

NATIONAL SEMINAR

On

“THE BUDDHIST HUMANISM – A PHILOSOPHY OF SACRED- SECULAR SYNTHESIS”

ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Date: 18 & 19th of January, 2023



A National Seminar on “The Buddhist Humanism – A Philosophy of Sacred-Secular Synthesis” was organized by the Department of Philosophy on the 18th and 19th of January, 2023. Eminent national figures and scholars had graced the two day National Seminar which was presided by Dr. Prabina Kumar Nanda, Principal and coordinated by Sri Simanchala Bhola, Head, Department of Philosophy.

Prof. Dhaneswar Sahu, Former Reader in Philosophy, B.J.B. Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest, Dr. Sarat Chandra Panigrahi, Former Professor of Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Speaker and Dr. Aditya Kumar Mohanty, Professor of Philosophy, Central University, Tripura was the Keynote Speaker. Other Guests and Resource Persons were Dr. Narasingha Daini, Former Reader in Odia, Purushottampur College, Dr. K. Om Narayana Rao, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Niranjan Govt. Women’s College, Aska, Sri Pramod Kumar Dsah, Asst. Professor of

Philosophy, Nayagarh Autonomous College, Nayagarh and Dr. Kailash Chandra Maharana, Asst. Professor of Philosophy, Balugaon College, Balugaon



The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Dhaneswar Sahu, the Chief Guest at 11:00 a.m. on 18.01.2023 in the auditorium Hall with the lighting of the lamp and opening song by the students. Sri Simanchala Bhola delivered the welcome address and the Concept Note of the Seminar which was followed by Guest Introduction. The Chief Guest spoke about the secular-rationalistic aspects of Buddhism and its relevance in the present day society. Guest of Honour, Dr. Narasingha Daini spoke about the central tenet of Buddhism and the concept of spiritual humanism. Principal Dr. Prabina Kumar Nanda delivered his presidential address in which he highlighted the salient features of Buddhism and attainment of world peace.

The inaugural session was followed by the Keynote Session in which the keynote speaker Prof. Aditya Kumar Mohanty spoke about the connection between secularism, humanism, religion and Buddhism. The basic aim of all religion is to ensure world peace and serenity as the *paramartha* or *summum bonum* of life. The keynote speech was followed by an interactive session in which the speaker addressed all the questions that came from the participants and interacted with students and media persons. The forenoon sessions ended with the felicitation of the guests and Vote of Thanks by Sri L. N. Panda, Reader & Head, Department of Odia.

Post lunch, technical sessions were held in which participants from different colleges presented their papers with Q-A session. The Valedictory Function was held on 19 01.2023 in which Dr. K. Om Narayan Rao, Asst. Prof. of Philosophy, Niranjana Govt. Women's College, Aska was the Chief Guest and Sri Pramod Ku. Dash, Asst. Prof. of Philosophy, Nayagarh Autonomous College, Nayagarh and Dr. Kailash Chandra Maharana, Asst. prof. of Philosophy, Balugaon College, Balugaon were the Guests of Honour. The seminar offered valuable insight about Indian history, culture and tradition to all the students the college.

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