

Three-Day International Conference
On
SCHOPENHAUER AND ECOLOGY:
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE UPANIṢADS AND INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
(26th-28th February, 2026)
Department of Philosophy
Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi

DAY 1	FEBRUARY 26, 2026 (THURSDAY)
8:30-9:30 AM	REGISTRATION
INAUGURAL SESSION @ VIVEKANANDA AUDITORIUM MODERATOR: Ms. Sonam Tomar Department of Commerce, Deshbandhu College	
9:30-9:35 AM	Lamp Lightening and Saraswati Vandana
9:35-9:40 AM	Kulgeet
9:40-9:55 AM	Felicitation of Guests
9:55-10:00 AM	Welcome note: Prof. Rajendra Kumar Pandey, Principal
10:00-10:06 AM	Welcome note: Shri Santosh Taneja, Chairman, Governing Body
10:06-10:11 AM	About the Conference: Dr. Arati Barua, Convener
10:11-10:21 AM	Message by Chief Guest: Prof. Murlimanohar Pathak Vice Chancellor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University
10:21-10:31 AM	Message by Guest of Honour: Prof. K. Ratnabali Dean, Academic Affairs, University of Delhi
10:31-10:41 AM	Message by Guest of Honour: Prof. Matthias Kossler Schopenhauer-Gesellschaft e.V. President, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
10:41-10:51 AM	Message by Distinguished Guest: Prof. Ramesh Chandra Pradhan Former Professor, Department of Philosophy, Hyderabad
10:51-11:00 AM	Message by Distinguished Guest: Dr. Vaibhav Agarwal Deputy Director DFG, New Delhi
11:00-11:20 AM	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Sachchidanand Mishra Member Secretary, ICPR, New Delhi
11:20-11:30 AM	Concluding Remarks of Inaugural Session: Dr. Minakshi Singh, Convener
11:30-12:00 Noon	TEA BREAK

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12:00-1:00 pm	TECHNICAL SESSION I : INVITED TALK @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda Former Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi MODERATOR: Prof. Aparna Nautiyal Department of Botany, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Reeja Nair & Ms. Meenakshi Gautam	
	SPEAKER	TOPIC
12:00-12:25 PM	Prof. Matthias Kossler Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz	The Concept of Nature in Schopenhauer's Philosophy
12:25-12:50:PM	Prof. Ramesh Chandra Pradhan Former Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad	Spiritualizing Nature: Schopenhauer and the Upanishads on the Philosophy of Ecology
12:50-1:00 PM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00-4:00 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION II: INVITED TALK @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Thomas Regehly Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany MODERATOR: Dr. Abhishek Pratap Singh Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Monika Gupta & Ms. Divisha	
2:00-2:25 PM	Prof. Moria Ben Barak Universität Berlin	Eco-Pessimism: Schopenhauer as Environmental Philosopher
2:25-2:50 PM	Prof. Ram Nath Jha School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Understanding Life through the lens of Upanishad, Schopenhauer and Erwin Schrodinger
2:50-3:15 PM	Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda, Former Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	Ecology as Ontological Transformation: Insights from the Upanishads and Schopenhauer

3:15-3:40 PM	Dr. Krishna Mani Pathak Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Hindu College, University of Delhi	The Cosmic Will and Schopenhauer's Integral Ecocentrism: A Hindu Perspective
3:40-4:00 pm	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
4:00-5:15 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION III: ORAL PRESENTATIONS @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Lore Hühn Department of Philosophy Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg MODERATOR: Dr. Sania Gupta Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty), Department of Philosophy, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Longjam Pilot Singh & Mr. Abhinav Mishra	
4:00-4:15 PM	Hridam Roy Deshabandhu College, University of Delhi	Atman and Brahman as Foundations of Ecological Unity: The Upanishadic Vision of Oneness with Nature
4:15-4:30 PM	Anurag Das, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	Buying to Death: A critique of the "Will-to-live" in a Consumerist world through the Upanisadic Lens.
4:30-4:45 PM	Naina Suhani and Darshan Singh Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	The Ecology of the Self and the Self of Ecology
4:45-5:00 PM	Ekta Saini Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	Global Ecological Crisis and the Ethics of Care: A Feminist Environmental Perspective.
5:00-5:15 AM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
5:15 PM	TEA	

DAY 2	FEBRUARY 27, 2026 (FRIDAY)
9:00-11:00 AM	TECHNICAL SESSION IV: ORAL PRESENTATIONS CONFERENCE HALL

	CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Prashant Shukla Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow MODERATOR: Ms. Palavi Chander Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty), Department of Philosophy, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Ekta Bhati & Ms. VEDI Jain	
9:00-9:15 AM	Shreya Sharma Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	The Upaniṣadic vision of oneness with nature
9:15-9:30 AM	Divya Singh Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	Is the concept of Ecocentrism really new? Evaluating Ecocentrism in Upanishadic tradition.
9:30-9:45 AM	Vishrut Kumar Singh Research Scholar, Department of Philosophy University of Delhi	Renunciation of Desire: Perspectives from Schopenhauer, the Upanishads, and Implications for Ecological Restraint
9:45-10:00 AM	Arjun Kumar Research Scholar, University of Delhi	Ahiṃsā as Ecological Ethics: A Philosophical and Psychological Inquiry into Sustainable Living
10:00-10:15 AM	Astha Jain Research Scholar, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Jain Principles for Global Sustainability
10:15-10:30 AM	Sakshi Khara Research Scholar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University	From the Body to Biosphere: Reframing Ayurveda as an Ecological Philosophy of Prevention and Sustainability
10:30-10:45 AM	Mr. Longjam Pilot Singh Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty), Department of Philosophy, DBC University of Delhi	Information as Ecology: Reframing Information Ethics through Schopenhauer and the Upanishads
10:45-11:00 AM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
11:00-11:30 AM	TEA BREAK	
11:30-1:00 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION V: INVITED TALK @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Rakesh Chandra Former Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow MODERATOR: Dr. Sourav Singh Deo, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Longjam Pilot Singh & Mr. Ankush Kumar Giri	

11:30-11:55 PM	Prof. Thomas Regehly Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-Universität Frankfurt	Schopenhauer on the Responsibility of Man
11:55-12:20 PM	Prof. Archana Barua Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati	Philosophical Exploration of the theories of representation in the writings of Schopenhauer with reference to the concepts of Maya and Nirvana in Advaita Vedanta and Buddhism, and its possible impact on Ecology and Ethics from a Biocentric perspective
12:20-12:45 PM	Dr. Prashant Shukla Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow	Suffering, Experience and the Limits of Rationalism: Comprehending Schopenhauer in the context of Indian Knowledge System
12:45-1:00 PM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	

2:00-4:30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION VI: INVITED TALK @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Matthias Kossler Schopenhauer-Gesellschaft e.V. President, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität-Mainz MODERATOR: Dr. Ashutosh Kumar Assistant Professor, Department of History, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Palavi Chander & Mr. Harshwardhan Mishra	
2:00-2:25 PM	Prof. Erik Eschmann Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz	Is there a moral attitude towards nature? Environmental ethics between egoism and compassion for the world
2:25-2:50 PM	Prof. Rakesh Chandra Former Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow	Some reflections on Schopenhauer's descriptive metaphysics, Indian philosophy reading, and neo-pragmatic ethics
2:50-3:15 PM	Dr. Rajan Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Allahabad	Schopenhauer and Advaita Vedanta: A Discourse on Monist Morality and Emancipation of Nature
3:15-3:40 PM	Prof. Ajay Kumar Verma Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Schopenhauer's idea of an "Untoward" Will and its Implication for Ecological Ethics

3:40-4:05 PM	Dr. Geetika Bhalla, Dr. Varunendra singh Rawat , Dr. Ananya Barua : Faculty Advisors & Shekhar, Vedanshi, Aridhya, Ishita, Kajal, Hunar, Jaspreet, Sawan, Tanish, Uppasana : STUDENT RESEARCHERS	Restlessness to Restoration: Integrating Upanishadic Non-Dualism and Schopenhauer's Compassion with Ecological Science for Environmental Renewal
4:05-4:30 PM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
4:30-5:00 PM	TEA BREAK	
5:00-7:00 PM	CULTURAL EVENING	
7:00 PM	GALA DINNER	

DAY 3	FEBRUARY 28, 2026 (SATURDAY)	
9:15-11:00 AM	TECHNICAL SESSION VII: ORAL PRESENTATION @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Erik Eschmann Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz MODERATOR: Mr. Longjam Pilot Singh Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty), Department of Philosophy, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Shilpi Srivastava & Mr. Pushkar	
9:15-9:30 AM	Dr. Nidhi Maurya Banaras Hindu University	Beyond Technology: Environmental Crisis as a Moral and Ethical Challenge
9:30-9:45 AM	Sukanta Sarkar Research Scholar Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	Ethics, Ecology, and Humanity: A Philosophical Framework for Addressing Environmental Crises
9:45-10:00 AM	Dipak Hasmukhbhai Senghal Research Scholar Department of Philosophy, University of Gujarat	Ethics, Philosophy and Environment: Principles of Sustainable Development in Teaching
10:00-10:15 AM	Preeti Kaushik Ramanujan College, University of Delhi	From Blind Will to Ethical Restraint: Womanhood and Ecology across Schopenhauer and the Upanishads

10:15-10:30 AM	Ms. Palavi Chander Assistant Prof. (Guest Faculty), Department of Philosophy, DBC University of Delhi	Desire as Suffering: Schopenhauer and Buddhist Insights for Ecological Ethics
10:30-10:45 AM	Dr. Sania Gupta Assistant Prof. (Guest Faculty), Department of Philosophy, DBC University of Delhi	Suffering and Liberation: A Comparative Analysis of Schopenhauer's Concept of the Will and the Buddhist Doctrine of Duḥkha
10:45-11:00 AM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
11:00-11:30 AM	TEA BREAK	

9:15-11:00 AM	TECHNICAL SESSION VIII: ORAL PRESENTATION PARALLEL SESSION (DAY 3) VIVEKANANDA AUDITORIUM	
	CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Upendra Kumar Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Banaras Hindu University MODERATOR: Dr. Bharat Kumar Bhartee, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Jitendra Kumar & Mr. Punit Kaushik	
9:15-9:30 AM	Priyanka Research Scholar, School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	ईशावास्योपनिषद् शाङ्करभाष्य एवं शोपेनहावर के दर्शन में पारिस्थितिकी (Deep Ecology)
9:30-9:45 AM	Ayushi Bharti Research Scholar, School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	आदिशङ्कराचार्य कृत सौन्दर्यलहरी में आदिशक्ति एवं शोपेनहावर के दर्शन में इच्छाशक्ति : पारिस्थितिकी के सन्दर्भ में (Deep Ecology)
9:45-10:00 AM	Shiwangi Research Scholar, School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	कठोपनिषद् और शोपेनहावर के दर्शन में मोक्ष का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन: पारिस्थितिकीय चेतना के विशेष सन्दर्भ में
10:00-10:15 AM	Hansi Surana Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Jain Karma Philosophy and Collective Ecological Crisis

10:15-10:30 AM	Aryan Kumar Mall Research Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi	Metaphysics of Will and the Ethics of Nature: A Comparative Study of Schopenhauer and the Upanishadic Vision of Ecology
10:30-10:45 AM	Dagyung Jung Research scholar School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Schopenhauer's Will, Nature and Śakti
10:45-11:00 AM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
11:00-11:30 AM	TEA BREAK	

11:30-1:00 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION IX: INVITED TALK @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Moria Ben Barak Universität Berlin MODERATOR: Dr. Manish Kumar, Department of Political Science, Deshbandhu College RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Sania Gupta & Mr. Harshwardhan Mishra	
11:30-11:55 AM	Prof. Lore Hühn Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Schopenhauer on Nature
11:55-12:20 PM	Dr. Reetu Bhattacharjee Postdoctoral Research Associate, Philosophical Seminar, Universität Münster, Münster, Germany	Arguments for Ecotourism in India with Schopenhauer Diagrams
12:20-12:45 PM	Dr. Lalit Rao Social Media Executive, International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI-India)	Ecology, the Upanishads, and Schopenhauer- A unified vision for environmental challenges
12:45-1:00 PM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	
1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH	
2:00-3:30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSION X: INVITED TALK @ CONFERENCE HALL	
	CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Reetu Bhattacharjee Postdoctoral Research Associate,	

	Universität Münster, Germany	
	MODERATOR: Dr. Varsha Singh, Department of English, Deshbandhu College	
	RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Sania Gupta & Ms. Shreya Singh	
2:00-2:25 PM	Dr. Arati Barua President IDSS, Former Assoc. Prof., Department of Philosophy, DBC University of Delhi	Schopenhauer and Ecology
2:25-2:50 PM	Dr. Nayanjeet Chaudhury Sr. Consultant, Human Resources for Health, State Health Systems Resource Centre, Meghalaya	The Tussle Between Ecology and Consumerism: Schopenhauer and Sri Sathya Sal Baba's Synergistic Antidote to Human Burnout
2:50-3:15 PM	Dr. Upendra Kumar Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Banaras Hindu University	Concept of Will and 'Thing in Itself' in Kant and Schopenhauer: A Possibility of Applications in Indian Philosophy.
3:15-3:30 PM	PLENARY DISCUSSION	

3:30 PM	VALEDICTORY SESSION @ VIVEKANANDA AUDITORIUM	
	MODERATOR: Dr. Monika Bajaj Department of Computer Science, Deshbandhu College	
3:30-3:40 PM	Felicitation of Guests	
3:40-3:45 PM	Welcome note: Prof. Rajendra Kumar Pandey, Principal	
3:45-3:50 PM	Welcome note: Prof. Sunil Kayesth, Vice-Principal	
3:50-3:55 PM	Welcome note: Shri Santosh Taneja, Chairman, Governing Body	
3:55-4:05 PM	Message by the Chief Guest	
4:05-4:15 PM	Message by the Guest of Honour: Prof. Thomas Regehly, Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-Universität Frankfurt	
4:15-4:30 PM	Report Presentation: Dr. Shilpi Srivastava	
4:30-4:55 PM	Certificate Distribution	
4:55-5:00 PM	Vote of Thanks: Dr. Bharat Kumar Bhartee	
	National Anthem	