National Seminar On: "Relevance of Classical and Contemporary Indian Philosophy Towards Developing Ethics, Religion and Social Justice"

Organized by: Department of Philosophy

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About Raiganj University: The long-cherished dream of the people of Raiganj came true when Smt. Mamata Banerjee, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal announced to upgrade Raiganj College (University College) into a full-fledged University in 2015 with Prof. Anil Bhuimali as the first Vice Chancellor of Raiganj University . We have reformed our undergraduate syllabi and have started Honours Programme under semester system following CGPA Grade. The Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal has already approved to open twenty one post-graduate departments. We have started Ph.D. & M.Phil programme in several PG teaching departments in our university.

About Raiganj Town : Raiganj is situated in the state of West Bengal in India with the geographical coordinates 25. 620N, 88.120E. It is known for t Kulik Bird Sanctuary, the second largest bird sanctuary in India, home to a large population of Asian openbills and other water birds. It is also famous for the Tulaipanji Rice, indigenous aromatic rice, cultivar grown mainly in the Raiganj Sub-division in Uttar Dinajpur District.

Climate of Raiganj during the month of March : During the month of March, a very pleasant weather prevails at Raiganj. The maximum temperature varies within 30-32C with a bright sunny day.

How to reach Raiganj : The National Highway (No. 34) runs through Raiganj town. As such the University is well connected by road with major cities/ towns of West Bengal. Raiganj is also connected by direct train service with Kolkata (480km), Malda (76Km) and Siliguri (180Km). Delegates can even get down at Kishanganj / Barsoi station (Bihar) and come to Raiganj by road (NH-34 distance 85km) the nearest Airport is located at Badogra(170km).

Venue: Raiganj University, Chemistry Gallery Auditorium.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Department of Philosophy, Raiganj University is going to organize a One-Day National Seminar on ***"Relevance of Classical and Contemporary Indian Philosophy Towards Developing Ethics, Religion and Social Justice"*** on 29th March 2017 at Raiganj University, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal.

We cordially invite you, your colleagues, research scholars and students of your Institution / Department to attend / present a paper in the seminar and make it a grand success.

Yours Sincerely,

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Perspective of the Seminar
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Even in the horizon of contemporary turmoil of philosophical discussion in the name of post-modernism, post- structuralism, post-culturalism, the relevance of classical and contemporary Indian philosophy on ethics, religion and social justice remained intact. The real meaning of life actually hinges on the underlying insights of Indian philosophical thought. Indian philosophy, classical and contemporary, has adequately addressed various issues such as the nature of the world (cosmology), reality (metaphysics), knowledge (jnana) from ethical, logical and religious perspectives. In the present seminar, an attempt has been made to address the problem of nature and destiny of man envisaged by our great Indian thinkers. The problem will be approached from a pure philosophical point of view. Ancient Indian philosophers made significant and original contribution in understanding the nature of man and the structure of human personality. The contemporary Indian philosophers largely concentrated on their attention in giving a new meaning and reorientation to the classical Indian thought. Thus, following Upanisadic view of Man, the contemporary Indian philosophers have made certain significant and important contributions in understanding man's situation, his relationship with society and his ultimate destiny. Ancient Indian view acknowledged the supreme importance of men to realize his eternal, immortal, blissful self and his unity with the Divine. Even they emphasisd the necessity of man's all round development in different fields of secular life. They also conceived that the fulfilment of man's destiny does not lie only in the attainment of his liberation from the cycle of birth and death but also in realization of his eternal self and his unity with the Divine but also in social life. The society as a whole has to attain freedom in the social, political, economic, cultural and spiritual sense. They, therefore, showed deep awareness of the fact that humanity to-day is passing through a critical period of its past.

In his Indian Philosophy, Volume I, Radhakrishnan said: "Though the world has changed considerably in its outward material aspect, means of communication, scientific inventions, etc., there has not been any great change in its inner spiritual side."

Seminar intends to explore the following topics & though not necessarily limited to them :

- Indian philosophy as a way of life.
- Indian Ethics.
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Universal Religion,
- Humanistic Religion
- Philosophy of M. N. Roy, Tagore, Vivekananda, Gandhi, Aurobindo, & Radhakrishnan
- Social Justice

Call for abstracts / papers on the theme of the seminar. The seminar organizing committee invites learned scholars of Philosophy, Research Scholars, Teachers of Universities/ Colleges and Students (we interdisciplinary background also) to contribute papers on any of the sub-themes mentioned above.

Summaries of Papers (not exceeding 250-300 words) along with the details of scholar are invited in English/ Bengali through e-mail / Registered / Speed Post by 25th March 2017. " Times New Roman " (for English) & Avro (for Bengali) fonts may be used for the summaries. All summaries of the papers would be reviewed by an Expert Committee and selected papers will be accepted for presentation during the Seminar. Full papers may be submitted at the time of presentation. All papers presented in the seminar would be reviewed again by the Expert Committee and the papers selected and approved by the said committee would be compiled, edited and published in the Seminar Proceeding Volume.

Abstracts should reach on or before 25th March 2017.

Please send your abstract to

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Registration Faculty Members from different Universities, Research Scholars, School Teacher, Students and NGOs can register for the seminar.

The registration fee is as follows :

Faculty members / School Teachers / NGOs Rs. 500/-
Research Scholar Rs. 400/-
Students Rs. 200/-

Mode of Payment : at the registration desk (by cash only). Accommodation will have to be arranged by the participants on their own. However, on prior information accommodation may be arranged for a few needy participants and the payment for the same will have to be made by them.