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“The Role of Philosophy and philosophers in the Present World Wide  
pandemic Crisis Days”**

**Organized by: Department of Dept. of Philosophy & Internal Quality  
Assurance Cell; Speaker: Prof. (Dr.) Sabita Samanta Professor, , West  
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present worldwide pandemic Crisis Days**



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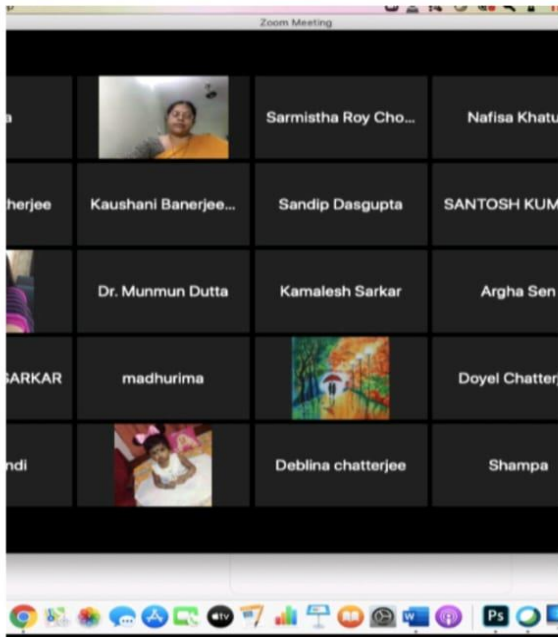
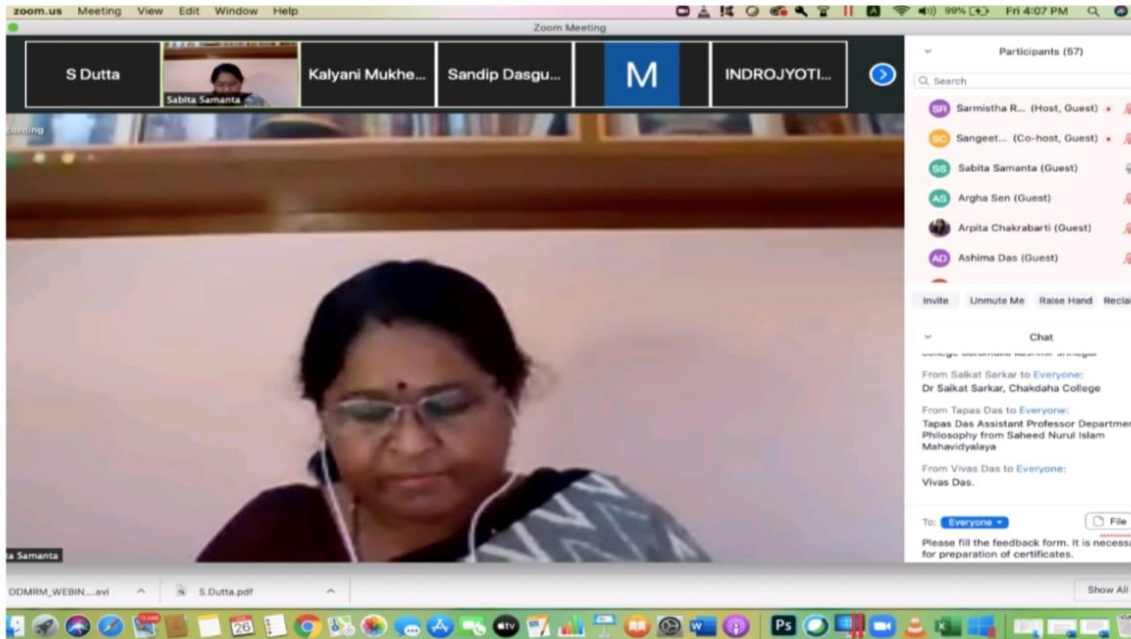
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### Report on One day State Level Webinar on “The Role of Philosophy and philosophers in the Present World Wide pandemic Crisis Days”

**Date:** June 26, 2020

**Speaker:** Prof. Sabita Samanta, Dept. of Philosophy , WEBSU

**Topic:** The Role of Philosophy and Philosophers in the Present Worldwide  
PandemicCrisis Days.

#### Key Themes and Insights

##### Ethical Frameworks in Crisis Management

**Moral Responsibility:** Emphasized the importance of ethical theories, such as consequentialism and virtue ethics, in guiding pandemic- related decisions.

**Resource Allocation:** Highlighted the need for fair and just distribution of medical resources, guided by philosophical reasoning.

##### Philosophers in Public Policy and Governance

**Advisory Roles:** Advocated for the inclusion of philosophers in advisory committees to

- Provide ethical guidance in policy-making.
- **Policy Implementation:** Discussed the ethical considerations in implementing measures like lockdowns and social distancing.

##### Addressing Social Inequality and Justice

- **Impact on Vulnerable Populations:** Stressed the pandemic's disproportionate effects on marginalized communities and the need for philosophical inquiry to address these inequalities.
- **Global Solidarity:** Called for international cooperation and a global ethical framework to ensure equitable healthcare access.

##### Psychological and Existential Dimensions

- **Coping Mechanisms:** Presented philosophical approaches to dealing with anxiety, isolation, and grief, emphasizing resilience and finding meaning in adversity.
- **Existential Questions:** Explored the profound existential questions raised by the pandemic, offering philosophical insights to help individuals navigate their concerns.



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### Philosophical Reflections on Post-Pandemic Future

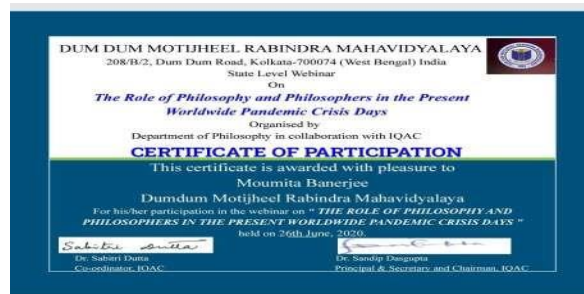
- **Reimagining Society:** Advocated for a reevaluation of societal values and priorities towards a more compassionate, equitable, and sustainable world.
- **Role of Philosophy:** Highlighted the enduring relevance of philosophy in addressing future global challenges.

### Conclusion

Prof. Samanta's webinar underscored the vital role of philosophy and philosophers in guiding ethical decision-making, addressing social inequalities, and helping individuals cope with the pandemic's psychological impact. The discussion highlighted the importance of philosophical inquiry in understanding and navigating the complexities of the crisis.

### Recommendations

1. **Integrate Philosophers in Policy-Making:** Include philosophers in public health and policy advisory committees.
2. **Promote Public Engagement:** Initiate discussions about the ethical and philosophical aspects of the pandemic with the public.
3. **Ensure Equitable Resource Distribution:** Advocate for fair and just distribution of medical resources and healthcare access.
4. **Support Mental Health:** Develop programs incorporating philosophical approaches to support mental health during and after the pandemic.
5. **Foster Global Cooperation:** Encourage international collaboration to address global challenges guided by ethical and philosophical principles.
6. By implementing these recommendations, society can better navigate the current crisis and build a more just and resilient future.



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