### Department Of Philosophy

#### **About The Department:**

The Department of Philosophy, Netaji Mahavidyalaya, took its start since the very beginning of the college, i.e. in the year 1948. In the beginning, it was an intermediate-college under the University of Calcutta. At that time the department taught the students of intermediate classes the subjects known as Logic and Philosophy. Subsequently, it was upgraded to a degree college, and the subject of Philosophy was taught to the students as a general course. In the year 1960, at that time of the very inception of the University of Burdwan, the college came under it. In the year 1973, the University of Burdwan upgraded the Philosophy department of the College and offered Honours status to it. Since that time the department has been teaching Honours as well as General course in Philosophy to the students. At the very beginning of the Department, Prof. Sitansu. Kr. Dutta was appointed a lecturer in Logic and Philosophy and acted as the Head of the Department. After wards, Anindita Choudhury was appointed a Lecturer in the second-post. As the Department was upgraded to Honours teaching as per the norms of the Govt. of West Bengal and the status of the University of Burdwan, four posts were sanctioned for the Department.

**Our Mission:** To advance the study of philosophy by conducting original philosophical research and by providing students with the philosophical education necessary for them to develop a firm foundation in the liberal arts as well as strong ethical, creative, and critical thinking skills. The department is committed to fostering student engagement with historically important philosophical debates, and applications of philosophical ideas in all areas of life.

Our Vision: The Department of Philosophy will be essential to Netaji Mahavidyalaya students' education in rigorous, analytical thinking about issues across the curriculum, including not only those that arise within the discipline of philosophy, but also philosophical issues in such other areas as the arts, the sciences, business, and the legal and medical professions. The Department will advance philosophical understanding and debate through both teaching and the production of high-quality original scholarly research.

#### **Teaching and Non-teaching Staff Of The Department**

FULL time teacher: 04

State aided college teacher: 03

Non-teaching: Nil

List of students:

List of students (2018-2019): B. A. Philosophy (Hons): 96

B. A. Philosophy (General): 223

List of students (2019-2020): B. A. Philosophy (Hons): 85

B. A. Philosophy (General): 215

List of students (2020-2021): B. A. Philosophy (Hons): 88

B. A. Philosophy (General): 210

List of students (2021-2022): B. A. Philosophy (Hons): 70

B. A. Philosophy (General): 258

List of students (2022-2023): B. A. Philosophy (Hons): 104

B. A. Philosophy (General): 205

# epartmental Library:

Total no of Books: 725

List of Books:

Lending facilities for students are available. They can borrow two books at a time.

# **Departmental Activity:**

Alumni reunion (2022-2023): This year we held the alumni reunion and had a great time with them

# **Excursion:**

In 2023, we visited Viswa Bharati, the life institution of Guru Rabindranath Tagore. We visited various places in the Viswa Bharati.





