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National Webinar on the Occasion of
World Philosophy Day

Theme: Ethics and Us

Date: 17th November 2022
Time: 11:00 A.M.



Patron

Prof. Nageshwar Rao

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU

SPEAKERS



Prof. Mrinal Miri

Padma Bhushan &
Former Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NEHU



Prof. Ramesh Chandra Sinha

Former Hon'ble Chairman,
Indian Council of Philosophical Research



Prof. Shachi Shah

Director, SOITS, IGNOU



Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur

Programme Coordinator (Philosophy), SOITS, IGNOU

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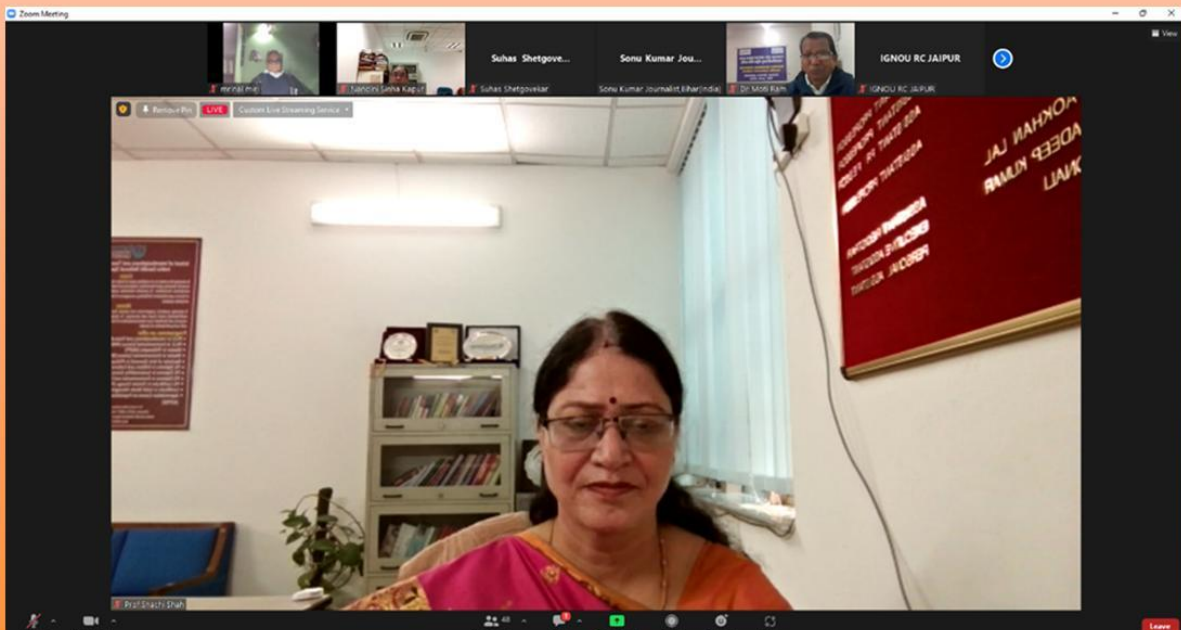
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National Webinar on the occasion of World Philosophy Day

On 17th November 2022, School of Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organized a national webinar on the occasion of World Philosophy day.

The theme of the webinar was “Ethics and Us”. The webinar was an attempt to look at various dimensions of relation between Ethics and human beings with the aim to understand the relation between the two in the contemporary world.

Director of the School Prof. Shachi Shah welcomed all the speakers and participants and highlighted the significance of such event in the present scenario. She also thanked Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU Prof. Nageshwar Rao and other officials for encouraging and helping to organize such events. She highlighted the relevance of the theme of the World Philosophy day 2022; ‘Human of the Future’ and the theme of the webinar; ‘Ethics and Us’.





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Welcome Address- Prof. Shachi Shah



Introduction of speakers- Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur

Philosophy Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur introduced the speakers and highlighted the contributions of distinguished speakers of the webinar. She highlighted the significance, importance and objectives of today's webinar.



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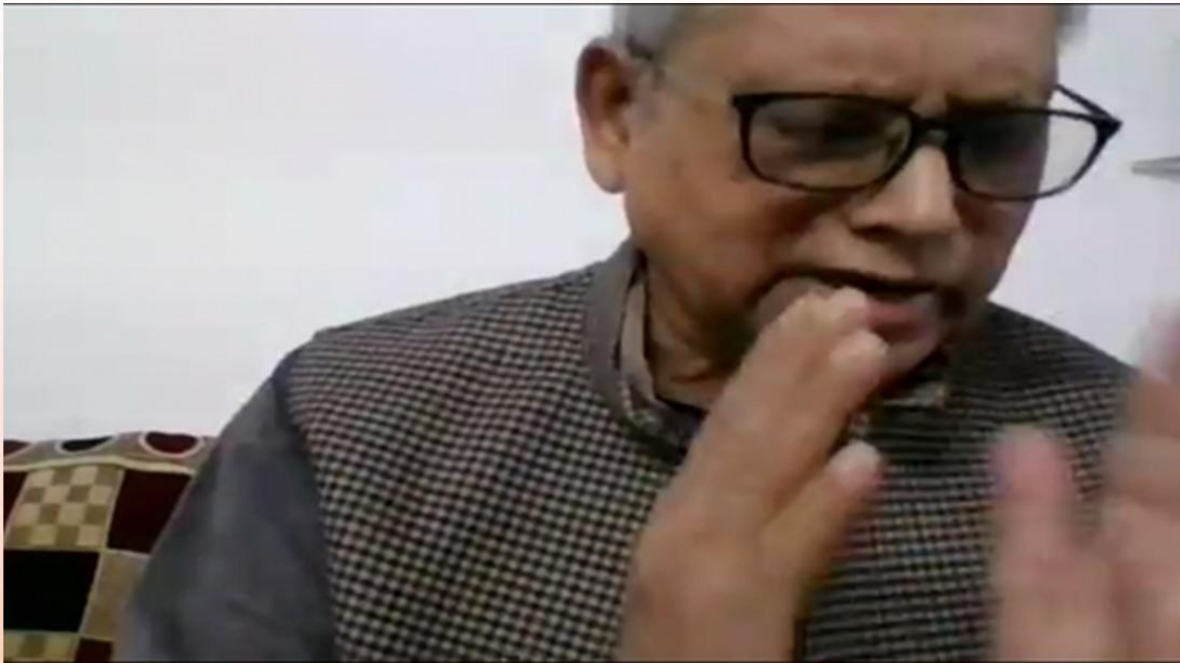
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Guest of Honour- Prof. Ramesh Chandra Sinha

In this occasion, two eminent philosophers, Prof. Ramesh Chandra Sinha, Former Chairman Indian Council of Philosophical Research as a guest of honour and Prof. Mrinal Miri, *Padma Bhushan* and Former Vice Chancellor, NEHU Shilong, as a key-note speaker were present.

Guest of Honour Prof. Ramesh Chandra Sinha, talked about philosophizing in the contemporary world. He said that post-modern society can be characterized as the age of technology and endism. He argued that this endism is very much against to the nature of human being. Human has compassion towards other. He highlighted the significance of Compassion in the post-modern society. Compassion means to suffer with others. Compassion is composed of with empathy and sympathy. Empathy is required for feeling towards others. He concluded that the 'new normal' emerged from our present crisis. He said that without any stigma we should be compassionate towards our fellow being and all living beings. He emphasized self-realized persons (*Bodhisattva* or *Sthitpragya*) can serve the society in multiple ways



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Key-note speaker- Prof. Mrinal Miri

Key-note speaker Prof. Mrinal Miri began his lecture with the premise that moral philosophy in the West has two basic sources: religion and Enlightenment. He highlighted that these two sources seem fundamentally different, but have something very important in common, namely, that man is absolutely unique among all earthly creatures and the root of this uniqueness is man's possession of reason which enables man to distinguish between right and wrong and good and bad. He argued that a little manipulation of the idea of reason which the two sources have in common can be shown to lead to views which are morally repugnant. He claimed *dharmic* conception of the world and of humans can be the source of starkly different ethical views. The concept of dharma represents Indian ethical view. *Dharma* is context-sensitive. After discussing the nature of dharma with the help of various sources, he discussed Gandhi's ethical thought which is located firmly in the dharmic tradition. He concluded with the claim that Gandhi's ethical view is the most profound modern expression



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In the end, Prof. Shubangi Vaidya, SOITS delivered vote of thanks.





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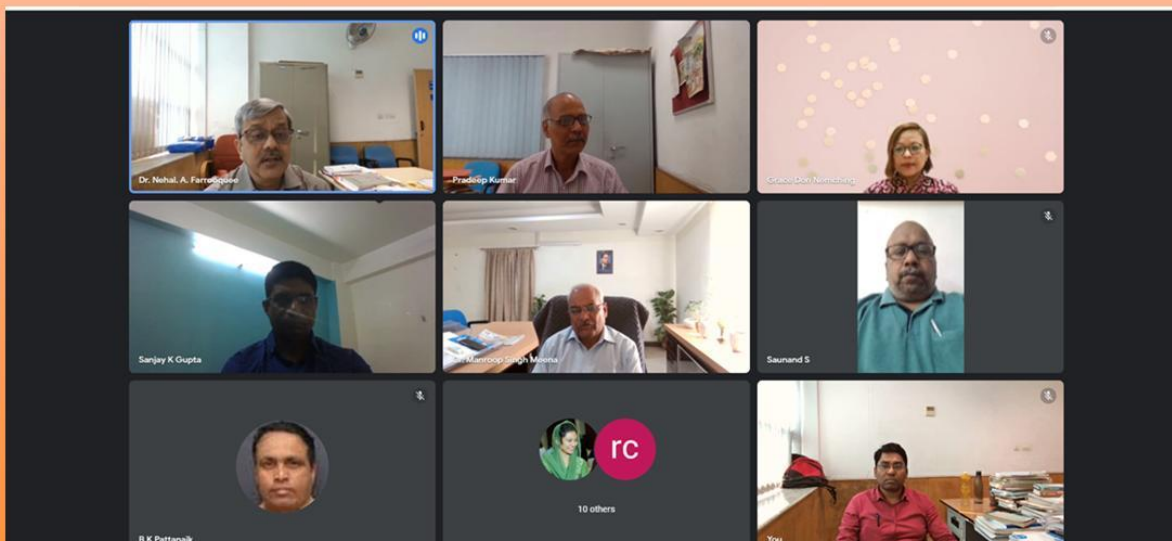
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Webinar lecture series-4 on Swachh Bharat Mission & India's Waste Governance Deficit



SOEDS organised Webinar lecture series-4 on Swachh Bharat Mission & India's Waste Governance Deficit by Dr. Sanjay K. Gupta (an expert in SBM-Integrated Solid Waste Management) .





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Objectives of SBM 2.0

- Intensive on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in urban and rural areas
- Focus on source segregation of garbage
- Reduction in single-use plastic (SUP)
- Prevent air pollution, by effectively managing waste from construction & demolition activities & burning
- Bioremediation & Biomining of legacy dump sites.
- All wastewater will be treated properly before it is discharged into water bodies
- All statutory towns will be at least 3-star Garbage Free rated as per MoHUA's Star Rating Protocol

Participants: Pradeep Kumar, Sanjay K Gupta, Dr. Manroop Singh Meena, Dr. Nehal, A. Farooquee, RC Visakhapatnam, B K Pattanaik, Dr. Rehana C Mohamed, 20 others

But...

Every Municipality received waste from all sources, even what they are not supposed to manage: Hence

- In majority of the cities – one can find, all type of waste mixed in any home, shops, industry, hospitals, hotels, goshalas ...

And this is where Waste Governance becomes a Challenge for Municipalities and monitoring agencies

Participants: Pradeep Kumar, Sanjay K Gupta, Dr. Manroop Singh Meena, Dr. Nehal, A. Farooquee, RC Visakhapatnam, B K Pattanaik, Dr. Rehana C Mohamed, 21 others

What are the Key Governance Challenges?

We do not have credible and authentic data on almost any activity of waste – from generation rate to disposal quantities

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Good News - Cities are striving to improve in last 5 years through PPP

TOP 10 CLEANEST CITIES

Each of these cities have created 100-120 additional jobs per lakh of population

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A very focussed attempt

- Urban Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 will be implemented with total allocation of 1,41,678 crores over coming 5 years
- This Mission Budget focusses on**
 - Source segregation of solid waste,
 - 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle),
 - Scientific processing of all types of municipal solid waste and
 - Remediation and mining of legacy dumpsites

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