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IUST celebrates World Philosophy Day- 2023

Awantipora, March 21: World Philosophy Day-2023 was celebrated by Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies, IUST on 20 March, 2024 to underscore the enduring significance of Philosophy as an inspiring discipline and everyday practice that can transform societies. Sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, the theme chosen for the celebration was Environmental Philosophy: Epistemology, Aesthetics and Ethics.



Dr. Anil K Tewari, Associate Professor, Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, in his keynote address opined that humans alone are responsible for environmental disturbance and degradation. "Mutualistic and egalitarian social structures need to be established to help re-harmonize human connections with the natural world," Dr Tewari said.

Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic affairs IUST while presiding over the inaugural function highlighted the importance of religion in resolving environmental problems by motivating people to live within limits governed by trans-historical values. Prof. Sheikh Javid, Dean Research, IUST, pointed out that philosophy can offer unique resources for activating concern and creative thinking about the earth's future. He brought home the holistic approach used by a philosopher in understanding the universe in contrast to a scientist who narrows down his knowledge and learning to a specific area.



Dr. Waseem Bari, Registrar and Controller of Examinations, IUST co-related Philosophy with Physics and pointed out how both these disciplines are concerned with unraveling the complexities of the universe and understanding human nature and the relationship between man and existence through different technical worldviews. Dr. Munejah Khan, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences said that Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies, IUST is a dream come true for students and lovers of philosophy. The objective of the Centre is to impart an all-inclusive and comprehensive understanding of philosophy at basic and advanced levels and promote interdisciplinary engagement and research with other areas to address contemporary socio-political and ethical issues and challenges. She congratulated the Centre for celebrating this event.

Earlier Prof. Lily Want, Director, Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies, delivered the welcome address and spoke of the significance of World Philosophy Day. She said that the purpose of choosing the theme for celebrating World Philosophy Day was to examine how philosophers can productively respond to natural disasters and other material effects of environmental degradation. Ms. Syed Sabreen conducted the proceedings of the inaugural function and Dr. Tariq Rafeeq Khan presented the vote of thanks.

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