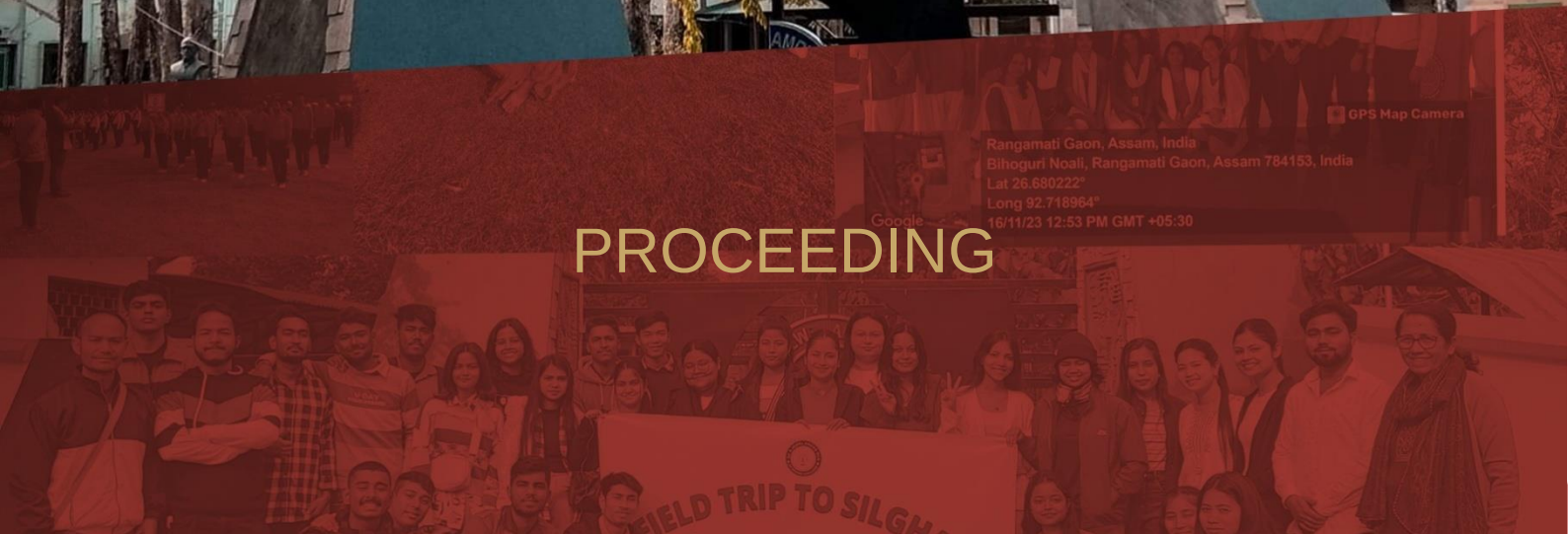
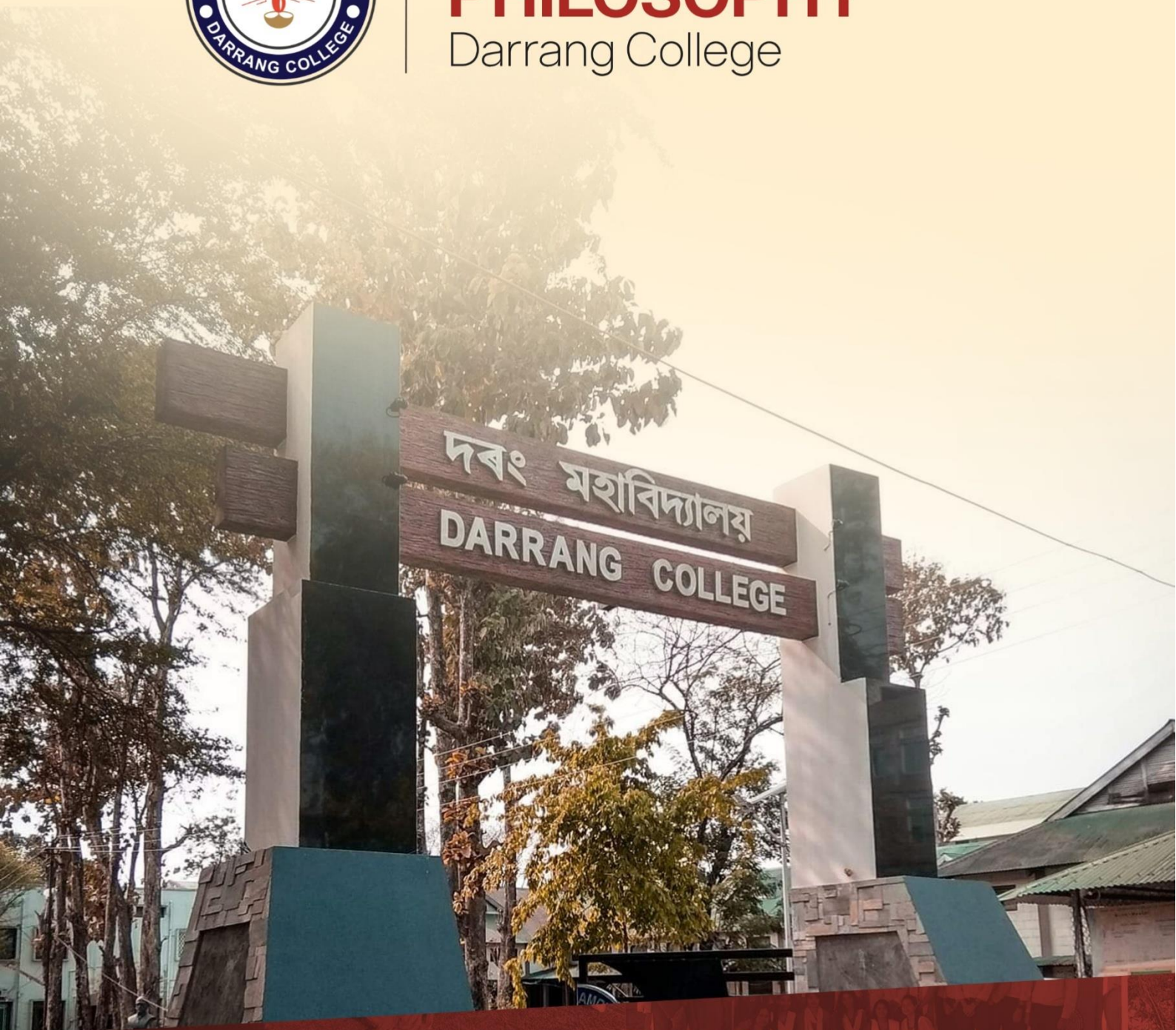




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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

Date: 13 June 2026

THE BOARD OF STUDIES, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY DARRANG COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

The **third meeting of the Board of Studies (BOS)**, Department of Philosophy, Darrang College (Autonomous) was held in a blended mode on **Saturday, 13th June 2026**.

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, (Retired) 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 Department of Philosophy, New Academic Building (NAB), Darrang College (Autonomous) and commenced at **11:00 a.m.** The meeting was conducted in a blended mode, with the departmental members attending in person, while the subject experts and other external members participated through the online mode.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and delivered the opening remarks. Thereafter, the agenda items were placed before the Board for discussion and consideration:

- Review of the syllabi of Major, Minor and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), with special emphasis on the 3rd and 4th Semesters.
- Regarding formulation of guidelines for the practical component of Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) in Humanities under the FYUGP.
- Approval of the existing Major and Minor syllabi of the Department of Philosophy for adoption and implementation in the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP).





DISCUSSION ON THE SYLLABI AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES

I. Introduction to Philosophy (PHI-MJ-03024 and PHI-MN-03014)

The Board reviewed the syllabus of PHI-MJ-03024 (Introduction to Philosophy). Discussion was held regarding the title of the paper, **General Philosophy**. Based on the suggestions of the Board members, it was resolved to change the title to **Introduction to Philosophy**. The proposal was duly considered and approved by the Board.

The following modifications were also recommended and approved:

- “Theories of Reality” was shifted from Unit II to Unit III.
- “Categories of Knowledge” was shifted from Unit III to Unit IV.
- The topics “Freedom and Determinism”, “Logical Positivism” and “Existentialism” were removed from Unit IV as these are adequately covered in other courses of the curriculum.

II. Symbolic Logic (PHI-MJ-04014)

The syllabus of PHI-MJ-04014 (Symbolic Logic) was reviewed in detail. Smt. Basanti Medhi recommended the inclusion of “Necessity of Predicate Logic” and “Distinction between Predicate Logic and Propositional Logic” in Unit IV to facilitate a better understanding of the subsequent topics. She also suggested replacing “Universal Proposition” with “General Proposition”. The Board unanimously accepted these recommendations.

Considering the extensive nature of the syllabus, the Board further resolved to remove “Interdefinability of Connectives” and “Decision Procedures” from Unit II.

III. Philosophy of Religion (PHI-MJ-04034)

The syllabus of PHI-MJ-04034 (Philosophy of Religion) was reviewed based on suggestions made by Smt. Nibedita Bezbaruah and Dr. Nabaprasad Nath.

The following changes were approved:

- “Concept of Mana, Taboo and Magic” were included in the syllabus.
- In Unit IV, “Saivism” and “Shaktism” were removed.
- “Sankaradeva’s Vaishnavism: God and Bhakti” was included in their place.

IV. Ethics (PHI-MJ-04044)

The syllabus of PHI-MJ-04044 (Ethics) was reviewed based on recommendations made by Smt. Nibedita Bezbaruah and other members of the Board.

The following revisions were approved:





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- “Classification of Ethics: Meta-Ethics, Normative Ethics and Applied Ethics” was included in Unit I.
- “Teleological Ethics” and “Deontological Ethics” were included in Unit I.
- “Nature of Moral Judgment” and “Object of Moral Judgment” was shifted from Unit I to Unit II.
- The syllabus was reorganized to ensure a more logical progression from the foundational concepts of ethics to moral action, moral judgment, freedom, responsibility and major ethical theories.

V. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

The practical components of the Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) offered by the Department of Philosophy under the Faculty of Humanities for the FYUGP were reviewed in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Academic Council, Darrang College (Autonomous). After detailed deliberation, the following modifications were approved:

1. Philosophical Counselling (PHI-SEC-01013)

Practical Marks: 25 (Practical Examination: 10, Viva-Voce: 5, Project Report/Portfolio: 10)

- **Practical Examination:** Students shall complete any one of the following activities.
 1. Application of ethical reasoning in everyday situations
 2. Identification of values, assumptions and beliefs underlying a case.
- **Viva-Voce:** Based on Units I and II.

2. Critical Thinking (PHI-SEC-02013)

Practical Marks: 25 (Practical Examination: 10, Viva-Voce: 5, Project Report/Portfolio: 10)

- **Project Report/Portfolio:** Students shall prepare a report on any one of the following topics:
 1. Case study on decision-making in everyday life.
 2. Critical analysis of a newspaper article or a contemporary social issue.
- **Viva-Voce:** Based on Units I and II.

3. Logic and Reasoning (PHI-SEC-03013)

Practical Marks: 25 (Practical Examination: 10, Viva-Voce: 5, Project Report/Portfolio: 10)

- **Project Report/Portfolio:** Students shall prepare a report on any one of the following topics:
 1. Application of logic in decision-making.
 2. Identification of common logical fallacies in everyday communication.
- **Viva-Voce:** Based on Units I and II.





VI. Adoption of Existing Major and Minor Syllabi for ITEP

The Chairperson placed before the Board the agenda regarding the adoption and implementation of the existing Major and Minor syllabi of the Department of Philosophy in the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). After due consideration and discussion, the members unanimously approved the proposal for adoption and implementation of the syllabi in the ITEP curriculum.

There being no other matter to discuss, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Manisha Baishya, who expressed her gratitude to the Chairperson and all members for their valuable participation and constructive suggestions.

Sd/-

Mrs. Swapnalika Goswami
Chairperson, Board of Studies
Department of Philosophy
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