

NEW ALIPORE COLLEGE

• DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Academic Session 2018-2019

Department frequently organizes departmental seminar, Webinar, Workshop, Students Seminar on different philosophical issues.

Department organizes educational excursion for students every year.

Department encouraged and groomed students to participate in different extracurricular activities organized by college and other institutions.

Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Venue	Number of Participants
05/09/2018	Celebration of Teachers' Day	New Alipore College	12



Teachers' Day Celebration by the students of the Department of Philosophy on 5th September, 2018



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"World peace: In the perspective of Buddhist philosophy"	29/03/2019	Talk	Collaboration with Department of Philosophy & Commerce, New Alipore College	134

Detailed Report: World peace: In the perspective of Buddhist philosophy

Introduction:

On the auspicious day of 29th March 2019, the esteemed College welcomed a distinguished guest from our neighboring country, Sri Lanka, the renowned Buddhist philosopher and prolific novelist, Daya Disanayake. This event was met with great enthusiasm and was meticulously organized by the collaborative efforts of the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Commerce. The highlight of the event was a seminar that delved into the profound topic of 'World Peace: In the Perspective of Buddhist Philosophy.' Daya Disanayake's engaging discourse provided insightful insights into the timeless wisdom of Buddhism and its potential role in fostering global harmony.

Seminar Organization and Purpose:

The seminar, aimed at exploring the concept of world peace through the lens of Buddhist philosophy, sought to rekindle the understanding and relevance of this ancient wisdom in the modern world. The faculties of the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Commerce synergistically coordinated to ensure the successful execution of this intellectually stimulating event. The objective was not only to delve into the rich philosophical underpinnings of Buddhism but also to reinvigorate the core teachings of peace, compassion, and harmonious coexistence.

The Speech:

Daya Disanayake commenced the seminar with an illuminating elucidation of the fundamental tenets of Buddhist philosophy. He highlighted the paramount significance of Buddha's teachings in alleviating human suffering and pain. The essence of living a purposeful life, both as an individual and as a member of a larger society, was meticulously expounded upon. The speaker emphasized that the time-tested wisdom imparted by Lord Buddha has perpetuated through the ages, profoundly impacting socio-cultural milieus.

Erosion of the Philosophy:

A critical phase of Disanayake's discourse touched upon the gradual erosion of the profound Buddhist philosophy's influence over time. The once-golden cultural and philosophical legacy underwent a transformation under the influence of affluent merchants and wealthy businessmen. The institutionalization of Buddhism led to a deviation from its core principles, leading to a distorted interpretation of its message. The philosophy that once championed non-violence and harmony was, in certain contexts, manipulated to encourage violence and terrorism in the political and social realms, resulting in the tarnishing of its pristine glory.

Path to Restoration:

In the face of these challenges, Daya Disanayake's speech resonated with an optimistic spirit. He fervently advocated for a rekindling of the authentic essence of Buddhist philosophy. He called for a collective effort to revive and reapply the profound teachings of Buddhism in our daily lives. By

embracing the principles of peace, compassion, and non-violence, he believed that we could once again restore the golden aura that had dimmed over time. Disanayake's words ignited a call to action, urging the audience to integrate these timeless principles into their personal, societal, and professional spheres.

Conclusion:

The seminar featuring Daya Disanayake was a monumental occasion that showcased the power of philosophy to inspire positive change. It reinforced the enduring relevance of Buddhist wisdom in the pursuit of world peace and harmony. Through his eloquent discourse, Disanayake not only shed light on the profound teachings of Buddhism but also ignited a spark of hope for the restoration of its true essence. The collaborative efforts of the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Commerce yielded an event that left a lasting impact, reminding us all of the timeless wisdom that holds the potential to shape a more peaceful and compassionate world.



Resource Person
Daya Disanayake .Award winning Sri Lankan Novelist and Philosopher



Faculty members with Resource person

Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Venue
13/04/2019	Parent teacher meeting	New Alipore College



Faculty Members, Students with their Parents