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Date of the Event: 21st January, 2022

The Department of Philosophy, Hansraj College, University of Delhi organized a PERIODIC LECTURE PROGRAMME sponsored by the INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH (ICPR) on 21 January, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. till 3:30 p.m.

Following were our four proficient experts and resource persons who were invited as speakers to make the platform prestigious by their gracious presence:

- Prof. P. Kesava Kumar, Professor & Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi Topic: "Morality and Meaningful Life".
- Prof. Ambika Datta Sharma, Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar

Topic "Satya & Dharma: Two Paradigms of Value Consciousness"

- Dr. Manidipa Sen, Associate Professor, Centre of Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU Topic "Self and Consciousness".
- Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda, Professor & Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

Topic: "Need of Value Education in Present Time".

The programme started with the hosts welcoming everyone, setting the ground and inviting Dr. Sharma Bhanu Bhupendra, Convener of the webinar and Teacher Incharge Department of Philosophy for an auspicious start. The eminent speakers were then called upon the virtual podium to deliver a lecture on their respective topic, their highly enlightening speech was then followed by a round of questions and answers.

Prof Kesava was the first speaker of the event. He started his lecture from the historical perspective of meaning and morality under which he talked about the meaning of life since the epoch of Greek Philosophy wherein Greek philosophers looked for the ideal, just society, definition of happiness. While concluding he resolved the issue of meaning of life with his thought that "meaning of life is associated with morality".

Second Lecture was delivered by Prof Ambika Datta Sharma. Prof Ambika said that in the two epics of Indian tradition, Valmiki's Ramayana and Vedavyas' Mahabharata, an attempt has been made to write a human biography by making reference to the value consciousness of Indian



culture. Prof Ambika through these two epics tried to show how two values "dharma" and "truth" works in Indian consciousness.

Dr Manidipa Sen was the third keynote speaker for the session. She delivered a profound lecture on the topic "Self and consciousness". She elaborated on the concept of different types of self-experiences and explained the difference between consciousness and self-consciousness. Thereafter it was followed by comprehending the importance of I-thoughts and ended with articulating the distinction between first and third person point of view.

Prof Balaganapathi Devarakonda was the fourth speaker for the session. He delivered a lecture on the topic "Need of value education in present time". He divided his segment into three parts and attempted to describe the specificities of value education- Meaning, Context and Content. He ended his lecture with awe-inspiring practical life explorations of physical examples, while always maintaining the abstract conceptualization required to understand the inner social sciences of value inheritance in general.

The attendees who seemed to be brimming with enthusiasm and participated in the discussion with full vigor. The main objective of the periodic lecture was to provide an intensive learning experience towards philosophical principles. Everyone got a chance to expand their knowledge and rounded up many insightful key takeaways. The delivery of these lectures was done via MS Teams. We received a good number of registrations from 267 people out of which around 200 were present live with us in the event and contributed immensely to make it a momentous event and noteworthy occasion. Programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Preeti Rani Jain, Co convener of the webinar. Towards the end of the day, a feedback form was shared to garner the views of the audience and a certificate of participation will also be awarded to all the participants. The webinar was a grand success.

Some Glimpses of the event:









