

CELEBRATING
INDIAN PHILOSOPHER'S DAY
ICPR Sponsored One – Day National Seminar
On
**“Perspectives of Indian Logic: Source and Implication in Present
Society”**

Organized by
Department of Philosophy, Vidyanagar College
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It is a great privilege to invite you to the ICPR sponsored One – Day National Seminar on **“Perspectives of Indian Logic: Source and Implication in Present Society”** on the occasion of Indian Philosopher's Day to be organized by the Department of Philosophy, Vidyanagar College on 16 June 2023. The seminar will host some eminent thinkers to discuss the theme from various philosophical perspectives of Indian Logic and it is expected to produce a great amount of interest among the scholars in terms of the academic and social perceptions. We sincerely hope that with your enthused and enlightened participation it will add further dimension and make it a successful attempt. Once again, we take the opportunity to cordially invite your benign presence on this occasion.

Thanks and warm regards,
Yours sincerely,
Dr. Bibekananda Sau,
Convener of the Seminar.

Theme of the seminar

Logic as the study of the form of correct arguments and inference patterns, developed in India from the methodology of philosophical debate. The art of conducting a philosophical debate was prevalent probably as early as the time of the Buddha and the Mahavira (Jina), but it became more systematic and methodical a few hundred years later.

‘Indian Logic’ should be understood as being a different system of logic than modern classical logic (e.g. modern predicate calculus), but as *anumāna*-theory, a system in its own right.^[8] ‘Indian Logic’ was also influenced by the study of grammar, whereas Classical Logic which principally informed modern Western Logic was influenced by the study of mathematics

A key difference between Western Logic and Indian Logic is that certain epistemological issues are included within Indian Logic, whereas in modern Western Logic they are deliberately excluded. Indian Logic includes general questions regarding the ‘nature of the derivation of knowledge’, epistemology, from information supplied by evidence, evidence which in turn may be another item of knowledge. For this reason, other scholars use the term “logico-epistemology” to refer to this tradition, emphasizing the centrality of the epistemic project for Indian logical reasoning.

The concern of Indian "logicians" is quite different. They intend to provide a critical and systematic analysis of the diverse means of correct cognition that we use practically in our quest for knowledge. In this task, they discuss the nature and types of pramana. Although Indian philosophers disagree on the types of cognition that can be considered valid, most recognize perception and inference as valid. Within this context, which is mostly epistemological and practically oriented, topics such as the nature and types of correct reasoning that pertain to logic in the large sense of the word are discussed.

Aims / objectives of Indian logic

The proposed seminar is undertaken to fulfill following manifold objectives.

- The exercise of reasoning and the practice of argument are recorded in the early texts of India.
- Preoccupation with the nature of reason and argument occurs in the earliest philosophical texts, where their treatment is intimately connected with questions of ontology, epistemology and dialectics. These questions continued to be at the center of philosophical discussion through the classical and medieval period of Indian philosophy.
- Human's reason that is, taking some things to be true, they conclude therefrom that other things are also true. If this is done in thought, one performs an inference; and if this is done in speech, one makes an argument. Indeed, inference and argument are but two sides of the same coin: an argument can be thought, and hence become an inference; an inference can be expressed, and hence become an argument.
- Logic, at least as traditionally conceived, seeks to distinguish good reasoning from bad. More particularly, it seeks to identify the general conditions under which what one concludes is true, having taken other things to be true. These conditions can be sought in the nature of things. One asks, then, under what conditions do certain facts require some other fact. This perspective on reasoning is an ontic perspective.
- Next, insofar as facts are grasped in thought, one can also ask under what conditions knowledge of some facts permits knowledge of another fact. Such conditions, once identified, would distinguish good inferences from bad inferences. This perspective on reasoning is an epistemic one.
- A third perspective is a dialectic one. Here one asks under what conditions the acceptance by someone of some stated facts requires him or her to accept some other stated fact. Such conditions distinguish good arguments from bad arguments.
- Finally, an argument is an expression of an inference, and to that extent, expressed in a language, it is natural to use the forms of linguistic expressions to identify forms of inferences and arguments, thereby distinguishing forms of good inferences and arguments from forms of bad inferences and arguments. This perspective is a linguistic one. The study of reasoning in India has been from the ontic, epistemic and dialectic perspective, and not from the linguistic perspective, the perspective best known to modern thinkers

So we firmly believe that the proposed seminar may indicate a new way towards the progress and development of our thought process in society.

Call for Papers

We invite the abstract of Original Research Paper within 200 words for presentation. Author(s) of selected abstract will further be invited to submit Full paper (not more than 3000 words) in English or Bengali (in both a word and a pdf format after selection). The abstract as well as the full papers should include Author's/Authors' Full Name, Designation, Institution, WhatsApp No. and Email address. For English, use Times New Roman Font [Title in 12 pt. bold], Author's /Authors' Name in 11 pt. bold and body of the paper [12 pt.] and 1.5 line spacing. In Bengali use Avro Font [Title in 12 pt. bold], Author's/Authors' Name in 11 pt. bold and body of the paper [12 pt.] with 1.5 line spacing.

Selected papers will be published in an edited volume with ISBN details of which will communicated in due course.

Sub Topic includes (not limited to) :

1. Issues related to &/ from Jaina Logic.
2. Issues related to &/ from Buddhist Logic.
3. Issues related to &/ from Nyāya Logic.
4. Issues related to &/ from Mimamsa Logic.
5. Issues related to &/ from Vedanta Logic.
6. Significance of Indian Logic (Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern).
7. Logic in Practical Life.

Important Dates

- Last Date for Submission of the Abstract: **12/06/2023** [Subject of the email Should be PHILA_PAPER TITLE]
- **Selected Author(s) will be informed: 14/06/2023**
- Last Date of Full Paper Submission: **15/06/2023** [Subject of the email Should be PHILP_PAPER TITLE]
- Date of Paper Presentation: **16/06/2023**

- Last Date of Online Registration (**No offline Registration is to be entertained**) : **14/06/2023**
- **Abstracts and Full Papers are required to be submitted to bibekananda.sau91@gmail.com.**

Details of Registration Fees :

- **Paper Presentation:**
Academicians: Rs. 1000/-**
Research Scholars: Rs. 500/-
Students: Rs. 200/-
- **Participation:**
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Alternatively one can take bus no. SD-26, or 75 from Esplanade or bus no. SD-8 from Gariahat or Hazra or Taratala and get down at Bibirhat. From Bibirhat Amtala-bound autorickshaw can be availed of.

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