



Two-Day National Seminar  
On  
**PHILOSOPHICAL INTERVENTIONS IN LANGUAGE,  
LITERATURE AND CRITICAL THINKING**

Organised by  
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of

**Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya**

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**Concept Note:**

Philosophy, a discipline whose insights are born of the interventions of thinking and language, has the reputation of not just being an ancient discipline, but one that revives itself, Phoenix-like in every age. Philosophical concerns being related to Language, Literature and Critical thinking; is treated as one of the founder stones of a civilization. From the etymological perspective, philosophy means the love of knowledge. Darśana stands for self realization and thereby refers to the achievement of liberation. To give up philosophizing is covalent to ceasing to be self-conscious beings.

Philosophy critically investigates Language in relation to its meaning, intentionality, reference and ambiguities. Frege and Russell were key figures in analytic philosophy's conceptualization of 'linguistic turn' which started comprehending philosophy to be a matter of philosophy of language and philosophical problem as a linguistic problem. Therefore, linguistic analysis is one major way to address any philosophical problem.

Any kind of analysis, whether conceptual or linguistic, is based on critical thinking i.e. logical reasoning per se. Philosophy strives with a view to promoting clarity, precision, and open-mindedness in academic research and in society at large. This seminar aims to offer a perspective on the role of philosophy in interacting or engaging in a constant dialogue with other academic disciplines and transacting with society in general.

The world and its puzzling problems are not restricted to one domain or discipline. We must transgress boundaries of disciplines to address these issues. The belief behind this seminar is that the philosophical spark is very much there, waiting to be fanned into a flame by creative interdisciplinary engagements.

**Sub-themes:**

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| i) <i>Philosophy and literature</i>         | ii) <i>Philosophy and language</i>    |
| iii) <i>Philosophy and politics</i>         | iv) <i>Philosophy and society</i>     |
| v) <i>Philosophy and science</i>            | vi) <i>Philosophy and humanism</i>    |
| vii) <i>Philosophy and religion</i>         | viii) <i>Philosophy and education</i> |
| ix) <i>Philosophy and environment</i>       | x) <i>Philosophy and ethics</i>       |
| xi) <i>Philosophy and Critical Theories</i> |                                       |

*Above identified sub-themes are only illustrative. Participants may select any related topics covered under main theme.*

## Keynote Address

Prof. Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay,  
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## Guests of Honour

**Sri Raju Mishra (IAS)**  
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**Prof. Sarbojit Biswas**  
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## Speakers

**Prof. Rajkumar Modak**  
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### Submission Guidelines:

Interested participants are requested to send an abstract of 200 words within 13th March, 2020 via e-mail [seminarkamv@gmail.com](mailto:seminarkamv@gmail.com) and [skaktarhossain84@gmail.com](mailto:skaktarhossain84@gmail.com). Notification of acceptance will be sent by 14th March, 2020 via e-mail. Abstract must include title of paper, author's name, designation, institution name, department, e-mail id, contact number & keywords. Abstracts may be in English, Bengali or Sanskrit (both document & Pdf format). Font type of English should be in Times New Roman (12), for Bengali Avro keyword (16) and for Sanskrit Unicode preferably in Kokila (16) or any other standard font. The line spacing should be 1.5 and the alignment must be justified. The style of citation must adhere to MLA 7th edition. Full paper (2500 words) must be submitted on the day of the seminar (hard copy) and soft copy via e-mail. Selected papers, after recommendation by the peer review committee, will positively be published as an edited volume with ISBN.

### Spot Registration Fees:

Faculty: Rs. 600/-

Research Scholar: 400/-

Nb: No TA will be provided to the participants. They may arrange their own accommodation or contact Dr. Sk. Aktar Hossain (7980429635) for hotel suggestions at reasonable tariffs.

### How to Reach:

Affiliated to Bankura University, Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya (NAAC Accredited B+ 2nd Cycle) is situated in South Bankura. One hour journey by bus or car from Bankura Railway Station or two hours from Durgapur Railway Station, the college is well connected by roads with frequent private and state bus services or rented cars. Attractions like Mukutmanipur Dam, Sutan forest, Jhilimili forest and Mosok pahar have made Khatra sub-division popular among tourists.

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