

NEW ALIPORE COLLEGE

• DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Academic Session 2020-2021

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.

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Department	Number of Participants
How to live a good life: Indian and Western Perspective	12/08/2020	State Level Webinar	Collaboration with Department of Philosophy with IQAC, New Alipore College	140

Report of the Seminar on How to live a good life: Indian and Western Perspective

Objectives of the Seminar:

1. Understanding the concept of a good life from both Indian and Western philosophical perspectives.
2. Analyzing the similarities and differences between the Aristotelian and Buddhist notions of a good life.
3. Examining the practical applications of these philosophical concepts in our daily lives.
4. Providing insights on how we can integrate these philosophical principles to live a more fulfilling life.
5. Exploring the role of ethics, morality, and spirituality in leading a good life.
6. Encouraging critical thinking and reflection on our own beliefs and values.

Description of the Seminar:

On 12/08/2020, a State level webinar was organized by the Department of Philosophy in collaboration with IQAC, New Alipore College. The topic of the webinar was "How to live a good life: Indian and Western Perspective". The webinar was conducted on the Google Meet platform and was live-streamed on YouTube.

The speaker of the webinar was Prof. Aparajita Mukhopadhyay, the Head of the Department of Philosophy at Jadavpur University. She discussed the concept of living a good life from the perspective of Aristotle in Western philosophy. She explained how Aristotle viewed the good life as a life of excellence, where a person is able to live up to their potential and flourish in all aspects of life. She also highlighted the importance of virtues in achieving the good life, such as courage, justice, wisdom, and self-control.

The other speaker at the webinar was Dr. Urmi Ray, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Women's Christian College. She discussed the concept of living a good life from the perspective of Baudhha philosophy in Indian philosophy. She talked about how Baudhha philosophy emphasizes the importance of reducing suffering in life and achieving enlightenment. She explained how the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path are essential in achieving the good life according to Baudhha philosophy.

The webinar was well-received by students and faculty members from various institutions. The speakers provided insightful perspectives on living a good life from both Indian and Western philosophies, which sparked engaging discussions and debates among the participants. Overall, the webinar was a success in promoting interdisciplinary discourse on a crucial topic that is relevant to all.

Outcomes of the Seminar:

1. The webinar began with an introduction to the topic, outlining the significance of studying different philosophical traditions to gain insights into how to live a good life.
2. The first speaker discussed Aristotle's philosophy, emphasizing his view that happiness is the ultimate goal of human life, and that it can be achieved through virtuous living. He explained that Aristotle believed in a balance of virtues and vices and that an excess or deficiency of either can lead to an unhappy life.
3. The second speaker discussed Buddha's philosophy, highlighting his Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path as a way to attain enlightenment and escape the cycle of suffering. He also explained that Buddha's teachings emphasize the importance of mindfulness and compassion in daily life.
4. The webinar concluded with a Q&A session, where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in a discussion with the speakers about the topic.

Overall, the webinar provided a valuable opportunity to learn about different philosophical traditions and gain insights into how to live a good life. The speakers' presentations were informative and engaging, and the Q&A session allowed for further exploration of the topic.

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State Level Webinar
On
**How to live a good life: Indian and
Western Perspective**

Date: 12.06.2020 Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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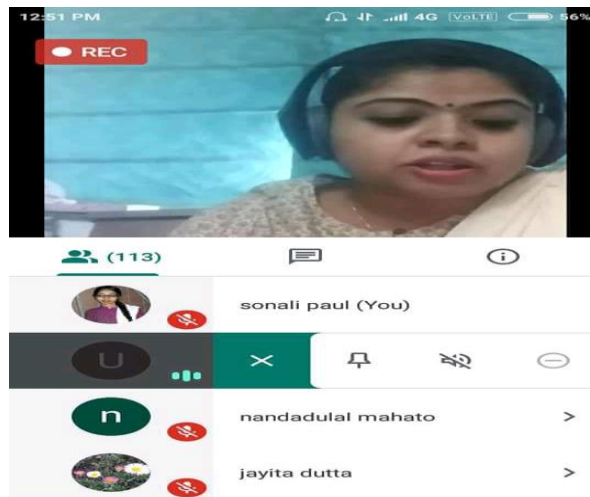
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Professional Ethics and Human Values.	03/10/2020 & 04/10/2020	National Level Webinar	Sponsored By ICSSR-ERC	630

Report of the Seminar on Professional Ethics and Human Values.

Introduction:

The National Level Webinar on Professional Ethics and Human Values, sponsored by ICSSR-ERC, was held on 3rd and 4th October 2020. The seminar aimed to explore and discuss the importance of professional ethics and human values in today's society. It brought together renowned scholars and

experts in the field of philosophy to share their insights and perspectives on the subject. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the seminar proceedings, including the resource persons, topics discussed, and key takeaways.

Day 1:

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, the Principal of New Alipore College. He emphasized the significance of professional ethics and human values in shaping individuals' behavior and creating a just and equitable society. Smt. Jayita Dutta, the Convener of the seminar and a faculty member of the Philosophy Department at New Alipore College, introduced the theme and set the tone for the discussions to follow.

The first resource person, Dr. Indrni Sanyal, a retired Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Jadavpur University, delivered a thought-provoking presentation on the foundations of professional ethics. She emphasized the need for ethical decision-making, integrity, and accountability in professional settings. Dr. Sanyal highlighted real-life case studies to illustrate the ethical dilemmas faced by professionals and the ethical principles that guide their actions.

Dr. Sudha Joshi, another retired Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Mumbai, took the stage next. Her talk focused on the role of human values in professional ethics. Dr. Joshi emphasized the importance of empathy, respect, and social responsibility in professional conduct. She also discussed the ethical challenges arising from advancements in technology and how professionals should navigate them while upholding ethical standards.

Day 2:

The second day of the seminar began with a presentation by Prof. Aprajita Mukhopadhyay, the current Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Jadavpur University. Her talk centered on the relationship between professional ethics and social justice. Prof. Mukhopadhyay shed light on how professionals can contribute to creating a more just and inclusive society by aligning their actions with ethical principles.


Next, Dr. C.D. Sebastian, a Professor of Philosophy at IIT Bombay, delivered an engaging talk on the ethics of leadership and governance. He explored the moral obligations of leaders and the ethical challenges they face in decision-making and organizational management. Dr. Sebastian emphasized the importance of transparency, fairness, and ethical leadership in promoting the well-being of both individuals and society as a whole.

Dr. Smita Sircar, an Associate Professor at the Centre for Philosophy in JNU, took the stage to discuss the ethical dimensions of research and academia. She addressed issues such as plagiarism, intellectual property rights, and the ethical responsibilities of researchers. Dr. Sircar emphasized the need for integrity, honesty, and responsible conduct in research and scholarship.


The seminar concluded with a presentation by Prof. Rakesh Chandra, a Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Lucknow. He focused on the ethical challenges in the corporate world and the role of professional ethics in business organizations. Prof. Chandra highlighted the importance of ethical decision-making, corporate social responsibility, and sustainability in fostering a culture of integrity and trust in the business environment.


Key Takeaways:

- Professional ethics and human values are crucial in guiding individuals' behavior and promoting a just society.
- Ethical decision-making, integrity, and accountability should be the foundation of professional conduct.
- Empathy, respect, and social responsibility are essential human values that professionals should uphold.
- Technology advancements pose new ethical challenges such as data privacy, artificial intelligence, and automation, which professionals must address while maintaining ethical standards.
- Professionals have a role to play in promoting social justice and inclusivity through their actions and decisions.
- Leaders and managers have a moral obligation to lead with transparency, fairness, and ethical principles.
- Researchers and academics should uphold integrity, honesty, and responsible conduct in their work.
- Ethical challenges in the corporate world can be addressed through ethical decision-making, corporate social responsibility, and sustainability.



TWO-DAYS NATIONAL WEBINAR
ON
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND HUMAN VALUES
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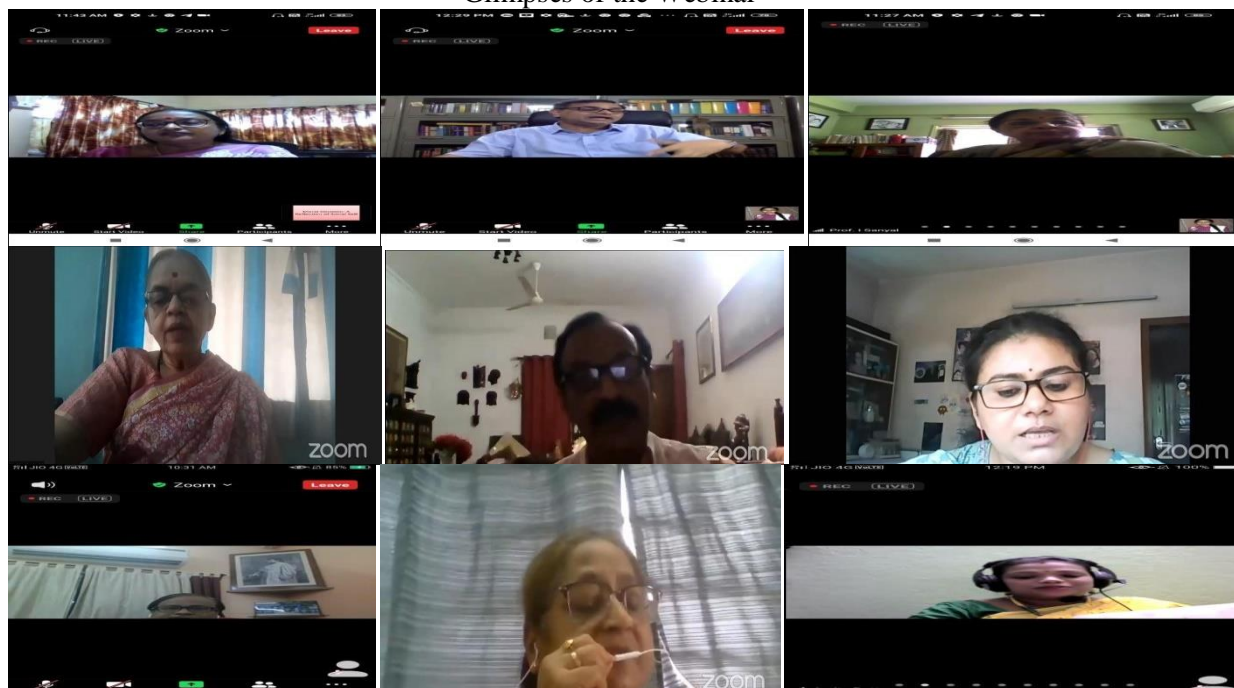
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Eminent Speakers

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Glimpses of the Webinar



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Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life	21/03/2021	National Level Webinar	Sponsored By ICPR	630

Report of the Seminar on Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life

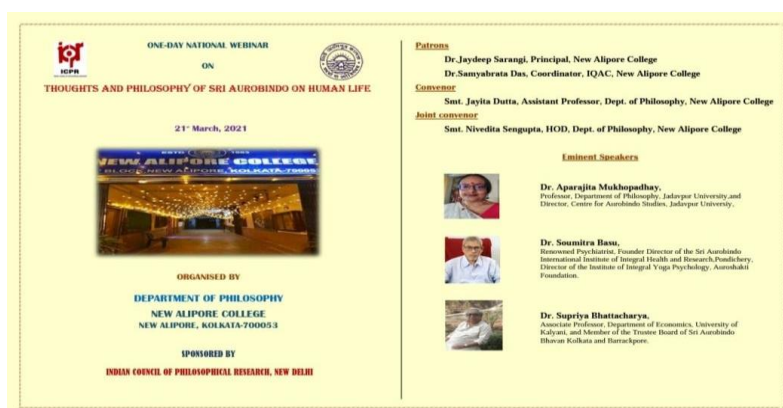
Indian Council of Philosophical Research Sponsored One-Day Online National Webinar organized by Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College, Kolkata on “Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life” on 21.03.2021 With immense pleasure this is to bring to your kind notice that our department organized one day online national webinar on “Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life” on 21.03.2021 via the digital platforms of Google Meet and YouTube.

The links of the webinar in both the platforms are <https://meet.google.com/men-ofge-aqa> and <https://youtu.be/h4Kf1-frAfU> respectively. We created a digital banner through which enabled us to circulate this entire event. The digital banner include title of the webinar, the name of the eminent speakers, their designations, the title of their talks, registration form link, the name of the Patrons,

convener, Joint Convener and organizing committee members, timings. We had three eminent speakers with us, they are: 1. Dr. Aparajita Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Philosophy, Jadavpur University and Director, Centre for Aurobindo Studies, Jadavpur University. The title of her talk is Importance of Life in the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo. 2. Dr. Soumitra Basu, Renowned Psychiatrist, Founder Director of the Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Integral Health and Research, Pondichery and Director of the Institute of Integral Yoga Psychology, Auroshakti Foundation. The title of his talk was Psychological Thoughts of Sri Aurobindo. 3. Dr. Supriya Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Kalyani and Member of the Trustee Board of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan Kolkata and Barrackpore. The title of his talk was Planes and parts of the Being- in Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy. On behalf of the college and the organizing committee, Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College welcomed all the eminent speakers and participants of the programme. After that Mrs. Nivedita Sengupta, HoD, Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College deliver her inaugural speech. In the first session, Prof. Aparajita Mukhopadhyay delivered her lecture on "Importance of life in the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo". She said that Pure consciousness is the ultimate goal in every human life. Each and every man has the power to engage himself in this process of evolutions and can achieve the companion of supreme being. According to Sri Aurobindo every human life is a gift of supreme lord by crossing many perils of outwards and limitation and imperfections within himself man can achieve this highest aim. The spiritual power is something within him. With the aid of this he can transcend the material and physical plane. Fast free will be a semi-divine soul and then mingled with the supreme cosmic consciousness. In the second session, Dr. Soumitra Basu delivered his lecture on "Psychological thoughts of Sri Aurobindo". According to him, Shri Aurobindo's thought regarding human life contains lots of thoughtful insight regarding psychology. A particular term was coined by eminent scholars of this time. Consciousness based psychology to denotes the particular scheme of psychology his metaphysical view is the basis of these psychology which is unique by its own right. In every sphere of discussion regarding psychology we find this metaphysical and psychological collaboration. The traditional Indian philosophy shared a common advice to the universal mankind that leave this normal human mind which is the regulatory agent of our daily life. But Sri Aurobindo teachers something very exceptional. According to him, the normal human mind undergoes evolution. Sri Aurobindo maintained there are many planes of consciousness. Below human mind, there are subconscious and unconscious and above human mind, there is higher mind and illumined mind and finally the supreme consciousness. In the process of evolution the supreme consciousness comes down in a graded way. Every man can upgrade his own consciousness and attain stage of higher mind. In this stage there are multitude ideas and they are complementary and contradictory to each other. But all of them has equal value. After attaining these our cognitive consciousness obtained the ultimate goal – which is the union with supreme consciousness. At the third session, Dr. Supriya Bhattacharya delivered his lecture on "Planes and parts of the Being – in Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy". He said that Sri Aurobindo established a very unique kind of philosophy, which is completely unlike with the analytical philosophy, as exercised in Western Philosophical tradition. It is also quite different from the orthodox & non-orthodox school of Indian Philosophy. He is a Yogi, some kind of formal training guided him in the long practised spiritual life of Sadhana. But primarily, all his philosophical truth is deeply rooted in his own spiritual experiences and realisations. Sri Aurobindo believes, every human being is growing and has to grow in consciousness till it reaches the complete and perfect consciousness. Depending on his own realisation Sri Aurobindo shows us the golden path to achieve the final goal. It is possible on the part of every human to practise some principle which lead him to the world of divinity. Any single human being is a unit composed of multitude parts. If we go deep and search within ourselves, we will find our inner structure is composed of three planes which constitute our personal identity. The first one is the physical being. It consists of both the perceptible

structure and an inner entity which regulates all our physical activities. Secondly, we have mental plane, this domain consists of enormous mental activities like reflectiveness, creativity, analysis of different phenomena. Thirdly, there is vital plane which is the seat of all our desires, passions - which can be called as the forces of our being. At the end of all the academic sessions we had an interactive session by which participants quenched their intellectual thirst by asking the questions to our resource persons. We clicked so many clear and distinct pictures of this entire event. For your kind notice the whole programme was recorded. All the necessary documents like programme brochure, programme schedule, photographs, scanned copies of honorarium receipts (format sent by ICPR), bills, vouchers of each and every documents are attached herewith this report. Last but not the least, the Principal of our college, Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi advised and helped us relentlessly. His cooperation was very assiduous. The Head of our Department, Smt. Nivedita Sengupta also, being a guardian, cooperated with us in a very sedulous manner. All our colleagues and students helped and assisted us from the bottom of their hearts. The programme links are given below for you kind perusal:

1. Google Drive Link of the video record of the programme:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kbmLY3n8Xt0V7q3MX3Aesnm9zeo38dgK/view?usp=drive_sdk
2. Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/h4Kf1-frAfU>



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