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GREETINGS FROM THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEAR ALL,

Greetings from the Department of Philosophy to all students, faculty members, friends and Philosophers. The Department is ready to unfold all activities, all initiatives and all new ideas yet again for the January to June 2024 Volume of the Newsletter. Students, Faculty members have joined hands to initiate a whole world of outcome-based learning experience Faculty members made efforts to make students acquainted with the Indian Knowledge system focusing on Value and Mindfulness in case of the Add on Course on **‘Concept of Value and Mindfulness in Yoga Darsana’**.

The objective was to help in pursuing ethical inquiries which have great impacts on ones’ Living habits. The Department of Philosophy in collaboration with the Department of English and IQAC Durgapur Government College, on 5.1.2024 organized an International Conference on; **“Artifice and**

Inference: Mahima Bhaṭṭa on a Puzzle about Aesthetic Pleasure” The Objective behind organizing an International Conference was that the Department of Philosophy intended to frame a groundwork on which critical discussion may well brood on relating the intersection of Indian Philosophy with Indian form of Art and thus enable students to find the Indian Knowledge system enormously rich. There were other interactive activities organized for students like Online Special Lectures and Topper’s Talk. Students also participated in a One-day Youth Convention on 4.4.2024 organized by Swami Vivekananda Vani Prachar Samity, a member organization of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Bhava Prachar Parishad, Belur Math, Samity at Shilpangan Auditorium Durgapur

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: 5.1.2023; on “Artifice and Inference: Mahima Bhatta on a Puzzle about Aesthetic Pleasure”. JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH IN COLLABOARTION WITH IQAC DURGAPUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE

SPEAKER: Dr. Nilanjan Das; Associate Professor of Philosophy at University of Toronto

The Department of Philosophy intends to frame a groundwork on which such critical discussion may well brood on relating to the intersection of Indian Philosophy with Indian form of Art and thus the students would find the Indian Knowledge system enormously rich. Dr. Nilanjan Das projected Mahima Bhatta’s view of aesthetic emotion which he felt as a response to a work of literature which may be conveyed by way of inference. Dr. Das put forward Mahima Bhatta’s attempt of solving the puzzle and his failure of solving it along with his own solution to decipher such puzzle via the Buddhist theory of yogic perception all made the international conference in tune with the Indian Knowledge system. Dr.Das also made clear Abhinavagupta’s commentary on Bharata’s Rasasūtra and profoundly spoke of the intersection of Indian Philosophy with Indian form of Art.

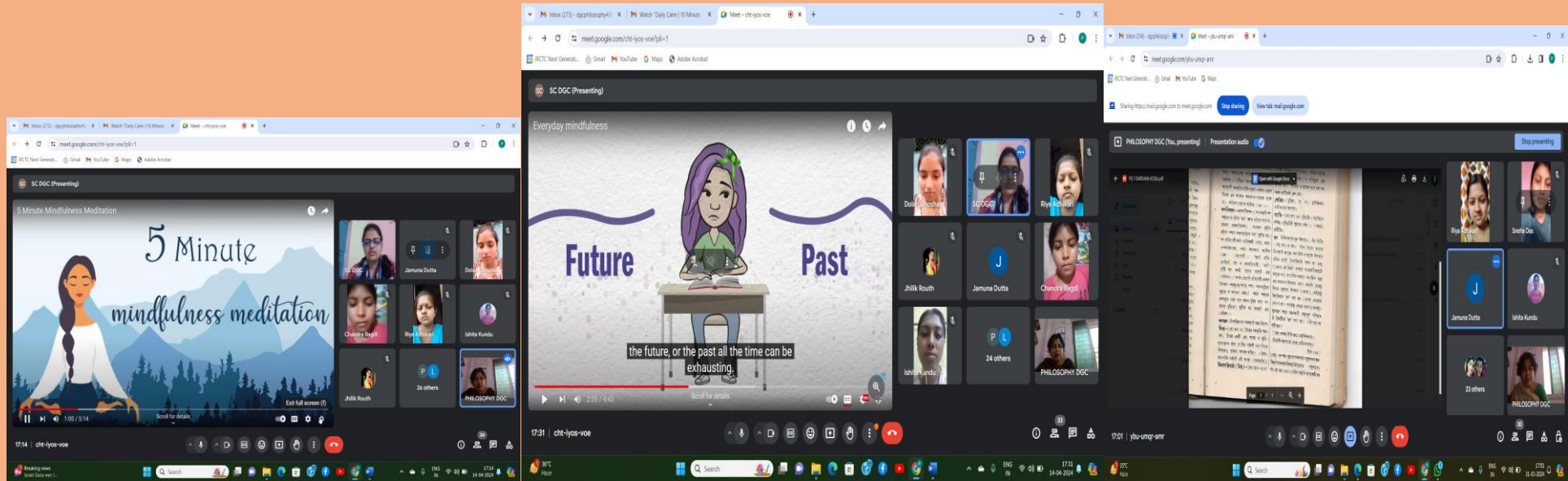


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Add On Course on **'Concept of Value and Mindfulness in Yoga Darsana'**; 7/3/2024 to 5/5/2024

The objective was to help in pursuing ethical inquiries which have great impacts on ones' Living habits. The aim of inculcating values in living practices is to contribute consciously and mindfully to research endeavours. This would lead to enhanced efficiency and amazing outcomes. Yoga Darsana offers specified **'Margas' (path ways)** treading which are especially essential for students. Moreover, the youth of today must be acquainted with the value system that the **'Sutrakara period'** tried to propagate. Students found this training program beneficial since there is no direct inclusion of issues on Value and Mindfulness in the prescribed University Curriculum of B.A. Honours in Philosophy and B.A. Program in Philosophy. The Department of Philosophy of Durgapur Government College provided this course to bridge the curricular gap and for a collective and all-round development by way of knowing one's culture and tradition.



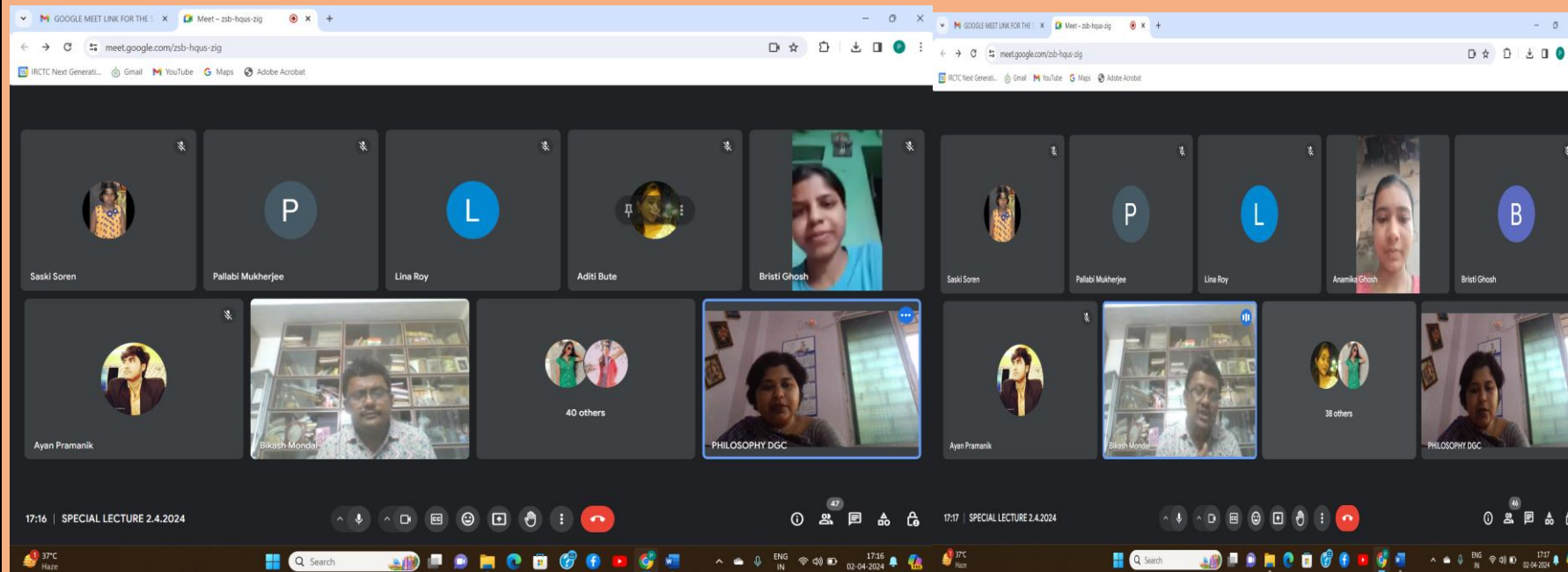
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Online Special Lecture organized on 2.4.2024; 'Essentials of Tagore's concept of Holistic Education'

SPEAKER: Dr. Bikash Mondal, Assistant Professor Department of Philosophy West Bengal State University

The Department of Philosophy had been conducting Remedial and Tutorial classes for students but to have a more value loaded outcome of Remedial class; the Department aimed at conducting an Online Special Lecture for all semesters on the Holistic approach of Rabindranath Tagore towards education which a part of the curriculum and syllabus as well. The outcome of the Special Lecture was the self-interaction and self-introspection session which was specially designed for students and which was conducted in the presence of the speaker; Dr. Bikash Mondal.

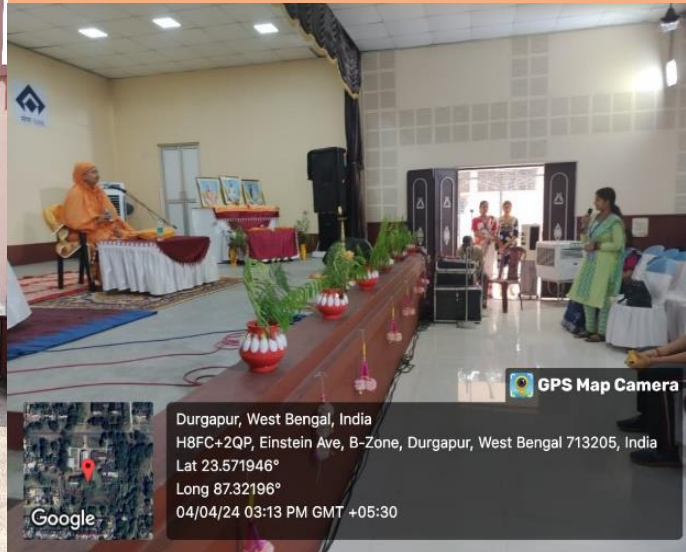


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Participation of Students/ mentees in One -day Youth Convention organized by Women's Cell; 4.4.2024

In pursuance to the College Notice No. 144 and Notice. No 145; dated 28.3.2024 regarding participation of girl students of different departments of Durgapur Government College on 4.4.2024 to attend the one-day Youth Convention organized by Swami Vivekananda Vani Prachar Samity, a member organization of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Bhava Prachar Parishad, Belur Math, Samity at Shilpangan Auditorium Durgapur; Mentees of Dr, Bhumika Kanjilal and Prof. Sumana Chanda attended the same. The convention was focused to impart values and Indian ethos in the light of teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The objective of the Department/ Mentors was to make students aware of the Indian Knowledge system and thereby assess their own learning levels. In fact, the aim was to make students thus empowered by the vision of Swami Vivekananda on learning practices. *Mentees had a one-to-one conversation with the honourable speaker and came to know about many values which they might inculcate and be educated in the true sense of the term. Moreover, issues on memorizing and forgetfulness were addressed which helped the students in assessing and deciphering the answers to many questions.*



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Toppers' Talk on 'How to be Examination Ready?'; on 5th April 2024

SPEAKER: TRINA NAYAK (PASSOUT 2019-20 BATCH) & TANIMA KABIRAJ (PASSOUT 20-21 BATCH)

To assess the learning levels of students; the Department of Philosophy organized a Topper's Talk so that students may have an inhouse discussion on how to get ready for their end semester examination. The aim of the Department was to bring the experienced achievers to show that if learning be done in a pattern which has already yielded results, then a learner; fast or slow will flourish. The Department aimed at making the students assess their own learning levels by being part of a discussion where proved patterns to be exam ready were made available to them. The outcome of the event was students interacted with the topper's so as to examine their pattern of being exam ready. It was hence clear to many that their efforts were falling short only because their practice may not be that rigorous or their writing may not be that apt. Students were thus able to judge their own learning levels



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Online Special Lecture organized on 9.4.2024; 'Mapping of Rene Descartes' Philosophical ideas as a Rationalist Philosopher';

SPEAKER: Dr. Priyanka De, Assistant Professor Department of Philosophy Presidency University

The theme of the online special lecture was the mapping of the Philosophical thoughts of the French philosopher and scientist; Rene Descartes born in March 31. 1596 France. The theme centred round issues like why Descartes was called a philosopher and a scientist, whom did he influence by his thoughts? What was he famous for? And how do we map all the thoughts that he propagated philosophically? The objective of the special lecture organized as an activity of the Special class allotted in the Routine was to make students aware about the works of a philosopher which earned him the title of a scientist as well. Students of Philosophy may study as a part of their syllabus about Rene Descartes as a Philosopher but they must also learn that there was in fact little difference between the courses or study back in the 17th century.

Existence of Body

- Distinction between the faculty of imagination and the faculty of understanding.
- Faculty of imagination provides obscure ideas and needs an effort in order to grasp something.
- Faculty of understanding provides clear and distinct ideas and it spontaneously grasp things.
- Faculty of imagination relates us to those things which are distinct from mind. Whereas the inspection of mind provides knowledge which are always clear and distinct.
- Hence, the faculty of imagination is related to our body.
- The ideas which are caused by the external world cannot be generated by our mind. I cannot stop receiving those ideas which are caused by the objects of external world.
- Although these ideas are not clear and distinct; they have vividness. If the source of these ideas cannot be explained by mind it means it is caused by body.
- Therefore, physical body exists.

Rene Descartes' (1596-1650) Rationalism

- Knowledge perfect knowledge true
- Descartes aim is to establish the foundation of knowledge.
- Criteria of knowledge – (clear) (distinct) (self-evident)
- Method of doubt
- Descartes extended the scope of doubt to daily conventional knowledge/beliefs which are accepted by sense-experience.
- Substance of individualism or illusion results from sense perception.
- Accuracy of our current belief
- Dependence of dream
- The experience of senses unreliable to fix things as objects of reality.
- Simple things like extension, shape, quantity cannot be doubted.
- The branches of knowledge physics, astronomy, medicine which deals with the empirical things can be doubted. Whereas, the field of study mathematics, geometry which deals with logical and general things cannot be doubted.
- Can God deceive us?
- Evil Demon hypothesis
- Therefore, doubt everything

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THE ACHIEVERS OF OUR DEPARTMENT

<u>SL.NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEMESTER</u>	<u>COURSE DONE</u>	<u>ACHEIVEMENT</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>JAYANTI SHOW</u>	<u>6TH SEMESTER PROGRAM</u>	<u>HIMALYAN MOUNTAINEERING INSTITUTE DARJEELING(HMI) BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE</u>	<u>SUCCESSFULLY SUMMITTED MT. RENOK(16500ft) 24.5.2024</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>TITHI MONDAL</u>	<u>4TH SEMSETER PROG</u>	<u>HIMALYAN MOUNTAINEERING INSTITUTE DARJEELING(HMI) BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE</u>	<u>1ST CANDIDATE WHO SUCCESSFULLY SUMMITTED MT. RENOK(16500ft) 24.5.2024</u>



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

The faculty members of the Department of Philosophy believe in building faith in students and allow them to flourish their thoughts. The Department believes in providing opportunities and creating platforms; thereby silently observing the young budding minds share thoughts and perceptions. Rectifying is not the only moto; since freedom is achieved only when we welcome the wrong with equal enthusiasm. The Department thus allows unorganized philosophical murmurs to bloom into a full-grown cloud of values.

Faculty members of the Department of Philosophy



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