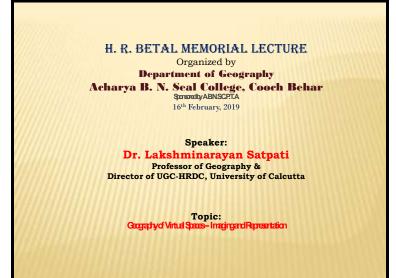
## Prof. H.R.Betal Memorial Lecture on "Geography of Virtual Spaces- Imaging & Representation" on 16.02.2019

## REPORT

### Prof. H.R. Betal Memorial Lecture on 16.02.2019

The Department of Geography had organised Prof. H.R. Betal Memorial Lecture on 16.02.2019 entitled as "Geography of Virtual Spaces- Imaging & Representation" delivered by Dr. Lakshminarayan Satpati, Professor of Geography & Director of UGC- HRDC, University of Calcutta. The programme was held in the Vidyasagar Sabhagriha, Centenary Building. A total of 90 participants were present during the lecture. The speaker highlighted the trending issues regarding the usage of virtual spaces and their applications solving modern day problems. The students enthusiastically listened to the talk and interacted with the resource person at the end of the lecture.





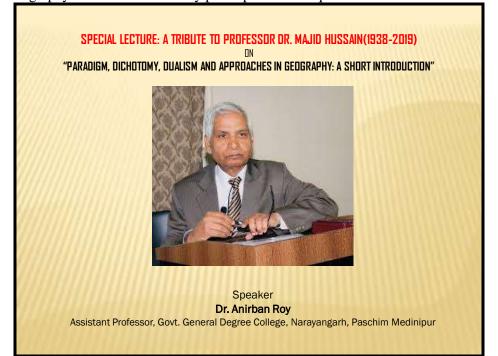
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Photograph of **Prof. L.N. Satpati**, Professor of Geography & Director of UGC- HRDC, University of Calcutta delivering **Prof. H.R. Betal Memorial Lecture** 

# Special Lecture on "Paradigm, Dualism & Approaches in Geography: A short introduction" on 16.02.2019

The Department of Geography had arranged for a Special Lecture on "Paradigm, Dualism & Approaches in Geography: A short introduction" held on 16.02.2019 in the Vidyasagar Sabhagriha, Centenary Building of the College; the Speaker was Dr. Anirban Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Government General Degree College, Narayangarh, Paschim Medinipur. A total of 90 participants attended the lecture. The speaker eloquently spoke about the different philosophical aspects of Geography and explained lucidly the critical issues of Paradigm shift in Geography. The students actively participated in the question- answer session.



## Flyer of the Special Lecture:



**Faculty and Resource Persons** 



Students with the Resource Persons after the Lecture

Special Lecture on "Critical Thinking and Philosophizing "sponsored by ICPR under Periodical Lecture Scheme on 27.02.2019

# BRIEF REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY IN JULY 2018-JUNE 2019

## 1. Special Lecture under Periodical Lecture scheme:

The Department of Philosophy organised a Special Lecture on "Critical Thinking and Philosophizing"sponsored by ICPR under Periodical Lecture Scheme on 27/02/2019.

The speaker was Dr. Kaushik Joardar, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University.

Dr.Joardar pointed out that, it is thought by some that Philosophy has no definition that is accepted by all. In this regard he opined that philosophical endeavours have a common characteristic.He referred to two modern thinkers here: Acharya Benoy Kumar Sarkar and Professor Rashvihary Das Sarkar considered only those as philosophers who contribute something new or original to human thought.Prof. Das says, Philosophy has no use to those who ask consciously"why Philosophy?"

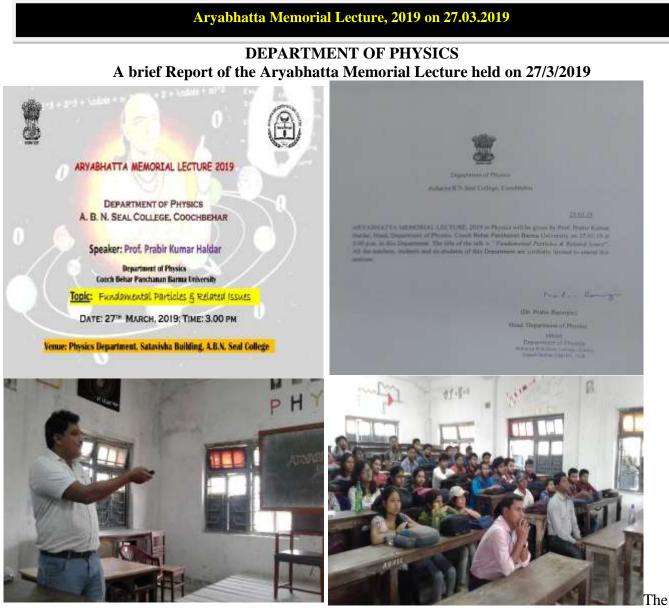
Indian philosophy has always been practical because of its universal goal of liberation. Philosophy is an endeavour to know the truth. However "What is truth" is itself a philosophical question.

The importance of Philosophy is to ask questions. This sometimes comes in the form of protest against some established and accepted truth and that makes progress possible.

All other sciences deal with facts. Values are dealt with only by Philosophy. Main driving forces of society are not machines and tools but concepts like democracy, internationalism, moral concepts etc. So, Philosophers are there behind the scene always.

And finally, the happiness derives from philosophical thinking is invaluable. Nietzsche dedicated one of his books to those who just love to think.

All the participants were highly enlightened by his deliberation.65 students and 7 faculty members attended and 5 from the students asked very relevant questions on the relation between critical thinking and Philosophical thought. All their queries were perfectly attended by Dr. Joardar. Total duration of the deliberation was 2 hours.



Aryabhatta Memorial Lecture 2019 was organized in the department on 27the March 2019 at the gallery room of the Department. Professor Prabir Kumar Haldar, Department of Physics Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University was invited to deliver a lecture.

Dr.Haldar a talk on "Fundamental Particles and Related Issues" at the department. All the other Departments of the college was also invited to attend the lecture. Altogether about 38 students and 6 teacher attended the seminar. The seminar was followed by a questionnaire session and a small refreshment arranged by the Department.

## Gaurinath Shastri Memorial Lecture, 2018 on 05.10.2018

#### <u>PG Department of Sanskrit</u> <u>A.B.N.Seal College, Cooch Behar</u>

#### REPORT ON OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL LECTURE Gaurinath Shastri Memorial Lecture-2018

*Gaurinath Shastri Memorial Lecture* organizes by the PG Department of Sanskrit, A.B.N.Seal College from the year 2011. The lecture is dedicated to the memory of Acharya Gaurinath Shastri, doyen of Sanskrit scholarship. Acharya Shastri was the eminent professor in Presidency College, Culcutta, former Principal of Sanskrit College (Govt.), Culcutta, former Vice-Chancellor of Sampurnanad Sanskrit University, Benaras and the Visiting Professor of a number of Universities. He authored the books like, A Concise History of Classical Sanskrit Literature, *Sanskrita Sahityer Itihasa, The Philosophy of Bharthari, The Philosophy of Word and Meaning* etc. and edited a lot of Sanskrit books and journals like *Sanskrita Sahitya Sambhara, Kalasiddhantadarshini*, Valmiki Ramayana, An Index To The Proper Names occurring in Valmiki's Ramayana etc. His remarkable contribution in the academic sphere of Sanskrit language, literature, and Indological studies is always remembered. Through this memorial lecture the department pays homage to the noble soul.

**'Gourinath Shastri Memorial Lecture-2018'** was organised on 5<sup>th</sup> October,2018 in the academic session 2018-19 by PG Department of Sanskrit. The lecture entitled as '*Bharatiya Darshane Muktitattvam*' was delivered by Prof. Sanghamitra Sengupta, Former Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Calcutta University, Kolkata. The Memorial Lecture was organized as a part of **Three Days** "*Darshana-VyakaranadiShastracharchasatram*". Professor Sengupta, one of the senior-most professors in the field of Sanskrit language and literature, authored books and numerous research articles. Her invaluable lecture made the programme graceful. It also helped our students to wider their concept in the sphere of Indian Philosophy. The lecture was held at the Auditorium Hall of the college from 2:00 P.M. Total 165 (one hundred sixty five) participants attended the lecture. Esteemed Officer-in-charge, esteemed Secretary of Teachers' Council, faculty members of Sanskrit department, esteemed faculties from the other departments of college, present and former students of the department, faculties from Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University and the adjacent colleges attended and actively participated in the programme. The lecture was followed by a question-answer session and the students participated in this session with great enthusiasm. The programme was concluded with Vote of Thanks by the Head of the department.



Fig.: Photographs w.r.t. the programme