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**Permanently Affiliated to Kolhan University, Chaibasa**

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
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### **1. About the department:**

The Department of Philosophy was established in 1961 at Karim City College, Jamshedpur. The Department of Philosophy has a glorious history and eminent scholars, like - Dr. Iqbal Hussain Ansari, Dr. Md. Ashraf Bihari, Dr. Aquil Ahmad and Dr. Joyti Kumari. There are two teaching faculties at present in the Department, namely - Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal and Dr. Md. Mujahidul Hoque.

The Department of Philosophy offers Undergraduate Courses in different areas, like - Indian Philosophy, Western Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic, Ethics, Applied Ethics, Tribal Philosophy, Contemporary Indian Philosophy, and Critical Thinking; and there are one hundred forty students enrolled in the Department.

The Department of Philosophy is a hub of intellectual exploration and research activities. The Faculty members of the Department are actively involved in research activities and participating in national and international seminars, conferences and other academic activities. The Department of Philosophy is dedicated to continuous academic activities, evaluating its programs and curriculum. The Department of Philosophy offers a comprehensive and dynamic curriculum that encompasses classical, modern, and contemporary philosophical traditions. The Department of Philosophy provides a platform for critical thinking and rigorous inquiry, providing a space where students can engage themselves in different academic discussions, debates and dialogues. Through open dialogue and discussion, students are encouraged to engage in diverse academic activities for the sake of knowledge and wisdom. Curiosity for knowledge and wisdom is not merely an academic endeavour but a lifelong journey. This lifelong journey of philosophy provides a multidisciplinary nature of philosophy with a holistic approach for the students' development to integrate philosophical insights into various academic fields of study.

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## **2. Vision and Mission of the Department**

The main vision of the Department of Philosophy is to enhance the innovative and creative ideas among the students providing a platform for creative and critical thinking. The mission of the Department of Philosophy is to promote philosophy providing a comprehensive and rigorous discipline that encourages students to explore diverse philosophical thinking. To create a student-centric environment, the Department provides a platform for promoting intellectual growth and ethical thinking among the students. The Department of Philosophy is committed for serving the students and helping them to get sound knowledge to become responsible citizens of the country and, most importantly, good human beings for the societal welfare. The vision and mission of the Department of Philosophy reflect a commitment in value-education and research activities, guided by the critical thinking and ethical principles.

### **3. Courses offered**

**Courses: B.A Hons/Programme in Philosophy under the 2020 Revised (CBCS) Syllabus under Kolhan University**

#### **Sem-1**

CC-1: Indian Philosophy Part-1

CC-2: Ancient Greek Philosophy

#### **Sem-2**

CC-3: Indian Philosophy Part-2

CC-4: Modern Western Philosophy

#### **Sem-3**

CC-5: Indian Ethics

CC-6: Western Ethics

#### **Sem-4**

CC-8: Indian Epistemology

CC-9: Western Epistemology

**Sem-5**

CC-11: Indian Metaphysics

CC-12: Western Metaphysics

DSE-1: Social Philosophy

DSE-2: Symbolic Logic

**Sem-6**

CC-13: Philosophy of Religion

CC-14 Contemporary Indian Philosophy

DSE-3: Political Philosophy

DSE-4: Project Work

**4. Career Opportunities:**

Philosophy provides a platform for critical thinking, analytical reasoning and problem-solving skills, making adaptable to various career opportunities, like – government jobs, UPSC examination and Philosophy is helpful for any other competitive examinations.

**5. Activity**

Obviously, the activities of a Philosophy Department can vary based on the goals, interests, and resources of the department. Here's a list of potential activities that a Philosophy Department might engage in:

**Graduate Seminar:** Conducting regular seminars for both undergraduate and graduate students to explore specific philosophical topics in depth.

**Faculty Meetings:** Organizing regular meetings for faculty members to discuss ongoing research, share insights, and collaborate on projects.

**Departmental Colloquia:** Hosting departmental colloquia where faculty members and students present and discuss their study findings.

**Guest Lectures:** Inviting renowned scholars or experts to deliver guest lectures on specific philosophical topics, providing students and faculty with diverse perspectives.

**Seminars and conferences:** Organizing seminars and conferences on various branches of philosophy, inviting participants from other institutions to foster academic exchange.

**Reading Group:** Establishing reading groups focused on specific philosophical movements, texts, or themes, allowing participants to delve deeper into selected readings.

**Ethical Communities:** Establishing ethics committees to address ethical considerations related to research, teaching, and other departmental activities.

**Philosophy of Science Symposium:** Hosting a symposium focusing on the intersection of philosophy and science, bringing together scholars from both disciplines.

**Philosophy in Practice:** Integrating philosophical discussions into practical areas, such as applying ethical theories to real-world situations or exploring the philosophy of technology.

**Interdisciplinary Collaborations:** Collaborating with other departments, such as psychology, literature, or political science, for interdisciplinary joint seminars.

**Critical Thinking Workshop:** Conducting workshops on critical thinking skills, helping students apply philosophical reasoning to various aspects of their academic and personal lives.

**Online Philosophy Forums:** Establishing online forums or discussion boards where students and faculty can engage in ongoing philosophical conversations.

These activities contribute to the academic and intellectual vibrancy of the Philosophy Department, promoting a culture of continuous learning, research, and community engagement.

## **6. Best practices of the Department**

### **Departmental Library**

Departmental Library is established where faculty and economically backward students can take the books for reference.

### **Assignments**

Students are given Assignments throughout the academic year to enable them to gain thorough knowledge in the subjects.

**Unit Planer**

For every topic, unit planners that include websites, references, and methods are created well of advance.

**Seminars**

Students participate in seminars on curriculum themes and, topics including day-to-day development, as part of the ongoing evaluation process.

**Guest lectures**

Frequent curriculum development and positive reinforcement renowned speakers provide lectures on occasion.

**Remedial Classes**

Remedial Classes are conducted to enhance the performance of academically weak students.

**Tutorial Classes**

Tutorial Classes are held to giving further assistance and guidance to students in their learning process.

**Mentoring**

As part of Mentoring, class in charges are allotted to every class who take up the responsibility of Academic Counselling and Personal counselling apart from the regular counselling. Each student's track of attendance percentage is maintained.

**Awards**

Awards are given on college day for academic excellence like Academic Toppers, Best Outgoing Student Award, and also for extracurricular activities.

**Projects**

Projects Internship/Projects to motivate and educate final year students to have a clear, exciting working experience and hone employability skills with the active guidance of the internal faculty assigned to them.

**Regular Parent Teacher Interaction**

Regular Parent Teacher Interaction to know about the student's academic performance, attendance, strengths, weaknesses, behaviour and other aspects.

**Philosophy Society**

Extension Programmes Students are involved in various community development programmes, social and environmental awareness campaigns through participation in extension programmes such as NSS (National Service Scheme), so that they emerge as ethical and socially responsible citizens.

## 7. Analysis of the department

The Department of Philosophy is the department of the College with minimum student's strength. It has one regular faculty.

### **Strength**

- Department has a large number of text reference books in the college library.
- Faculty members have many publications.
- Good teacher-student relationship.
- Student centered teaching.
- Encouragement for participation in extracurricular activities.

### **Weakness**

- Lack of student's attraction to the subject due to misconception about the subject.
- Syllabus is not in accordance with the demands of the job perspective.
- Research work.
- Coaching for Preparation for competitive exams.
- Low progression rate of students in higher education.

### **Opportunities**

- To make them comprehend the true meaning of life's philosophy or philosophy as a way of life.
- How to think critically and how to express ideas clearly and confidently.
- How to recognize, evaluate, and formulate persuasive arguments.
- How to have meaningful philosophical discussions with others about topics that matter.

### **Challenges**

- To annually issue a departmental magazine.
- Lack of Job opportunities in higher education.
- Lack of awareness about the subject.
- Lack of student's goal oriented interest in the subject.



## 8. Teaching Learning Practice

Conventional Learning

Chalk and Board

Lecture Method

Problem Solving

Interaction

Discussion

Oral Test

Questioning

Participatory Learning

Seminars

Group Discussion

Role Play

Case Studies

Power Point Presentations

Debates

Just a Minute (JAM)

Quiz

E-Learning Technology

Websites

Educational Videos

E-Resources

Audio Visual Aids

You Tube

Online Courses

## 9. Teaching Methodology and Teaching Tools

	<b>Teaching methodology</b>	<b>Teaching tools</b>
	Lecture Method/Explanation	Projector for PPT

	Problem Solving	Chalk, Duster and Board
	News Paper cuttings/Articles on Notice Board	E-Resources/ICT
	Seminars/Presentations by students	Google Class Room
	Role Play	Websites
	Motivational Talk by eminent Personalities	
	Text Books/Reference Books	
	Quiz	Google forms
	Assignments	
	Mentoring/Counselling	
	Power Point Presentations (PPT)	

### **10. Detail of the Students strength**

**The Academic year: 2021**

### **11. Result Analysis**

**Appeared: 05 Passed: 3**

**1<sup>st</sup> Class: 3**

**Pass percentage: 60**

### **12. Faculty List**

**Previous Heads & Teachers:**

- ▶ Dr. Iqbal Hussain Ansari (Head)
- ▶ Dr. Aquil Ahmad



▶ Dr. Jyoti Kumari



▶ **Present Faculty Members:**

- ▶ Dr. Md. Ashraf Bihari (Head)
- ▶ Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal



► Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal



### 13. Faculty Achievements Dr. Md. Ashraf Bihari (Head)

DRC Member, Deptt. of Philosophy, Kolhan University, Chaibasa.

1. Participated in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Faiz: The Poet of Romance and Revolution during Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 held at Karim City College, Jamshedpur.
2. Participated in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Literature and the subconscious during the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 held at Karim City College, Jamshedpur.
3. Participated and presented the paper in the inter-Disciplinary National Seminar on Folklore and Cultural Diversity in Tribal Areas of India, organised by the Deptt. of Odia, the G.S.C for Women, JSR from 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Feb-2012.
4. Participated and Presented the Paper in UGC Sponsored inter-disciplinary National Seminar organised by the Deptt. of Sanskrit, G.S.C For Women, From 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March-2012.

5. Participated and Contributed the Paper in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Professional Ethics, organised by the Deptt. of Philosophy, J.W.C.(JSR) during 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan-2016.
6. Chaired a technical Session in the UGC sponsored National Seminar in the Deptt. of Philosophy, Jamshedpur Womens College, JSR in January 2016.
7. Participated and Presented the paper in 3 day International Seminar on Makhdoom Jahan Sheikh Sharfuddin Ahmad Yahiya Maneri, Organised by Khanqah-e-Muazzam, Biharsharif (Bihar) Nov. 22<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>,2011.

**Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal**

- ▶ Speaker at Bertrand Russell Society's 2020 Annual Online Meeting, held on 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain.
- ▶ Member Professional Body: Bertrand Russell Society, Canada (2020).
- ▶ "Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Logical Atomism and Neutral Monism", in K. Murakami, J. Cresswell, T. Kono, and T. Zittoun (ed.), *The Ethos of Theorizing: ISTP 2017*, Concord, Ontario: Captus University Publications, Canada, 2019.
- ▶ Has been invited by the Great Hall of the People 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China (2018).
- ▶ Has participated and presented a paper at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Philosophy held at Peking University China in 2018.
- ▶ JRF of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 2016-2018.
- ▶ University Post-Graduate Merit Scholarship, AMU, Aligarh, 2012-2014.
- ▶ Second Position in the B.A (Hons) Philosophy, AMU, Aligarh, 2012.

### **Summary of Annual Report:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the session 2021– 2022 was late. It started in the month of November 2021 following a General Induction programme in which the newly admitted students were addressed by the Principal and various faculty in-charges. The newly admitted students were informed about activities, regulations, culture, and ethos of the campus. The faculty members were also introduced to them.

The department organized its own Induction session for the students on Monday, the 20th of November 2021, wherein the students were introduced to the history of the Department, its annual schedule of academic and co-curricular activities, and its faculty members. The session also involved the explanation of the structure of their syllabus, the division of the syllabus among the faculty members, and recommendation of a basic reading list.

On the 16th of December 2021, Fresher's Party was organized by the senior students of the department to welcome the newly admitted students. The occasion was attended by the Principal and all faculty members of the department along with the non-teaching staff of the department. The programme included various games and cultural activities.

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