

ICPR Sponsored National Seminar 2017

Organised by Department of Philosophy

Topic of the Seminar: "Moral Dilemma between Life and Death: East and West"

Date: 21st & 22nd November 2017

Venue: South Calcutta Girls' College

### **Call for Abstract**

Teachers/ scholars/ researchers are requested to submit the abstracts of their papers through the following email ID in not more than 300 words by 23rd October 2017. Final papers should be written within 3000 words approximately. Email: scgc.philosophy@gmail.com

The broad topics of the seminar are:-

1. Female foeticide
2. Infanticide
3. Suicide and Euthanasia
4. Abortion
5. Capital Punishment

The allied aspects of the theme are:-

- a. Is life valued for itself, if it is, then death which destroys life seems to be a disvalue. Is it acceptable?
- b. If life has got intrinsic value, is it an obligation on our part to create life?
- c. Socratic argument that death is not an evil.
- d. Questions of life and death in the two epics.
- e. Capital punishment in the Dharmasastras and contemporary ethics.
- f. Concept of "Prana" and creation in the Upanishads.
- g. Do life and death of the biotic community come under the purview of morals?
- h. Right based ethics versus duty based ethics regarding the issue of life and death.
- i. Can the principle of non-violence be applied universally?
- j. Do we have an obligation to the presently non-existent future generations and does any government policy have impact on them?