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Profile

I am a doctoral researcher in Philosophy at Jadavpur University with my research focused on the nature and significance of recognition. In my MPhil dissertation, I have examined the perceptibility of the category "absence". My academic interests span multiple areas from Indian and Western Philosophies; however, I specialise in the former. I cleared both UGC-NET with JRF and West Bengal SET examinations in 2017. Beyond academia, I have a knack for digital designing, which complements my philosophical inquiries by allowing me to explore creative and visual expressions of ideas. Additionally, I am an enthusiastic cyclist, for cycling provides physical and mental rejuvenation. My organisational skills and management abilities further enhance my academic pursuits, ensuring efficient handling of academic events and responsibilities.

Teaching & Research Interests

- Indian Philosophy, especially Nyāya Philosophy
- Ethics (Indian & Western)
- Epistemology (Western)
- Psychology
- Kashmiri Saivism

Publications

1. 2018: "Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Svīkrta Abhāva Padārther Astitva Samkrānta Paryālocanā" – In a peer-reviewed book, *Antak*, having ISBN 978-93-87800-31-1, edited by Goutam Mishra, published by Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, Kolkata.
2. 2020: "Śrīharsa's Rebuttal Arguments against Pramāṇavādins" – In a peer-reviewed journal, *Journal of Foundational Research*, Vol. XXVIII.I, titled 'Doubt and Knowledge in Western and Indian Philosophy', having ISSN 2395-5635, edited by Dr Arvind Vikram Singh & Dr Anubhav Varshney, published by UGC Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
3. 2021: "Pandemic and Suicidal Tendencies: A Philosophical Discussion" – As a book chapter in *Professional Ethics and Human Values*, published as the Proceedings on ICSSR-ERC Sponsored National Webinar held on 3rd and 4th October 2020 at New Alipore College, having

ISBN 978-81-942205-0-3, edited by Jayita Dutta and Nivedita Sengupta, published by New Alipore College, Kolkata.

4. 2024 (upcoming): “Pratyabhijñā Darśanāloke Muktir Dhāronā” – In a peer-reviewed journal, *Darshan Samiksha*, published by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Presentations

1. 2018: “Is Absence at all Ontologically Dependent on its Counter-positive?” – At a National Seminar on ‘Mind, Reality and Society: Philosophical Reflections’, organised by the Department of Philosophy, Centre of Advanced Study, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2. 2019: “Śrīharṣa’s Rebuttal Arguments against Pramāṇavādins” – In an International Conference on ‘Samśaya evam Pramā: Doubt and Knowledge— Indian and Western Perspectives’, organised by Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, MHRD, New Delhi.
3. 2020: “Self-communication, Knowledge of Connectedness and Kashmir Śaivism” – At a National-level Scholars’ Meet on ‘Communication and Cognition’, organised by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, under RUSA 2.0 Scheme.
4. 2020: “Pandemic and Suicidal Tendencies: A Philosophical Discussion” – At a National Webinar sponsored by ICSSR-ERC on ‘Professional Ethics and Human Values’, organised by the Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College, Kolkata.

Invited Lectures

- 2023: Invited lecturer for semesters 4 and 6 at New Alipore College, Kolkata.