

2018

One- Day State level Seminar ‘Indian Ethics: Some Philosophical Reflections’

- The Department of Philosophy organized a One- Day State level Seminar on ‘Indian Ethics: Some Philosophical Reflections’ on 15th November, 2018 in commemoration of the World Philosophy Day. Prof. Santosh Kumar Paul of Burdwan University was the resource person of the first academic session of the seminar. Dr. Sharmistha Dhar, Department of Philosophy, Diamond Harbour Women’s University presented a paper titled “Respect for Nonhuman *Form of Life*: An Argument for the Moral Indefensibility of Use and Abyssal Suffering of Animals in Cultural Practices” based on the theme of the seminar, i.e., “Man and Environment” in the second academic session chaired by Prof. Santosh Kumar Paul of Burdwan University.

- The Theme of the Seminar:

The one day state-level seminar on ‘Man and Environment: Some Philosophical Reflections’ was organized to commemorate World Philosophy Day. World Philosophy Day was introduced in 2002 by UNESCO (the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to be celebrated every year on the third Thursday of November. Philosophy which is the study of the nature of reality and existence aspires to understand the very meaning and significance of human life. Hence by celebrating World Philosophy Day UNESCO aims to emphasize the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought for each individual and each culture.

Today when global warming and other environmental hazards are posing a constant threat to nature as a whole, we felt that there lies a great responsibility on our part to create awareness within human society regarding our ethical duties towards our mother nature. Therefore the department of Philosophy, Diamond Harbour Women’s University, made a humble attempt to conduct the seminar commemorating world philosophy day, to throw light on the various issues related to our moral responsibility towards environment as a whole. The seminar could achieve its purpose through the thought provoking and illuminating lectures and discussions made by the speakers as well as the participants.



