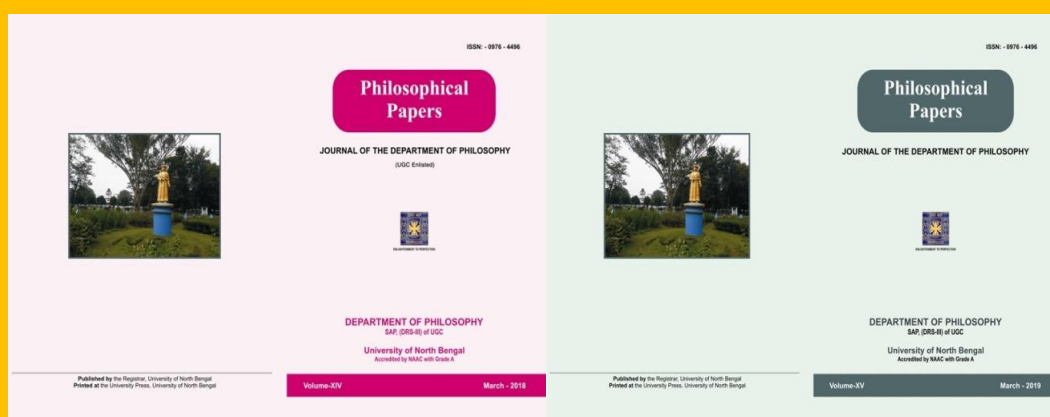


## 8. Activities in the Department

Besides their main task of teaching, the teachers are actively engaged in writing papers for national and international seminars/conferences, editing anthologies and writing books.

- The Department has been organizing a national-level seminar every year on Philosophy of language and meaning which constitutes the focal theme of the SAP in UGC.
- **Journal:** As a part of the programme, the Department publishes *Philosophical Papers*, *Journal of the Dept. of Philosophy* (ISSN 0976 – 4496)



### Editors:

1. Editor-in-Chief: Head, Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University
2. Co-editor: Dr. Laxmikanta Padhi, (from 2007) Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University
  - Several edited volumes of research articles that are produced under different SAP-related programmes have been published.
  - The Department also organizes at least one national-level seminar with funds from UGC/ UGC unassigned grants and holds special seminar lectures by its own faculty and visiting faculty.
  - The Department celebrates World Philosophy Day every year in November with funding support from ICPR and NBU.
  - The Department celebrates Indian Philosophers' Day with funding support from ICPR and from 2019.
  - The Department has held seminars under the auspices of the Buddhist Study Centre and Ambedkar Study Centre.

### Seminars and Workshops:

- The biggest event in the history of this Department has been the holding of the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the prestigious **Indian Philosophical Congress** from 24th to 27th October 2005, which was inaugurated by the then Governor of West Bengal, His Excellency Gopal Krishna Gandhi. Professor D.P. Chattopadhyaya, Padmabhushan graced the inaugural session as Chairman. Around 550 delegates attended the four-day long session.

Within the last five years, the Department has organized four (04) **Refresher Courses** keeping in mind the need of a large number of teachers working in the affiliated colleges in the region.

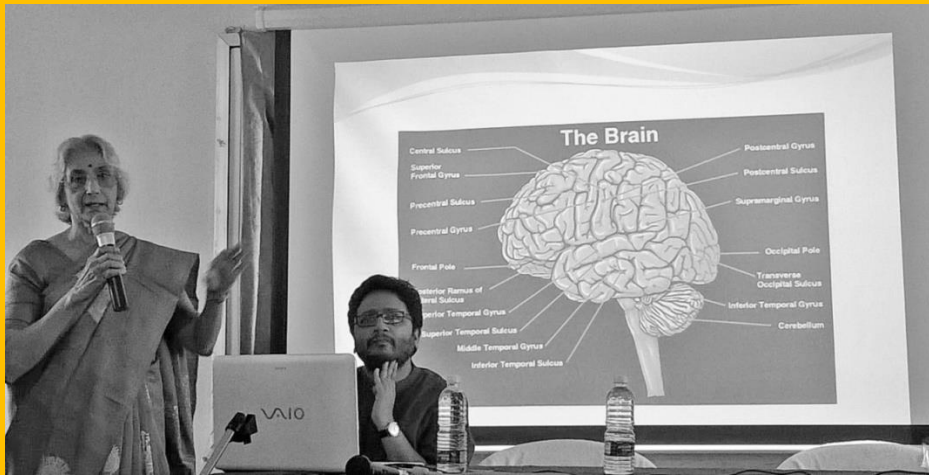
### Selective List of Seminars Organized:

- In 2005, a Seminar was organized to mark the inauguration of the Centre for Ambedkar Studies.

- In 2006, the Department organized fourth National level workshops under SAP.
- ICPR sponsored National Seminar on 'On Animal Rights' in 2006.
- National level seminar on 'Ambedkar's Socio-Political Thought' in 2006.
- National level seminar on 'Buddhism in Socio-ethical Perspective' in 2006.



- National level seminar on 'Man and Society in Buddhism and Ambedkar' in 2007-08.
- National Seminar on 'Ambedkar and Neo-Buddhism' on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> January 2007.
- Organized a seminar on 'Concept of Peace in Buddhism', sponsored by UGC in 2008.
- ICPR sponsored National Seminar on 'Values Embedded in Indian Culture & their relevance at present time' on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.
- National seminar on 'Contemporary issues in Ethics' in August 2010.
- UGC Sponsored one day Seminar on 'Scepticism' on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.
- National Seminar on 'Phenomenology & Meaning' in 2011.
- National seminar on 'The Nature of Philosophy' on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.



*Dr. Puspa Mishra, noted Psychoanalyst and Professor of Philosophy during a seminar*

- ICPR-Sponsored World Philosophy Day on ‘The Ethics of Globalization’ on November 20, 2014.
- UGC-Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Knowledge: Limits and Transcendence’ on December 12, 2014.
- National Seminar on ‘Epistemology: Limits and Transcendence’ on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
- National seminar on ‘The Postmodern Paradigm in Philosophy’ on 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- National Seminar on ‘Philosophy of Religion: Conflicts and Perspectives’ from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 sponsored by ICPR.
- UGC sponsored National Seminar ‘Reason, Emotion & Dream, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014
- Celebrated World Philosophy Day on the theme ‘Social and Political Philosophy’ on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.



*Research Scholars presenting papers in World Philosophy Day, 2015*

- UGC-Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Reason, Emotion & Dream: Philosophical Excavations’ on November 23, 2015.



*Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Somnath Ghosh and Prof P R Sengupta, Dean, FCAC&L in a National Seminar*

- UGC SAP DRS III sponsored National Seminar on ‘Language & Meaning’ on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- ICPR- Sponsored World Philosophy Day on 'Merging Borders in the Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic' held on November 17, 2016.
- ICPR-Sponsored National Seminar on *The Philosophy of Bipin Chandra Pal* from 8.2.2017 to 9.2.2017
- NBU sponsored seminar to celebrate 50 years of the Department on Engaging with Philosophy on 22.2.2017
- UGC SAP DRS III sponsored international seminar “Language of Art” on 16-17 February, 2017
- UGC SAP DRS III sponsored National Seminar on The Role of Language in Logic: Traditional Issues and Contemporary Developments from 8<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- UGC SAP DRS-III - Sponsored National Seminar on 'The Role of Language in Logic: Traditional Issues and Contemporary Developments' held during March 8-9, 2018.
- UGC and Buddhist Study Centre sponsored National Seminar on Life: The Buddhist Way from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- ICPR-Sponsored World Philosophy Day on 22-11-18.
- UGC SAP DRS III sponsored National Seminar on Moral Language from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.
- ICPR-Sponsored ‘Indian Philosophers’ Day’ in May, 2019
- UGC SAP DRS III sponsored National Seminar on Meaning of Life, 13- 14, Feb 2020
- ICPR sponsored National Webinar on *Philosophy of Yoga in 21st Century* on 2nd July, 2020,

### **Visiting Professors:**

From 2006 till date, a large number of renowned professors from India as well as abroad have visited the Department and delivered lectures as visiting professors. This has given the students as well as the faculty members an excellent opportunity to widen their horizons. Some of the prominent Visiting Professors are as follows:

<b>2006-07</b>	Prof. Sanat Kumar Sen, Retired Professor of Philosophy, University of North Bengal. Prof. A. Kanthamani, Department of Philosophy, University of Calicut, Kerala. Prof. Karunasindhu Das, Professor of Sanskrit, Rabindra Bharati University. Prof. Prodyot Kumar Mukhopadhyaya, Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University.
<b>2007-08</b>	Prof. Gautam Biswas, Professor of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar. Prof. Ashok Vohra, Professor of Philosophy, University of Delhi. Dr. Madhabendranath Mitra, Retired Reader in Philosophy, Jadavpur University. Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bagchi, Department of Philosophy (Retired), Visva-Bharati.
<b>2008-09</b>	Prof. Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya, Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta. Prof. Dilip Kumar Chakraborty, Department of Philosophy (Retired), Gauhati University. Prof. Subir Kumar Bhattacharya, Professor of Philosophy, Calcutta University.

	Prof. Gopal Chandra Khan, Professor of Philosophy (Retired), Burdwan University. Dr. Rajat Bhattacharya, Reader in Philosophy, Burdwan University.
<b>2009-10</b>	Prof. Gopal Chandra Khan, Burdwan University. Prof. Ranjan Kr. Ghosh, Delhi University. Prof. Rekha Jhanjhi, Punjab University. Prof. Narahari Rao (Germany). Prof. P.R. Bhatt, IIT, Mumbai.
<b>2010-11</b>	Prof. Amitabha Dasgupta, Professor of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad. Prof. Kumar Mitra, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. Prof. Tommy Lehtonen, Department of Systematic Theology, University of Helsinki. Prof. V.C. Thomas, Pondicherry University. Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bagchi, Vishwa-Bharati University. Dr. Ram Chandra Majhi, Ravenshaw University. Dr. Santosh Kumar Pal, Burdwan University.
<b>2011-12</b>	Dr. Soumitra Basu, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. Dr. Santosh Kumar Pal, Department of Philosophy, Burdwan University. Dr. Sadhan Chakraborty, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Prof. Kumar Mitra, Rabindra Bharati University. Prof. Godabarish Mishra, Madras University. Prof. Ratna Datta Sharma, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Prof. Prabal Kumar Sen, Department of Philosophy (Retired), Calcutta University. Prof. Ujjwala Jha, Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Sanskrit, University of Pune. Prof. S.K. Das, Department of Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.
<b>2012-13</b>	Prof. Pradyot Kumar Mukhopadhyaya, Jadavpur University. Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyaya, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. Prof. Amita Chatterjee, Vice-Chancellor, Presidency University, Kolkata. Prof. Piyali Palit, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Prof. Gautam Bhadra, Professor of History (Retired), Calcutta University. Prof. Rekha Jhanjhi, Professor (Retired), Punjab University, Chandigarh. Dr. Bijayananda Kar, Retired Professor of Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. Prof. Jagat Pal, Professor of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Prof. B K Mallick, Dept. of History, Utkal University. Prof. V.N. Jha, Pune University. Prof. Gangadhar Kar, Jadavpur University. Dr. Sacchidananda Mishra, BHU. Prof. Surendra Mohun Mishra, Kurukshetra University.
<b>2013-14</b>	Prof. Rukmini Bhaya Nair, Delhi University. Prof. Prosenjit Biswas, North Eastern Hill University. Dr. Sakuntala Bora, Gauhati University. Dr. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Rabindra Bharati University. Prof. Amitabha Dasgupta, Hyderabad Central University. Dr. Parthasarathi Mandal, Tata Institute of Social Science.
<b>2014-15</b>	Prof. Shefali Moitra, Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Prof. Dilip Kr. Mahanta, Formerly VC, Kalyani University. Professor Aiketerini Lefka, University of Luxembourg.



*Professor Aiketerini Lefka from University of Luxemburg giving a presentation in the Department.*

**2015-16**

Prof. Gopal Chandra Khan, Burdwan University.  
 Prof. R.C Pradhan, Hyderabad Central University.  
 Prof. Rupa Bandyopadhyay, Jadavpur University.  
 Prof. Rajat Kr. Bhattacharjee, Burdwan University.  
 Prof. Tapan Chakraborty, Jadavpur University.  
 Ashoke Sajjanhar, Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia.  
 Dr. Panos Elipoulos, University of Pelopounese, Greece.  
 Prof. Chhanda Chakraborty, Kharagpur, IIT.  
 Prof. Asha Maudgilya, Punjab University.  
 Prof. Ashok Vohra, Delhi University.  
 Prof. Amitabh Dasgupta, Hyderabad Central University.  
 Prof. Bhaswati Bhattacharya Chakraborty, Retired Professor, North Bengal University.

**2016-17**

Prof V Sebastian, (Retd) Punjab University Chandigarh  
 Prof U A Vinay Kumar, Goa University  
 Prof Aditya Mohanti, Tripura University  
 Professor Sivanandam Panneerselvam, Madras University  
 Prof. Laxmi Narayan Lenka, Department of Philosophy, NEHU

**2017-18**

Prof. Amita Chatterjee, (Retd.) Jadavpur University.  
 Prof. Nirmalangshu Mukherjee, (Retd.) Delhi University  
 Prf. D Balaganapathy, Delhi University  
 Prof Ashok Modak, Chancellor, GGDC University, Chhatishgarh  
 Prof. Ganesh Prasad Das, (retd.) Utkal University

**2018-19**

Prof. Rupa Bandyopadhyay, Jadavpur University.  
 Prof. Rajat Kr. Bhattacharjee, Burdwan University.  
 Prof. Gangadhar Kar, Jadavpur University  
 Prof Sarat Ch. Panigrahi, (retd.) Utkal University  
 Prof. Ranjana Mukherjee, (Retd.), Rabindra Bharati University

*Prof. Panigrahi, as a visiting Fellow with Prof. K L Das and other faculty members*

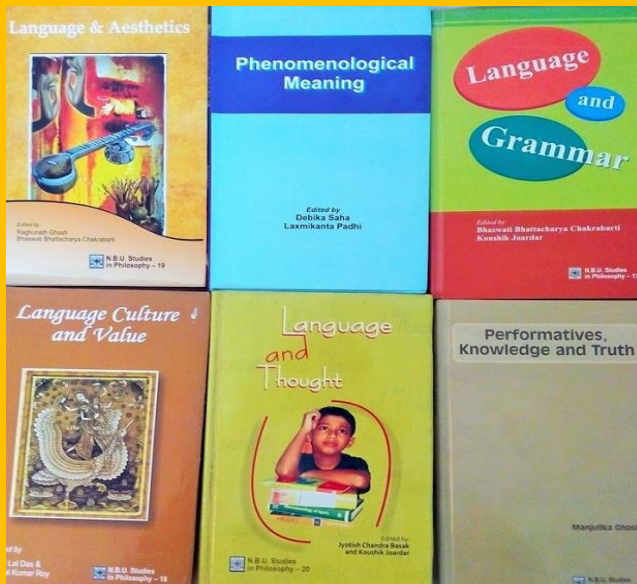


<b>2019-20</b>	Prof. Kishor Chakrabarty, USA Prof. Ranjan Mukherjee, Viswabharati University Dr. Geeta Ramana, Professor and Head Dept. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai Prof. John Robert Clammer, Jindal School of Liberal and Humanities, University of Oxford Dr. Shyamasree Bhattacharyya, Department of Philosophy, Calcutta University Prof. Priyambada Sarkar, Department of Philosophy, Calcutta University
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### Publications of the Department:

#### Several volumes have been published under the UGC SAP programme:

1. *Vyākaraṇa-darśane Vagartha-prasanga* by Karunasindhu Das (NBU Studies in Philosophy-1), Allied Publishers, Calcutta, 2003.
2. *Language and Meaning*, Edited by Raghunath Ghosh (NBU Studies in Philosophy-2), Allied Publishers, Calcutta, 2003.
3. *Śabdārtha-Vichāra*, Edited by Raghunath Ghosh & Bhaswati B. Chakrabarti, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-3), Allied Publishers, Calcutta, 2005.



4. *Meaning and Reference*, Edited by Manjulika Ghosh & Chandidas Bhattacharya, (NBU studies in Philosophy-4), Allied Publishers, Calcutta, 2005.
5. *Philosophical Relevance of Language* by Kanti Lal Das (NBU Studies in Philosophy-5), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2006.
6. *Language and Reality* Edited by Kanti Lal Das & Jyotish Chandra Basak, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-6), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2006.
7. *Śabdapramāṇa in Indian Philosophy* Edited by Manjulika Ghosh & Bhaswati B. Chakrabarti,

(NBU Studies in Philosophy-7), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2006.

8. *Sabda Kena Praman Nai?* by Dilip Kumar Mohanta, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-8), Lavent Books, Kolkata, 2006.
9. *Bhasha: Samsayavadir Drishtite* by Bhaswati B. Chakrabarti, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-9), Lavent Books, Kolkata, 2006.
10. *Language and Ontology*, Edited by Kanti Lal Das & Anirban Mukherjee, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-10), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2008.
11. *Language and Interpretation: Hermeneutics from the East-West Perspective*, Edited by Manjulika Ghosh & Raghunath Ghosh, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-11), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2007.
12. *Performative, Knowledge & Truth*, by Manjulika Ghosh, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-12), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2008.
13. *Language and Grammar*, Edited by Bhaswati B. Chakrabarti and Koushik Joardar, (NBU studies in Philosophy-13), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2009.
14. *Language and Truth in Buddhism*, Edited by Raghunath Ghosh & Jyotish Chandra Basak, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-14), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2009.
15. *Moral Language*, Edited by Debika Saha and Laxmikanta Padhi, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-15), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2010.
16. *Bhāṣādarśana*, Edited by Jyotish Chandra Basak (NBU studies in Philosophy-16), Levant Books, Kolkata, 2018

17. *Nyayadarshane Vakyarthabodha* by Raghunath Ghosh, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-17), Lavent Books, Kolkata, 2018
18. *Language, Culture and Value*, Edited by Kanti Lal Das and Nirmal Kumar Roy. (NBU studies in Philosophy-18), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2014
19. *Language and Aesthetics*, Edited by Raghunath Ghosh and Bhaswati B. Chakrabarti (NBU Studies in Philosophy-19), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2013
20. *Language and Thought*, Edited by Jyotish Chandra Basak and Koushik Joardar (NBU studies in Philosophy-20), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2012.
21. *Semantics and Phenomenology of I (Professor K.C.Bhattacharyya's Philosophy of the Subject)* by Kalyankumar Bagchi, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-21), Northern Book Centre, New Delhi. 2011.
22. *Phenomenological Meaning* Edited by Debika Saha and Laxmikanta Padhi (NBU Studies in Philosophy-22) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2014.
23. *Reinterpreting Tradition: Critical Essays 20<sup>th</sup> Century Modern Indian Thought* Edited by Anirban Mukherjee and N. Ramthing (NBU Studies in Philosophy-23) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi (in Press)
24. *Semantics of Tarka* by Nirmal Kumar Roy (NBU Studies in Philosophy-24) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2018.
25. *Language, Logic and Truth* Edited by Kanti Lal Das, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-25) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2012
26. *Philosophy of Language*, by Raghunath Ghosh (NBU Studies in Philosophy-26) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2018.
27. *Navya Nyaya Language*, by Raghunath Ghosh (NBU Studies in Philosophy-27) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2018.
28. *Language, and Communication* Edited by Kanti Lal Das, (NBU Studies in Philosophy-28) Lavent Books, Kolkata, 2018.
29. *Political Philosophy of Ambedkar*, Edited by Raghunath Ghosh and Jyotish Chandra Basak (NBU Studies in Philosophy-29) University of North Bengal, 2016.
30. *Reinterpreting Justice in a Globalized World* by Debika Saha (NBU Studies in Philosophy-30) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (in Press)
31. *Current Environmental Issues and Philosophy* by Laxmikanta Padhi (NBU Studies in Philosophy-31) Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (in Press)
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