



Understanding Human Security in India's Context

A Guest Lecture delivered by Col. (Dr) DPK Pillay

The Bahá'í Chair for Studies in Development, Devi Ahilya University is pleased to announce a guest lecture on the theme 'Understanding Human Security in India's Context' delivered by Col. (Dr.) DPK Pillay, Research Fellow at Manohar Parikkar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, one of India's foremost think-tanks for advanced research in international relations. Colonel Pillay, who was a former Army Officer and a recipient of the *Shaurya Chakra*, now works as a researcher focusing on the link between national security and sustainable development. The lecture will be organized online on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 from 3 to 4 pm. Those interested in participating in the lecture may register at the following link: <https://forms.gle/1AuATFA1tU3isurTA>

The concept of human security emphasizes the strong link between human well-being and the achievement of peace and security. Challenging the traditional notion of security as the protection of citizens from external aggression, the concept of human security takes a much broader view of human well-being where the achievement of peace and security includes freedom from disease, hunger, poverty, environmental degradation, climate change and the violation of human rights. The lecture will discuss the seven dimensions on which human security depend: personal and physical safety, community security, political security, economic security, food security, health and the environment. Particular focus during the lecture will be on the link between food security and peace.

About the speaker:

Colonel Divakaran Padma Kumar (DPK) Pillay began his career as an Indian Army Officer. In 1994 he was grievously injured during a counter-insurgency operation in Manipur. Despite grave danger to his own life, he succeeded in saving the lives of two Manipuri children for which he was awarded the Shaurya Chakra. Following this incident, he shifted his focus to become a researcher, aiming to better understand national security and sustainable development to improve the lives of Indian people just like those he had encountered in combat. Col. Pillay is now a research fellow at the Manohar Parikkar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, a think tank for advanced research in international relations based in New Delhi.