

PROFILE
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
RANGIA COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Philosophy was established in the year 1979. From its inception, the department is conducting both pre-university and degree level courses. In the year 1999, the Governing Body of the College introduced Major(At present Honours) courses in the degree level in the department with due permission of Gauhati University. Late Bhupendra Nath Sarma was the founder head of the department who retired from the college in 31st January, 2016 as Associate Professor. He was also the Principal-in-Charge from 01-04-2015 to 08-12-2015. Since inception of the Institute, the Department of Philosophy has been rendering its service to all the students of H.S. and U.G. Degrees. Besides teachings, the faculty members are actively engaged in research activities in the field of Philosophy.

The Department of Philosophy tries to provide its students a wide variety of interesting courses that address moral issues to attain social good and moral values. Philosophy being the most practical course of study, the department tries to impart skills that will be useful not only in any career but also in personal life. The study of Philosophy will enable one to think carefully, critically and with clarity, take a logical approach to address challenging questions and examining hard issues, reason well and evaluate the reasoning of others and discuss sensibly.

VISION OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Philosophy Department of Rangia College was established with the vision of imparting quality as well as spiritual education to the students of Rangia and its neighboring area to help students to develop intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession, thus enhancing the analytical, critical and interpretative capacities applicable to any subject matter and in any human context.

Our motto is to enrich the knowledge of the students of Philosophy with special emphasis on the spiritual, moral and ethical values and to create a calm, peaceful and noble atmosphere amongst the students, so that they can enable themselves to be a good moral citizen in future. Philosophy is a natural deep study. It is a romantic subject and undoubtedly it is as valuable as gold though may not be as useful as coal. Now-a-days in the turmoil, troublesome and violent society philosophy can be one of the ways for peace and harmony. Studying and practicing philosophy can help in this field. Due to technological revolution 'Man' in Nature and Spirit loses his in habits. Naturality of man is diminishing day by day. To keep intact and safeguard man's naturality Philosophy is a must. At present times our vision should be rounded with philosophizing about Philosophy. In this path we should not forget our beloved and respected philosophers and should remember the H. W. Longfellow's well known verse-

“Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time”

Education is not merely a thing to be acquired; it is a thing to be lived in our daily life. As Lord Bryce once said, “The end of study is not to possess knowledge as a man possesses the coins in his purse, but to make knowledge a part of ourselves, that is to turn knowledge into thought as the food we eat is turned into the life giving and nerve nourishing blood.”

MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

To mention about the mission of the Department, we must plan the following strategies:

- (i) To give the students the opportunity of being a good and moral social man as well as changing the mind patterns to innovative thinking by the departmental activities by making heart-by-heart relation.
- (ii) To show them the 'Art of living', to empower the by self empowerment, to help them in formation of good mental health through dialogues, free-association method and citation of examples of great men and philosophers in particular and to build their character, as necessary objectives for higher education.
- (iii) To make them adaptable in the society, we activate them to cope up with the environmental problems.
- (iv) Encouragement to students to cultivate a feeling & loving heart to touch by mass illiteracy, object poverty and uncleanness and feel compassion for the suffering men and women.
- (v) To them fit to fight for justice everywhere, to make them believe in non-violence everywhere as a policy to be kind and courteous to everybody.
- (vi) To believe in equality and fraternity and to prepare to fight for the economic and social justice and to gather courage to fight against social evils.
- (vii) To develop a Philosophy of life, to be clear about the goal of life, to identify a great cause which one would like to serve.
- (viii) To communicate knowledge from one generation to another through the students concerned.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

We have a society namely “Assam Philosophical Society, Rangia College Branch” for imparting knowledge of Philosophy and popularizing philosophy as a subject amongst the students in particular and inquisitors in general. The society was formed on August 22nd, 2001, under the presidentship of Late Bhupendra Nath Sarma (Founder HoD), of which Vice-President was Mrs. Madhurima Das (Retd.) and Secretary was Dr. Gagan Kumar Deka (Present HoD). At present the society is being run by the following bearers:-

1. President:- Dr. Gagan Kumar Deka. Assistant Professor & HoD.
2. Vice-President: Anamul Hoque, Assisant Professor.
3. Secretary: Subhasree Rajkhowa, Assisant Professor.
4. Member: Prabin Kumbang, Guest Faculty.

Student Members:-

1. Karabi Das.
2. Leena Kumar.
3. Nikumoni Kalita.
4. Malaya Kalita.
5. Biswajit Kalita.
6. Bibek Boro.
7. Jyotishma Kalita.
8. Hiyamoni Kalita.

DEPARTMENT AT A GLANCE

1. Date of Establishment : 1981-82 (General Course)
2. Introduction of Major Course : 1999-2000
3. No of Teachers & date of joining : (i) Late Bhupendra Nath Sarma, M.A.(Founder HoD)
01-09-1979 (Retd.)
(ii) Mrs. Madhurima Das, M.A.
02-09-1985 (Retd.)
(iii) Dr. Gagan Kumar Deka, M.A. M.Phil, Ph.D
19-11-1999 (Present HoD)
(iv) Mr. Anamul Hoque, M.A. NET, SLET.
13-02-2021 (Assistant Professor).
(v) Smt. Subhasree Rajkhowa, M.A. NET, SLET.
19-02-2021 (Assistant Professor).
4. Strength of Teacher : Three Sanctioned Post.
One Part Time Faculty:
Mr. Prabin Kumbang, NET, SLET. (01-02-2017)
5. Philosophical Society : Yes.
6. Wall Magazine : **“DARSHANA”**, A Wall Magazine is maintained under the banner of A.P.S. Rangia College Branch. Students as well as teachers of the Department express their literary expertise in the magazine under the able guidance of Assistant Professor Mr. Anamul Hoque, as well as Smt. Subhasree Rajkhowa. Students promulgate the Wall Magazine.
7. Departmental Seminar : 2002, 2003, 2006, 2010.

TEACHING STAFF



Dr. Gagan Kumar Deka, HoD
M.A, M.Phil, PhD
Specialization: Religion,
Teaching Experience: 21 Years



Mr. Anamul Hoque
M.A. NET,SLET
Specialization: Religion,



Smt. Subhasree Rajkhowa
M.A. NET,SLET
Specialization: Religion,



Mr. Prabin Kumbang
M.A. NET, SLET
Specialization: Logic,

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION OF TEACHERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, RANGIA COLLEGE, RANGIA

Sl. No.	Name of Teacher	Educational Qualification of teacher				Date of birth	Date of joining	
			Year of passing	Division	Percentage Of marks		In contractual/ non-sanctioned	In sanctioned post
1.	Dr. GAGAN KUMAR DEKA(HoD)					01-06-1972	19-11-1999	15-06-2012
		H.S.L.C.	1989	2 nd	51.73%			
		H.S	1991	2 nd	50.20%			
		B.A.(Hons.)	1994	2 nd	51.22%			
		M.A.	1998	2 nd	59.50%			
		M.Phil	2008	1 st	-			
	Ph.D	2014	-	-				

Sl. No.	Name of Teacher	Educational Qualification of teacher				Date of birth	Date of joining	
			Year of passing	Division	Percentage		In contractual/ non-sanctioned	In sanctioned post
2.	ANAMUL HOQUE					01-02-1987	No	13-02-2021
		H.S.L.C.	2003	1 st	71.66%			
		H.S.	2006	1 st	70.80%			
		B.A (Hons.)	2011	1 st Class with Distinction (9 th Rank)	66.20%			
		M.A	2013	1 st Class (1 st Rank)	94%			
		M.Phil	-	-	-			
	PH.D	-	-	-				

Sl. No.	Name of Teacher	Educational Qualification of teacher				Date of birth	Date of joining	
			Year of passing	Division	Percentage		In contractual/ non-sanctioned	In sanctioned post
3.	SUBHASREE RAJKHOWA					16-02-1991	No	19-02-2021
		H.S.L.C.	2007	1 st	83 %			
		H.S	2009	1 st	78.2 %			
		B.A (Hons.)	2012	1 st Class with Distinction (1 st Rank)	73 %			
		M.A.	2014	1 st Class (2 nd Rank)	88 %			
		M.Phil	-	-	-			
	Ph.D	-	-	-				

Sl. No.	Name of Teacher	Educational Qualification of teacher				Date of birth	Date of joining	
			Year of passing	Division	Percentage		In contractual/ non-sanctioned	In sanctioned post
4.	PRABIN KUMBANG					09-05-1984	01-02-2017	No
		H.S.L.C.	2001	3 rd	40 %			
		H.S	2003	2 nd	47 %			
		B.A (Hons.)	2007	2 nd	51.22 %			
		M.A.	2009	2 nd	51.66 %			
		M.Phil	-	-	-			
	Ph.D	-	-	-				

DETAILS OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL/ CHAPTERS IN BOOKS AND BOOKS BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

Book/Book Chapters:-

Deka, Kr. G. *Christian Concept of God*, Published in *Viswakosha*, Vol-X, edition- Darsana Assam Sahitya Sabha, Chief Editor- Dr. Girish Ch. Sarma.

Hoque, A. (2013) *Swami Vivekananda's Concept of Universal Religion with Special Reference to Inter-Religious Dialogue and Yoga*, Published in Publication Cell, St. Anthony's College, Shillong-793001, Meghalaya, India. ISBN-978-81-910147-3-0.

Hoque, A. (2016) *Religion: A Contemporary Critical Study*, Published in JIJNASA Vol-III, Aalibaat Publication, Jayanagar, Sixmile, Guwahati-22, ISBN- 978-9381-069-36-3.

Hoque, A. (2017) *Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on Religious-Experience in Making a Peaceful and Good Life*, Published in JIJNASA Vol-IV, Aalibaat Publication, Jayanagar, Sixmile, Guwahati-22, ISBN- 978-81-935851-0-8.

Rajkhowa, S. (2015). *Radhakrishnan's Concept of Man, Humanity and Ultimate Human Destiny*, published in *Devaksara*. Vol-I, Published by Women's College, Tinsukia-786125 (Assam) ISBN No: 978-93-83308- 61-10

Rajkhowa, S. (2017). *The Doctrine of Superimposition or Adhyasa in Sankara's Philosophy*, published in *Devaksara*. Vol-II, Published by Women's College, Tinsukia-786125 (Assam). ISBN No: 978-81- 924270-5-9

Rajkhowa, S. (2018). *Identification of the Self with the Absolute in Sankara's Philosophy*, published in *Perspectives (A Collection of Essays on Language Ethnicity and Identity)*, published by Department of English, Tinsukia College, Tinsukia, Assam. ISBN No: 978-93-80247-79-3.

Kumbang, P. (2020). *A Comparative Study of Karma in Jain and Buddha Philosophy*, published in *Panorama*, Vol- III, published by Unity Education Foundation, Guwahati. ISBN NO: 978-81-935219-9-1.

Paper Publications:-

Deka, Kr. G (2018) *The Relevance of Gandhi's Religion*, published in a Peer Reviewed and refereed International Journal, Vol- V, Impact Factor- 5.088. ISSN NO- 2349-8838

Hoque, A. (2019) *Bertrand Russell on Science and Religion: An Analysis*, Published in SHABDARNAV: Vol- III, An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, Impact Factor-2.206, ISSN No-2395-5104.

Hoque, A. (2019) *A Socio-Philosophical Study of Religion in Indian Trends and Development: A Textual Survey*, Published in SHABDARNAV: Vol- IV, An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, Impact Factor- 2.206 ISSN No-2395-5104.

Hoque, A. (2019) *Bertrand Russell on Christian Concept of Sin and Atonement: An Analysis*, Published in SHABDARNAV: Vol- V, An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, Impact Factor- 2.206, ISSN No-2395-5104.

Hoque, A. (2019) *Bertrand Russell on Neutral Monism and Mind-Body Problem: An Analysis*, Published in VEDANJALI Vol- III, An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, Impact Factor- 2.193, ISSN No-2349-364X.

Hoque, A. (2019) *Bertrand Russell on God and Religion: An Analysis*, Published in VEDANJALI Vol- IV, An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, Impact Factor- 2.193, ISSN No-2349-364X.

Hoque, A. (2019) *What is Religion?* Published in VEDANJALI Vol- V, An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, Impact Factor- 2.193, ISSN No-2349-364X.

Rajkhowa, S. (2018-19). *Pañcakośas : A study in Saukara's Vivekacūdamai*. Published in *ANVE?IKĀ*, Journal of Gauhati University Philosophical Forum, Vol-III. (P. 46-50)

Kumbang, P. (2017). *A Comparative Study of God in Hinduism and Sikhism*, published in **Excellence**(International Journal of Education and Research), Vol- IV. UGC Approved no- 46014. Impact Factor: 4.565. ISSN NO- 2349-8838

Kumbang, P. (2017). *Swami Vivekananda the Concept of Universal Religion: Analysis*, published in International Online Multidisciplinary Journal, Review of Research, Vol- VII. Impact Factor: 5.2331(UIF). ISSN NO- 2249-894X

Kumbang, P. (2018). *Liberal Feminism: A form of Equality and Empowerment*, published in Asian Academic Research Journal of Social Science & Humanities, Vol- V. Impact Factor: 2.015. ISSN NO- 2278-859X

PAPER PRESENTATION AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES BY THE FACULTIES:

(1) Dr. Gagan Kumar Deka:-

(i) National seminar on 'Ethics and Moral Values in Arabic Literature', Titled paper- "The Holy Quran as a source of moral Teaching", sponsored by NCPUL, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi. 2017

(ii) UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Higher Education in India in the 21st Century- Issues and Challenges', Titled Paper- "The Role of Teacher in Higher Education". 2017

(iii) National Seminar on 'Indo- Arabic Relations: Past Present and Beyond', Titled Paper- "Indo- Arabic Relations : An Overview", sponsored by NCPUL, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi. 2018

(iv) National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Higher Education in India: Issues and Challenges', Titled Paper- "Higher Education : Issues and Challenges". 2018

(v) Attended a Faculty Development Programme organized by EDII- NERO Office at Rangia College. (June 2017).

(vi) Attended a Faculty Development Programme organized by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), Govt. Of India, IIT, Guwahati. (June 2019)

(2) Anamul Hoque:-

(i) International Conference (IPC-2016), Titled Paper- "Religion: Its Origin and Development" held by the Deptt. Of Philosophy, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India. 2016.

(ii) International Conference on Scientific Aspects of Vedic Knowledge, titled paper- "Vedic Religion: A Contemporary Analysis", held in Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Delhi-2016.

(iii) UGC & ICPR Sponsored National Seminar in Applied Ethics, Titled Paper- "Religious Fundamentalism and Peace: An Ethical Dilemma", held by the Dept. Of Philosophy, Shillong College, Meghalaya. 2016.

(iv) ICPR Sponsored National Seminar on Understanding Sankardeva's Thought-Philosophy, Faith and Literature, titled paper- "The Concept of Oneness in Sankardeva's Eka-Sarana Dharma and Islam: A Comparative Analysis", held by the Dept. Of Philosophy, Gauhati University, Guwahati-2017.

(v) UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Religion and Politics in Indian Context, titled paper- "Religion in Indian Trends and Development: A Contemporary Analysis", held by the Dept. Of Philosophy, B.H. College, Howly, Assam-2017.

(vi) International Conference on Vedic Perspective of Indian Arts, Title of the Paper- "A Socio-Philosophical Study of Religion in Contemporary Perspectives", held in IGNCA, New Delhi. 2018.

(3) Subhasree Rajkhowa :-

(i) 19th India Conference of WAVES on 'Science and Spirituality in Vedic Traditions: Modern Context', Titled Paper – "Spirituality in Vedic Traditions: In reference to Yoga Philosophy", held in Delhi Sanskrit Academy, Delhi. 2015

(ii) UGC Sponsored National Conference on 'Role of Optics and Philosophy in Environment Protection', Titled Paper- "Importance of Environmental Protection in Hinduism", organized by Dept. of Philosophy, Women's College, Tinsukia, Assam. 2016

(iii) UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Religion and Politics in Indian Context', Titled Paper- "Concept of Brahman as Ultimate Reality in Sankara's Advaita Vedanta: An Evaluation", organized by Dept. of Philosophy, B. H. College, Howly, Assam. 2017

(iv) National Seminar on 'The Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda', Titled Paper- "Concept of God as Absolute Brahman in Vivekananda's Philosophy", organized by Dept. Of Philosophy, Northe Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya. 2017

(v) International Conference (Indian Philosophical Congress 93rd session 2019) on 'Paradigms of Peace & Prosperity', Titled Paper- "Knowledge as the way to Liberation in Sankara's Advaita Vedanta", held at Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University), Nalanda, Bihar. 2019

(vi) International Conference (Indian Social Science and Humanities Congress, SAMAGAM 2019), Titled Paper- "The Concept of Maya and its role in the Philosophy of Sankara" held in Jadavpur University, Kolkata. 2019.

(4) Prabin Kumbang :-

(i) UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Quality Issues in School Education with special reference to North-East India', Titled Paper- "Practices and Values of Yoga in School Education", held at Rangia College, Rangia. 2016

(ii) UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Status of Women in North- East India: Issues and Challenges', Titled Paper- "Women Rules in Mishing community: A special reference to Lakhimpur District", held at North Guwahati College, Guwahati. 2017

(iii) National seminar on 'Indo-Arab Relations: Past, Present and Beyond', Titled paper- "Philosophical thought of Sufism: A Critical Analysis", sponsored by NCPUL, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi. 2018

(iv) National Seminar on 'Gender Issues in North- East India: Challenges and way Forward', Titled Paper- "A particular approach of Eco-feminism on Environmental movement: A Philosophical Analysis", held at Puthimari College, Kamrup. 2020.

SOME IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

* Organized a Seminar on the topic 'Non- Violence in Indian Thought' on 07-11-2002

* Organized a Seminar on the topic 'Māyā Vāda of Sa karacharya' on 15-11-2003

* Organized a Seminar on the topic 'Terrorism and Its Impact on Society' on 16-12-2006

* Organized a Seminar on the topic 'Importance of Philosophy in the Context of Social Unrest' on 05-01-2010 in association with The Assam Philosophical Society, Rangia College Branch.

ENROLLMENT SCENARIO OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR LAST THREE YEARS

Academic Year	B.A 1 st Sem		B.A 3 rd Sem		B.A 5 th Sem		Grand total
	Major	Gen	Major	Gen	Major	Gen	
2017-18	17	191	18	163	16	77	482
2018-19	20	180	14	176	18	83	491
2019-20	17	162	18	159	14	77	447

RESULT OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS (IN PERCENTAGE)

B.A Philosophy (Major):

Academic year	Appeared	Passed	Failed	First Class
2017	11	11	NIL	08
2018	17	17	NIL	11
2019	15	08	07	01

B.A Philosophy (General):

Academic Year	Code No.	Appeared	Passed	Failed	Male	Female
2017	A-14036	75	41	34	32	43
2018	A-15036	74	49	25	29	45
2019	A-16036	79	38	41	28	51