

## A Brief report of the ICPR Sponsored Periodical Lectures, 2019-20



(Photos of the Periodical Lectures)

The Department of Philosophy, Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya, Gomati District, Udaipur, Tripura organised the ICPR sponsored Periodical Lectures on the theme “*Basic Values in Indian Culture & their Relevance to National Reconstruction*” 04<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 in the Seminar Hall of the college. More than one hundred fifty participants from different colleges and universities participated in the said programme including the faculty members and students of our college.

The programme started at 11 AM with the chief resource persons viz., (1) **Dr. Sarat Chandra Panigrahi**, Retired Professor of Philosophy, Utkal University and former governing body member of ICPR, New Delhi (2) **Srimat Hitakamananda**, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Viveknagar, Amtali, Agartala and (3) **Dr. Rita Das Nayak**, HOD, Department of Geography, Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur. The programme was inaugurated with welcome address by Dr. Samir Kumar Diabagh, Organising Secretary of the lecture who highlighted on the theme of the seminar. He pointed out how the contemporary social and political situation is a threat to national reconstruction. He emphasised that whenever there is a crisis in socio political structure, it is the philosopher who by his revolutionary ideas tries to reconstruct and preserve values of the society. In the present scenario, Indian value system can be a therapeutic tool in curing social evils. Dr. Rita Das Nayak discussed in her paper entitled “*Indian Culture, Basic Values and Rejuvenation of Values for National Reconstruction*” highlighted the necessity of saving ourselves from the enemies, who dwells in us. To achieve that goal, she stressed on the present generation to clean the atmosphere with the spirit of service and sacrifice for the future for building a new society.

Professor Sarat Chandra Panigrahi discussed in detail the basic values of Indian culture i.e., dharma, artha, kama, moksa and pointed out its relevance to National Reconstruction. He pointed out how the doctrine of Purusarthas offers a complete value system both from the point of view of content and structure. The basic presupposition of the scheme of values as envisaged by its proponents is that man is neither a physical organism nor a mere spiritual self but a totality consisting of the physical, psychic and spiritual. The seminar was also addressed by Srimat Hitakamananda who in lucid language explained the legacy of Indian Culture and how it is vital for continuation of the legacy which also helps in overcoming the social evils like fanaticism, fundamentalism, and exploitation in socio-economic spheres.

The seminar was vibrant in question answer session where the faculty members and students participated and sought clarification on some crucial issues which was answered by the resource persons to the satisfaction of the participants.

Dr. Dipannita Chakaraborty, Principal of Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya presented a brief summary of the talks by the resource persons and expressed her views on the theme of the seminar. She thanked the resource persons for their insightful talk on Indian Culture. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks given by Principal at 3.30 p.m.