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is organizing an INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR on*

MORALS MATTER: ETHICS AND HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

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WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2022

INAUGURAL SESSION (OPEN TO ALL)

VENUE : VIVEKANANDA HALL (TIME: 4:30 TO 6:25 PM)

4-30 PM	Vedic Chanting	05 min
4-35 PM	Felicitation of Speakers	05 min
4-40 PM	Welcome Speech Swami Suparnananda <i>Secretary, RMIC, Gol Park, Kolkata</i>	10 min
4-50 PM	Introduction to the Seminar Dr Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty <i>Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata</i>	10 min.
5-00 PM	Keynote Address by Srimat Swami Bhajananandaji Maharaj <i>Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Dt. Howrah, WB</i>	40 min
5-40 PM	Address by Guest of Honour Prof. Mrinal Miri <i>Recipient of Padma Bhushan, Philosopher-Educationist & Former Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi</i>	40 min
6-20 PM	Vote of Thanks Swami Tadvratananda <i>CISR, RMIC, Gol Park, Kolkata</i>	05 min

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

(ENTRY BY REGISTRATION. TIME: 9 TO 9-30 AM)

VENUE: **SHIVANANDA HALL**

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2022

FIRST ACADEMIC SESSION: 9-30 AM TO 11-15 AM

Why be Moral ?

9-30 AM to 10-00 AM	Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mohapatra <i>Former Professor of Philosophy Utkal University, Bhubaneswar</i>	Why be Moral?
10-00 AM to 10-30 AM	Prof. Rakesh Chandra <i>Professor of Philosophy University of Lucknow, Lucknow</i>	The Inescapable Moral Nature of Being
10-30 AM to 11-00 AM	Prof. Radharaman Chakrabarti <i>Project Director, UNESCO Project on International Understanding for Human Unity, RMIC, Kolkata</i>	Escape if you can, but accept you must: Morality is Indispensable
Discussion: 15 Min		Chairperson: Prof. Mrinal Miri

TEA BREAK: 11-15 AM TO 11-40 AM

SECOND ACADEMIC SESSION: 11-50 AM TO 1-00 PM

Nature and Source of Moral values

11-50 AM to 12-20 PM	Prof. James Sterba <i>Professor of Philosophy University of Notre Dame, USA</i>	The Idea of a Logically Good God
12-20 PM to 12-50 PM	Prof. Chhanda Chakraborti <i>Visiting Professor of Philosophy, School of Liberal Arts IIT Jodhpur, Jodhpur</i>	On the origin and nature of Ethics and Ethical Values
Discussion: 10 Min		Chairperson: Prof. Prafulla K Mohapatra

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 PM TO 2-00 PM

THIRD ACADEMIC SESSION: 2-00 PM TO 3-40 PM

Weakness of the Will: Where the Head and the Heart clash

2-00 PM to 2-30 PM	Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog <i>Department of Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</i>	Possibility of Akratic Agents: Groups, Gangs, and Gatherings
2-30 PM to 3-00 PM	Prof. Indrani Sanyal <i>Former Professor of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata</i>	The Weakness of Will in a Man's Battle of Life: Some Reactions from the Gita Perspective
3-00 PM to 3-30 PM	Prof. Amlan Dasgupta <i>Former Professor of English Jadavpur University, Kolkata</i>	Sites of Disruption: Acting against Reason in Greek Thought
<i>Discussion: 10 Min</i> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Chhanda Chakraborti</i>		

TEA BREAK: 3-40 PM TO 4-00 PM

FOURTH ACADEMIC SESSION: 4-00 PM TO 5-40 PM

The Nature of Moral Judgements and The Status of Moral Principles

4-00 PM to 4-30 PM	Prof. Patitapaban Das <i>Professor of Philosophy Ravenshaw University, Cuttack</i>	The Burden of Goodness
4-30 PM to 5-00 PM	Dr. Manoj Panda <i>Dept. of Philosophy Presidency University, Kolkata</i>	Naturalism and Normativity in Moral Judgements and Moral Perception
5-00 PM to 5-30 PM	Prof. Jan Narveson <i>Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada</i>	Moral Principles
<i>Discussion: 10 Min</i> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Indrani Sanyal</i>		

FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2022

FIFTH ACADEMIC SESSION: 9-30 AM TO 11-10 AM

Moral Dilemma and Human Response

9-30 AM to 10-00 AM	Prof. Aditya Mohanti <i>Professor of Philosophy, Tripura University, Agartala</i>	Moral Dilemma—Nature & Resolution
10-00 AM to 10-30 AM	Prof. R P Goldman <i>Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley</i>	Ethical Dilemmas in Vālmīki's Rāmāyaṇa: A Fresh Approach to Some Troubling Episodes
10-30 AM To 11-00 AM	Prof. Amita Chatterjee <i>Former Vice-Chancellor, Presidency University, Kolkata</i>	Moral dilemmas—Sources and Resolutions
<i>Discussion: 10 Min</i> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Rakesh Chandra</i>		

TEA BREAK: 11-10 AM TO 11-30 AM

SIXTH ACADEMIC SESSION: 11-30 AM TO 1-10 PM

Contribution of Key Indian Thinkers in the Field of Ethics

11-30 AM to 12-00 noon	Prof. Sabujkoli Sen <i>Former Vice-Chancellor Visva-Bharati University</i>	Revisiting Buddhist Ethics: Ambedkar's Interpretation
12-00 noon to 12-30 PM	Prof. Amitabha Dasgupta <i>Former Professor of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad</i>	Sri Aurobindo's Conception of Ethics in Relation to Man and Society
12-30 PM to 1-00 PM	Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty <i>Professor of Philosophy Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata</i>	What is it to be Moral? In search of Rabindranath's Response
<i>Discussion: 10 Min</i> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Amita Chatterjee</i>		

LUNCH BREAK: 1:10 PM TO 2-00 PM

SEVENTH ACADEMIC SESSION: 2-00 PM TO 3-30 PM

Ethics in Professions: Health Care and Business

2-00 PM to 2-30 PM	Prof. Atashee Chatterjee Sinha <i>Professor in Philosophy Jadavpur University, Kolkata</i>	Philosophy, Morals and Professional Competence
2-30 PM to 3-00 PM	Dr. Anita Shantaram <i>Founder, EthicsIndia—A Legasis Company, Mumbai</i>	Business Ethics Matters
3-00 PM to 3-30 PM	Prof. Chirantan Chatterjee <i>Reader in Economics, University of Sussex. UK</i>	Compassionate Healthcare Systems
<i>Discussion: 10 Min</i> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Amitabha Dasgupta</i>		

TEA BREAK: 3-40 PM TO 4-00 PM

CONCLUDING SESSION: 4-00 PM TO 5-10 PM

4-00 PM to 4-20 PM	Seminar Rapporteuring Dr. Manoj Panda
4-20 PM to 5-00 PM	Valedictory Address Srimat Swami Atmapriyanandaji Maharaj <i>Pro-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational & Research Institute, Belur Math, Dt. Howrah, WB</i>
5-00 PM to 5-10 PM	Vote of Thanks Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the Inaugural session on Wednesday, 18 May 2022 to be held in the Vivekananda Hall.

Swami Suparnananda
Secretary

- Timings are in IST (UTC+5:30) and subject to change
- Abstracts of the papers will be made available on the Institute's website: <https://sriramakrishna.org>