the Institute has evolved such model through its developmental activities in Gonda (UP), Beed and Nagpur (Maharashtra), and its flagship programme in Chitrakoot (UP).



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