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IUST organizes Seminar on Environmental Philosophy: Epistemology, Aesthetics and Ethics

Awantipora March 21st: IUST's Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies organized a seminar to underscore the enduring significance of Philosophy as an inspiring discipline and everyday practice that can transform societies.

Dr. Anil K Tewari, Associate Professor at Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, presented the keynote address. Dr. Tiwari in his address highlighted the human responsibility for environmental disturbance and degradation. He stressed the need for establishing mutualistic and egalitarian social structures to re-harmonize human connections with the natural world.

Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean of Academic Affairs at IUST, presided over the inaugural session wherein he emphasized the role of religion in resolving environmental issues by motivating adherence to limits governed by trans-historical values. Prof. Sheikh Javid, Dean of Research at IUST, contrasted the holistic approach of philosophers in understanding the universe with the narrower focus of scientists. Prof. Waseem Bari, the Registrar of IUST, drew parallels between Philosophy and Physics, highlighting their shared concern with unraveling the universe's complexities and understanding human nature and existence's relationship through various technical worldviews.

Prof. Munejah Khan, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, reiterated the commitment of the Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies to impart inclusive and comprehensive philosophical understanding and promote interdisciplinary engagement and research to address contemporary socio-political and ethical challenges.

Prof. Lily Want, Director of the Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies, in her welcome address, highlighted how philosophers can contribute to understanding the causes and impacts of natural disasters and environmental degradation, thus aiding in re-harmonizing humanity's relationship with the environment.

Ms. Syed Sabreen conducted the proceedings, while Dr. Tariq Rafeeq Khan presented the vote of thanks. The program received sponsorship from the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR).