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Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), University of North Bengal**



18th - 24th September 2025

MODE: HYBRID



Keynote Speaker



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ICSSR-ERC Sponsored Faculty Development Programme on IKS: Prospects and Possibility

Date: 18 September to 24 September 2025

Venue (Offline): Gour Mahavidyalaya, Malda

Venue (Online): Zoom Platform

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University of North Bengal, India

Overview

IQAC in Gour Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with MMTTC, University of North Bengal planned a Teacher Training Program (FDP) to meet the various objectives of NEP 2020 in higher educational institutions. The main objective of the course was to equip the faculty members on how to adopt an expansive perspective on IKS and meet its avowed agenda to decolonise the education system. Subsequently, ICSSR-ERC agreed to sponsor the course and 16 renowned educationists, scholars, and public intellectuals joined this course to make it enormously productive. The Keynote was delivered by **Professor Akeel Bilgrami** from **Columbia University, New York**. There were 16 moderators from different institutions and disciplines for all the sessions. **Dr. Saptarshi Mallick** joined the course as a moderator from the **University of Graz in Poland**, whereas **Professor Himadri Lahiri** from **Netaji Subhas Open University (Kolkata)** moderated the Keynote session on 18 September, 2025.

Course Objective

1. To provide a comprehensive understanding of IKS from the perspective of Humanities Education.
2. To offer a multi-disciplinary optic as contributors belong to six different disciplines: Sanskrit, Literatures, Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy and History.
3. To provide concrete ideas as to how IKS can be implemented in everyday classroom teachings.
4. To encourage interdisciplinary methodologies to promote research in IKS.
5. To meet the paucity of quality Text Books in the emerging field of IKS.
6. To explore diverse thought traditions from Eastern India that emerged in different historical periods.

Distinguished Resource Persons:

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Prof. Ram Nath Jha
School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU),
New Delhi



Prof. Anjan Chakrabarti
Director, MMTTC, North Bengal
University, Siliguri



Prof. Ritesh Kumar Shah
Deputy Director, MMTTC, Kumaun
University, Nainital



Prof. Raziuddin Aquil
Department of History, Delhi
University, New Delhi



Prof. Gopal Chandra Mishra
Former Vice Chancellor, University
of Gour Banga, Malda



Prof. Md. Sirajul Islam
Dean (Principal), Institute of Humanities
and Social Sciences, Visva-Bharati,
Santiniketan



Prof. Projit Kumar Palit
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Sarkar School of Social Sciences,
Assam University, Silchar



Prof. Victor Babu
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of Social Sciences, Bhim Rao Ambedkar
University, Lucknow



Prof. Soma Basu
School of Vedic Studies
Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata



Prof. (Emeritus) Raghunath Ghosh
Department of Philosophy, University
of North Bengal, Siliguri



Prof. Arun Bandopadhyay
Formerly Nurul Hasan Chair
Professor of History, University of
Calcutta & President, Paschimanga
Itihas Samsad, Kolkata



Prof. Swati Ganguly
Department of English
Bhasha Bhavana (Institute of Languages,
Literature & Culture) Visva-Bharati,
Santiniketan



Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyay
Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur
University, Kolkata



Dr. Shantanu Majee
Associate Professor
Department of English
Techno India University, Kolkata



Dr. Pritha Kundu
Assistant Professor, Department of
English, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial
College for Women &
ICSSR-ERC Representative

Course Schedule with Lecture Titles:



Indian Knowledge System: Prospects and Possibilities

(Hybrid Mode)

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Course Schedule

Keynote Address

Prof. Akeel Bilgrami

Department of Philosophy
Columbia University, New York, USA

Title: **Gandhi on the Wider Significance of Science**

Online: 18.09.2025, 6.00 PM (IST)

Moderator: Prof. Himadri Lahiri, NSOU, Kolkata

Date	Day-1						
	Session-I 12:00 PM-12:30 PM	Mode	Session-II 12:30 PM-1:45 PM	Mode	Lunch Break	Session-III 2:45 PM-4:00 PM	Mode
18.09.2025	Inauguration Chief Guest: Prof. Sadhan Kumar Saha , President, Governing Body, Gour Mahavidyalaya	Online	Prof. Swati Ganguly Department of English Bhasha Bhavana (Institute of Languages, Literature & Culture) Visva Bharati, Santiniketan	Online	1:45 PM To 2:45 PM	Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyay Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Online
	Day-2						
	Address from Collaborating Institution: Prof. Anjan Chakrabarti , Director, UGC-MMTTC, NBU Welcome Address: Dr. Ashim Kumar Sarkar , Principal, Gour Mahavidyalaya Inaugural Note & Moderator: Dr. Dhritiman Chakraborty , Gour Mahavidyalaya		Title: Visva-Bharati: The making of an Indian knowledge research centre Moderator: Dr. Dhritiman Chakraborty , Gour Mahavidyalaya			Title: What is knowledge? Search for an answer from Buddha to Atisha Moderator: Dr. Purbayan Jha , University of Gour Banga	
Date	Session-I 11:30 AM-12:45 PM	Mode	Session-II 12:45 PM-2:00PM	Mode	Lunch Break	Session-III 3:00 PM-4:15PM	Mode
19.09.2025	Prof. Gopal Chandra Mishra Former Vice Chancellor, University of Gour Banga, Malda Title: Place of Humanity and Human Values in Ancient Indian Cultural Traditions Moderator: Dibyabibha Roy , Malda Women's College	Online	Prof. Victor Babu Department of History, Ambedkar School of Social Sciences, Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Lucknow Title: Indian Knowledge System Moderator: Dr. Nilima Moktan Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya	Online	2:00 PM To 3:00 PM	Prof. Ram Nath Jha School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi Title: Vedic Knowledge System Moderator: Dr. Sauchayita Paul Chakraborty , Dr. Meghnad Saha College	Online
	Day-3						
	Registration (Offline) – 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM						
Date	Session-I 11:30 AM-12:45 PM	Mode	Session-II 12:45 PM-2:00 PM	Mode	Lunch Break	Session-III 3:00 PM-4:15PM	Mode
20.09.2025	Prof. Md. Sirajul Islam Dean (Principal), Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan	Offline (Hybrid)	Dr. Shantanu Majee Associate Professor Department of English Techno India University, West Bengal	Offline (Hybrid)	2:00 PM To 3:00 PM	Prof. (Emeritus) Raghunath Ghosh Department of Philosophy University of North Bengal Siliguri Title: The Role of Doubt and	Offline (Hybrid)

	Title: Philosophical aspects of Indian Knowledge System: Past and Present Moderator: Deepa Lama Tamang , Gour Mahavidyalaya		Title: The Heritage of Sound in the Indian Subcontinent Moderator: Dr. Arun Pramanik , Gour Mahavidyalaya			Illusion in Indian Knowledge Systems Moderator: Dr. Mursed Alam , Gour Mahavidyalaya	
Date	Day-5						
22.09.2025	Session-I 11:30 AM –12:45 PM	Mode	Session-II 12:45 PM–2:00 PM	Mode	Lunch Break	Session-III 3:00 PM–4.15PM	Mode
	Prof. Raziuddin Aquil Department of History Delhi University Title: Indigenous Traditions of Literature and History Moderator: Dr. Saptarshi Mullick , University of Graz, Austria	Online	Prof. Arun Bandopadhyay Formerly Nurul Hasan Chair Professor of History, University of Calcutta & President, Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata Title: IKS and its Creative Integration with Historical and Social Science Studies in Universities Moderator: Dr. Debjyoti Ghosh , Gour Mahavidyalaya	Online	2:00 PM To 3:00 PM	Prof. Projit Kumar Palit Department of History, Jadunath Sarkar School of Social Sciences, Assam University, Silchar Title: Echoes of Ancestral Wisdom: A Journey Through Indigenous Knowledge Systems Moderator: Dr. Debarati Dutta , Dhupguri Girl's College	Online
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23.09.2025	Session-I 11:30 AM –12:45 PM	Mode	Session-II 12:45 PM–2:00 PM	Mode	Lunch Break	Session-III 3:00 PM–4.15PM	Mode
	Test (MCQ) Google Form (Quiz) Moderator: Coordinators	Online	Prof. Reetesh Sah Deputy Director, MMTTC, Kumaun University, Nainital Title: IKS: A Journey through Centuries of Wisdom, Innovation and Holistic Living Moderator: Dr. Sk Mainuddin Gour Mahavidyalaya	Online	2:00 PM To 3:00 PM	Assignment (Abstract) Submission Moderator: Coordinators	Online

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Date	Day-7						
	Session-I	Mode	Session-II	Mode	Lunch Break	Session-III	Mode
24.09.2025	11:30 AM –12:45 PM		12:45 PM–2:00 PM			3:00 PM–4.15PM	
	Prof. Soma Basu School of Vedic Studies Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata Title: Conceptualization of women: An ancient Indian perspective & A brief introduction to Manuscriptology	Offline (Hybrid)	Dr. Pritha Kundu Assistant Professor, Department of English, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women & ICSSR-ERC Project Fellow Title: Ecomusicology as part of IKS	Offline (Hybrid)	2:00 PM To 3:00 PM	Prof. Anjan Chakrabarti Director, MMTTC, North Bengal University, Siliguri Title: IKS: A Re-introspection on Tagore's Siksha	Offline (Hybrid)
	Moderator: Urmimala Basak Roy , Gour Mahavidyalaya		Moderator: Dr. Supriya Biswas , Gour Mahavidyalaya			Moderator: Jyotirmoy Sil , Malda College	
Valedictory Session (Offline- 4:15 PM –4:30 PM) Guest of Honour: Dr. Mukunda Mishra , Vice-Principal, Dr. Meghnad Saha College Closing Words: Dr. Ashim Kumar Sarkar , Principal, Gour Mahavidyalaya Concluding Remarks: Dr. Dhritiman Chakraborty , Coordinator, IQAC, Gour Mahavidyalaya Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sk Mainuddin , Joint-Coordinator Certificate Distribution (Hybrid) Guest: Dr. Niranjana Kumar Mridha , Bursar, Gour Mahavidyalaya Moderator: Mr. Ekram Alam , Joint-Coordinator Photo Session							

Note:

- The participants are requested to join the session **15 minutes** before the Schedule time
- Each session will be of 1 hour, and 15 minutes for Question & Answer.
- 21st September is allotted for **Assignment Writing** (Abstract within 200 words including five Keywords: Times New Roman, font size 12, space 1.5).

Milestones

I. Number of Participation

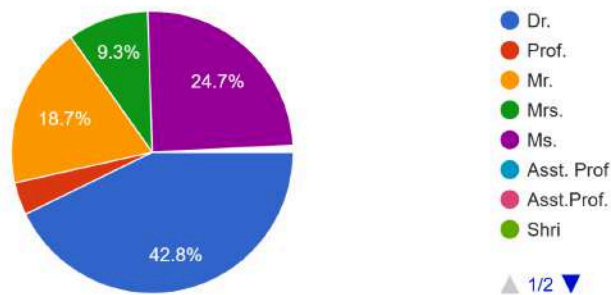
1120 (714 females + 406 males) Participants from all over India registered for the Course.

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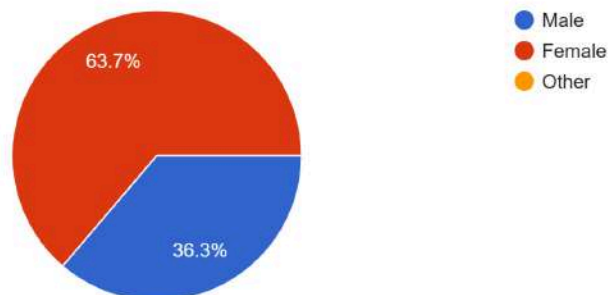
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1,120 responses



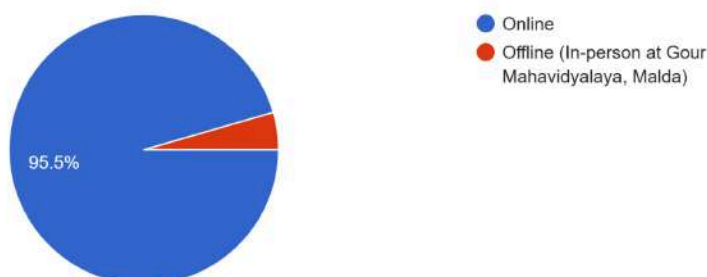
Gender

1,120 responses



Preferred Mode of Participation

1,120 responses



II. Number of Participants who completed the Course

Later, 280 Participants including 11 participants working in the capacity of Professorship from across the length and breadth of India confirmed their participation and all of them successfully completed the course.

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III. ICSSR's sponsorship

ICSSR-ERC was approached with a detailed application to get their funding for the course. ICSSR-ERC, after rounds of rigorous review, agreed to fund the course, which made it a unique course with ICSSR-ERC's sponsorship and MMTTC, University of North Bengal's recognition. Two Central bodies became part of it.

IV. Keynote Address

Professor Akeel Bilgrami from University of California agreed to give the keynote for the course, which made it truly International in scope and potential.

V. Hybrid Mode

There were 41 participants in Offline mode and most of them are faculty members working in different colleges affiliated to the University of Gour Banga (UGB). Since

UGB has no MMTTC Center, this course gave them first hand exposure to a training program in their vicinity.

VI. Interdisciplinary Course Module

The course touched upon four disciplines that include History, Sanskrit, Literature and Philosophy. Lectures were planned to accommodate resource persons from all over India that includes Jawaharlal Nehru university, Delhi University, Kumaon University, Assam University, Jadavpur University, Visva-Bharati, Rabindra Bharati University, University of North Bengal among others.

Conclusion:

After the successful completion of this course, efforts are underway to publish the recorded videos in the official YouTube channel of Gour Mahavidyalaya. Further, an edited volume with essays has been planned on this theme to provide necessary materials for introducing a course on IKS at higher educational institutions.

Certificate

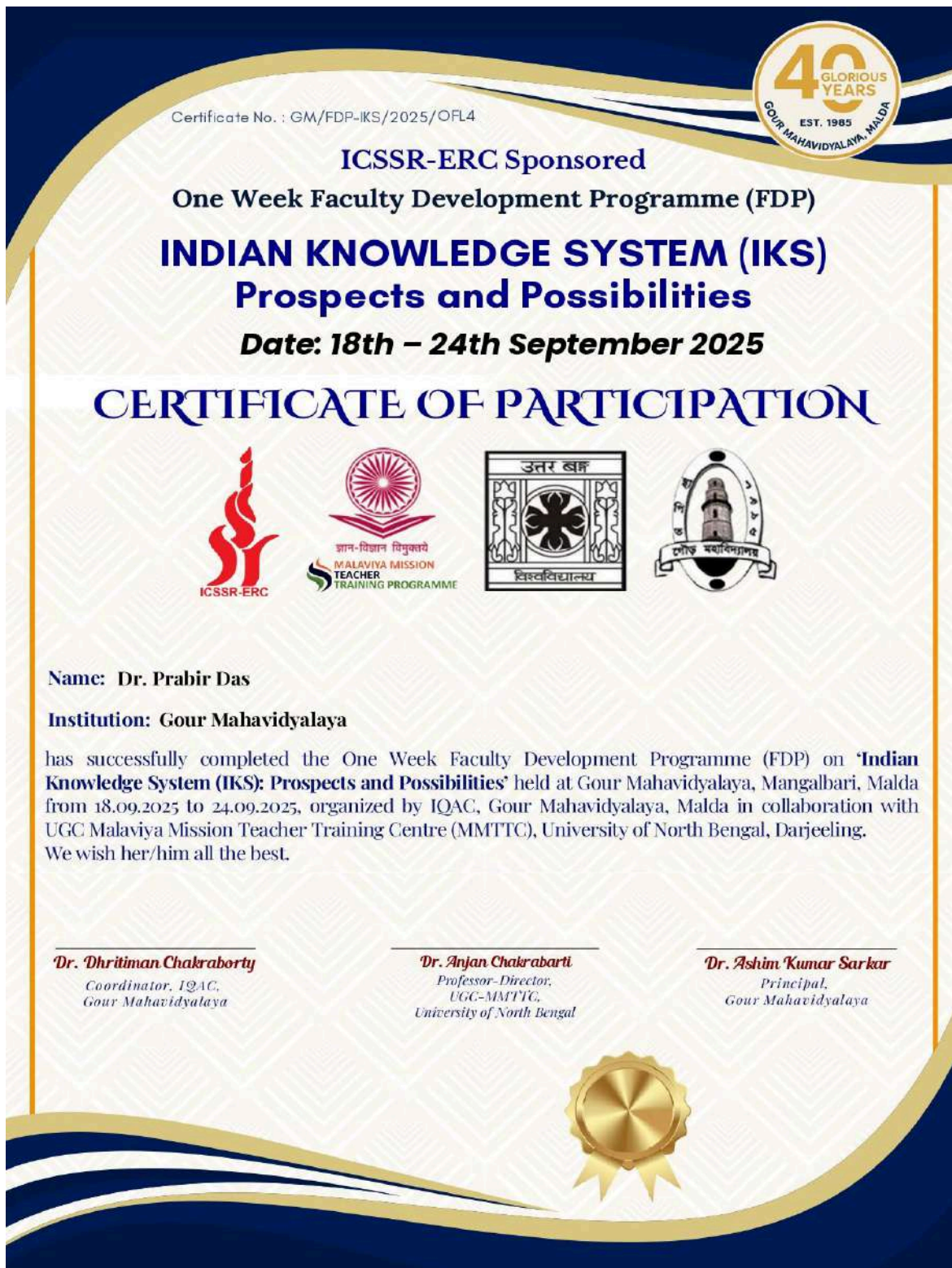
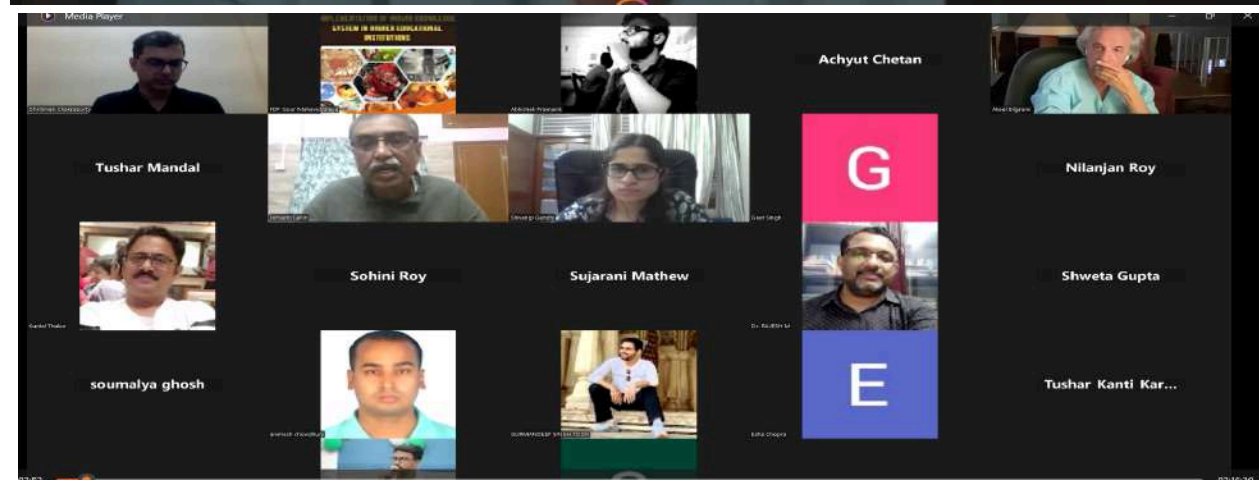
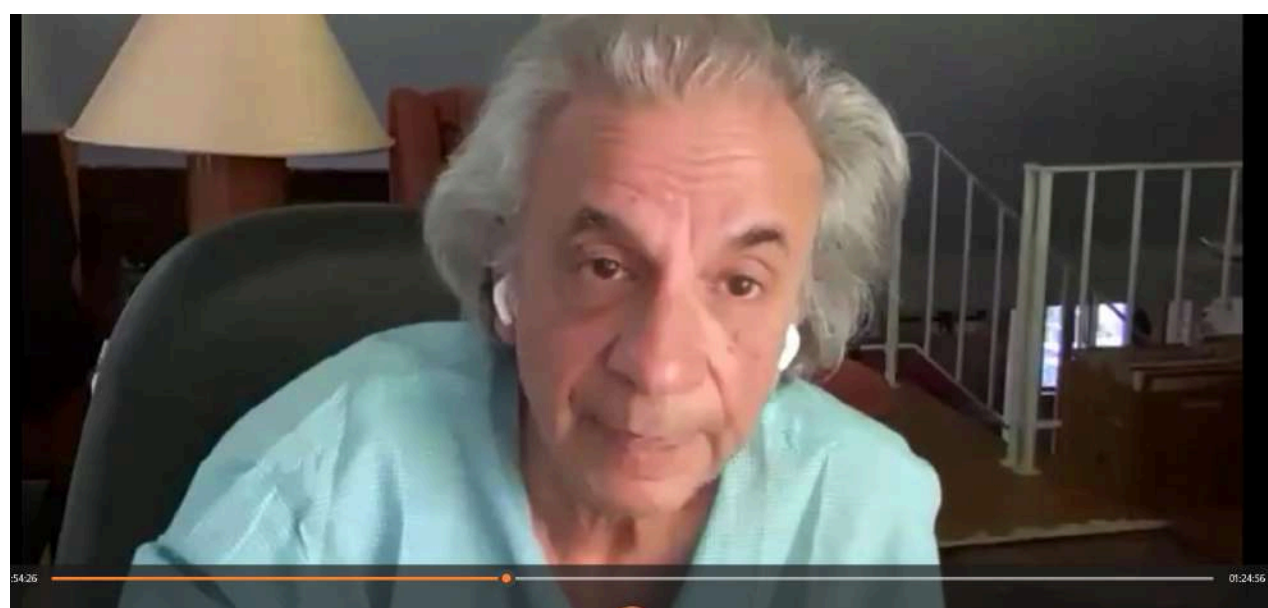
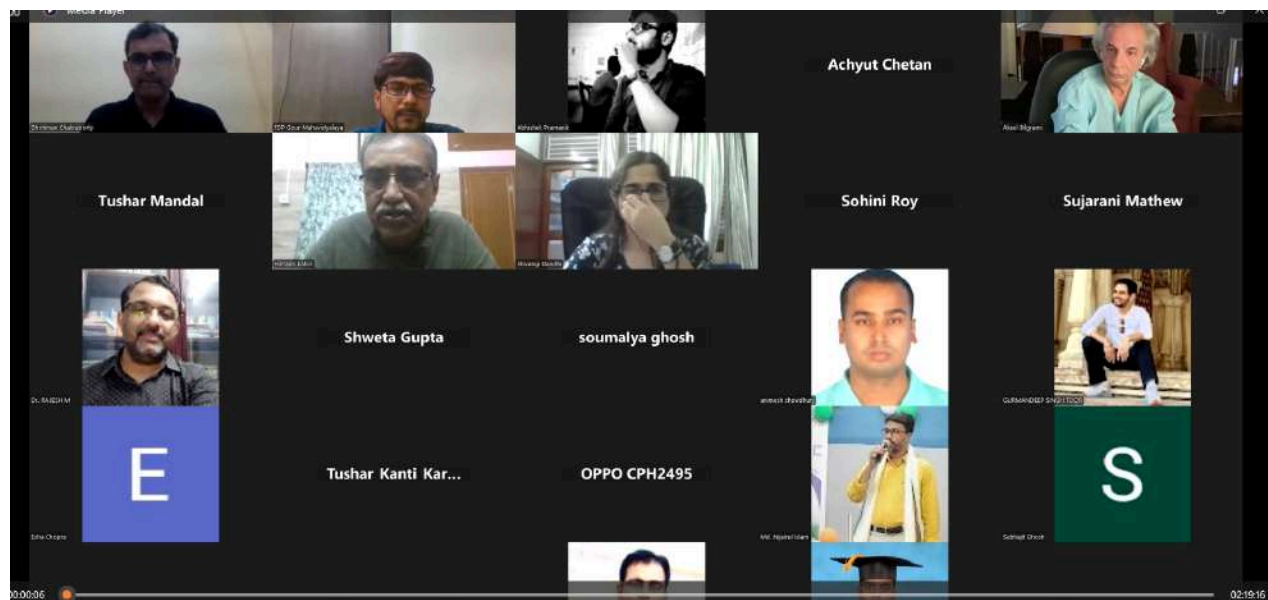
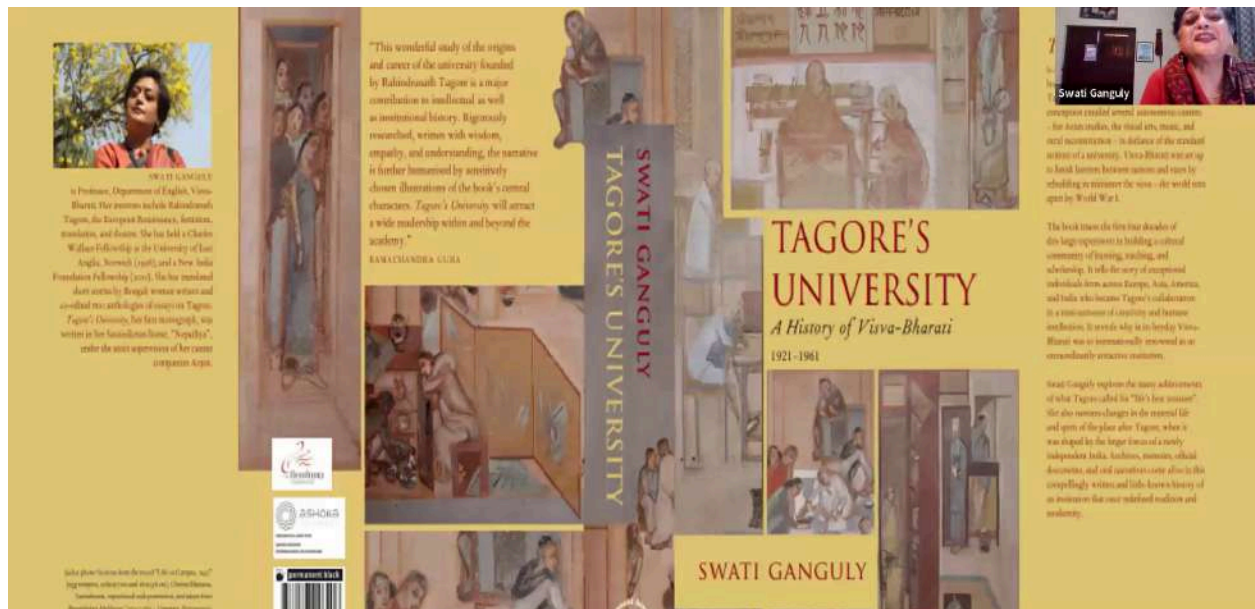
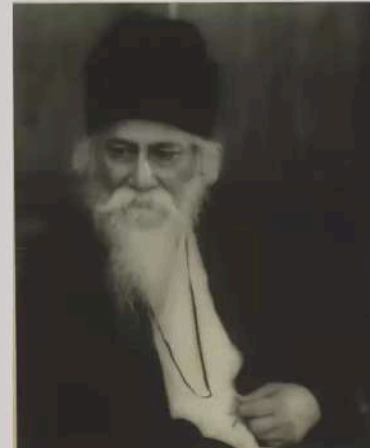


Photo Gallery



Imagining Visva-Bharati as a research centre

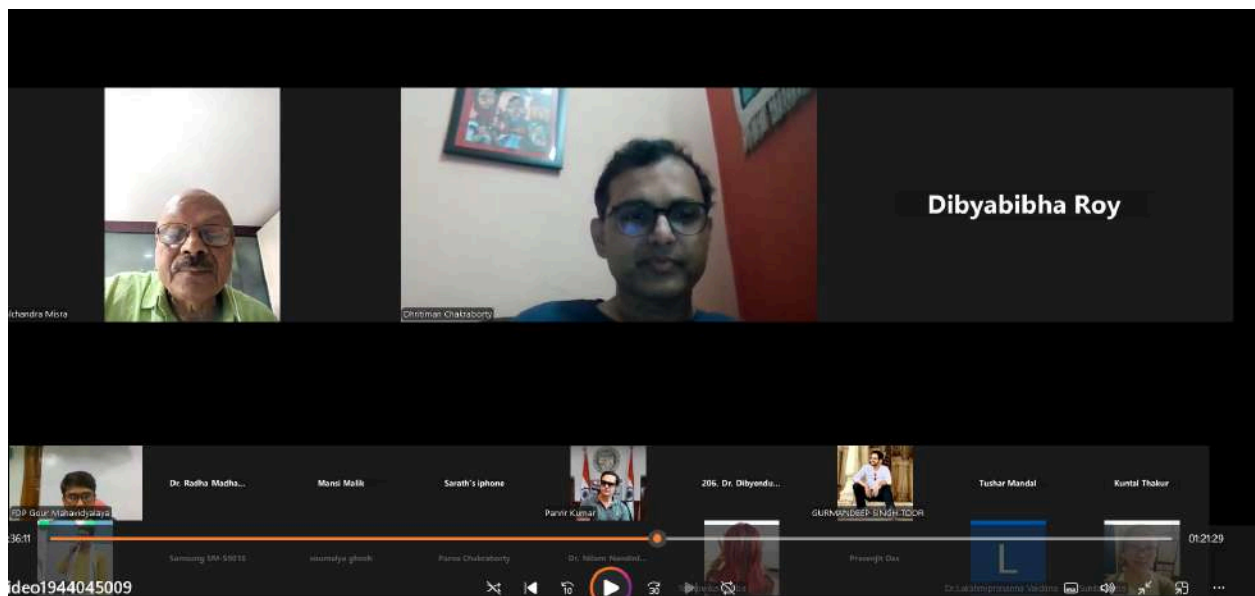
- In his foundation day lecture Rabindranath outlined his project of reviving traditional Indian knowledge systems in India.
- This could only happen in a centre of learning which focussed on production of knowledge. i.e. research.
- Its dissemination would be secondary.
- Scholars across the world would be invited to come to Santiniketan to work together creating a co-operative of minds.

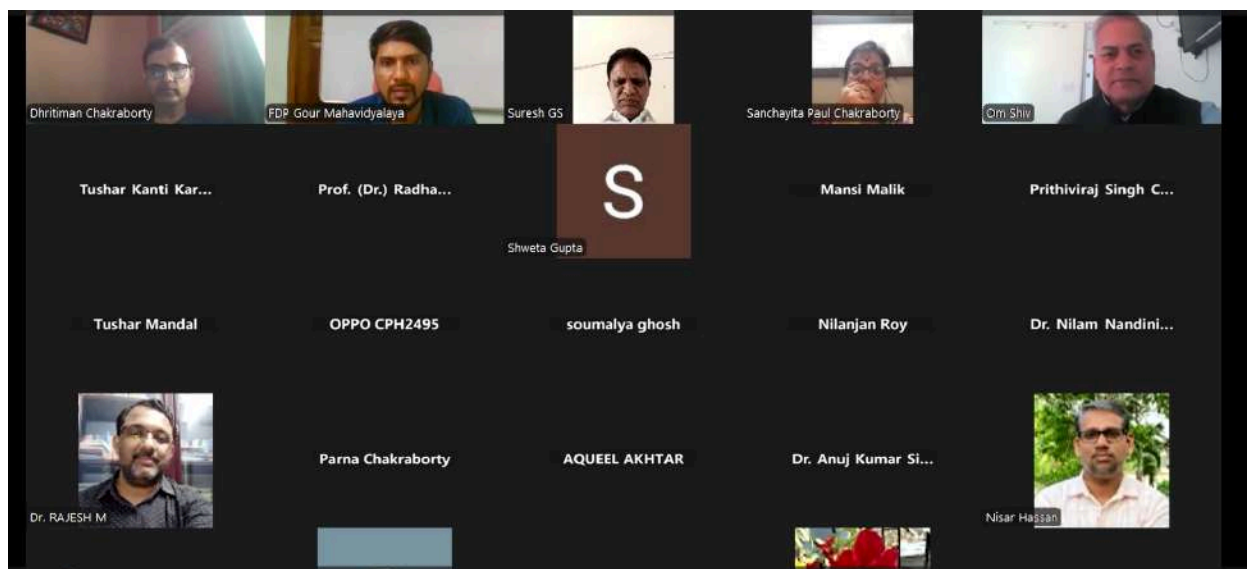
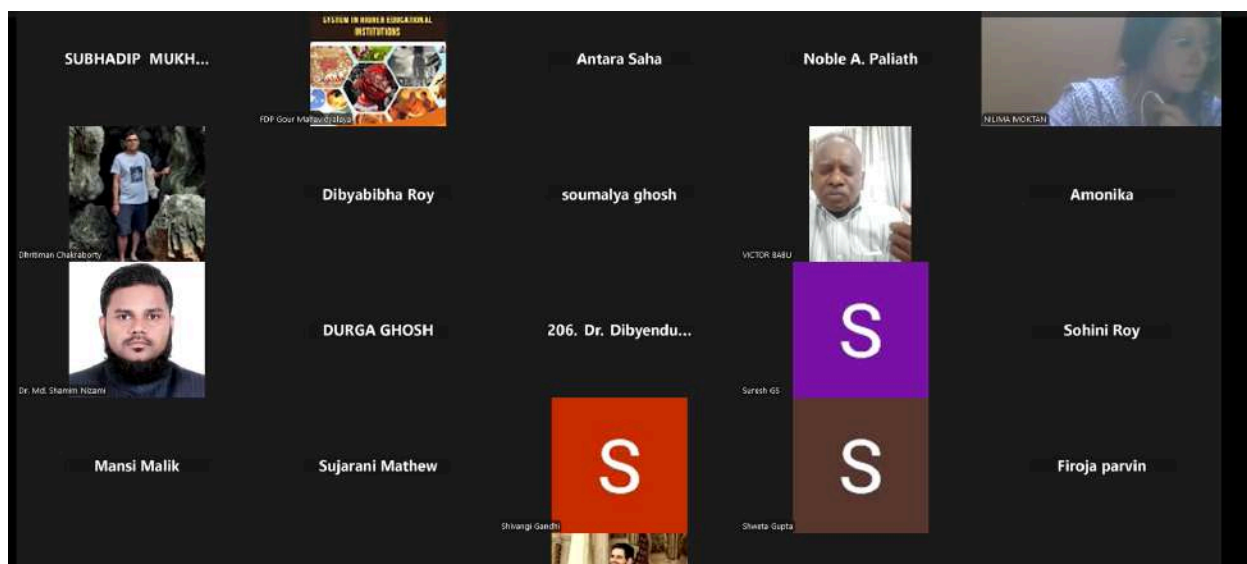
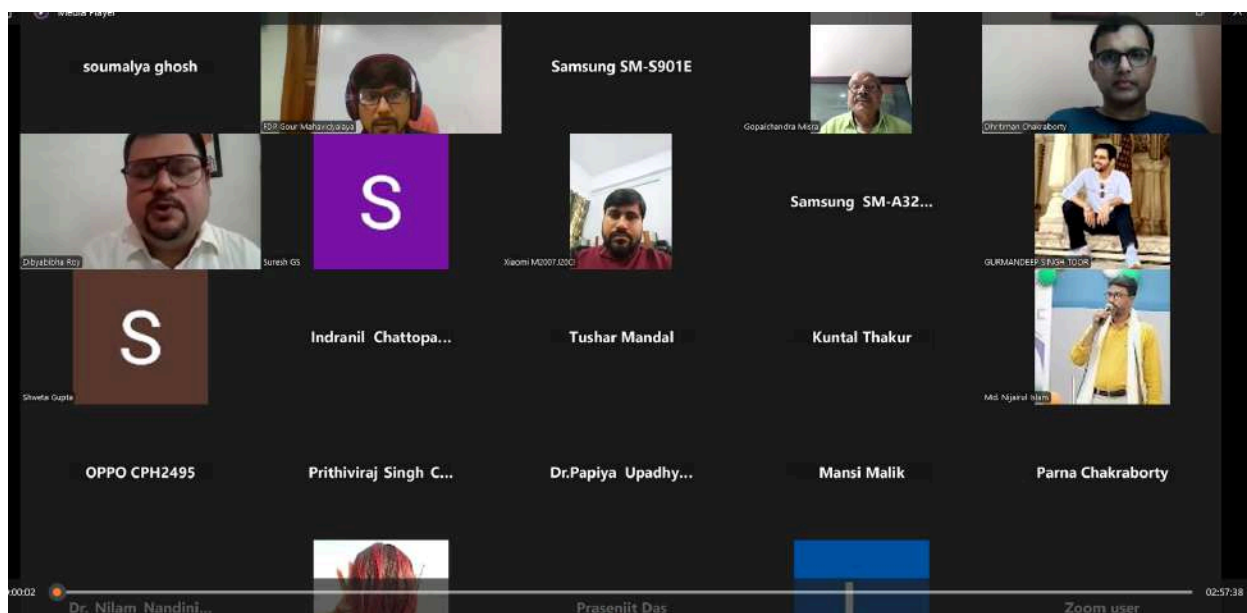


Introduction

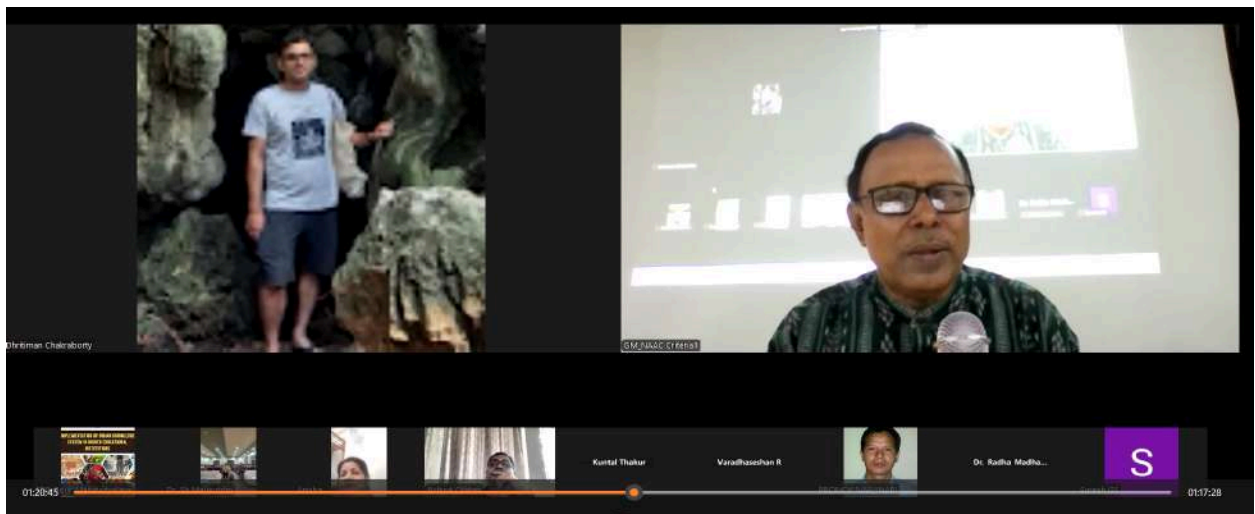


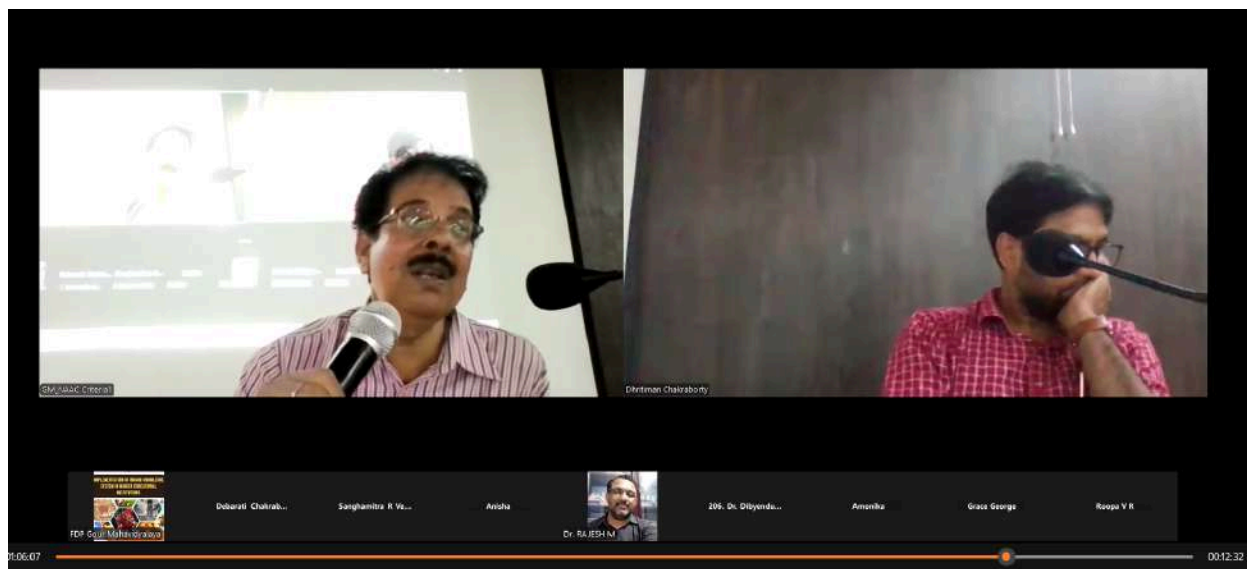
- In the Indian knowledge systems, what is meant by 'knowledge' (pramā/pramāṇa) was not spelt out in clear terms prior to the aphorisms of Gautama whose time is believed to be 6th century BCE to 2nd century CE.
- Though this time span matches with the period when Buddhism was becoming popular throughout the country, Buddha did not concentrate much on providing any definition of knowledge, may be because such discussion was not relevant in the goal of His philosophy, namely complete cessation of human suffering.

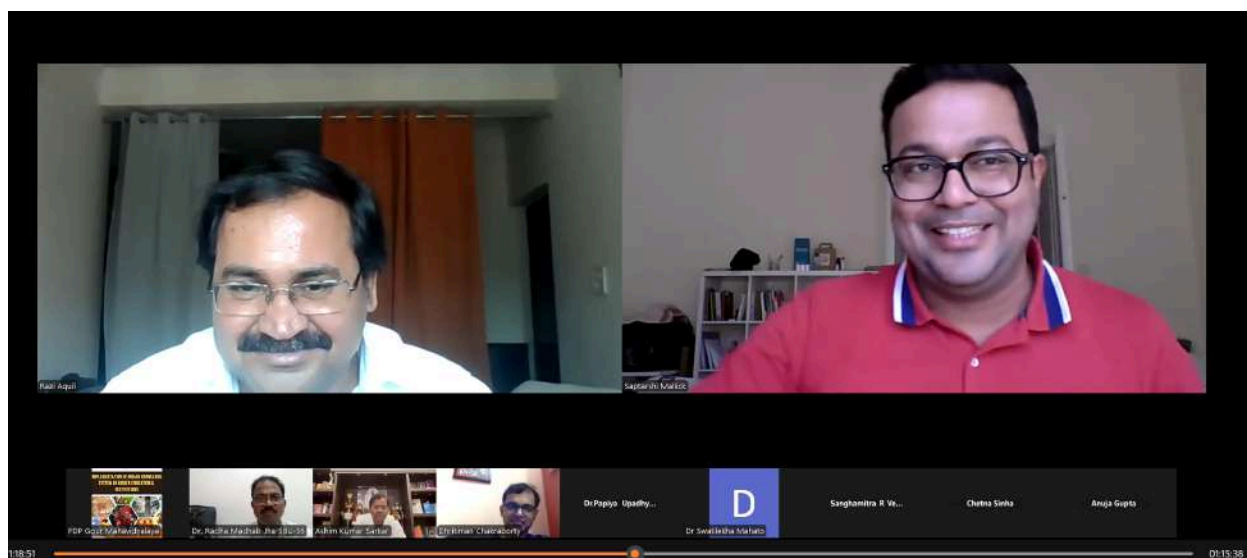


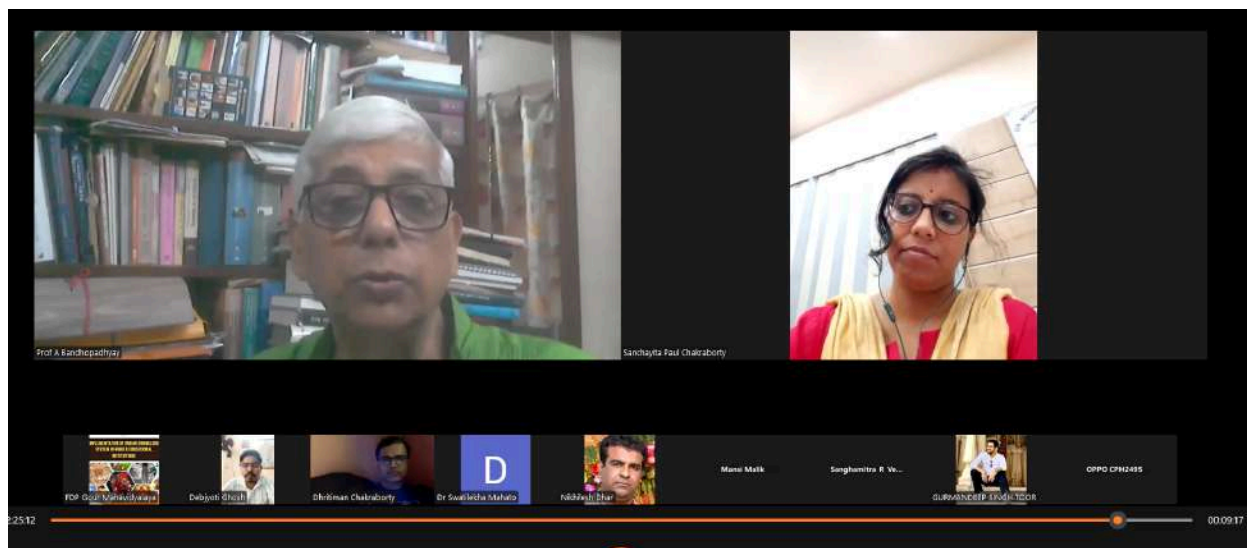
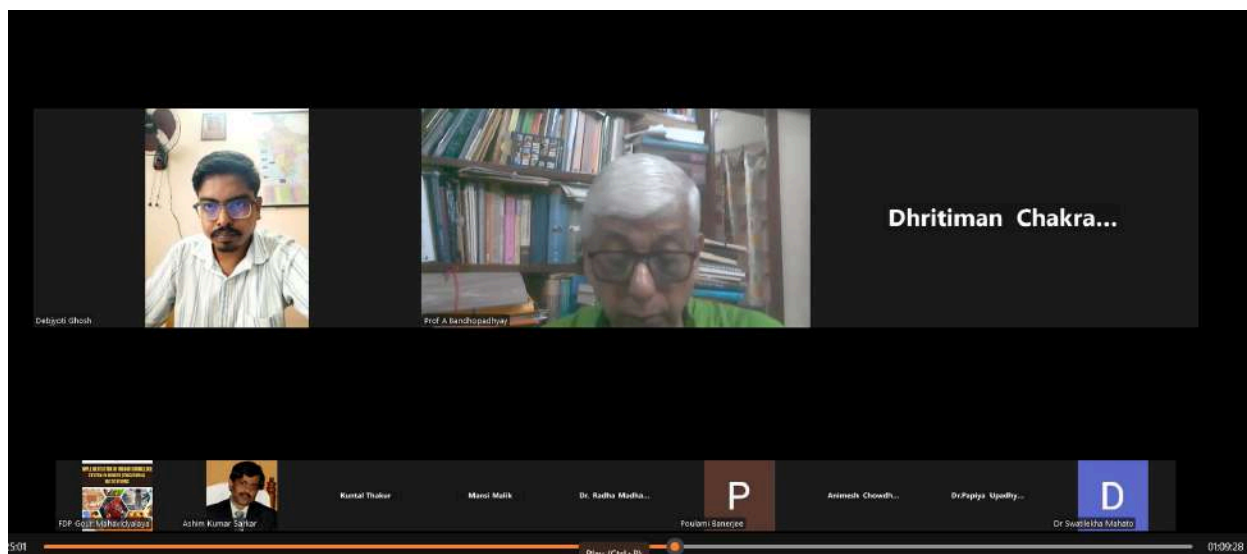













Echoes of Ancestral Wisdom: A Journey Through Indigenous Knowledge Systems




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ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः
 पृथ्वी शान्तिरापः शान्तिरोषधयः शान्तिः ।
 वनस्पतयः शान्तिर्विश्वे देवाः शान्तिर्ब्रह्म शान्तिः
 सर्वे शान्तिः शान्तिरेव शान्तिः सा मा शान्तिरेधि ॥
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*om dyauh śāntir antarikṣagum śāntih
 prthvī śāntir āpoḥ śāntir vanaśpataḥ śāntih
 vanaspatayah śāntir viśve devāḥ śāntir brahma śāntih
 sarvagum śāntih śāntir eva śāntih sā mā śāntir edhi ॥
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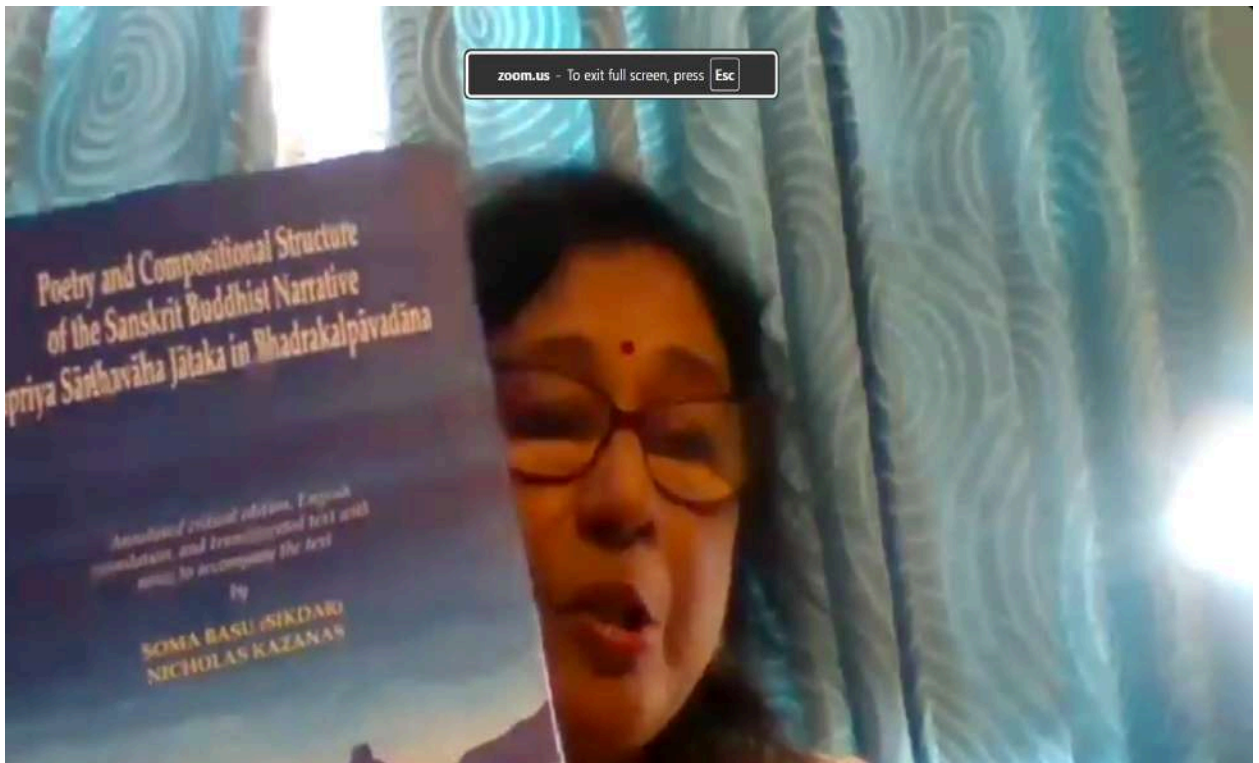
Om, May peace expand in the celestial realm
 and throughout space.
 May peace spread over the entire Earth
 and pervade the waters.
 May peace glow in all herbs and vegetation.
 May there be peace for all the deities and gods.
 May there be peace in Brahman, the Absolute.
 May there be peace everywhere and always –
 peace and nothing but peace.
 May our desires prosper with this one



- द्यौः शान्तिः – आकाश में शांति हो।
- अन्तरिक्षं शान्तिः – अंतरिक्ष में शांति हो।
- पृथ्वी शान्तिः – पृथ्वी पर शांति हो।
- आपः शान्तिः – जल में शांति हो।
- औषधयः शान्तिः – औषधियों में शांति हो।
- वनस्पतयः शान्तिः – वनस्पतियों में शांति हो।
- विश्वे देवाः शान्तिः – समस्त देवताओं में शांति हो।
- ब्रह्म शान्तिः – ब्रह्म में शांति हो।
- सर्व शान्तिः – सम्पूर्ण सृष्टि में शांति हो।
- शान्तिरेव शान्तिः – शांति ही शांति हो।
- सा मा शान्तिरेधि – वह शांति हम तक पहुँचे।
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अथर्ववेद 19.9.14-15
 (Atharvaveda, Kanda 19, Sukta 9, Mantra 14-15)

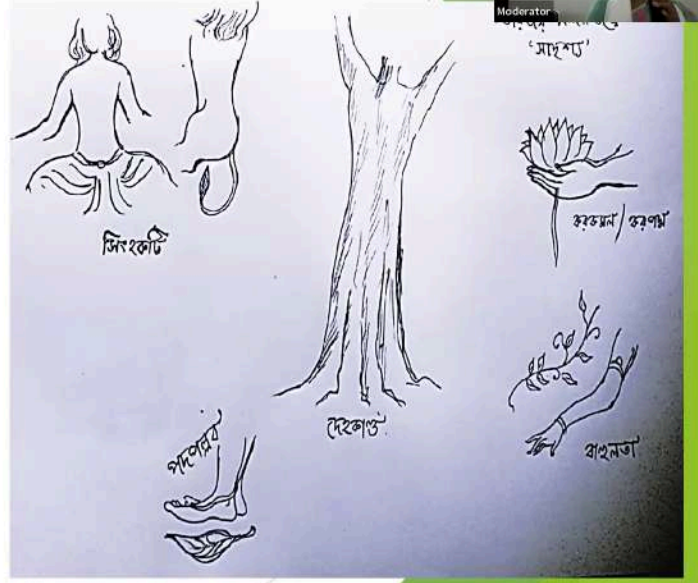
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Aranyani Suktam, Rig Veda, 10th Mandala: English Transliteration:

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kathāghrāmaṃ na pṛchasi na tvā bhīriva
vindatīam̐ || vṛṣāravāya vadate yadupāvatī
ciccikaḥ |
āghātībhīrivadhāvayannaranyānirmahīyate ||
uta ghāva ivādantyuta veśmeva drśyate | uto
aranyāniḥsāyaṃ śakaṭīriva sarjati ||
ghāmaṅghaiṣa ā hvayati dārvaṅghaiṣo
apāvadhīt | vasannaranyānyāṃ
sāyamakrukṣaditi manyate || na vā
aranyānirhantyanyaścen nābhīghachati |
svādoḥphalasya jaghdhvāya yathākāmaṃ ni
padyate || āñjanaghandhiṃ surabhiṃ
bahvannāmakṣīvalām | prāhammrghāṇām
mātaramanvānimaśamsisam ||

'Sadrisya' in Indian Aest



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apāvadhīt | vasannaranyānyāṃ
sāyamakrukṣaditi manyate || na vā
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mātaramanvānimaśamsisam̐ ||

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