

Name of the Event: Special lecture on “*Metaphysics of Kali in Kashmiri Saivism*”

Organizing Unit: Department of Philosophy

Date: 17th November 2024

Time: 5:30 pm onwards

Topic: Metaphysics of Kali in Kashmiri Shaivism

Name of the resource person:

1. Prof. Arindam Chakrabarti, Department of Philosophy, Ashoka University
2. Prof. Amita Chatterjee, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University

No. of Participants: 230

Venue: Mukti-prana sabhagriha

Brief Description of the event: The Department of Philosophy successfully hosted a special lecture on "Metaphysics of Kali in Kashmiri Shaivism" on 17th November 2024. Professor Chakrabarti, a renowned scholar in the field of Indian Philosophy, delivered an insightful lecture. The lecture delved into the profound philosophical concepts of Kali within the framework of Kashmiri Shaivism. Professor Chakrabarti explored various aspects, including:

- The nature of Kali: Her multifaceted symbolism, transcendence, and immanence.
- Philosophical underpinnings: Examination of key concepts like Śakti, the Divine Feminine, and her role in creation, preservation, and dissolution.
- Cultural and historical context: Exploring the evolution of Kali worship and its significance in Indian religious and philosophical traditions.

The lecture was well-received by the audience, which included faculty members, research scholars, and students. Prof. Chakrabarti's engaging presentation and insightful commentary sparked lively discussions and a deeper understanding of this complex and fascinating subject.

Program Outcome: The special lecture on "Metaphysics of Kali in Kashmiri Shaivism" proved to be a valuable academic event. It:

- Enhanced knowledge: Provided participants with a deeper understanding of Kashmiri Shaivism and the multifaceted nature of Kali.
- Stimulated intellectual discourse: Fostered discussions and critical thinking among attendees.

- Promoted interdisciplinary learning: Bridged the gap between philosophical, religious, and cultural studies.
- Enriched academic environment: Contributed to a vibrant and intellectually stimulating atmosphere within the Department of Philosophy.

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