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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 six 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

FYUGP in Philosophy, NEP -2020

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

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.

Philosophy Society: Forming a Philosophy Society for Students.

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, fostering a culture of continuous learning, research, and community engagement.

6. Best practices of the Department

Departmental Library

A 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 of the subjects.

Unit Planer

For every topic, unit planners that include websites, references, and methods are created well in 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 give 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 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 environment 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 two regular faculties in the department.

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 the 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

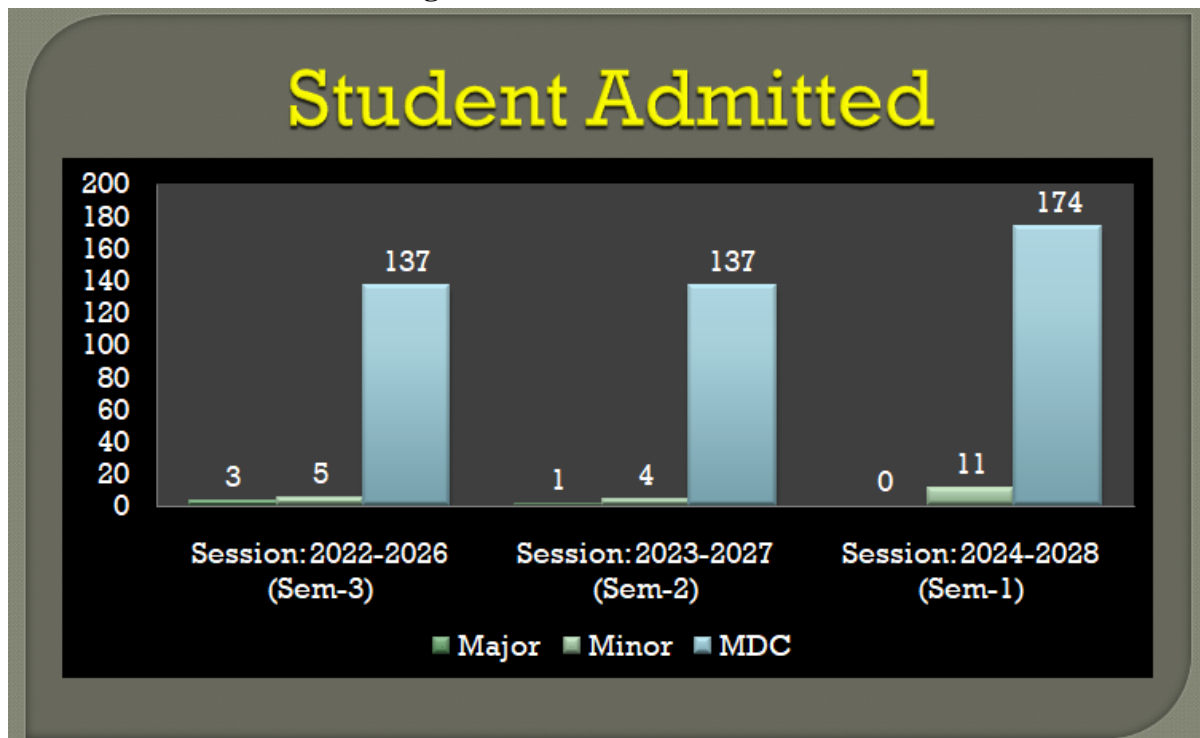
You Tube

Online Courses

9. Teaching Methodology and Teaching Tools

	Teaching methodology	Teaching tools
	Lecture Method/Explanation	Projector for PPT's
	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



11. Faculty List

Previous Heads & Teachers:

- ▶ Dr. Iqbal Hussain Ansari (Head)
- ▶ Dr. Md. Ashraf Bihari



- ▶ Dr. Aquil Ahmad



▶ Dr. Jyoti Kumari



▶ **Present Faculty Members:**

Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal (Head)



Dr. Md. Mujahidul Hoque



12. Faculty Achievements

Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal

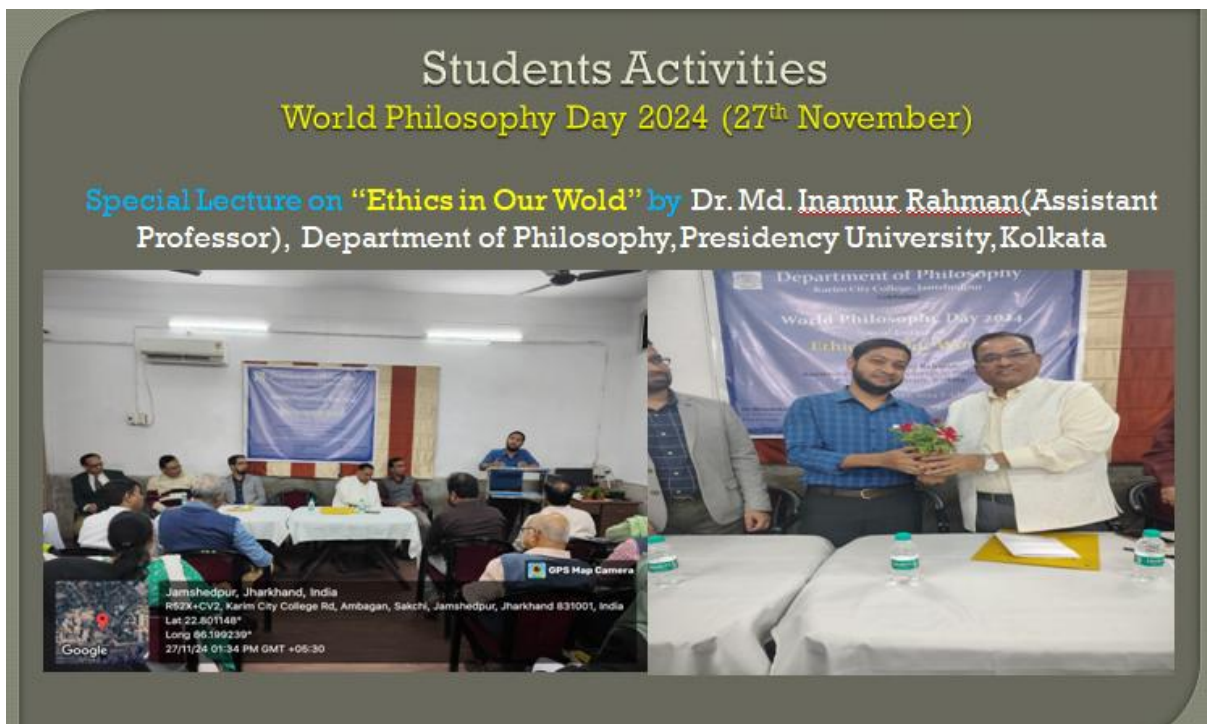
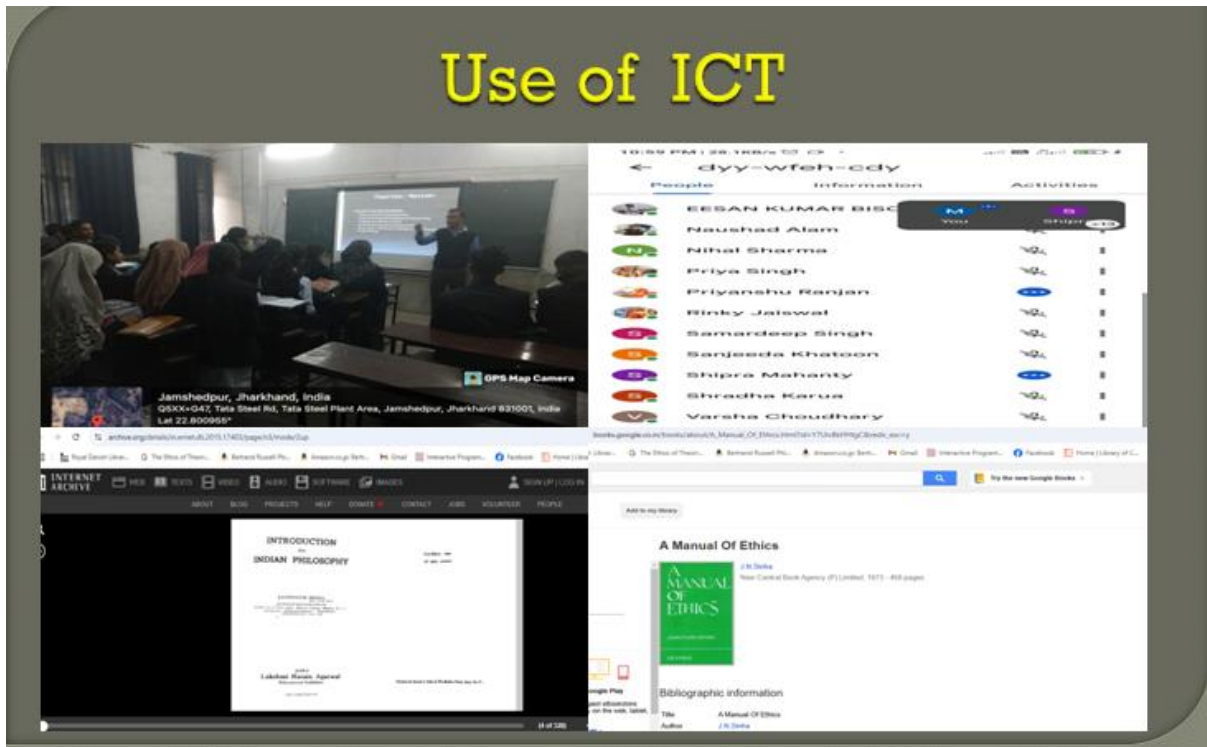
Title of the Paper/Session	Title of the Conference/Seminar	Organized By	Role	International/ National
"Philosophy of Culture"	25 th World Congress of Philosophy, Philosophy across Boundaries held on 1 st -8 th August, 2024	Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy, in 2024.	Chaired	International
Bertrand Russell on End of Analysis	Philosophy across Boundaries held on 1 st - 8 th August, 2024	Sapienza University of Rome, Italy	Speaker	International
Breaking Down the Barriers and Plato's Cave Analogy: Relevance in the Present Era	Philosophy across Cultures held of 29 th – 31 st July, 2024	CRVP & CUA McLean Center for the Study of Culture and Values, Washington, DC.	Speaker	International

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Activities



Extension Lecture Programme (11th March, 2024)

Value of Philosophy by Dr. Sanjay Kumar (Head, University Department of Philosophy, Kolhan University, Chaibasa)



Summary of Annual Report:

The session 2024-2025 started with an inductive programme on the college campus in the month of July 2022. Where the students were addressed by our principal and all the members of the different faculties were presented. The students were introduced to the teachers, and they were made aware of the regulations of the college. After the general induction programme for the new students of the college, the department of philosophy also organized an introductory session for fresher (Minor and MDC) students of philosophy, where students were made aware of their syllabus and teachers' wise allocations of topics. In this session, the importance of philosophy and critical thinking is also discussed. In the session 2024-25 (September, January), the departmental class test for all students of part- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Major/Minor) was conducted and evaluated the papers.

In the 4th week of November 2024, the department organized a programme on the occasion of World Philosophy Day on Ethics in Our World, in which faculty members and students participated. Dr. Md. Inamur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata was invited as a Chief Guest on the Occasion. The Chief Guest was welcomed by the principal Dr. Mohammad Reyaz, who inaugurated the World Philosophy Day programme. He delivered his speech on Ethics in Our World. The chief guest Dr. Md. Inamur Rahman emphasis our role in widely spreading the significance of Ethical aspects in our daily lives (he clarify Plato's ethics, deontology, utilitarianism). Dr. Abdul Latif Mondal Head, Department of Philosophy, Karim City College also introduced the value of ethical teaching on the occasion. Dr. Md. Mujahidul Hoque, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy gives vote of thanks. Mubina Begum (Philosophy MDC Student) anchored the programme. Our faculty members also shared their knowledge regarding. With the support of the students and faculty members, the programme was successfully completed.

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