

## NATIONAL WEBINAR ON “VALUES AND VIRTUES FOR PRESENT TIMES: REFLECTION THROUGH THE MAHABHARATA”

The department of History in collaboration with IQAC has organized National Webinar on “Values and Virtues for present Times: Reflection through the Mahabharata” on 2nd August 2021. The program was inaugurated by Professor Kiran Choudhury, Regional Director, IGNOU, Regional Centre, Agartala. Welcome address was given by the organizing Secretary Smt. L. Sailo. The webinar was attended by 62 participants. The two resource persons are Dr. Ravi Khangai, Assistant Professor, Post Graduate Teaching, Dept. of History, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, and Dr. Geetesh Nirban, Assistant Professor (Senior Scale) In-charge Dept. of Philosophy Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi.

Dr. Geetesh Nirban whose interests include ethics, Indian Philosophy, environmental philosophy, Mahābhārata, mindfulness and feminism discussed Peace as Inherent Value: Ethical Reflection through Mahabharata. She talks about Mahabharata as a peaceful value and the importance of Mahabharata in our daily life. She also mentions about Mahabharata relation with peaceful life and the life that mankind has to live with.

Dr. Ravi Khangai discussed how the Mahabharata can address the modern days concern, relationship between language and history, how it says about protection of environment-forest, trees and other non-human animals. He also addressed important questions like



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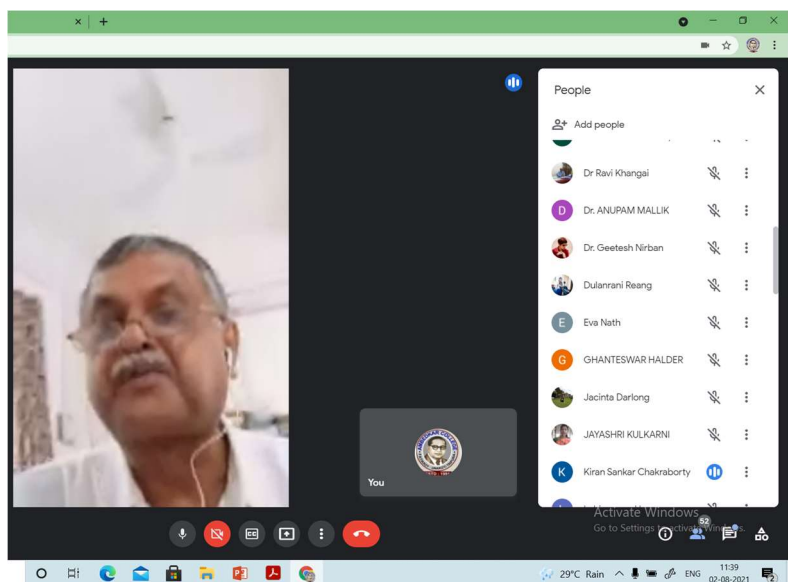
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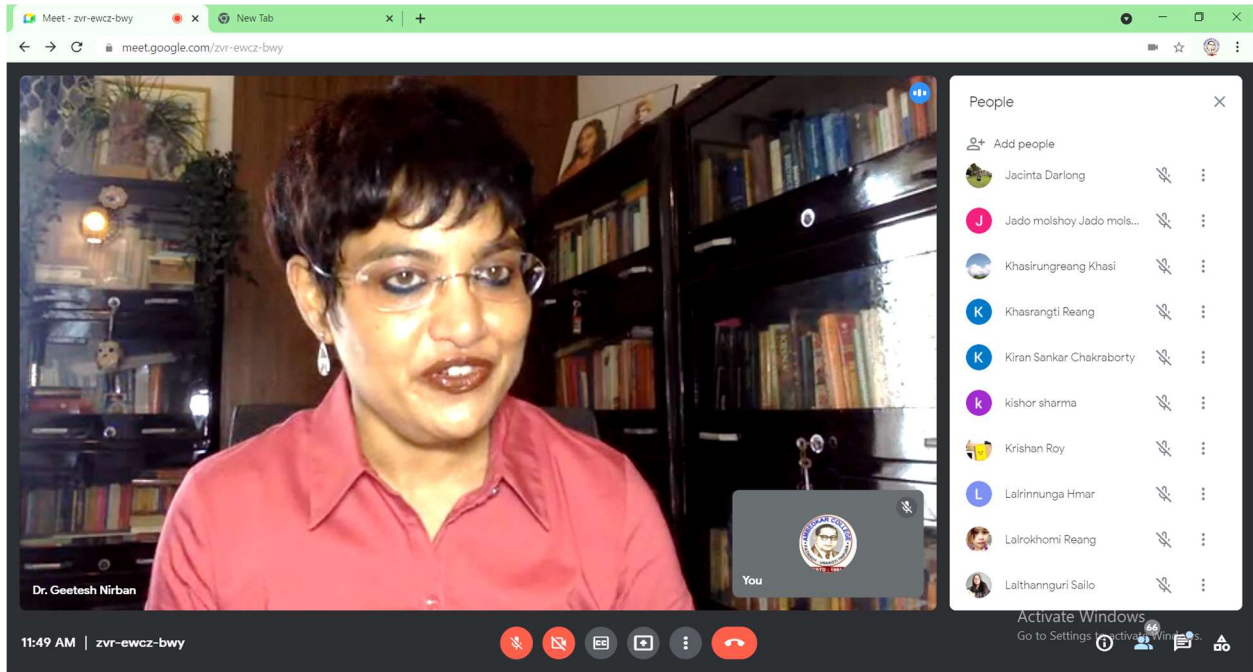
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**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**  
**Time: 11.30 a.m.**

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whether Ecodharma is there and whether human being is the master of his surroundings or part of it. He also explores the vast knowledge inside the epic like hunting and curses, kindness to animals and meat eating, perception of forest and trees, the Khandava episode, when the earth is oppressed? and why do the animals and birds speak to humans etc. He also elaborates how kindness to animals could be a great virtue and effects of killing animals. At the end he mentions how to solve the environment problems in the present days by adopting various ways of the Mahabharata.



Towards the end of the session the resource persons answer the query from the participants. The webinar concluded with the Presidential address and a vote of thanks by Dr. Subrata Sharma, Principal In-Charge Ambedkar College.