

One-day State level webinar
on
“ধর্ম ও আধ্যাত্মিকতা”
On
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Organized by
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The department of Philosophy, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college organized a one-day state level webinar on “ধর্ম ও আধ্যাত্মিকতা” on 26th September, 2020, 5:00 pm onwards. The webinar platform was Google Meet and live streaming of the session was carried out on YouTube.

Presently there is a confusion regarding the term religion and spirituality and to make the people aware of this topic the webinar on “ধর্ম ও আধ্যাত্মিকতা” was organised. Around 178 participants including teachers, UG & PG students and research scholars attended/viewed this webinar. 71 participants filled up feedback form, which provided overwhelming responses and comments regarding the webinar.

The Webinar started with a welcome speech by Dr. Shyamal Karmakar, Principal of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya. This was followed by introduction to the topic of the webinar and the speakers by Mijanur Rahaman, Assistant Prof. and Head, department of Philosophy, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya.

The lecture session started with the first speaker, **Prof. Sabita Samanta**, Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University, who delivered her lecture on “ধর্ম ও আধ্যাত্মিকতা: ভারতীয় দর্শনের প্রেক্ষিতে কিছু কথা” (RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY: FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY). In Vedic and Upanisadic world, men are bounded by some duties and obligations. Dr. Samanta explained Religion and Spirituality in the particular webinar from the quarter of duties which man has to follow lifelong. In her lecture she addressed various schools of Indian philosophy like; Buddhism, Vaisesikas, Upanishadas, Mimansakas, Yoga, Vedanta relating to the topic. She also stressed on the view of the eminent philosopher Bimal Krishna Motilal, who has a distinct idea of ethics, which means the goodness and restricted duties obeying by the human being, synonymous with ‘Religion’ or ‘Dharma’. The real meaning of ‘Dharma’ can be said, thus, the dharma of a man, she explained, duties are not mere boundaries, but, in fact, are the real mode of social freedom. That is why man is said to owe some debts or duties to gods, other men, animals and nature nearby. Life is a round of duties and responsibilities. Unselfishness should be practiced in all our acts. Godliness, truth-speaking, right speech etc. and a firm determination to reform life in the light of good-truth-joy can be lead towards the highest state of religious realization. She also explained that Jaimini defines ‘Dharma’ as a command

or injunction which impels men to action. Men would not be one specific religious minded to prove himself as a spiritual person. Dharma does not mean certain religion, it is supra-sensible and consists in the command directed certain acts. Thus, throughout her lecture Dr. Samanta tried to established that in Indian philosophy 'Dharma' is not religion in specific but it is the supreme duty, the 'ought', the 'categorical imperative', which actually deals with true spirituality.

The second speaker of the webinar was **Prof. Soumitra Basu**, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. His topic of discussion was "ন-ধার্মিকের আধ্যাত্মিকতা" (SPIRITUALITY: IN THE VIEW OF A NON-RELIGIOUS PERSON). We are actually habituated to connect Religion and Spirituality since the first state of our life. In this webinar Dr. Soumitra Basu wanted to explain the thought of spirituality from the aspect of a so called non-religious person. How can a person be considered as spiritual while not being a part of some particular religion like; Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism or Islamism etc. Because of the common people and religious thinkers also believe that 'one' can be spiritual only when he performs religious acts as wise the pre-conditions marked by a particular religion for every people of the same religion, the man belongs to. But, Dr. Basu pointed out that Spirituality is something else and something larger than the previous one. Actually, Spirituality is a psychological set-up that nurtures in the human mind in its first stage and then it gradually progresses through the action. Dr. Basu explained the humanistic conception of religion for the man and gave the perspective of intellectual spiritual humanism which he considered secular spirituality. He discussed the topic from the angle of a skeptic spiritualist who actually does not believe in so called religious thoughts. He then argued that, one can make himself a prophet of love, harmony and fellowship followed the emotion through spirituality. Rejecting the narrow dividing walls and connecting his attention on concrete humanity one can uplift himself as a spiritual person without any shelter of a so called religious boudary.

The lectures were highly informative and thought provoking. Lecture session was followed by live interactive session, which was the most interesting part of this webinar. Dr. Sarmistha Mitra, Dept of Philosophy, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, conducted the interactive session of the webinar. Many questions were received from the audience and the speakers have clarified their queries very well. Students and other participants were benefited from this interactive-cum-discussion session. Many valuable suggestions and feedback were received from the participants which were the source of inspiration and motivation to further organise this kind of webinar in future.

The webinar ended with vote of thanks by Dr.Kamala Mitra, IQAC co-ordinator.

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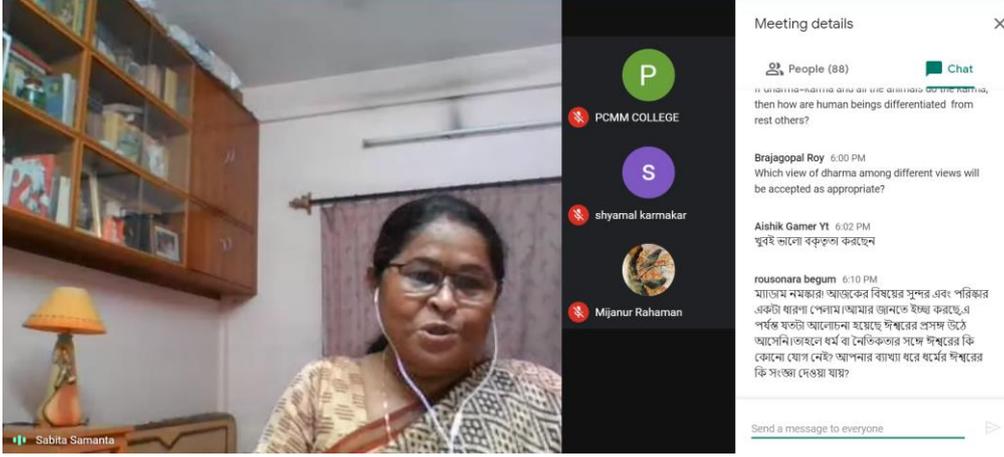
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Webinar Flyer



Prof. Sabita Samanta



Prof. Soumitra Basu