

10. Future Plan of Action

- The department has an innovative plan to develop interdisciplinary interaction for strengthening its teaching and research programmes. It is evident from our academic report that we have done a considerable amount of work on Philosophy of Meaning from the East-West perspective. In the next phase we would like to take up other unexplored areas of research on language like language of mathematics, science, sculpture, music, dance, computer, sports and even silence, and their relationship with meaning. The term 'artha' in Indian Philosophy also signifies values of life and harmony. An effort will be made to explore these as well.
- In order to fulfil our plan we will need resources from the areas of mathematics, science, computer sciences and fine arts. We may appeal to the UGC/ State Govt. to provide sufficient funds for Visiting Fellows, appointment of Scholars/ Research Associates, purchasing books and journals, and equipment.
- We intend to set up a multi-cultural and multi-lingual centre to facilitate students coming from neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Tibet.
- We also intend to set up a school of language so that languages like Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit,



help would in future offer short term courses.

Tibetan, Greek, French, and German can be taught within the department, which will help overcome the linguistic barrier for reading philosophy texts in original and pursuing research using primary sources.

- Moreover, our University is in a region that is home to several communities with a rich cultural heritage like Nepali, Bhutanese, Rajbangshi, Rabha, and Mecha. The department plans to undertake a study of their heritage and its philosophical underpinning.
- A large amount of manuscripts written in Tibetan, Sanskrit and Pali are available in the Buddhist monasteries of Darjeeling, Sikkim and Bhutan. Our future programme includes the development of infrastructure to edit the manuscripts in the department and making it available to the wider academic community through translation.
- The Unit for Counselling Services and Learning Self-



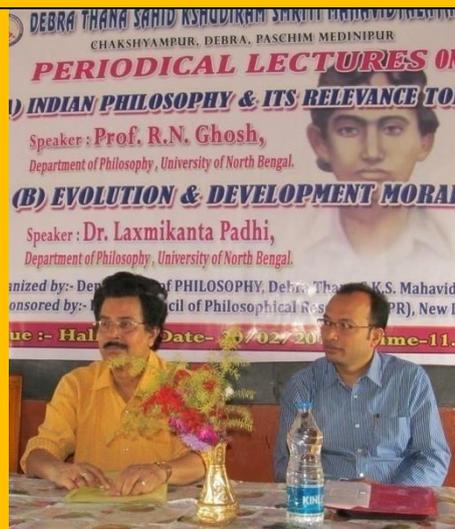
Prof. Arindam Chakraborty of University of Hawaii in the department



Dr Koushik Joardar at Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy



Prof. Debika Saha at an International conference in Greece



Prof. Raghunath Ghosh and Dr. Laxmikanta Padhi



Dr. Anirban Mukherjee presenting at an International Seminar at IIT, Bombay



Inaugural Seminar of Ambedkar Studies Centre



A PG II student presenting a paper in a Buddhist Studies seminar



Departmental Picnic



Teachers' Day being celebrated in the Department