

Dear Friends,

since 2002, the IDSS (Indian Division of the Schopenhauer Society) and the Faculty of Philosophy of Deshbandhu College are organizing a series of lectures called Schopenhauer and Indian Philosophy Lectures. This is instituted in honor of Arthur Schopenhauer, a prominent German Philosopher who admired Upanishads and introduced it to the Western world. He was a well-known scholar in Indian Philosophy and Western Philosophy. Next year, the Faculty of Philosophy organizes an international seminar on the theme:

**"The Intersection of Upanishads, Schopenhauer, and Ecology: Philosophical Insights for Contemporary Environmental Challenges".**

In the light of the above perspectives, this interdisciplinary seminar focuses chiefly, but not exclusively, on the following themes/topics.

**Themes:**

1. Schopenhauer and the Upanishads:  
Schopenhauer and Upanishads, Readings of texts from Sanskrit Literature, Vedic literature & Schopenhauer's *The World as Will and Representation*.
2. Schopenhauer and Ecology:  
Philosophical Aspects of Hinduism as Interpreted by Sankara and Schopenhauer.
3. Schopenhauer and Indian philosophical systems on Ecology  
The foundation and conception of ethics in Schopenhauer and Indian Philosophy
4. Schopenhauer and India

**Objectives:**

- Discuss physically conscious considerations of the Upanishads and Schopenhauer.
- Evaluate its applicability in the current ecological issues the planet is facing.
- Invite dialogues about how philosophy influences environmental policy.
- Encourage students, academics, and policy professionals to address the interrelation of ethics and philosophy in a green context, with environmental values and concerns

**Important dates:**

- **31 Oct. 2025:** Submission of the proposed topic and abstract of your paper
- **15 Nov. 2025:** Notification regarding paper selection
- **30 Dec. 2025:** Submission of your final paper

**Formalities:**

- You are invited to write a paper within 5,000 words on any of the suggested themes or that of your choice, related to the seminar theme.

- The abstract of your paper should not exceed 400 words.
- Kindly include your e-mail address and phone number when you submit your abstract.
- The presented papers will be published in a book form.
- Please send your abstract together with a short CV by e-mail to the director of the IDSS, Dr. Arati Barua, G-III, Apartment Ganga – 103, Vasantkuni D – 6, New Delhi 110070, India, [arati.barua@gmail.com](mailto:arati.barua@gmail.com).

**Further information and details regarding the Seminar will be communicated by 20 December 2025.**

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