

## ANNUAL REPORT-2022-23



### DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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Rama Devi Women's University, Vidya Vihar,  
Bhubaneswar

## 1. Name of the department: PHILOSOPHY

### 2. Mission and Vision

Department of Philosophy, Rama Devi Women's University, Vidya Vihar, Bhubaneswar has been providing a philosophical base to the cultural, social and religious heritage of Indian civilization to humanize and enrich the modern notion of progress and to enable it to promote rather than to supplant Indian cultural and philosophical identity.

Philosophy is a critical, analytical, comparative and comprehensive inquiry about knowledge, reasoning, reality, norms and values. It addresses problems arising in science, medical science, environment, morality, art, literature, religion and social and natural world. It also addresses curiosity about matters of metaphysical significance and develops skills for dealing intellectually and sensitively with issues of life.

The department offers Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) programmes. It also offers a broad spectrum of courses covering the diverse areas in Philosophy like Classical Indian Philosophy, Classics of Western and Contemporary philosophical thoughts, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Socio-political Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Comparative Religion, Logic and many more. In addition, faculties of the department generate philosophical insights into facing the deepest human aspirations and problems.

The department strives for excellence in teaching and for the cultivation of an academic ambience for all round development and professional growth of students. It also supports genuine research and professional activities of faculties.

<b>Strength [Maximum 5]</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CBCS syllabus at par with National Level.</li><li>• Faculty members qualifying UGC-NET</li><li>• Quality of students</li><li>• Learning exposures (through Seminars, Workshops etc.)</li><li>• Library facility</li></ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weaknesses [Maximum 5]</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of regular faculties</li> <li>• Lack of computer facilities for students</li> <li>• Lack of subscription of National and International Journals</li> <li>• Lack of reference books and text books in the department library</li> <li>• Lack of communication skill of the students</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opportunities [Maximum 5]</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To offer Ph.D. course in Philosophy.</li> <li>• To provide reading facilities in the department</li> <li>• To offer mentor-mentee interactions for the Holistic development of the students.</li> <li>• To facilitate the students for competitive exams</li> <li>• To opt for Philosophical Counseling as a career option</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Challenges [Maximum 5]</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placement of students.</li> <li>• To develop the competitive spirit among the students.</li> <li>• To create department journal</li> <li>• To increase the percentage of students opting for higher education</li> <li>• To make the subject more engaging through multidisciplinary approaches</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thrust Areas of Research</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classical &amp; Contemporary Indian Philosophy</li> <li>• Ethics, Applied Ethics &amp; Bio-Medical Ethics</li> <li>• Existentialism, Phenomenology &amp; Post-Modern Philosophy</li> </ul>

**3. Academic Programmes: U.G. & P.G.**

**4. Publications:**

## JOURNAL PAPERS

Sl no.	Paper Title	Author(s)	Name of the Journal; Volume; Page no.	Year of Publication	Link to the article (doi/website)
1.	Altruistic Surrogacy: A Myth or Reality	Dr. Kalyani Sarangi	Journal of the All Odisha Philosophy Association	January 2023	NA
2.	Sartre's Human freedom and it's political consciousness	Mr. Faheem Ud Din Dar	International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts	February 2022	NA
	The Consciousness of Indian Women and the Protection of Women Empowerment	Mr. Faheem Ud Din Dar	Specialusis Ugdymas	2022	NA

5. **Teachers' achievement** : Both the guest Faculties qualified the UGC-NET -2022 & 2023

### 6. Students' achievement:

1. **Pratyusha Bhoi & Sasmita Behera**: Awarded with first prize in Face Painting Competition organized by RDWU .
2. **Pratyusha Bhoi**: Awarded with third prize of Prof. S. K. Chatopadhyay Memorial Essay Competition for UG Students organized by All Odisha Philosophy association (AOPA) .
3. **Rasmita Soren (PG)**: Awarded with first prize in Alpena Competition, Dept. of Philosophy, RDWU.
4. **Priti Purnam Biswal (PG) and Laxmipriya Routray (UG)**: Awarded with second prize, in Alpena Competition, Dept. of Philosophy, RDWU.
5. **Soubhagyalaxmi Pradhan (PG)**: Awarded with third prize in Alpena Competition, Dept. of Philosophy, RDWU.

### 7. Seminars/FDPs/Workshops organized

1. Contemporary Relevance of Gandhi's Concept of Swaraj, 24.06.2022, Invited Talk
2. Stress Management, 22.10.2022, Workshop.
3. Relevance of Upanisads in Modern Time, 07.11.2022, Extramural Lecture.

4. “Ethics, Applied Ethics and Indian Theories of Morals” and “Environmental Insights from Indian Systems”, 19.12.2022, One Day Lecture Programme on the Eve of World Philosophy Day.
5. The Doctrine of Karma: Karma in Buddhism, Jainism, Carvaka etc, 26.04.2023, Seminar Presentation by UG students.
6. “MK Gandhi in the eyes of Two Indian Great Philosophers: S.N. Dasgupta and S. Radhakrishnan” 2.“Revisiting Gandhi’s Moral Reasoning” 3. “Gandhian Technique of Conflict Resolution: Satyagraha”, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Lecture Programme on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (75 Years of Independence)
7. Mahima Philosophy: “Sunya Brahma & Bhima Bhoi”, “Influence of other Religions on Mahima Cult”, “Bhima Bhoi & Mahima Philosophy”, 26.04.2023, Seminar Presentation by PG students.

#### **8. Any other**

1. Welcome Ceremony of UG 1<sup>st</sup> Year students, 29.11.2022, Welcome Meeting.
2. Farewell to +3 Final Year Students, N, 24.04.2023.
3. ALPENA Competition, 13.05.2023, UG & PG Students in the Department.