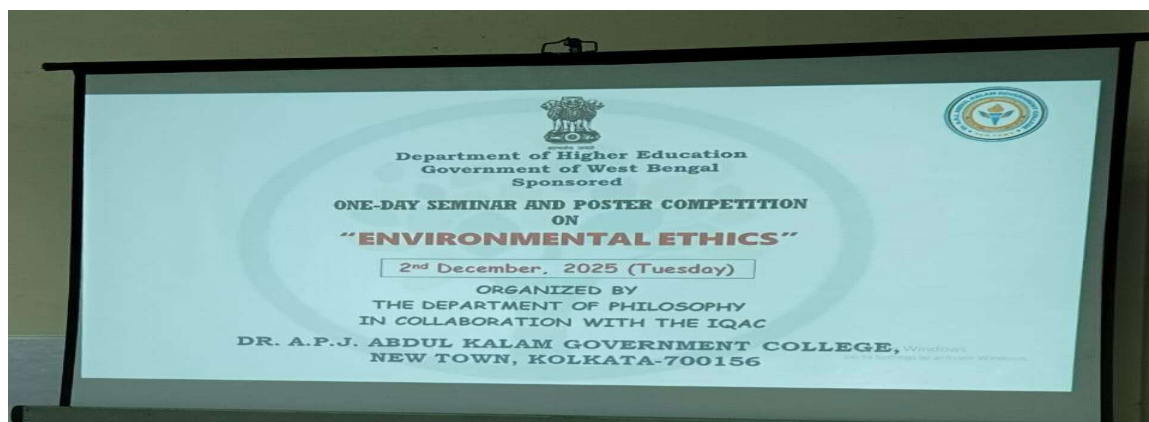




Programme Report

The Department of Philosophy at Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Government College, Newtown, Kolkata, successfully organized a seminar on '**Environmental Ethics**' on December 2, 2025. The day's event also included a poster presentation focusing on various Environmental Issues. This event was sponsored by the Department of Higher Education and held in collaboration with the IQAC. The seminar and poster presentation promoted **environmental awareness, sustainable development, and ecological responsibility** among School, College, and University communities and State participants. A detailed report of the sessions is presented below for your kind perusal.

Introductory Session:- Mrs. Madhurima Choudhury, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, introduced the inaugural session and set the stage for the event. The IQAC Co-Ordinator as the acting officer- in charge of the college and the distinguished guests were invited to take the stage. There was a **Maṅgalācaraṇa** through chanting of *ślokas* of the Upanishad by Reshmi Parvin and Shamriddha Ghosh, students of the English Department.



Maṅgalācaraṇa by Reshmi Parvin and Shamriddha Ghosh

All the dignitaries were welcomed with flowers and token gifts of modest value. This was followed by an inaugural address by the IQAC Co-Ordinator Dr. Ariktram Chatterjee, who was the chief person of the programme and he delivered an introductory speech also. Dr. Chatterjee briefly narrated how the programme was conceived and welcome all the distinguished guests from different Schools, Colleges and Universities to the College on behalf of the IQAC. His speech presented the topic in a nut-shell and laid down the foundation of the programme.



Flowers and token gift



Introductory Lecture by Dr. Ariktram Chatterjee

Keynote Address:- The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Koushik Sarkar, Assistant Professor of the Department of Philosophy. Although the address was formally structured on some key concepts of Environmental Ethics, yet it was liked by all members of the audience. In his keynote address, Dr. Koushik Sarkar highlighted the core significance of Environmental Ethics, stating that his field provides the necessary moral framework for humans to understand and fulfil their responsibilities toward the natural world.



Keynote address by Dr. Koushik Sarkar

Academic Session I :

The first academic session was initiated by Dr. Aditi Dasgupta subsequent to the keynote address. A brief but lucid presentation was offered by Dr. Aditi Dasgupta, Professor of the Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University. She spoke on “ Environment: Recognition of ‘Their’ Thought World ” which was enjoyed greatly by the students. Her easy diction and the ability to present points of deep Philosophical import in an easily understandable manner made this session a very fruitful one. She presented not only the theoretical outline of Environmental Ethics but also presented instances of its application under critical conditions of lived experience, to which the audience could easily relate.



Invited lecture being delivered by Dr. Aditi Dasgupta to a full audience

Following this was an intense lecture about the “Environmental Ethics and its importance from Jaina Perspective”, given by Dr. Tamoghna Sarkar, Assistant Professor of the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. Dr. Sarkar emphasized that the Jaina perspective on Environmental Ethics is a holistic and compassionate framework. It is deeply rooted in the faith’s philosophical principles,

establishing a profound connection between human conduct and well-being of the entire natural world.



Dr. Tamoghna Sarkar delivering his speech on ‘Environmental Ethics and its importance from Jaina Perspective

The audience was greatly enlightened by the scholar’s detailed discussion of the major ethical issues.

Thereafter, the seminar broke for lunch , where the teachers, participants and students should a hearty meal with the faculties of the college, exchanging views and having very enthusiastic conversations.

Academic Session II

Mr. Swarnendu Sarkar delivered the address for the second academic session. He is a conservation worker and independent researcher. His lecture entitled ‘The circle of Life: Honey Bees and the evolution of life’. He discussed the importance of the presence of honeybees in the evolution of world environment, its contribution in developing and sustaining ecology. He discusses the ethical Outlook necessary in our dealings with the environment for our sake and the world’s.



Mr. Swarnendu Sarkar delivering his lecture on ‘ ‘The circle of Life: Honey Bees and the evolution of life’.

Mr. Swarnendu Sarkar's lecture concluded and then the poster presentation competition started. This competition was one of the most anticipated part Of this seminar, with the seminar's resource persons acting as the judges. This session witnessed enthusiastic participation, with over twelve entries received from students across different departments , including Philosophy, Botany, English, Anthropology, Zoology. University students also participated in the seminar and presented their Posters.



Poster Presentation

Concluding Session:- The programme was concluded with a Valedictory Session where the participants were honored by the resource persons through distribution of mementos and certificates . Only first ,second and third prize winners of the poster presentation received mementos.



Prize Distribution

Dr. Mithu Sinha Ray, Head of the Department of Philosophy summed up the session and a Vote of thanks was given by Smt. Deblina Banerjee , Assistant professor of Philosophy Department.



Mithu Sinha Ray summed up the session



Vote of Thanks giving by Deblina Banerjee

Finally ,a photo session was held with the participants ,resource persons and college faculty who contributed to the event's success.



A concluding Group Photo with Resource Persons , Faculties and Students