Seminar on Indian Culture on Religion and spirituality

On behalf of Indian culture section of Kendrapara Autonomous College, a seminar was held on 13th Nov. 2021 at 11a.m. in the conference hall, vice president of Lok Sevak Mandal printer and publisher of "The Samaj" graced the occasion as chief speaker. The meeting started with lighting of the sacred lamp and recitation of veda and chorus by boys and girls of the college.

The meeting was presided over by the Principal Dr. Rajendra Prasad Tripathy. Indian culture class is a unique feature of this college. Every year college invites distinguished scholars from different walk of life to delineate on various aspects of Indian Culture.

This year Sj. Niranjan Rath in a simple and convincing language explained the fundamentals of Indian culture. He told ours is the eternal Religion "Sanatan Dharma". Anything which harms or hinders another is sin and which helps and promotes other is virtue. Religion and spirituality are closely interwoven. One can not exist without the other. Culture is reflected in our manners, behaviour and the very innate nature of human beings.

To emphasise the point he quoted Manu and said by taking non-veg food or by drinking wine one does not become apostate or irreligious, since it's the very nature of man.

A tiger kills animal everyday to eat and it is not a sin or crime. Man, sometimes commits heinous and horrible acts which supersedes beasts. He cited the episodes of Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Bamakshepa, Shakuntala and Sukamuni to stress the point. He said "Indian Culture begins where western culture ends". Religion is a way of life in our culture. He explained Alexander was humbled by Diogenes and narrated the virtue of a rational human being taking cue from Plato and Aristotle. Vice Principal Sj. Gopal Ch. Behera, delivered a talk on the seminar. Sj. Tapan Kumar Pati introduced guest and gave a preliminary introduction about the topic. Eminent personalities like former Principal Prof. Nanda Kishore Parida, Dr. SK. Samsur, all HODs, associate Professors, co-ordinator IQAC, Dr. P. K. Das and students of the college were present in the meeting. Prof. Prasant Sahoo offered a formal vote of thanks to guests and all members present in the meeting. Anchoring was made by Lt. Seema Mohanty. Finally the meeting came to a close by 2 p.m..

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