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ONE DAY STATE LEVEL WEBINAR

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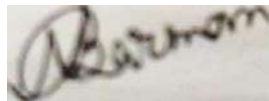
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The Department of Philosophy and Political Science jointly in collaboration with the IQAC, Durgapur Government College aspires to organize a One Day State Level Webinar on, “ETHICS IN POLITICS: ISSUES IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE IN DEMOCRACIES”, on 24TH January 2021. This One Day State Level Webinar is organized keeping in mind the academic excellence of students and faculty members and for inculcating a good academic discussion on topics of relevance in relation to the present day world. This seminar looks forward to show how Ethical values are important in Nation building, Leadership and system of Governance particularly in Democracies.

Professor Arun Kanti Jana, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, Professor Debabrata Saha, Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University and Professor Ashis Mistry, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta has kindly consented to be our resource person for the said webinar. The Online platform would be Google Meet. The participants will be provided with Registration link and Google Meet Link on 24.01.2021; the time for the said webinar will be 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm.



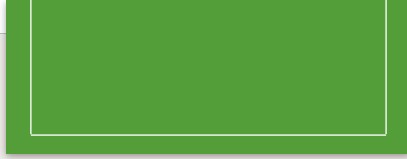
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*Organizing
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One Day State Level Webinar
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**“ETHICS IN POLITICS: ISSUES IN
LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE
IN DEMOCRACIES”**

on the 24th January, 2021
From 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Virtual platform : Google Meet

CONCEPT NOTE

"Man is Political animal" – the great quotation of Aristotle, the ancient Greek Philosopher and Polymath, vividly presenting the truth that the invariable presence of politics in human life and society and also its deep impact on the same. On the other hand, ethical values are the unwritten maxims of society which guide individual and is the key to welfare. Authoritative engagement of a person not holding ethical values leads to exploitation ultimately by usage of power handed over to them without a prior judgment of the adherence to ethics or morality. Exploitation of mass finally leads to unhappiness. Similarly, it is also true that adherence to ethical values is synonym of prevalence of justice and thereby happiness which is the ultimate goal of human society as Plato accorded in far history. If we go by Western Ethics; which is an integral part of Philosophy; there is much discussion on what can be called a Moral action and which can be identified as a Non-Moral action. What is made conspicuous is; Ethics always deals with conscious human actions; of which a human agent may be held responsible and may be evaluated accordingly. The other concept which plays a prime part in Western Ethics is that of Motive. Motive of a person is perceived as a conscious mental process by way of which a moral agent is guided to perform in a particular fashion. It must be remembered that through all these concepts what the Western Philosophers like Hume and Kant (though the beginning is definitely to be traced from Plato's depiction of the concept of Justice) is trying to make clear is that the norms of Ethics whether it be subjective or objective it certainly inculcates values in an human agent and guides his actions. The question of Value or so to say ethical values which is directly related to right conduct and wellbeing of the society is equally talked of in both Indian and Western Philosophy. In the Indian context as well we find the concept of Dharma and Purusartha helps the moral agent to attain the ultimate good or the sumumbonum of life. In fact right from the Sutrakara period (the latter Vedic period) we find the relevance of ethical values has been discussed in an individual's life and its impact thereby on Society at large. It is also a known fact that wellbeing of a Society is directly related to administration and leadership. In order to delve into political theories and the philosophical perspectives we need to know some actual functioning of systems of administration and how far are Ethical Values being made use of. As in the case of Representative Democracy, the role of political leader as well as administrators has become the key to the establishment of true notion of popular sovereignty as well as development. Their role in this type of political set up has already been theoretically explored and conventionally and lawfully assigned to them respectively. But the crux of the phenomena is that the level of performance of that assigned role or duty deeply rooted in the person's adherence to the ethical values and practices, which is still today in an ambiguity of theoretical affirmation. In spite of universal acceptance regarding the importance of ethical values not only in authoritative persons but everywhere of human life there is no such clear-cut guidelines upholding the specific ethical value for any particular field of life. Our this endeavor will focus on the particular areas to point out how ethical values are the controlling or the guiding principles in regard to the performance of the prime authorities of our society and what are those ethical content which administrators of the Society should adhere or abide by.

RESOURCE PERSONS



KEY NOTE
SPEAKER



Professor Arun Kanti Jana
Department of Political Science
University of North Bengal



SPEAKER



Professor Debabrata Saha
Department of Philosophy
Kazi Nazrul University
Topic: The Relevance of Mahabharata & Kautily's Arthashastra in the evolution of Ethics & Politics



SPEAKER



Professor Asis Mistry
Department of Political Science
University of Calcutta
Topic : Post-truthian Leadership and the Question of Ethical Conduct in Politics: A Contemporary Debate.

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Smt. Nidhi Mishra
Smt Manasi Mitra
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Shri Baidyanath kundu



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Date & Day	Time	Event
24/01/2021 (SUNDAY)	3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.	INAUGURAL SESSION: Inception synergism by Dr Bhumika Kanjilal Welcome address by Dr. Purushattam Pramanick Inaugural speech by Dr Debnath Palit Greetings by Dr. Tuhin Ghosh.
	3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Keynote address by Prof. Arun Kanti Jana.
	4:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION: Lecture 1. By Dr. Debabrata Saha Lecture 2: By Prof. Ashis Mistry
	5: 20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	VELICTORY SESSION: Sum-up note by Prof. Arun Kanti Jana. Vote of Thanks by Dr Nabamita Barman



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Webinar Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/sqr-vypt-nwz>

REPORT ON THE ONE DAY STATE LEVEL WEBINAR ON “ETHICS IN POLITICS: ISSUES IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE IN DEMOCRACIES”, on 24TH January 2021 ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH IQAC; DURGAPUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE

TITLE OF THE ONE DAY STATE LEVEL WEBINAR: “ETHICS IN POLITICS: ISSUES IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE IN DEMOCRACIES”, on 24TH January 2021

THEME OF THE WEBINAR: The question of Ethics/Moral judgment/values and morality has been dealt with both in Indian and Western Philosophy as well as in Western Political Thought. We have found that Plato in his ‘Republic’ for example has put forward the prospects of a Just society and that of a Just man. Philosophical theories had always been a guide to the governance of society. It is for the free living and moral development of man living in a society that laws taking morality in the backdrop has been a guiding principle in all forms of government. Even the Nazis, the autocrats had the fear of being overthrown if and when the moral sentiments of people be flourished. Leaders have always united masses on the count of moral belief and faith or for that matter belief in morality. Since the question on Right, Freedom and Equality reign supreme in all ages; the theme was chosen to spread awareness in students both from the Philosophical point of view and the political perspective of the order of governance. The Philosophical issues would take care of the theories based on morality put forward right from the Vedic period/ the Sutakara period; as far as the Indian perspective may be linked whereas the political aspect may be traced from the Classical Western Thought on Governance like that of Plato down to Locke and Rousseau. The theme was so chosen in order to make the students judge both the Free Will of Rousseau on one hand while the Feudalistic regimentation on the other. The theme would help the students rationalize and value, the intention, motive and the objectivity of the moral principles.

OBJECTIVE OF THE WEBINAR: The objective of the Webinar was to make the students acknowledge that principles or theories are empty if they do not have a social/ cultural/political utility. A very common way to describe a man is to say; that Human beings are social animals. Students must realize that being social or being a political animal is to exercise the right principles of living based on moral values. The social norms put forward or transmitted as family values are many a time considered as coercive. Students must realize that living in a society actually means taking responsibility in terms of performance of the several functions to sustain one’s livelihood. Living in itself thus projects adaptation and adaptation of principles like tolerance and perseverance. Ethics being a pivotal element in the whole process of living is so interwoven that social, political, moral, cultural are just different manifestations and nothing over and above it. We tried to uphold different typical cases both from the Indian Ethical values and from Western Political thoughts which perfectly unfolds the said hidden truth. It is true that many think that values are same for all cases and across the globe. On this point too the Webinar tried to frame the objective that culture have a great impact on social practices and hence on our moral frame of mind. Indian cultural practices and political thoughts were certainly starkly different from the Western World in terms of Tolerance towards the common subjects or the sense of surrender so on and

so forth. So as a whole the objective was so set that the intermingling of living practices for the betterment of life and the living creature and the ethical principles be made clear.

INVITED SPEAKER/SPEAKERS:

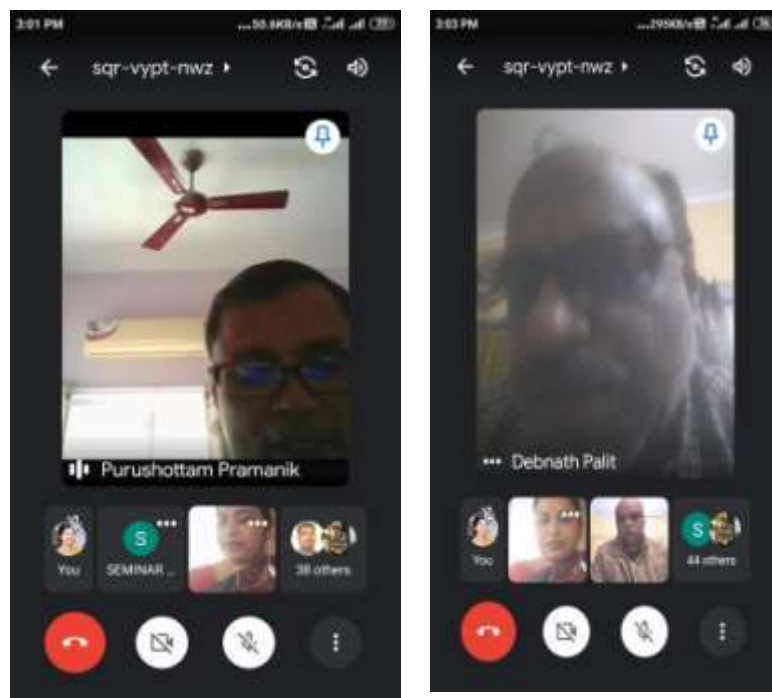
Keynote address by Prof. Arun Kanti Jana; Department of Political Science; University of North Bengal
Dr. Debabrata Saha; Department of Philosophy; Kazi Nazrul University
Prof. Ashis Mistry; Department of Political Science; University of Calcutta

TITLE OF THE TALK: 1. “The Relevance of Mahabharata &Kautilya’s Arthashastra in the evolution of Ethics & Politics” by Dr. Debabrata Saha

2. “Post-truthian Leadership and the Question of Ethical Conduct in politics: A Contemporary Debate”

by Prof. Ashis Mistry

The Online web platform used: Google Meet



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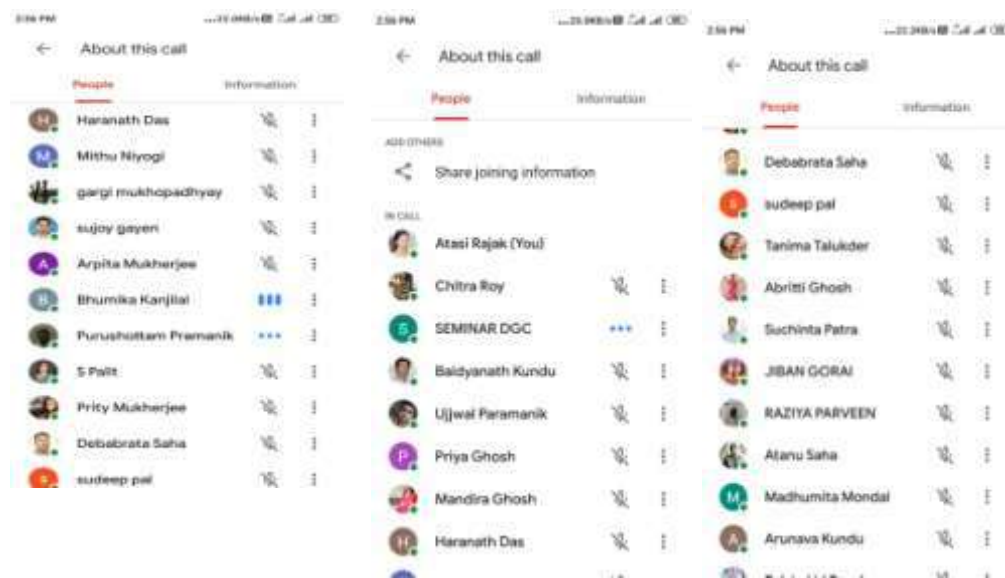
COORDINATOR DR. DEBNATH PALIT GIVING THEIR WELCOME ADDRESS AND INAUGRAL SPEECH
RESPECTIVELY IN THE WEBINAR



Prof. Arun Kanti Jana; Department of Political Science; University of North Bengal giving his key note address.



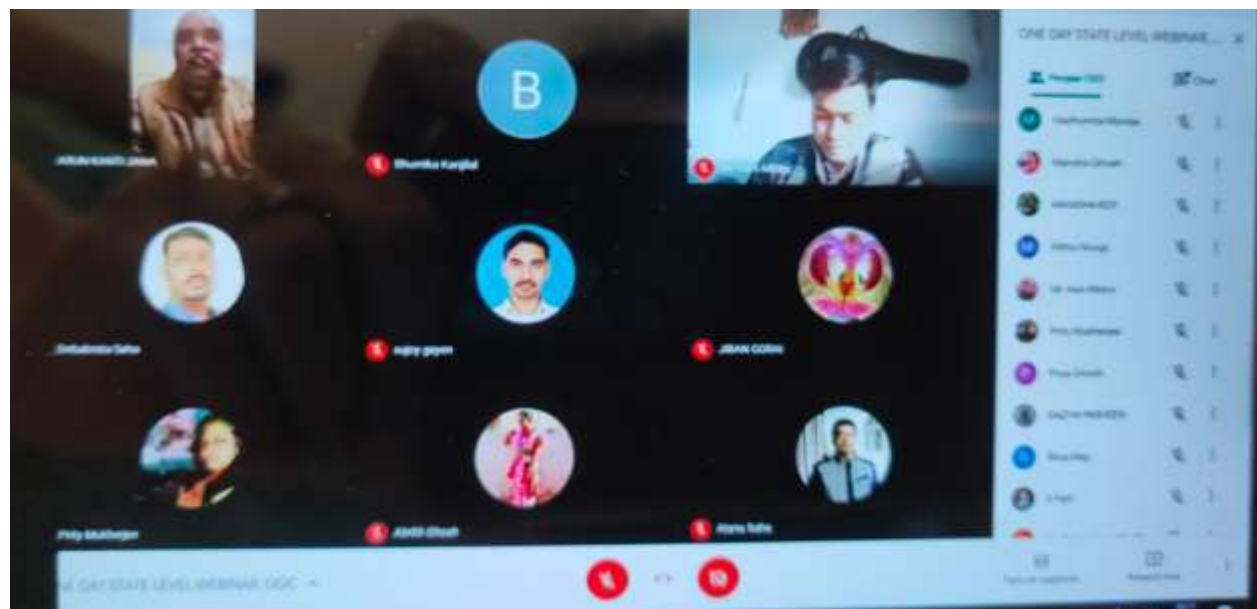
A STUDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY; JHILIK BOXI ; 5TH SEMESTER HONS INTERACTING WITH THE SPEAKERS



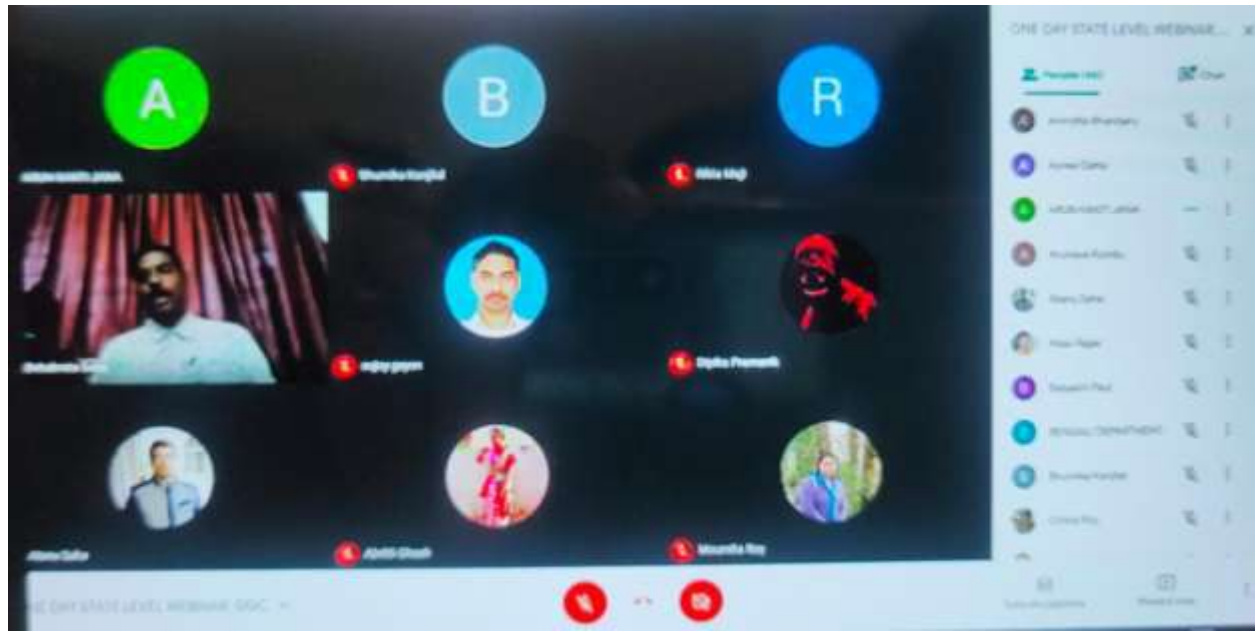
SCREEN SHOTS OF ATTENDANCE TAKEN



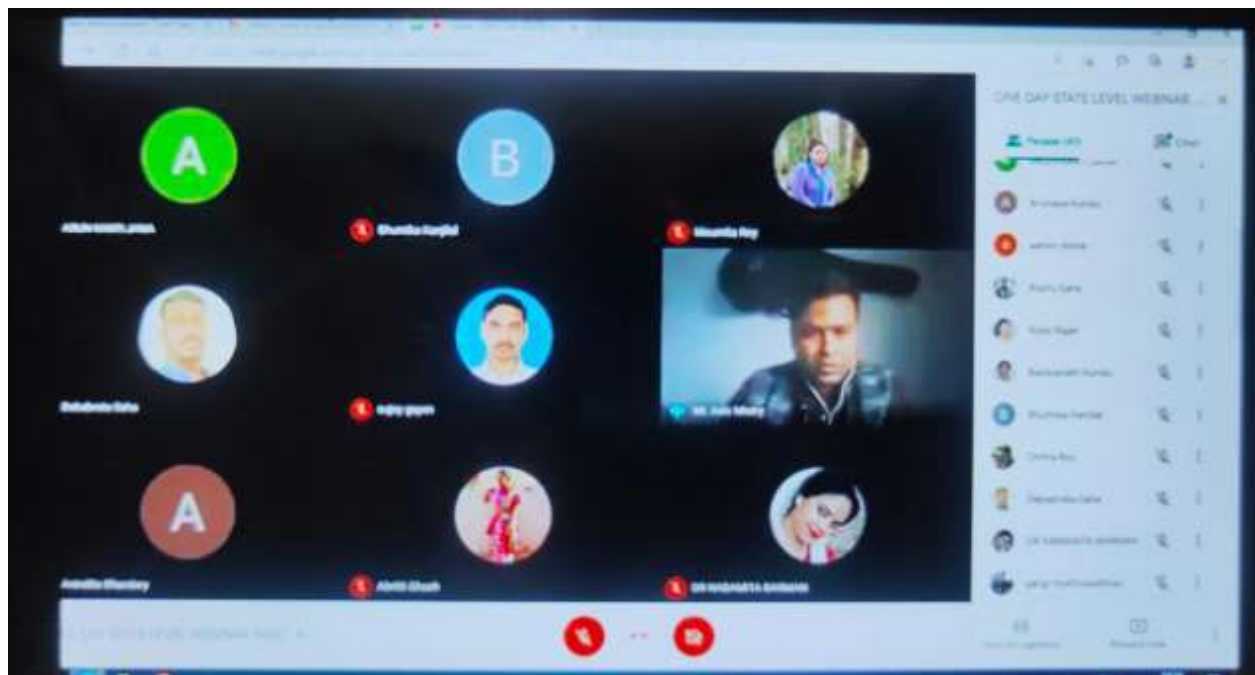
Prof. Arun Kanti Jana; Department of Political Science; University of North Bengal interacting to a student of the Department of Philosophy; 6th semester Hons.



Prof. Arun Kanti Jana; Department of Political Science; University of North Bengal and Dr. Debabrata Saha; Department of Philosophy; Kazi Nazrul University giving some key points on the issue of coercive actions of the state:Modern and Classical



Dr. Debabrata Saha; Department of Philosophy; Kazi Nazrul University delivering his lecture. He mentioned some definite incidences from the epic; Mahabharata to explain the case of Nyaya and Niti(Moral code of conduct and policy making principles). His area of discussion specially concentrated the battle field scene of Mahabharata. Special reference was made to the conversation between Lord Krishna and Arjun(Gita). The social /ethical/moral and virtue-vice issues were addressed in his lecture



Prof. Ashis Mistry; Department of Political Science; University of Calcutta delivering his lecture. He made special reference to Political theories which reveal truthism and while doing so he stated the philosophical perspective of Immanuel Kant on Morality and categorical imperative. Kant's moral theory holds that if there is a fundamental law or an objective rule for morality, then it must be in the form of Categorical Imperative which in itself would suggest that it would be objective/ rationally necessary and unconditional principle. We then must necessarily follow the imperatives despite of the fact that we may be having other inclinations. This definitely helps as well as proves in being a measuring criterion for governance and policy making. An egalitarian and piece-meal method may be its outcome.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (GOOGLE MEET ATTENDANCE)				
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