

About the Department

It was in 1960 that The University of Burdwan started its journey to cater the academic needs of the rural districts of South Bengal, and the Department of Philosophy was born just after two years, viz. on the sixteenth day of September, 1962. The Department was initiated by the first four teachers, namely Prof. Jitendranath Mohanty, Prof. Sibjiban Bhattacharyay, Prof. Sanat Kumar Roy Choudhury and Prof. Mrinal Kanti Bhadrā, who had become very famous worldwide for their own scholarship. Their legacy is still being followed by the present teaching faculty, in imparting lessons in and outside the classrooms and thereby producing good quality students, scholars, teachers and other professionals, besides making them good men and responsible citizen. Side by side, the faculty has been publishing their research findings through quality papers and books, beside participating in conferences, seminars, symposium and workshops home and abroad. The Department organizes seminars, workshops, invited lectures now and then, in which many eminent scholars take part. It has a number of non-teaching staff, who constantly co-operate with us in its endeavor to achieve perfect wisdom.

The Department offers regular M.A. and M Phil courses, and PhD programmes. The syllabi of these courses are revised as and when required to keep pace with the situations and demands of the society. Now, all the courses are in CBCS mode. Besides core philosophies of both Indian and western origin, the Department offers five special papers/courses in Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Vedānta, Sāṃkhya-Yoga, Western Logic and Applied Ethics, and wishes to offer more special papers, like Socio-Political Philosophy, in future. The Department's emphasis on Applied Philosophy has earned a special attention. It also helps the university in running a full PG course in the Distance mode. And, its location at Golapbag has added a serene beauty in our culture of wisdom.