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## Department of Philosophy

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e-Mail [laxmikantnbu@gmail.com](mailto:laxmikantnbu@gmail.com), [lkpadhi@nbu.ac.in](mailto:lkpadhi@nbu.ac.in)**Subject Specialization:**

Practical Ethics, (Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Development, Animal Ethics), Meta-Ethics, Philosophy of Religion and Western Epistemology.

**Area of Interest:**

Indian Tradition and Culture, and Virtue Ethics.

**Awards:**

- 2016-2018: Associateship, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.

**Teaching Experience:****PAST:**

- Part-time lecturer in Philosophy at Prabhu Jagatbandhu College, Andul- Mouri, Howrah.
- Fulltime lecturer in Philosophy at Cooch-Bihar College by *West Bengal College Service Commission*.
- Assistant Prof. in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal

**PRESENT:**

- Head and Associate Prof. in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal,

**Research Experience & Training:**

PhD : Registered: 04 Awarded: 02

M.Phil: Registered- Nil Awarded: 03

**Publications:****Books:-**

- Jointly edited a volume entitled: *Moral Language: East and West* with Dr. D. Saha, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-15) 2010, (ISBN: 81-7211-287-4)
- Jointly edited a volume entitled: *Phenomenological Meaning* with Dr. D. Saha, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-22) 2014. (ISBN: 81-7211-334-x)
- *Current Environmental Issues and Philosophy* Northern Book Centre, New Delhi. (forthcoming)

**Journals Co-edited:-**Departmental Journal entitled: *Philosophical Papers, Journal of the Dept. of Philosophy*, (ISSN 0976 – 4496) Vol-VI, March 2009. Vol-VII March 2010. Vol-VIII March 2011. Vol-IX March 2012. Vol- X March 2014. Vol- XI March 2015, Vol- XII March 2016 and Vol-XIII March 2017. \_**Papers in Journals, Proceedings and Edited Volumes:-**

1. **Intrinsic Value in Nature: the Value Objectivist's Position** has been published in the Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy, No.1, Vol-15, 2004.
2. **Ethics, Values and Environment** in the proceedings of the UGC sponsored state level Seminar on *Impact of Civilization on Environment* held on from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2004, at Jhargram Raj Govt. College, East Midnapore, West Bengal.
3. **Ethics and Environment** in the *Philosophical Papers: Journal of the Dept. of Philosophy*, University of North Bengal Vol.-III, April 2007.
4. Abstract entitled: **Environmental Holism in Hinduism** in the proceedings of the XXII World Congress of Philosophy at Seoul National University Seoul, Korea from July 30<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.
5. **The Problem of Negative Existentials** in *Philosophical Papers: Journal of the Dept. of Philosophy* University of North Bengal, Vol.-IV, March, 2008.
6. **An Introduction to Deep Ecology**, *Philosophical Papers: Journal of Dept. of Philosophy*, University of North Bengal, Vol-V, March, 2009. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
7. **Environmental Ethics and Animal Rights**, Indian Human Rights Law Review Vol.-1, No-2, December, 2010 (ISSN: 2230-7036).
8. **The Nature and Characteristics of Environmental Ethics** *Journal of Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy*, University of North Bengal, Vol-VI, March, 2010. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
9. **The Definition and Significance of Meta-ethics** in *Moral Language* edit. D. Saha and L. K. Padhi, Northern Book Centre, Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-15) 2010, (ISBN: 81-7211-287-4)
10. **Ecological Ethics: Possibilities in Buddhism** in *Language and Truth in Buddhism* edit. R. N. Ghosh and J. C. Basak, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-14) 2010, p. 128-142. (ISBN: 978-7211-291-2)
11. **Biodiversity and its Moral Implications**, in Proceedings of the national seminar entitled: *Loss of Biodiversity and its Ethical Implications* in September 2011 at Vidyannagar College, South 24 Praganas. (ISBN:-81-8282-179-7)
12. **Environmental Holism in Hinduism** in *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, Vol-21, No.-1, 2011, Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. (ISSN: 0975 – 6833)
13. **Moral Status of Animals** in *Journal of Philosophy*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, Vol-VII, March, 2011. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
14. **Nonlinguistic Thinking in Animals: a Possibility for Animal Ethics** in *Language and Thought* edited by Jyotish Chandra Basak and Koushik Joardar, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi. (NBU studies in Philosophy-20) 2012, p. 196-210. (ISBN: 978-81-7211-298-x)
15. **Ecofeminist Thought** in Indian Journal of Social and Natural Sciences, Vol.2, Issue-2, 2013 p. 144-152 (ISSN 2277 – 6117)
16. **Practical Vedanta and its Ethical Mission** in *Philosophical Papers: Journal of Philosophy*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, Vol-X, March, 2014. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
17. **An Attack on Scepticism** in *Ravenshaw Journal of Philosophy*, Dept. of Philosophy, Vol.-1, November, 2015. (ISSN: 2395 –3209)
18. **Some Observations on Animal Rights** in *Does Human Right Exists?* Edit. Sidhatrtha Chatterjee, Manav Prakashan, Kolkata, 2015, p. 49-57. (ISBN: 978-93-80332-80-2).
19. **Is Indian Philosophy Mystical** in *Philosophical Papers: Journal of Philosophy*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, Vol-X, March, 2015. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
20. **Does Morality Depend upon Religion?** in *Philosophical Papers: Journal of Philosophy*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, Vol-XI, March, 2016. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
21. **Ethics for the Animals: A Buddhists' Worldview** in *Buddhist Applied Philosophy: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Response* edited by L. Udaykumar Vol-1, Prestige Books International, New Delhi, 2016, p. 184-198. (ISBN: 978-93-82186-87-8)
22. **Bipinchandra's Thought on Hinduism, Tradition and Modernity** in *Philosophical Papers: Journal of Philosophy*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, Vol-XIII, March, 2017. (ISSN: 0976 – 4496)
23. **Speech, Thought, Skills, and Some Proofs of Reason in Animals: A Greek Philosophical Perspective** in *Language and Communication* (edit.) Kanti Lal Das, Lavent Books, Kolkata. (NBU studies in Philosophy-28) 2018, p. 197-215. (ISBN:978-93-84106-57-7)
24. *Is Arthaśāstra A Dharmaśāstra?* JICPR, Springer, Submitted in 2018.
25. **Understanding Gandhi's Notion of Religion** in *Social Transformation: M K Gandhi* edited by Amal Kr. Harh ABS Books, New Delhi, 2019, p. 93-101 (ISBN:978-93-87229-21-1)
26. **Does Religion Give Meaning to Life?** in the refereed Multi-disciplinary Bilingual Research Journal 'Digonto', Vol.- 6, 2019, by PJB College, Andul, Kolkata. (ISSN: 2348-8441)

#### Presentations:

- o International: ( within India) **03**
- o National: **28**
- o Resource Person in Refresher Course, Winter School and Periodical Lecture: **18**
- o Review and Critical Comments: **03**

#### Membership of Learned Societies and / or Professional Bodies:

- Life member of the Journal of ICPR, New Delhi from 2000 onwards
- Enlisted under the scheme of Dissemination of Knowledge of ICPR, New Delhi, from 2000 onwards
- Life member of Indian Philosophical Congress from 2000 onwards
- Member, Afro-Asian Philosophical Congress from 2005 onwards
- Member, Book Club, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla from 2016 onwards

#### Seminars/Refresher Courses Coordinated: 05

#### Administrative Experience:

#### Institutional governance and responsibilities:

1. **Registrar (Officiating)**, NBU, from 05-07-2017 to 11-03- 2018
2. **External Member**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, Assam University, Shilchar from 2018 to 2020
3. **External Member**, Post Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, Coochbehar Panchanan Burma University from June, 2019.
4. **Superintendent**, Vidyasagar Hall of Residence, University of North Bengal 2008-2018
5. **Nodal Officer**, Anti-Ragging Cell, University of North Bengal 2010-18
6. **Member**, Anti-ragging Cell, University of North Bengal, 2008-2018
7. **Member**, Committee for NAAC (Cycle-iii), University of North Bengal, 2016
8. **Member**, Election Commission for PG Students Union, NBU, 2016-17

#### Management of the Department and Institution:

1. **Chairman**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in subject Music, University of North Bengal 2016-2018
2. **Chairman**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Sports Management, University of North Bengal 2016-2018
3. **Member**, Advisory Committee, SAP (DRS-III) of UGC in Philosophy, University of North Bengal, 2007- March, 2020

**Committees for student welfare:**

1. **Member**, Students' Grievance Cell, University of North Bengal 2012-14
2. **Member**, Cultural Committee, University of North Bengal, 2008-14
3. **Member**, Convocation Committee 2008- 2017
4. **Member**, University Golden Jubilee (1962-2011) Committee, 2011
5. **Chairman**, Cultural Sub-committee, 22<sup>nd</sup> West Bengal State Science and Technology Congress, University of North Bengal, 2015
6. **Convener**, Cultural Programme for NAAC (cycle-3) Peer Team Visit, 21-11-2016, University of North Bengal