



CELEBRATION OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHER'S DAY
ICPR Sponsored One-Day State Level Seminar (**Blended Mode**)
On
“Relevance of Indian Philosophical Schools in Indian Knowledge System”
Organised by
Department of Philosophy, Vidyanagar College
in collaboration with IQAC, NSS and Internship & Placement Cell
Vidyanagar College
[Date: 30 June 2026]

It is a great privilege to invite you to the ICPR sponsored One – Day State Level Seminar on “**Relevance of Indian Philosophical Schools in Indian Knowledge System**” on the occasion of Indian Philosopher’s Day to be organized by the Department of Philosophy, Vidyanagar College in collaboration with IQAC, NSS and Internship & Placement Cell on 30 June 2026. The seminar will host some eminent thinkers to discuss the theme from various philosophical perspectives of Indian Knowledge System 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 this Seminar.

Theme of the Seminar

This seminar aims to explore the enduring relevance and contributions of Indian philosophical schools to the broader Indian Knowledge System (IKS). It will focus on how ancient and contemporary Indian philosophies continue to shape various fields of knowledge, from ethics and metaphysics to epistemology and social thought. The seminar will delve into the ways these philosophical traditions inform the intellectual and cultural life of modern India, as well as their relevance in addressing global issues such as environmental sustainability, societal justice, and spiritual well-being. By reflecting on both traditional and modern interpretations, this seminar will serve as a platform to reassess the intellectual richness of Indian philosophy and its continued significance in contemporary scholarship and practice.

Objective of the Seminar:

The primary objectives of this seminar are:

1. To Explore the Enduring Relevance of Indian Philosophical Schools:

To assess how the ancient Indian philosophical traditions continue to influence modern-day knowledge systems, both in India and globally.

2. To Promote Dialogue Between Traditional and Contemporary Thought:

To encourage scholarly dialogue between traditional Indian philosophies and contemporary global philosophical discourse, fostering an interdisciplinary approach.

3. To Bridge Ancient Wisdom with Modern Challenges:

To explore the relevance of Indian philosophical schools in addressing contemporary global issues such as environmental sustainability, social justice, mental health, and personal well-being.

4. To Examine the Philosophical Underpinnings of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS):

To understand the core principles and methods of Indian philosophy and their integration with Indian cultural, scientific, and spiritual practices.

5. To Engage with Indian Philosophies in the Context of Modern Technology and Science:

To explore the contributions and potential of Indian philosophical perspectives in enriching modern scientific paradigms, including physics, ethics, and environmental sciences.

6. To Revitalize Indian Philosophical Education:

To discuss strategies for incorporating traditional Indian philosophical teachings in modern educational curricula, thereby reviving the philosophical heritage of India.

7. To Promote Philosophical Inquiry in Indian Cultural Contexts:

To facilitate philosophical inquiry into the social, ethical, and cultural implications of Indian traditions, including caste, gender, politics, and the arts.

8. To Examine the Intersectionality of Indian Philosophical Schools and Contemporary Ethical Issues:

To explore how Indian philosophies address current ethical dilemmas related to bioethics, human rights, and environmental concerns.

By addressing these themes and objectives, the seminar aims to offer a comprehensive analysis of the enduring influence of Indian philosophical schools in shaping contemporary thought, while highlighting their crucial contributions to the modern knowledge system.

Call for Papers

Send your abstract within 200 words by 13 June 2026 (up to 11.30 p.m.). Full paper (not more than 3000 words) in English or Bengali is to be submitted at bibekananda.sau91@gmail.com both in word and pdf format. 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.

Sub-Themes (includes but not limited to):

1. Understanding Indian Philosophical Traditions
2. Metaphysics and Cosmology in Indian Thought
3. Epistemology and the Indian Way of Knowing
4. Ethics and Morality in Indian Philosophies
5. The Role of Logic and Debate in Indian Philosophical Schools
6. Yoga and the Philosophy of Mind
7. Political Philosophy and Social Justice in Indian Thought
8. Gender and Feminist Philosophies in ancient India
9. Intersections of Indian Philosophy with Global Philosophies
10. Environmental Ethics in Indian Philosophies

11. The Role of Indian Philosophies in Contemporary Science
12. Philosophical Foundations of Indian Art and Aesthetics
13. The Indian Approach to Happiness and Well-being
14. Yoga and Meditation in Indian Philosophical Schools
15. The Relevance of Vedanta in Contemporary Spirituality
16. Indian Philosophy and Contemporary Ethics in Medicine
17. Indian Philosophy of Time and Space
18. The Concept of Liberation (Moksha) in Indian Thought
19. The Influence of Buddhism on Indian and Global Philosophical Thought
20. Reviving Traditional Indian Knowledge in Modern Contexts

Important Dates

Last Date for Submission of the Abstract: **27/06/2026 (up to 11.30 p.m.)**

Last Date of Full Paper Submission: **29/06/2026 (up to 11.30 p.m.)**

Date of Paper Presentation: **30/06/2026**

Last Date of Online Registration (No offline Registration is to be entertained): **28/06/2026 (up to 11.30 p.m.)**

Details of Registration Fees:

Academicians /Professors (Paper Presenter): Rs. 600/-**

Registration fee for participants: Rs. 400/-

M. Phil & Ph.D. Research Scholars: Rs. 300/-

Students: Rs. 100/-

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

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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.