



TWO-DAY ONLINE  
NATIONAL LEVEL PERIODIC LECTURE  
ON

## “CRITICAL THINKING AND PHILOSOPHIZING”

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Time: 4pm onwards

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## Eminent Speakers



### **Professor Pradeep P. Gokhale**

Honorary Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Pali Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and Former Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Research Professor ('Ambedkar Chair'), Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi

**Title: Indian perspectives on Language**



### **Professor Priyambada Sarkar**

Professor of Philosophy  
University of Calcutta, West Bengal

**Title: Wittgenstein and Skepticism**



### **Dr. Smita Sirker**

Associate Professor of Centre for Philosophy  
School of Social Sciences  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Title: Are there Normative Boundaries of Rationality?**



### **Professor Sushim Dubey**

Professor of Philosophy  
Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Bihar

**Title: Critical thinking and Philosophizing: Methodology for applying as Way of Life.**

## About the College

Hooghly Mohsin College in Chinsurah is one of the prestigious and heritage institutions not only in West Bengal but also in India, promoting the cause of higher education for more than one hundred and sixty years, opened on 1st August 1836 in Perron's house, a magnificent piece of architecture overlooking the great Hooghly river.

The great man, Haji Mohammad Mohsin whose learning, piety and philanthropy have kept him alive in people's memory, was born at Hooghly in 1730 and died in 1816. He used his riches entirely in charity, one example of which is this College. Initially it was named the New Hooghly College and on the centenary celebration it became Hooghly Mohsin College. It became affiliated to University of Calcutta since the latter's initiation in 1857 and after the establishment of the University of Burdwan in 1960 the college became its constituent college.

In the list of its distinguished Principals and eminent teachers are Thomas Alexander Wise, Robert Thwaytes, William Booth, Reverend Lal Behari Dey, Harinath Dey, Jyotish Chandra Ghosh, Krishnachandra Bhattacharya and many more. The college is proud of its alumni among whom are U.N Brahmachari, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rangalal Bandyopadhyay, Dwijendralal Roy, Mujaffar Ahmed and many more.

## Concept Note

The broad theme of the Periodic lecture chosen by us, among many themes suggested by ICPR, is 'Critical thinking, Logic and Philosophy of Language'. Based on this theme, our title of the program is: 'Critical Thinking and Philosophizing'.

"Critical Thinking is a desire to seek, patience to doubt, fondness to meditate, slowness to assert, readiness to consider, carefulness to dispose and set in order; and hatred for every kind of imposture." -Francis Bacon (1605).

Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly, rationally and logically. It includes the ability to engage in reflective, critical and independent thinking. Philosophizing is a methodology to see things in the world in a logical and rational manner; it involves philosophical inquiry to form a certain world view. Philosophizing involves some sort of critical thinking. Thus, both are the need of the hour. Students being the life-line of nation, can unveil a new horizon by inculcating these abilities. Not only for students, these abilities are helpful for people from all walks of life. These can help them to think independently with clarity and rigour. These methodologies can help us to remove superstitions and dogmatism, announcing the victory of rationality. Critical thinking and philosophizing may be adopted as ways of life, which may help to achieve human well-being.



## Organizing Committee



Smt. Isita Goswami (HoD)



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## Questions are Invited:

Interested Teachers and Scholars (with their names and institutional details) can send their questions for the resource persons related to their title of presentation in advance. Selected questions will be sent to the experts and they will take up those at the program. Participants must mention for whom their question is meant. Best questions will be selected and decision of the organizers will be final in this regard.

Send Questions to: [departmentofphilosophy.hmc@gmail.com](mailto:departmentofphilosophy.hmc@gmail.com)

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### General Instructions for participants

E Certificates will be provided to all the participants who attend both days of the program and also fill up the feedback form. Meeting links will be given in the WhatsApp groups. Please join our WhatsApp groups after successful registration.

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/UKwxAxQtJQ6tNDWaA>

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