

Report on One-Day State Level Webinar
Title: “Relevance of Environmental Ethics in the Recent Era”

Date: 26th June 2025

Time: 3.00 PM onwards

Platform: [Google Meet and YouTube Live \(Online\)](#)

Organized by: Department of Philosophy, Santipur College, Santipur, West Bengal

The Department of Philosophy, Santipur College, successfully organized a one-day state-level webinar on the topic “Relevance of Environmental Ethics in the Recent Era” on 26th June 2025 from 3 PM onwards. The webinar aimed to explore the ethical dimensions of the environmental crisis and to discuss the role of philosophy in promoting sustainable and responsible human conduct toward nature.

The webinar began at 3.00 PM with a welcome address by Dr. Gopa Bhattacharyya, Head of the Department of Philosophy, who stressed the growing relevance of ethical approaches to environmental issues. This was followed by an inaugural speech by Dr. Subrata Roy, Teacher-in-Charge of Santipur College, who emphasized the need for interdisciplinary approaches in addressing ecological concerns.

Technical Sessions:

- [Session I: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM](#)
 - **Resource Person:** Prof. (Dr.) Bhupendra Chandra Das
 - Designation: Retired Professor, Department of Philosophy and the Life-world, Vidyasagar University and Senior Fellow, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi
 - **Topic:** “[Paribesh, Vriksha O Manush: Ekti Paryalochana](#)”

Dr. Das highlighted the philosophical roots of environmental awareness in Indian traditions such as Jainism, Buddhism, and Vedanta. He also highlighted on environmental concerns from an ethical and philosophical lens, integrating Indian perspectives with contemporary ecological issues. His discussion stressed the interconnectedness of humans, trees, and the environment.

- [Session II: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM](#)

- **Resource Person:** Dr. Kuheli Biswas
- **Designation:** Head and Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Kalyani
- **Topic:** “Environmental Ethics in Buddhism: An Exploration”

Dr. Biswas explored the Buddhist ethical view of environmental responsibility, offering insights into how Buddhist principles of compassion and non-violence align with ecological values.

Each technical session was followed by a lively Q&A session, where participants interacted with the speakers, raising questions related to environmental justice, traditional ecological wisdom, and philosophical interpretations of nature. The resource persons responded with depth and clarity, enriching the academic discussion.

The webinar saw the participation of more than 53 attendees in Google Meet and 108 viewers on YouTube Streamed Live, including students, faculty members, and scholars from different institutions across the state. E-certificates were issued to all registered participants. This is our Platform:

Meet Link: meet.google.com/ywk-hgxq-tmi
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YouTube Link: https://youtube.com/live/O4C0mRMj_A?feature=share

In the valedictory session Mr. Chiranjit Ray, the Convener of the webinar, Santipur College, who summarized the discussions and expressed appreciation for the valuable insights offered during the sessions. Mr. Ray proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the support of the resource persons, TIC Dr. Subrata Roy, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Dipankar Bhattacharya, Convener, Seminar Sub Committee the organizing committee, and participants for making the event a success.

The one-day state-level webinar on 'Relevance of Environmental Ethics in the Recent Era' was an intellectually stimulating and socially relevant event. It provided a valuable platform for academic exchange and emphasized the importance of ethical engagement with the environmental crisis from both traditional and modern philosophical perspectives.

