



**Two Day**

**ICPR Sponsored Periodical Lecture  
And  
International Seminar  
On  
“Man and Environment”  
Date: 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.  
Organized by**

***Department of Philosophy  
Surenranath College for Women  
24 M. G. Road, Kolkata – 09***

***Venue  
The College Auditorium [Gitanjali]  
Surenranath College for Women***

**About the College**

Surenranath College for Women was established in 1948, mainly for imparting higher education to girls from partition-affected families. After partition many families came from the East Pakistan and settled in the Sealdah Railway station area and its neighbourhood. It became necessary to open a branch for women at the nearest college. Our college with its morning timings came into existence. Even today our ideal has remained the same. Many of our students come from extremely poverty-stricken backgrounds and several come from families below the poverty line. It is our aim to make them self-reliant.

Our college, together with all colleges was housed in the same building at 24/2, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Kolkata – 700 009. Originally, Surenranath College was known as Ripon College. It had been named after the viceroy, Lord Ripon.

After independence it was renamed after its founder, the eminent congress leader, Surenranath Banerjee, nicknamed “Surrender not”, for his tenacity and fiery anti-British articles in “Bengali”, the newspaper he published and edited. The college was under the governance of trustees at first. We became a non-govt college directly under Calcutta

University with a duly constituted governing body which sat for the first time in November, 2001.

The college shifted to its own premises and classes began there from 1997. This building is next door to the main one and used to be the Ripon

### *About the Seminar Theme*

Through homo-sapiens like other living species depend on environment, he becomes an integrated, interdependent and propelling component of it through the applications of his sharp-manifested-intellectual capacities. Becoming the propelling component of environment signifies the strong inherent bonding between man other species, man and other non-living being and thereby man and environment. The relationship of man and environment is, however, reciprocal i.e., human being has a direct contact to the environment and vice-versa.

This relationship, following the Indian tradition, has been sustained, since the time immemorial, from the perspective of intrinsic value, whereas, in Western tradition, through this relationship has been considered mainly from the perspective of utility, this relation has been started to be regarded as an issue in environmental ethics by some environment moral philosophers such as Peter Singer, Aldo Leopold and so on from the last phase of twentieth century. Environmental ethics developed in Western viewpoint following two major trends – Anthropocentrism and non-Anthropocentrism. As the main point of distinction between these two lies in the position of human, it is obvious that the attitude of human being towards environment which is expressed through emergence of social, religious, moral consciousness and so on are focused.

In this regard, if the Indian view is considered, it is observed, it always tends to promote a unique concept about the psycho-physical and spiritual aspect of human being where the duties and responsibilities of man to other animal, other non-living being and hereby the nature have been clearly defined. That is why, we have been taught in the first verse of the Isha Upanishad, *Om īśāvāsyamidamsarvamyatkiṃ ca jagatyām jagat, Tena tyaktenabhuñjītha, ma grdhaḥkasyasviddhanam*— i.e., all these, whatever exists in the universe should be covered by the Lord. Having renounced (the unreal), enjoy (the real). Do not covet the wealth of anyone. Here, there is no existence of man apart from nature. This holy trend is not only following by some orthodox classical Indian philosophical systems such as Advaita Vedanta, Sankhya and so on but also reflected in the works of contemporary Indian thinkers and writers such as the world poet Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhiji, BibhutiBhusan Bandyopadhyay and so on.

Through we have been in the fourth industrial revolution. When the whole world is under a single umbrella due to huge technological progress especially in informational technology which compels the human being to be dependent on Artificial Intelligence; we have had to face the deadly attack of the pandemic caused by Covid 19. We have yet to hear any announcement by the WHO about the end of this pandemic. Some thinkers are thinking, still there is a gap between man and environment. That is why it is the pandemic, through which the nature reformed itself. But the point is: if we were more careful about this relationship, we might have avoided this type of massacre. After the pandemic, through the activities of the resurgence of values have been started, still we are lacking of such type of developing mentality

which will enable us to live and let live through a holistic manner following our cultural heritage – vasudhaivaikutumbakam – we belong to a culture that believes in treating the entire world as our family and this seminar is meant to create awareness to fulfill this purpose.

**Sub - themes:**

- *Classical Indian Attitude to Environment*
- *Tagore's Understanding of Nature and Nature of Man*
- *The Post-Upanisadic View of Nature*
- *Ethical standards and rules that follow from the Attitude of respect to nature, The Idea of Inherent Worth of Nature*
- *Intrinsic Value of Nature (Moore's view of Nature, Chilsom's Idea of Nature, Attifield on the Intrinsic Value of Nature, Callicott's idea of Intrinsic Value of Nature, Rolston III on Intrinsic Value of Nature.*
- *Objective Value of Nature*
- *Deep Ecology and its Third World Critique*
- *Deep Ecology and Hindu Text*
- *Nature, Self and Gender*
- *Eco-Feminism*
- *Environmental Ethics*
- *Environmental Law*
- *M.K.Gandhi's view on Nature of Man*
- *Nature in view of Literature*
- *Environmental degradation and climate change*

***Invitation***

*It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Department of Philosophy of Surendranath College for Women is going to organize a Two Day ICPR Sponsored Periodical Lecture and International Seminar On "Man and Environment" Date: 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.*

*This seminar is going to be a platform for paper presenters and interaction of untold idea amongst academicians, scholars, students and all other participants from various institutions of different corners of our country and abroad. So, it is our pleasure to invite you and request you for participation in this seminar for making it a grand success.*

*Thanking you with regards.*

*Mr. Basudeb Halder  
Assistant Professor  
Seminar Convener  
Surendranath College for Women*

*Dr. Purnima Biswas  
Principal  
Surendranath College for Women*

***CALL FOR PAPERS & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES***

*Original research papers are invited from students, Research Scholars, Teachers and other Professionals for presentation at the seminar.*

- ❖ *Submission of **Abstract** by 20/03/2023*
- ❖ *Submission of **full Paper** by 25/03/2023*

- ❖ **Language:** Paper should be written either in **English or Bengali**. Page type – A4, Font style - Times New Roman, font size – Title 14 point and paper content 12 point & For Bengali - Page type – A4, font style Avro, font size – Title 16 point and paper content 12 point. Format: MS word, line spacing – 1.5. Word limit: for Abstract – 300 words (6 to 8 keywords); for full paper: within 3000 words.
- ❖ **Reference Styles:** APA 6<sup>th</sup> Edition
- ❖ **Abstract and Paper submission:** [philosophy@sncwcal.ac.in](mailto:philosophy@sncwcal.ac.in)
- ❖ **Selected papers by the review committee will be published as an edited Book with ISBN**

*Abstract: Title of the paper with Author's name, designation, Institution's name, E-mail Id and contact no.*

**Registration Fees:**

**Academician with Paper: 1000/-**

**Academician without Paper: 500/-**

**Research Scholar: 600/-**

**Students: 200/-**

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		<b>INVITED SPEAKERS</b>	<b>LECTURE ON TOPIC</b>
<b>Day 1</b>		<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <i>Swami Shastrajnananda</i> <i>Secretary Maharaj</i> <i>Ramakrishna Mission Saradapitha</i> <i>Belur Math</i>	<i>Keynote Address</i>
		<i>Prof. Raghunath Ghosh</i> <i>Emeritus Professor</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> <i>University of North Bengal,</i> <i>Darjeeling Former Emeritus Fellow</i> <i>of ICPR.</i>	<i>Is Mental Pollution Responsible for</i> <i>Environmental Pollution?</i>
		<b>Prof. (Dr.) Md. MatiurRahaman</b> <b>Professor</b> <b>Department of Philosophy</b> <b>Dhaka University</b>	<b>উপনিষদে পরিবেশ ভাবনা</b>
<b>Day 2</b>		<i>Prof. Priyambada Sarkar</i> <i>Former Professor</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> <i>University of Calcutta</i>	<i>Deep Ecology and Hindu Religious Texts: A</i> <i>Philosophical Overview</i>
		<i>Prof. AnwarullaBhuina</i> <i>Professor and Chairperson</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> <i>Jahangirnagar University,</i> <i>Bangladesh</i>	<i>Nature, Life and Human Beings Relation in</i> <i>Indian Tradition of Thought and Culture</i>
		<i>Prof. Rajkumar Modak</i> <i>Professor</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> <i>Sidho-Kanho-BishaUniversity</i>	<i>Val Plumwood on Heart Centric Rationality</i>
		<i>Prof. Tapan Kumar Dey</i> <i>Professor</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i> <i>Vidyasaga University</i>	<i>Tagore's Understanding of Nature: A Study</i>
		<b>Prof. (Dr) Pralayankar</b> <b>Bhattacharya</b> Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta	<i>Man-in-the-Environment: Revisiting</i> <i>Anthropocentrism</i>

➤ *Committee detail and Program Timing schedule will publish as soon as possible*