PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
Date: 23 December 2025
THE BOARD OF STUDIES, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
DARRANG COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

The second meeting of the Board of Studies (BOS), Department of Philosophy, Darrang College (Autonomous) was held in a blended mode on Tuesday, 23rd December 2025. The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Smt. Swapnalika Goswami, HOD, Dept. of Philosophy (Chairperson)
2. Smt. Manisha Baishya, Assistant Professor (Member from the Department)
3. Shri Kuloram Mili, Assistant Professor (Member from the Department)
4. Smt. Nandita Saikia, Assistant Professor (Member from the Department)
5. Dr. Nabaprasad Nath, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Nowgong University (Vice Chancellor's Nominee)
6. Smt. Basanti Medhi, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor Dept. of Philosophy, Cotton University (Subject Expert)
7. Smt. Nibedita Bezbaruah, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, JB University (Subject Expert)
8. Shri Pranjal Pratim Das, Journalist (PIB, Accredited Journalist, GOI) (Representative from Industry/Corporate Sector).
9. Smt. Debashree Kaushik, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Pandu College (Alumnus Member)

The meeting was held in the Principal's Meeting Room, located in the Administrative Block of Darrang College (Autonomous) and commenced from 3 PM. The meeting commenced with the welcoming of the members present in the meeting by the Chairperson in blended mode where the department members were present offline but the subject experts and other members were present through the online mode. The Chairperson initiated the meeting with a welcome address and placed the proposed COURSE STRUCTURE OF FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME (FYUGP) IN PHILOSOPHY and the draft syllabus of B. A. (Philosophy), Major course and the Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) for four years (First to Eighth Semester) and Minor Course for Four years (First to Eighth Semester) for the thoughtful assessment of the members, especially the Subject Experts, and solicited valuable suggestions for further improvement in the content of the courses offered.

Discussion on the Syllabus and Recommendations of the Subject Experts:

I. Traditional Logic (PHI-MJ-03014)

The meeting commenced with a detailed review of the Major course PHI-MJ-03014 (Traditional Logic). Smt. Basanti Medhi provided critical insights regarding the foundational units of this paper. She recommended the inclusion of 'Term & Word' in the first unit to ensure students understand the linguistic foundations of logical structures. Furthermore, she suggested that the second unit be expanded to include the quality, quantity and relation of propositions, which are essential for mastering categorical syllogisms. These recommendations were accepted to strengthen the logical rigor of the course.

II. General Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion (PHI-MJ-03024 & PHI-MJ-04034)

Regarding PHI-MJ-03024 (General Philosophy), Dr. Nabaprasad Nath proposed a change to the course title to better reflect its scope; however, this change has not yet been incorporated into the current draft. Substantive structural changes were approved, including the swapping of Unit 2 and Unit 3 to improve the pedagogical flow.

Moving to PHI-MJ-04034 (Philosophy of Religion), Mr. Nabaprasad Nath and Smt. Bezbaruah suggested a comprehensive expansion of Unit 1. The unit will now feature the Nature of Religion, the Relation between Religion, Morality, and Science, and the Distinction between Religion and Theology. To provide a broader perspective, Psychological Theories and the Distinction between Religion and Philosophy of Religion have also been duly incorporated.

III. Ethics (PHI-MJ-04044)

The discussion on PHI-MJ-04044 (Ethics) saw recommendation from Smt. Nibedita Bezbaruah. She emphasized the necessity of covering the cognitive aspects of ethics early in the course. Consequently, 'Moral Judgment and Object of Moral Judgment' has been added to Unit 1. To address applied social ethics, the topic of 'Crime' has been integrated into Unit 3. These updates aim to provide students with both theoretical and practical ethical frameworks.

IV. Contemporary Indian Philosophy (PHI-MJ-05014)

To ensure the syllabus remains representative of diverse intellectual traditions in India, the experts reviewed PHI-MJ-05014 (Contemporary Indian Philosophy). It was suggested that the philosophies of B.R. Ambedkar and Mohammed Iqbal be included. These additions ensure a more holistic view of Indian political and social thought, covering Dalit consciousness, Radical Humanism, and Islamic philosophical thought.

V. History of Modern Western Philosophy (PHI-MJ-05024)

In the course **History of Modern Western Philosophy (PHI-MJ-05024),** Dr. Nabaprasad Nath suggested removing **Empiricism** from Unit III, which was done as recommended. Further, Mrs. Nibedita Bezbaruah proposed the inclusion of Kant's **Classification of Proposition** in Unit IV, and the same was incorporated accordingly.

VI. Comparative Religion and Social & Political Philosophy (PHI-MJ-05034 & PHI-MJ-06024)

In the PHI-MJ-05034 (Comparative Religion) course, Mrs. Nibedita Bezbaruah proposed a more robust comparative framework, specifically including a comparative study of Hinduism with other major religions. As per the suggestions few topic of Buddhism was incorporated.

Regarding **PHI-MJ-06024 (Social and Political Philosophy)**, both the experts Mrs. Basanti Medhi and Mrs. Nibedita Bezbaruah identified the need to enhance contemporary relevance and suggested adding an extra unit on **Social Philosophy**, with special focus on **Feminism**; however, this recommendation could not be implemented.

VII. **Analytic Philosophy and Contemporary Western Philosophy (PHI-MJ-06014 & Phi-MJ-06034)**

In the course **Analytic Philosophy and Contemporary Western Philosophy**, the VC Nominee Dr. Nabaprasad Nath and subject expert Mrs. Nibedita Bezbaruah noted the repetition of theories related to **Moore, Russell, and Wittgenstein** across multiple units. The committee therefore decided to remove the repeated topics from **Contemporary Western Philosophy** to avoid duplication.

VIII. Minor Paper and Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

A significant pedagogical shift was decided for the Minor paper (Meta-Ethics). Subject Expert Mrs. Nibedita Bezbaruah argued that Meta-Ethics is too advanced for students without a prior foundation in normative ethics. Therefore, the department has decided to change the paper title and content from 'Meta-Ethics' to 'Ethics' to ensure comprehensibility.

For the Skill Enhancement Course (SEC), specifically the paper 'Philosophical Counselling,' Dr. Nabaprasad Nath advised the department to verify the availability of recommended readings in the market. This is to ensure that students have practical access to the literature required for this specialized field.

All other papers were reviewed and approved by the subject experts without further changes. The meeting concluded with the Chairperson thanking the experts for their meticulous review and valuable contributions toward enhancing the academic quality of the curriculum.

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