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One Day Seminar on

“Ancient Ethical Thoughts in India: Bridging Tradition and Modernity”

8th July, 2025

(Indian Philosophers' Day)

Concept Note

Ethical insights have formed an important aspect of India's social rubric and philosophical engagements within the Indian Knowledge System. Its ambit strides across a wide range of spatio-temporal expanse, beginning with the early Dharmasutras and Arthashastra and culminating in later treatises from the Vedantic, Buddhist and Jain schools. The range of ethical concerns that the ancient Indian thinkers have grappled with is immense, with morality, duty, virtue and components of a good life forming some of its fundamental pillars. This seminar is both a salutation to the enduring relevance of Indian ethical tradition, and an exploration into the ways in which they can be employed to grapple with contemporary challenges of modern living. The seminar intends to initiate and foster a dialogue between ancient wisdom and modern concerns, and look into illuminate the complex avenues of 21st century being through the light of Indian ethical thought.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Government College is NAAC accredited Government College established in 2014. Located at the heart of the built-in city of New Town, Kolkata with a five acres large campus, a multipurpose playground, a state-of-the art gym, high standard laboratories and a growing library. The campus has a four storied, multi-block building with elevator facility and the campus is friendly towards differently abled persons. The classrooms are large, airy and aided with facilities for the use of ICT.

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Keynote Address: Does Advaita Vedānta preach
in Morality?
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Invited
Lectures:

Vidhi as an Impersonal Imperative: A Mimāmsa
Analysis of *Dharma*
Professor Preetam Ghoshal
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Paradox of Niṣkāma Karma
Professor Sabita Samanta, Head, Dept. of Philosophy,
West Bengal State University

Dhammapada on Contemporary Ethics
Dr. Arindam Bhattacharyya (WBES)
Officer on Special Duty, Presidency University, Kolkata

❖ Participants must submit their papers on or before 3rd July 2025 via email: philosophy.ntgc@gmail.com. The Paper should be written within 2500-3000 words in either Bengali/English in APA format (including citations) in PDF and DOCS file formats.

- ❖ Proposed Sub-themes:
- ❖ Indian Metaphysics
- ❖ Contemporary Indian Thinkers
- ❖ Indian Epistemology
- ❖ Indian Ethics
- ❖ Indian Philosophy and Environment
- ❖ Presentation time is restricted to 15 minutes for each participant

Important Details

- Last Date of online Application: **3rd July 2025**
 - Last Date of Submission of Paper via E-mail: **3rd July 2025**
 - Intimation of Acceptance Will be sent: **5th July 2025**
 - Registration Fees:
 - Full Time faculty (Other Institutions) **Rs 700/-**
 - SACT/RA/JRF/SRF ((Other Institutions) **Rs 500/-**
 - Faculty/Others(Home Institution) **Rs 500/-**
 - Registration Link for participation and paper presentation:
<https://forms.gle/x3k3pvdUKcY74Y4U9>
(Registration is mandatory for both presenters and participants)
 - Seminar Date: **8th July, 2025; 10:30 AM; Seminar Hall**
 - Reporting Time: **10 AM**
- ❖ Candidates will not be provided TA/DA for participation in the Seminar.
- ❖ Participants can make payment by Online Transfer (RTGS/NEFT).
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