

A
Seminar on
“Humanism Advocates Naturalism”

Presented

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To

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Sub-: Invitation as Resource person of the Seminar, Philosophy Department.

Sir,

It is a proud privilege for me to invite you as a Resource person of the **Extramural Seminar** on the topic "**Humanism Advocates Naturalism**" organized by Philosophy Department of Pattamundai Degree College, scheduled to be held on **22.03.2018 at 10.30 am.**

Your kind consent in this regard in solicited.

Yours Faithfully,

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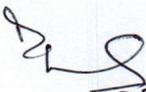
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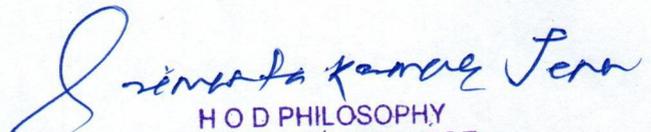
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REPORT

An extramural Seminar was Organized by Department of Philosophy, Pattamundai College, Pattamundai on dated 22nd March 2018 on the topic "Humanism Advocates Naturalism" the resource person of the seminar was Prof. Debabrata Pradhan, Reader in Philosophy, Ex-Principal, Pattamundai College. Mr. Srimanta Kumar Jena, Head of the Department chaired the session. R.N. Madhusmita Parida, Lecturer in Philosophy, introduced and welcomed the guest on the dais and participants. Head of the department also gave a keynote on the topic. The meeting was anchored by Archana Biswal +3 3rd year honours students of the department of Philosophy. Most of the students of the +3 Philosophy honours were present in the seminar, and Dr. Pramod Kumar Samal, Department of History and Dr. Nilamani Lenka, Department of Odia and also Prof. Dillip Kumar Bhuyan, Department of Zoology were present on the seminar. The meeting was ended with vote of thanks by Miss. Gitanjali Das, +33rd year students of the department of philosophy.


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HUMANISM ADVOCATES NATURALISM

Humanism is a movement or philosophy that studies and focuses attention on human values, issues, and concerns and gives importance to human beings, rather than to any other being or entity, physical or metaphysical. Humanism, thus, is a man-centric. It denies the role of any super-natural element in the order of things of the world. It puts forth that the human beings can act to make their own lives meaningful and happy in this life on earth, without any thought and concern for any otherworldly life.

Humanism advocates Naturalism and is opposed to super naturalism. It is also critical of the traditional and institutionalized religions of the world.

The following five points constitute the basic elements of Humanism :

1. Humanism begins with human beings, not God; and also begins with Nature, not Deity.
2. It believes that human species is a product of the evolutionary process and is not created by any Divine Force or God.
3. It puts forth that mortality is contextual or situational and is autonomous. It requires no religious or theological or ideological sanction for being valid and true.
4. It holds that every man has a right to live and die with dignity.
5. It believes in a world order and pattern based on a transnational federal government.

Some definition of Humanism:

1. Humanism is a non-religious philosophy based on a liberal human values (*Little Oxford Dictionary*).
2. Humanism is rejection of religion in favour of the advancement of humanity by its own efforts. (*Collins Concise Dictionary*)
3. Humanism is that man should show respect to man, irrespective of class, race or creed. (*Pears Cyclopedia*)
4. Humanism is an appeal to reason in contrast to revelation or religious authority as a means of finding out about the natural world and destiny of man, and also giving the grounding for mortality. (*Oxford Companion to Philosophy*)

Features of Humanism:

The following are some of the features of Humanism :

1. Humanism centres around human interests and talents and glorifies man. In its system of belief, everybody including art and architecture is humanized.
2. It makes a claim for free inquiry and reason-based decision making. It also attaches responsibility for our decisions and brief patterns.
3. It puts forth that anything that is called knowledge must be grounded in human reason and understanding.

4. It denies supernatural forces and transcendental realities, and moves forward to face life as it comes from time to time.
5. It advocates that the human values are meaningful and operative in this earthly life. There is no other-worldly life after death.
6. It holds that all decisions are oriented towards the fulfilment of human needs and the resolution of human issues and concerns, and they in no way have any heed or concern for any supernatural force, divinity or God.
7. It makes a call to lead the life in a manner that it promotes individual and social good.
8. It puts forth that all human beings are free to improve their talents and pursue their goals in a manner that promotes better understanding between individuals and ensures a good life.
9. It seeks to explore new avenues and uncover new facts to find better solutions to various problems for making our lives more beneficial and meaningful.

Some important forms Humanism : The following are some of the important forms of Humanism :

- a) **Secular Humanism :** It is a form of Humanism that rejects the supernatural and religious dogmas and makes a call for reason, justice, equality and mortality in passing judgments and decision-making.
- b) **Cultural Humanism :** It refers to culture, customs, traditions, beliefs, etc that include the study of literature, philosophy, law, politics and science.
- c) **Religious Humanism :** It is totality or integration of humanist ethics and religious beliefs, patterns, customs, etc. that centre round human concerns and interests.
- d) **Modern Humanism :** It is also known as Scientific Humanism, Naturalistic Humanism, Ethical Humanism and Democratic Humanism. It aims at recognizing man as man and arousing humanity in man. It has an ideal of realising man's complete development and reaching each other for an overall benefit of all.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is much known for his conception of scientific humanism. For him, humanity is God and social service is religion. Another leading exponent of scientific humanism, Corliss Lamont puts forth scientific humanism as a naturalistic philosophy that rejects all superstition and relies primarily upon reason and science, democracy and human compassion.

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NATURALISM"

ON DT. 22.12.2018

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6	Rajalaxmi Biswal	BA-18-170	Rajalaxmi Biswal
7	Manashi Das	BA-18-173	Manashi Das
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9	Tapaswini Behera	BA18-183	Tapaswini Behera
10	Roshni Das	BA18-205	Roshni Das
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12	Sanghamitra Behera	BA-18-227	Sanghamitra Behera
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