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About the Speaker: Prof.R.P. is the senior most professor of Center for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi. He has been professor since 2000. Professor Singh is the author of 16 books and 170 research papers. He supervised 50 Ph.Ds.,25 M.Phils. and 5 Post-doctoral scholars. Professor Singh is a widely travelled invited speaker. He presented papers and participated in discussions in more than 500 National and International Seminars, Conferences and Workshops in India and Abroad such as Oxford University, Frankfurt University, School of Divinity at Harvard University, Boston, USA, Centre for Indic Studies at University of Massachusetts, USA, St. Augustine University, Port of Spain, Trinidad &Tobago, International University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and many others. His areas of Interest/Specialization are German Idealism, Postmodernity, Consciousness: Indian and Western Perspectives, Studies in Ethics, Civilization and Culture Studies, Upanishads, Vedanta, Buddhism, Human Right, Multiculturalism, Globalization, Philosophy of Education, etc.

About the theme of the lecture: Modern Indian philosophy of morals emerged and tries to define itself as an alternative to modern Western theories of ethics like utilitarianism, deontology, emotivism, pragmatism, etc. Whereas modern and contemporary Western ethical theories attempt to reject the classical and traditional ethical theories like virtue ethics, etc., Indian moral philosophy in modernity does not reject the traditional values and virtues. After 1857 Mutiny, there was a need to modernize Indian traditional values based on Abhyudaya and Nihshreyas, Rta, and dharma. There is, of course, the problem which has been created due to the transition from tradition to modernity under European enlightenment rationality which gave rise to such concepts as liberty, equality, fraternity, humanism, tolerance, democracy, scientific rationality, individualism, human rights, etc. during early 19th century. These concepts brought a substantive change in India during late 19th century. The problematic lies in the transition from 'hierarchy' to 'equality', from 'holism' to 'individuality', from 'continuity' to 'historicity' and from 'transcendence' to this worldly 'rationalism' and 'secularism'. The process of transition has however been seldom smooth and involves tensions and even social break down creating an urge to re-define values in indigenous terminology in India.

The prospect lies in how the term ethics is to be understood in the sense of the developments that have taken place or are in the process of taking place in the society during modernity in India. The Western distinction between norms and facts; prescriptive and descriptive; ought and is, and so on, are matters of degree and not of kind in India. The realm of ethics like the world of experience may be studied in details and also under the aspect of some principles or laws from pluralistic perspective. While in epistemology, generally speaking, we use the terms like concepts and categories, in ethics value or mūlya is both at the end of human life and also being at the roots of human actions, and in science, we prefer such expressions as laws and theories. The epistemic categories, values in ethics and the laws of science are instantiable and concretizable.