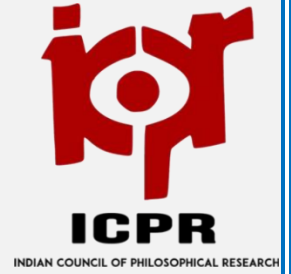




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on



**CRITICAL THINKING AND PHILOSOPHIZING**

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**

**ORGANIZED BY**

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**DEBRA THANA SAHID KSHUDIRAM SMRITI MAHAVIDYALAYA  
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**Venue: Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous),  
Debra, Paschim Medinipur-421124**

**Overview**

The seminar aims to explore, analyze, and address the challenges surrounding critical thinking and philosophizing, both of which foster intellectual curiosity, open-mindedness, and a structured approach to examining ideas. While critical thinking focuses on logical assessment and practical decision-making, philosophizing engages with broader existential and theoretical inquiries.

Critical thinking is the process of actively analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing information to make reasoned judgments. It involves questioning assumptions, applying logical reasoning, and avoiding biases. Essential skills in critical thinking include problem-solving, objective analysis, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. These skills are crucial in decision-making, academic study, and everyday problem-solving.

Philosophizing, on the other hand, is the practice of engaging in deep thought about fundamental questions related to existence, knowledge, ethics, and reality. It encourages reflection, reasoning, and the exploration of abstract ideas. Often, philosophizing challenges conventional wisdom, introduces fresh perspectives, and develops rational arguments for understanding complex concepts.

This seminar provides a valuable opportunity for students, educators, and thinkers both from formal philosophical backgrounds and other disciplines to engage in critical discussions on the complex issues of the contemporary techno-scientific

world. Through insightful deliberations by academicians and experts from across India, periodical lectures and seminars will contribute to updating and enriching existing knowledge in the domains of critical thinking and philosophizing. Additionally, this event is expected to open new avenues for future contemplation and research across various fields.

### **Sub-theme**

- ❖ Epistemology and the Quest for Knowledge
- ❖ Logical Reasoning and Argumentation Analysis,
- ❖ Ethical Decision Making through Critical Reflection,
- ❖ The Role of Critical Thinking in Social Justice Issues,
- ❖ Philosophical Approaches to Problem-Solving,
- ❖ Critical Thinking in the Digital Age,
- ❖ Existential Questions and Critical Self-Examination,
- ❖ Deconstructing Bias and Prejudice,
- ❖ Historical Perspectives on Critical Thought

The above-identified sub-themes are only illustrative. Participants may select any related topics covered under the main theme.

### **Call for Papers**

We invite academicians, scholars, and students to submit papers for this national seminar. Papers may be submitted in either English (**Times New Roman, font size 12**) or Bengali (**Avro Keyboard, font size 16**). Kindly send soft copies of the papers (MS Word and PDF in both formats) to [pksarkar@debracollege.ac.in](mailto:pksarkar@debracollege.ac.in)

### **Important Notes**

- Last date for Registration and Abstract Submission: **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**
- Last date for submission of full papers: **10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**
- Abstracts should not exceed 300 words, including five keywords, and full papers should be no longer than 6000 words.
- Selected papers will be considered for publication in ISBN-Numbered proceedings.
- Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

## **Resource Persons**

**Prof. Govinda Sharan Upadhyaya, Archaya of  
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**Prof. Papia Gupta, Department of Philosophy and  
the Life-World, Vidyasagar University.**



**Prof. Laxmikanta Padhi, Department of Philosophy,  
University of North Bengal.**



**Prof. Tapan Kumar De, Department of Philosophy  
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**Prof. Samar Kumar Mondal, Department of  
Philosophy, Jadavpur University.**



**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/kGDLZeyQsTm7AJHg8>

## Registration Fees

The author and participant have to pay the relevant registration fee.

**Teachers: 800**

**Research Scholars: 500**

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## **N.B: No T.A and Hospitality will be provided.**

The registered participants will be provided with free seminar kit, lunch, tea/coffee at the venue. Accommodation for the outstation participants can be arranged at their own cost. Those interested in accommodation on payment basis may send their request in advance.