

The Philosophy of the Forest Came to the Spiritually Enriched Town of Santipur

12th July, Santipur: The Department of Sanskrit, Santipur College, Nadia conducted a One-day State Level Seminar on the *“Utility of Indian Philosophy in Human Life”* on the 26th June, 2025 from 11:30 am onwards. The 1st Plenary Lecture was delivered by the former **Professor Dr. Amit Kumar Bhattacharjee of the Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature of the University of Calcutta, Kolkata.** The title of his presentation was *“The Art of Debate in Ancient India”*. Professor Bhattacharjee authored more than 20 books which are highly appreciated by the students and scholars. He was followed by **Professor Dr. Ayan Bhattacharya, Head of the Department of Sanskrit, West Bengal State University, Barasat** who delivered the 2nd Plenary Lecture on *“The Utility of Indian Philosophy in Human Life”*. Professor Bhattacharya- an author of 5 books -was awarded **Shiksharatna** (Outstanding Teacher Award) by the Government of West Bengal in 2018. As many as 50 students, scholars and faculties from Santipur College and other neighbouring institutes like the University of Kalyani etc. attended the seminar and enthusiastically participated in the interactive session. The students of the Major and Minor Courses of the Department of Sanskrit were highly benefited by these lectures as the topics are very much related and relevant to the specific program of their study. The audience was enchanted by the mesmerizing lecture of the honourable speakers. The audience was inspired to do further research on Indian Philosophy. The abstruse philosophical ideas have been lucidly presented by the speakers to the audience. They have shown that the great philosophical ideas like truth, tranquillity of mind, meditation, satisfaction, power of mind, unity of religions etc. can be practised by students, teachers, house-holders, sages etc. These ideas should not be confined to the forest-dwelling sages only but must be spread and practised by the citizens of the civilized countries. This was the main tune of the State Level Seminar.