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Principal's Message



I am pleased to witness the publication of the first edition of the SOPHIA for the session 2024–25. This newsletter reflects the enthusiasm and academic dedication of the Department of Philosophy, capturing the spirit of learning and the rich activities undertaken throughout the year. The seminars, workshops, and cultural engagements featured here speak to the department's commitment to holistic education and active student participation. I congratulate the faculty and students for this thoughtful initiative. My best wishes to the editorial team and to the Department of Philosophy. May the SOPHIA continue to grow in vision and inspire our learners in the years ahead.

Dr. Birhsh Giri Basumatary
Principal
Bijni College, Bijni

Message from the Head of the Department



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings to all readers on the occasion of the publication of the inaugural issue of *The Sophia – Reflections on Life, Knowledge and Meaning*, the official newsletter of the Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni.

The launch of this newsletter marks a significant milestone in the academic journey of our department. It reflects our commitment to promoting intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and meaningful dialogue beyond the classroom. It is our sincere hope that *The Sophia* will serve as a platform where these values are nurtured and celebrated.

This newsletter provides an opportunity for students and faculty members to express their ideas, share their research, and engage with philosophical questions that remain relevant across time and cultures. It also encourages creative and analytical thinking, fostering a vibrant academic environment where diverse perspectives are respected and explored

The publication of this first issue has been made possible through the collective efforts and dedication of our editorial team and student contributors. I sincerely appreciate their enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment to making this vision a reality. My heartfelt gratitude also goes to the Principal of Bijni College and IQAC Coordinator for the unwavering encouragement and support extended to the department in all our academic endeavors.

As we embark on this new journey, I hope *The Sophia* continues to grow as a cherished tradition of the Department of Philosophy, encouraging thoughtful reflection, academic excellence, and a lifelong quest for knowledge and wisdom.

Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das
Head, Philosophy Department
Bijni College, Bijni

Appreciation Note
Co-Ordinator, IQAC, Bijni College



I am pleased to witness the first edition of the **SOPHIA** newsletter of the department of Philosophy, Bijni College. I value the hard work and dedication of all the members of Editorial Board in publishing the newsletter of Philosophy department. May continuethe SOPHIA to strive for informing and engaging audience by delivering regular annual innovative activity updates and valuable content created by the faculty and students of the department. As I turn each page of the **SOPHIA**, may it serve as a testament to collective journey of the department and the cultivation of a vibrant academic community. Congratulations once again on this remarkable achievement. May, newsletterthe SOPHIA of Philosophy Department sour to new heights!

Dr. Babul Basumatary
Co-ordinator, IQAC
Bijni College, Bijni

Editorial

It is with immense pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility that I welcome you to the inaugural issue of *The Sophia – Reflections on Life, Knowledge and Meaning*, the official newsletter of the Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni.

The publication of this first issue marks a significant milestone in the academic journey of our department. More than a newsletter, *The Sophia* is envisioned as a platform for intellectual engagement, critical reflection, and meaningful dialogue. Derived from the Greek word *Sophia*, meaning "wisdom," the title embodies the enduring spirit of philosophy—the love of wisdom and the relentless pursuit of truth.

In an age where information is abundant but reflection is often scarce, philosophy encourages us to pause, question, and understand the deeper dimensions of life. It teaches us not only to think critically but also to think ethically, creatively, and compassionately. Through this newsletter, we aspire to nurture these qualities by providing a space where students and teachers can share ideas, explore philosophical traditions, and engage with contemporary issues through thoughtful analysis.

The inaugural issue reflects the enthusiasm, creativity, and scholarly spirit of our department. It showcases contributions that explore diverse themes of life, knowledge, and meaning, demonstrating that philosophy is not confined to classrooms or books but is woven into our everyday experiences. We hope that every article inspires readers to ask questions, appreciate different perspectives, and cultivate a lifelong love for learning.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Principal of Bijni College for the constant encouragement and support extended to the Department of Philosophy. I also express my sincere appreciation to our faculty members, student contributors, and the editorial team, whose dedication and collaborative efforts have transformed this vision into reality.

As we present this first issue, we look forward to *The Sophia* growing into a vibrant tradition of philosophical inquiry and academic excellence at Bijni College. May it continue to inspire minds, encourage thoughtful conversations, and strengthen the culture of critical thinking within our institution.

Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das
Editor, The Sophia

Induction Programme for FYUGP 1st Semester

August 2, 2024: An induction programme for the newly admitted students of the Philosophy Honours course was successfully conducted on August 2nd, 2024. The programme aimed to familiarize the newcomers with the academic environment and expectations of the course. The faculty members of the philosophy department guided the students on various aspects of the course structure, academic requirements, and future prospects.



Faculty Exchange Programme

September 2, 2024: The Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, organized a faculty exchange programme at ManikpurAnchalik College on September 2nd, 2024, aiming to promote academic collaboration and enhance teaching-learning experiences.





Freshers Meet cum Wall Magazine Inauguration

September 10, 2024: The Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni organized the Freshers Meet cum Wall Magazine Inauguration programme for the Undergraduate students on 10th September, 2024 at Seminarhall. Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal, Bijni College, inaugurated the wall magazine and delivered an inspiring inaugural speech. In the address, the principal emphasized the importance of creativity, literary expression, and student participation in academic as well as co-curricular activities. The Vice-Principal, Sabita Ray, also addressed the gathering and highlighted the role of such programmes in building confidence, unity, and leadership qualities among students. Following the inauguration ceremony, the Freshers' Social programme was held in a lively and cheerful atmosphere. Students were presented various cultural performances such as songs, dances, recitations, and entertainment activities. Interactive sessions were also organized to help the freshers become acquainted with their teachers.





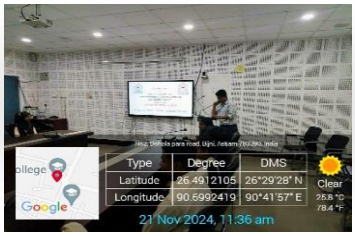




World Philosophy Day









November 21, 2024: The World Philosophy Day was celebrated by the department of philosophy on 21st November, 2024 at conference hall.Dr Sulabh Chandra Das, HoD, Department of philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni inaugurated the programme with a speech on the significance of the World Philosophy Day. He introduced the students about the philosophical ideas of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Mahatma Gandhi and several others who wanted to make an ideal society for human beings. He delivered his valuable speech on the relevance of environmental and professional ethics in the present day context. Bibha Talukdar, faculty of Philosophy department gave her speech about the programme. Students of B.A. 1st, 3rd and 5th semester were actively engaged and shared their ideas about the great western philosophers in the programme. The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Pabitra Basumatary, Guest Faculty, department of Philosophy.

Educational Tour

January 24, 2025: An educational tour was arrangedby the Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni in collaboration with centre for Youth and Rural Development at Mwnabili Picnic spot and Indo-Bhutan (Gelephu). All total 49 students were participated in the educational tour. Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das, (HoD), Pabitra Basumatary and Saini Mallick particuipated as Teacher Guide in the educational tour.







Cultural RallyOf Annual College week





February 5, 2025:A cultural rally was held on 5th February, 2025 in connection with the 55th Annual College Week of Bijni College, Bijni. The Department of Philosophy actively participated with the theme "Protect Childhood, Prevent Child Marriage". A total of 65 students enthusiastically took part in the event, aiming to raise awareness about child marriage in society today. The rally began with a procession where students carried placards and banners highlighting the issue. They also performed a skit depicting the consequences of child marriage and the importance of education and empowerment for girls. The presentation concluded with an energetic dance performance emphasizing the need to protect childhood. The Department of Philosophy secured 3rd prize in the competition, bringing recognition and appreciation from judges and audience members.

Workshop on Research Methodology

March 12, 2025:A workshop on Research Methodology was organized by the Department of Philosophy on 12th March, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the departmental classroom. Saini Mallick, Guest faculty of philosophy department introduced the programme before faculty members and students. The HoD, Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das, presented a PPT on Research Methodology for seminar paper preparation and presentation, highlighting key research steps in a clear and systematic manner. Students actively interacted during the session with questions. A total of 49 students participated in the workshop successfully and gained valuable academic insights. The workshop proved highly beneficial in enhancing students' research skills, critical thinking abilities and academic confidence.





Orientation Programme of Internship Course

March29, 2025: The Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni, organized an orientation programme on Internship Programme for FYUGP 4th semester students. The orientation programme was held on 29th March, 2025 at the college conference hall. The programme was started with a welcome speech by the Pabitra Basumatary, Guest faculty, Philosophy department. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary,Principal, Bijni College, Bijni. Vice Principal, Sabita Ray and IQAC Coordinator Dr. Babul Basumataryparticipated in the programme. Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das, HoD, Philosophy addressed the students, highlighting the guidelines and importance of internship course.The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Saini Mallick, Guest Faculty, department of Philosophy.







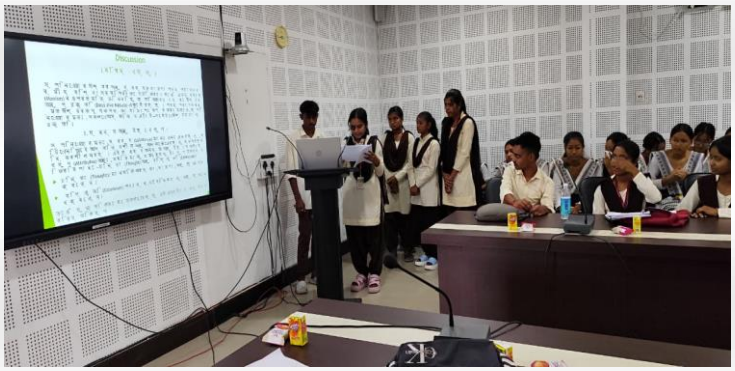


Departmental Seminar



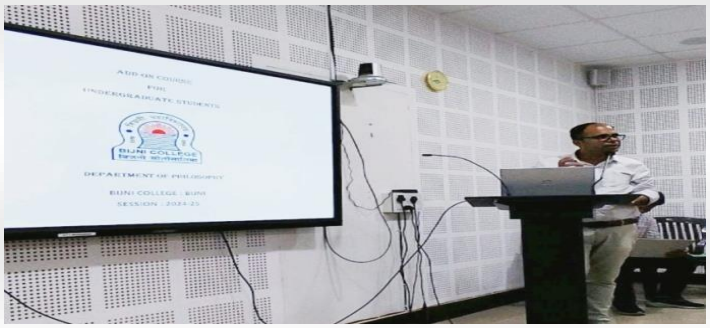


April 24, 2025: The Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, organized a departmental level seminar on 24th April at the conference hall. Principal Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary inaugurated the seminar with a valuable speech. Dr. Babul Basumatary, Coordinator, IQAC highlighted the importance of seminars as a part of academic activities. Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das, HoD, welcomed the gathering with his insightful thought. A total of 16 groups of students presented PPT presentations, each followed by interactive discussions that enhanced learning and critical thinking. The programme was hosted by Pabitra Basumatary, and Saini Mallick delivered the vote of thanks. The seminar was successful, providing a platform to develop research aptitude, presentation skills, and academic confidenceamong the participants.

Induction Programme of Add-On course

April 24. 2025: The Induction programme for add-on course was organised by the department of philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni on 24th April, 2025 at 11.00 am. The Programme was inauguratedby Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal,Bijni College, Bijni in presence of faculty members and student participants. In his talk he conveyed how the add on course help the students to succeed in the emerging world by building confidence, communication, and critical thinking skills and knowledge. The Head of the department, Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das, addressed the gathering, and explained the objectives, structure, and guidelines of the add-on course. The programme was followed by words of the IQAC Co-ordinator Dr. Babul Basumatary enlightening the students with purpose and importance of the add on course. The programme was hosted by Pabitra Basumatary, Assistant Course Coordinator of add on course. Saini Mallick, Guest Faculty, Department of Philosophy delivered the vote of thanks and the formal programme came to an end.



Departmental Farewell Programme

May 9, 2025: The Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni, in association with the Philosophical Society, organized a farewell programme for outgoing UG 6th semester students on 9th May, 2025 at Room No. 25. The programme began with a welcome address by Saiful Islam. Secretary, Philosophical Society. Sabita Ray, Vice-Principal, Bijni College, inaugurated the event and delivered an inspiring speech. Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das, HoD, Dept. of Philosophy addressed the gathering, appreciating students' achievements and offering guidance. Students shared gratitude and memories. Juniors presented tokens as mementos. ArfinaYesmin, students of 4th Semester delivered the vote of thanks. The programme ended with refreshments and a photo session, marking a memorable occasion.











Certificate Distribution Ceremony of Add-on Course

May 28, 2025:An Add-on course titled “Ethics in Environment and Professional Life” was successfully conducted by the department of philosophy under the Course Co-ordinatorDr. Sulabh Chandra Das, HoD, Dept. of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijnicommenced from 24th April to 21st May, 2025. This 30-hour course was designed to enhance students' awareness of ethical issues concerning both environmental conservation and professional conduct. Through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions, and group discussions, the course aimed to instill a strong sense of responsibility and ethical reasoning among the participants.

In this connection, a certificate distribution ceremony was held on 28th May, 2025 at seminar hall, English block of the college. Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal of Bijni College, Bijni appreciated the sincere efforts of the Department of Philosophy in organizing such a timely and relevant course. Sabita Ray, Vice Principal of Bijni College, Bijni was also present in the programme and congregates the students for successfully completion of their add on course. The conclusion remark was given by the HoD, Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das where he had mentioned about the course, outcome and its important.











Certificate Distribution Ceremony of Internship Course

June 6, 2026:The Department of Philosophy, Bijni College, Bijni, organized a certificate distribution ceremony to mark the successful completion of the internship course held at Bijni Municipal Board. The programme was held in the college conference hall on 6th June, 2026.The principal of the Bijni College, Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary inaugurated the ceremony and delivered the inaugural speech. He emphasized that classroom education should be complemented by experience and encouraged students to become responsible citizens by understanding the functioning of municipal board.
The Municipal chairman, GuneswarGoyary addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts and active participation of the students during the internship and stated that such programme helps students develop civic awareness and a sense of social responsibility. The Head of the department, Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das highlighted the importance of field-based learning and encouraged students to participate in community-oriented programme. Certificates were distributed to all the students who successfully completed the internship course. Some students shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to the college and municipal authorities for providing practical exposure.The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Pabitra Basumatary, Guest faculty, department of philosophy.



Student Achievement















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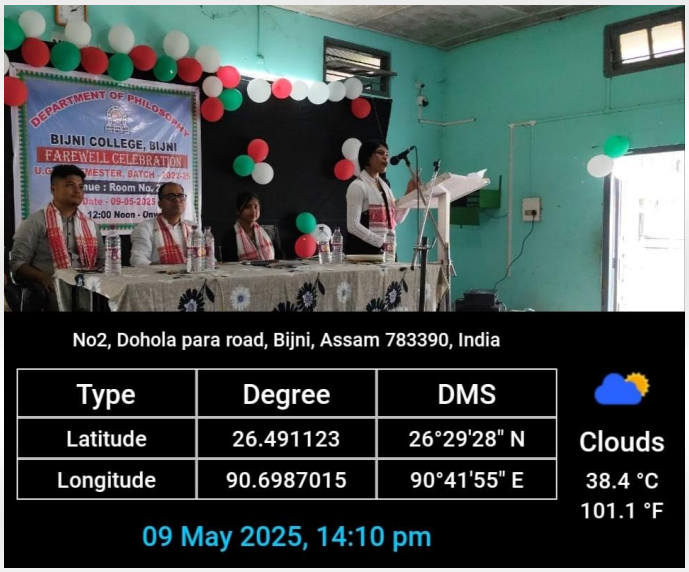
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