

YATHĀRTHA : Department of Philosophy

Ramanujan College (University of Delhi)

Speaker Session Report

Organized by: Yathārthha: Department of Philosophy

Date: 20th August 2025

Topic: *The Why and What of Environmental Ethics*



The Department of Philosophy, under the banner of *Yathārthha*, organized a lecture on the topic “*The Why and What of Environmental Ethics*” on Wednesday, 20th August 2025 at 11:00 AM. The event was successfully conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Bullo Kano (TIC and Convenor)**, with **Dr. Zairu Nisha (Coordinator)** and **Dr. Anumita Shukla (Coordinator)** playing key roles in its organization, along with the active support of other faculty members of the department

The program began with the recital of the *DU Kulgeet*. The Principal, Prof. Rasal Singh extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guest speaker, Prof. Laxmikanta Padhi, and felicitated him with a token of appreciation. Prof. Rasal also shared his reflections on various contemporary environmental issues. Prof. Padhi commenced his lecture with the *Guru Parampara Mantra* dedicated to Sri Shankaracharya and humbly expressed



himself as a lifelong student of philosophy rather than a teacher, acknowledging the guidance of his own mentors. With remarkable clarity and depth, he introduced the central concerns of environmental ethics, presenting the variations within the field through a series of thought-provoking slides that combined philosophical rigor with practical insights. His presentation not only provided a rich academic perspective but also encouraged the audience to reflect on the ethical dimensions of environmental challenges.



Following the lecture, an interactive question-and-answer session was held, during which Prof. Padhi responded to the students' queries with great enthusiasm. The discussion was further enriched by the chair, Dr. Zairu Nisha, who emphasized the importance of integrating ethical considerations into environmental discourse.

Towards the close of the program, Dr. Bullo Kano delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of the guest speaker, the support of the Principal, the active involvement of the coordinators, the presence of faculty members and the enthusiastic participation of students, all of which made the event a collaborative success.

The session concluded with the recital of the National Anthem, leaving the audience with a sense of unity and shared responsibility. Overall, the lecture on "*The Why and What of Environmental Ethics*" proved to be a remarkable success, offering profound insights that blended philosophical theory with pressing global concerns, and reaffirming the Department's commitment to fostering intellectual dialogue on issues of contemporary significance.