



DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
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Evaluative Report of the Department

1. Name of the Department : **Philosophy and Religion, Faculty of Arts**
2. Year of establishment : **1904**
3. Is the department part of a School/Faculty of the university? **Yes**
4. Name of Programme/Courses offered : **B.A. (Hons), M.A. in Philosophy, M.A. in Indian Philosophy and Religion (IPR), P.G. Diploma in Indian Philosophy and Religion, Ph.D.**
5. Interdisciplinary Courses and Departments involved: **No**
6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions ,etc. : **No**
7. Details of programmes/courses discontinued, if any, with reasons: **No**
8. Examinations System: Annual/Semester/Choice Based Credit System : **Semester System**
9. Participation of the Department in the course offered by other departments :
10. Number of teaching post sanctioned and filled (Professors/Associate Professors/Assistant Professors/others:

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual including CAS & MPS
Professor	05	01	08
Associate Professor	09	06	04
Assistant Professor	12	08	04

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation and specialization

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Year of experience	No. of Ph.D. students guided for the last 4 years
Dr. U.C. Dubey	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Schools of Vedanta, Sri Aurobindo, Bradley, Philosophy of culture	36	10
Dr. S.Vijaya Kumar	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Advaita Vedanta	32	12
Dr. A.K. Rai.	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Philosophy of Nagarjuna and Kant, Navya-Nyaya, Philosophy of Science	32	10
Dr. D.N. Tiwari	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Indian Philosophy Philosophy of Language	32	13

Dr. S.P. Pandey	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	ShankaraVedanta, Sri Aurobindo, Yogacaravijnanvada, Indian Ethics	23	9
Dr. Kripa Shanker	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Sankhya Philosophy Logic	34	11
Dr. D.B. Chaube	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Indian Philosophy, Gandhian Philosophy, Indian Ethics	33	12
Dr. D.A. Gangadher (Re-employed)	M.A., Ph.D.	Professor	Philosophy of Religion, Comparative Religion, Modern Indian Philosophy	34	6
Dr. M.R. Mehta	M.A., Ph.D.	Research Scientist 'C'	Jainism	25	20
Dr. Ananda Mishra	M.A., Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Advaita Vedanta, Phenomenology & Existentialism,	18	8
Dr. S. Mishra	M.A., Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Navya-Nyaya, Advaita-Vedanta and Sanskrit Sahitaya	12	7
Dr. R.K. Jha	M.A., Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Vedanta, Tantra, Yoga	12	3
Dr. A. Singh	M.A., Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Buddhism , Logic	35	7
Dr. D. Chaudhary	M.A., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic	8	4
Dr. S.C. Dubey	M.A., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Buddhism	8	3
Dr. P.K. Bagde	M.A., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Social and Political Philosophy Ethics	8	2
Dr. Grace Darling	M.A., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Tribal Culture and Religion	8	4

12. List of senior visiting fellows, faculty, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors:

Prof D.B. Choube
Dr. Ananda Mishra

Malviya Mulya Anushilan Kendra, B.H.U.
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13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty-programme-wise information:

N.A.

14. Programme-wise student teacher ratio:

1: 51 (Over All)

15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned and filled:

	Sanctioned	Filled
Assistant Librarian	01	01
Professional Assistant	01	01
Ministerial Staff	02	02
Peon	02	01+01 contractual
Library Attendant	01	01

16. Research thrust areas recognized by funding agencies: **Indian Philosophy and Religion**

17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from (a) National (b) international funding agencies and (c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies and grants received project-wise: **Nil**

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and grants received (a) All India collaboration (b) International. **Nil**

19. Departmental project funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, etc; total grant received. **Nil**

20. Research facility/Centre with

- State recognition
- National recognition
- International recognition

UGC, ICPR, ICCR

21. Special research laboratories sponsored by/created by industry or corporate bodies: **N.A.**

22. Publications

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Number of publications (approximate)
1.	Dr. U.C. Dubey	Professor	Two Books and more than 20 papers
2.	Dr. S.Vijaya Kumar	Professor	10 Articles
3.	Dr. A.K. Rai.	Professor	More than 15 papers
4.	Dr. D.N. Tiwari	Professor	Two Books and more than 70 papers
5.	Dr. S.P. Pandey	Professor & Head	One book and more than 15 papers.
6.	Dr. M.R. Mehta	Research Scientist 'C'	Books Published/Associated-06 and more than 20 papers
7.	Dr. Kripa Shanker	Professor	Two books and 08 articles
8.	Dr. D.B. Chaube	Professor	Two books and 15 articles
9.	Dr. Ananda Mishra	Associate Professor	Three books and 18 papers.
10.	Dr. S. Mishra	Associate Professor	Five books and 15 papers.
11.	Dr. R.K. Jha	Associate Professor	08 papers
12.	Dr. A. Singh	Associate Professor	13 papers
13.	Dr. D. Chaudhary	Assistant Professor	03 articles
14.	Dr. S.C. Dubey	Assistant Professor	01 articles
15.	Dr. P.K. Bagde	Assistant Professor	03 articles
16.	Dr. Grace Darling	Assistant Professor	05 articles

- Numbers of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national/International)- **20**
- Monographs **05**
- Chapters in Books **20**
- Edited Books **03**
- Books with ISBN with details of publishers **03**
- Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database-International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.)
- Citation Index-range/average
- SNIP
- SJR
- Impact-Factor-range/average
- h-index

23. Details of patents and income generated. -----

24. Areas of consultancy and income generated -----

25. Faculty selected nationally/internationally to visit other laboratories in India and abroad. -----

26. Faculty serving in
- a) National committees: **01**
 - b) International committees :
 - c) Editorial Boards: **10**
 - d) any other (Please specify):

Our faculty members are serving in different academic committees.

27. Faculty recharging strategies: **Organizing Refresher Courses/workshop.**

28. Students projects: **ICPR, ICCR**

- Percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects: -----
- Percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities/industry/institute: -----

29. Awards/recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty.

1. Prof. U.C. Dubey

'Swami Pranavanand Philosophy Award'

2. Dr. Sachchidanand Mishra

'Maharshi Badarayan Presidential Award'

3. Dr. Ananda Mishra

'P.V. Vidyarthi Smiriti Puraskara'

- Doctoral/Post doctoral fellows -----
- Students -----

30. Seminars/Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national/international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Period	Funding Agency	No. of Participants
1.	National Seminar: On Environmental Ethics	27-28 March-2010	B.H.U.	150
2.	National Seminar: The Text and Its Interpretation: Indian Philosophical Context	11-13 January-2011	ICPR, New Delhi	130
3.	Indo-Swedish International Seminar on 'Practice Based Knowledge in 21st Century	14-17 November 2011	Gothenburg University, Sweden and B.H.U	145
4.	International Lecture Series on 'Philosophy and Religion'	20.03.2012 to 07.4.2012	B.H.U.	140
5.	Contribution of Abhinavagupta, the Philosopher of Kashmir, to Overall Growth and Development of Indian Thought	26.12.2012 to 28.12.2012	ICCR, New Delhi and B.H.U.	150
6.	International Conference on 'Values Embedded in Indian Philosophy'	10.01.2013 to 12.01.2013	Supported by B.H.U.	120

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments.

The department runs research methodology classes for research scholars in which students are taught properly regarding collection of material and analysis of material in the light of source books and authentic literature. The purpose of such course is to make them fully aware of the understanding established in quality research.

32. Students profile course-wise 2012-13.

Name of the Course (refer to question no. 4)	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
M.A. in Philosophy	120	35	42	100%	
M.A. in IPR	23	10	08	100%	
PG Diploma in IPR	15	09	06	100%	
Ph.D.	25	07	08	----	

33. Diversity of students.

Name of the Course (refer to question no. 4)	% of students from the same university	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
M.A. in Philosophy	70%	5%	25%	NIL
M.A. in IPR	20%	15%	5%	60%
PG Diploma in IPR	20%	10%	10%	60%
Ph.D.	70%	10%	5%	15%

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise.

	NET				Total
2009-10	General 05	OBC 03	SC --	ST 01	09
2010-11	General 04	OBC 04	SC --	ST --	08
2011-12	General 06	OBC 06	SC 02	ST --	14
2012-13	General 03	OBC 02	SC --	ST --	05

35. Student progression

Students progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	90%
PG to M. Phil	M. Phil course is not introduced
PG to Ph.D.	30% (Approximate)
Ph. D. to Post-Doctoral	10% (Approximate)
Employed	
• Campus selection	-----
• Other than campus recruitment	• 20%
Entrepreneurs	----

36. Diversity of staff.

Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
of the same university	60%
from other universities within the State	20%
from universities from other States	20%
from universities outside the country	NIL

37. Number of faculty who were awarded Ph.D., D.Sc. and D. Litt. during the assessment period. **02**
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| 1. Dr. Pramod Kumar Bagde | Assistant Professor | Ph.D. |
| 2. Dr. Grace Darling | Assistant Professor | Ph.D. |

38. Present details of infrastructural facilities with regard to:
- (a) Library- More than 30,000 Books and 6 Computers with Internet facilities
- (b) Internet facilities for staff and students Yes, Available
- (c) Total number of class rooms 06
- (d) Class room with ICT facility No, We are trying
- (e) Students laboratories N.A.
- (f) Research laboratories N.A.

39. List of doctoral students,

a) From the host university

Sl. No.	Name of the doctoral
1.	
2.	Akanksha Verma
3.	Amit Kumar
4.	Anamika Yadav
5.	Anil Kujur
6.	Anita Sonkar
7.	Anoop Pati Tiwari
8.	Arun Kumar Singh
9.	Awadhesh Yadav
10.	Barun Kumar Choubey
11.	Bindu Kumari
12.	Chandan Kumar Pandey
13.	Chunghak Lee
14.	Deepak Kumar
15.	Devesh Ranjan
16.	Geeta Pathak
17.	Gudiya Yadav
18.	Indrajit Vishwakarma
19.	Jitendra Kumar Tiwari
20.	Juli Singh
21.	Kalpana Singh
22.	Kavita Gupta
23.	Mahendra Prasad
24.	Manish Kumar Mishra
25.	Manoj Kumar
26.	Md. Mahafooz Asharaf
27.	Mohammad Shafique
28.	Ms. Pragya Tiwari
29.	Ms. Sharda Kusum Mishra
30.	Nidhi Rai
31.	Om Prakash
32.	Pankaj Pandey

33.	Phra Prakrit Wiyanat
34.	Phra Pravech Vathakaew
35.	Phra Thammarat Hannarong
36.	Poonam Bharti
37.	Pramod Kumar Rai
38.	Pratima Singh
39.	Preeti Mishra
40.	Prem Lata Sharma
41.	Rahul Kumar
42.	Raj Narayan Singh
43.	Rajiv Kumar Singh
44.	Rajiv Ranjan Pandey
45.	Ramesh Chand
46.	Ranjana Yadav
47.	Reena Singh
48.	Reeta Tripathi
49.	Rekha Singh
50.	Ri Bum Kwak
51.	Rishika Verma
52.	Sanjay Kumar Singh
53.	Sanjeev Kumar Shah
54.	Sanju Mehta
55.	Sarita Tripathi
56.	Savitri
57.	Shradha Kumari
58.	Sonal
59.	Suchita Arpan
60.	Sumit Kumar
61.	Sunil Kumar
62.	Sunil Kumar Saroj
63.	Udham Mourya
64.	Vichitra Narayan Pandey
65.	Vijay Kumar Gupta
66.	Vijay Kumar Singh

b) From other universities

Sl. No.	Name of the doctoral
1.	Ajai Kumar Mishra
2.	Amrit Lal Vishwakarma
3.	Anand Shankar Tiwari
4.	Ankit Kumar
5.	Ashok Kumar Singh
6.	Avinash Mishra
7.	Diwakar Kumar Pandey
8.	Indu Rani Singh
9.	Mr. Bhakta K. Rai
10.	Naohisa Yokoyama
11.	Nitesh Kumar Pandey
12.	Phra Mitchai Wongkhamchai
13.	Phra Phitthaya Phadungphoach
14.	Phramaha Dhanardhip Hardnaulee
15.	Phramaha Nuthapoom Sriarun
16.	Phramaha Sakol Doenchaban
17.	Phramaha Suttichai Danoi
18.	Pradeep Kumar
19.	Shukdev Das
20.	Soumi Saha
21.	Subhash Asaram Khetre
22.	Surya Prakash Pandey
23.	Vandana Maurya
24.	Vichitrasen Gupta
25.	Vikash Kumar Singh

List of Post-doctoral students:

a) From the host university

- 1. Dr. Deepak Ranjan**
- 2. Dr. Namita Kapoor**
- 3. Dr. Archana Kumari**
- 4. Dr. Sangeeta Singh**
- 5. Dr. Ram Narayan Mishra**

b) from other universities

Nil

40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university.

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41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme (s)? If so, highlight the methodology.

No

42. Does the department obtain feedback from?

a. Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?

Before formal meeting of Board of Studies the members of the department thoroughly discuss curriculum compare.

b. Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?

The department properly utilizes the suggestions given by students regarding staff, curriculum and teaching learning evaluation etc. in proper manner on various platforms.

c. Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback? . -----

43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10).

- 1. Prof. T.R.V. Murti**
- 2. Prof. R.K. Tripathi**
- 3. Prof. R.C. Pandey**
- 4. Prof. A.K. Chatterjee**
- 5. Prof. R.N. Giri**
- 6. Prof. R.S. Misra**
- 7. Prof. J.L. Mehta**
- 8. Prof. R.C. Sinha**
- 9. Prof. Nilima Sharma**
- 10. Prof. Kamalakar Mishra**

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures/workshops/seminar) involving external experts.

Sl. No.	Title of the Academic Programme	Period of the Programmes
1.	Religion and Modernity	22.04.2009
2.	Piyush-Priyambada Memorial Lectures	14.05.2009
3.	Piyush-Priyambada Memorial Ārṣa Darśana Lectures	03.11.2010
4.	International Philosophy Day	24.11.2009
5.	Lecture Series by Prof. S.R. Bhatt and Prof. R.C. Pradhan.	16-17 March-21010
6.	National Seminar	27-28 March-2010
7.	Special Lecture on Hinduism and Islam	17.05.2010
8.	International Workshop on "Worldviews on Environment & Environmental Ethics"	06.08.2010
9.	Interaction between Indo-Japanese Students	09.09.2010
10.	Piyush-Priyambada Memorial Ārṣa Darśana Lectures	03.11.2010
11.	Special lectures of Justice Markandey Katju, on Jurisprudence in Ancient India.	27.11.2010
12.	National Seminar: The Text and Its Interpretation: Indian Philosophical Context	11.01.2011 to 13.01.2011
13.	Lectures delivered on "Classical Indian Philosophy" by: 1. Prof. A.K. Chatterjee 2. Prof. Kamalakar Mishra	16.03.11 & 17.3.11 25.03.11 & 26.03.11
14.	Lecture delivered by Prof. Rana P.B. Singh on 'Cultural Geography of Kashi'	2.4.2011
15.	Delivered by Prof. P.K. Mukhopadhyay	5-6, April-2011
16.	Lecture delivered by Augustine Piplani on 'Science and Philosophy'	22.10.2011
17.	Indo-Swedish International Seminar on 'Practice Based Knowledge in 21 st Century	14.11.2011 to 17.11.11
18.	One day National Seminar on 'World Philosophy Day'	30.11.2011
19.	Lecturer delivered by Dr. Shweta Singh on 'Women Today: Work Education and Identity'	1.1.2012
20.	Lecture delivered by Dr. Rafal Urbanaik on 'Paradox and Proofs'	14.3.2012
21.	International Lecture Series on 'Philosophy and Religion'	20.03.2012 to 07.4.2012

45. List the teaching method adopted by the faculty for different programmes.

Analytical, Comparative and Critical. We also use power point presentation.

46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?

Different Philosophical methods have been used by Indian and Western Philosophy while discussing their philosophers and philosophical systems. We deliver lecture and discuss the philosophical issues keeping in view the methods applied by respective philosophers and philosophical systems.

47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.

Our foreign students after completing their academic programmes (In Indian Philosophy and Religion) have proved themselves as bridge between East and West through their academic activities. The dreams of our founder Malaviyaji are getting actualized and in preparing such foreign students the roll of our teaching staff is of immense importance. With this end in view the Indian Philosophy and Religion courses were started when Malaviyaji was alive.

48. Give details of 'beyond syllabus scholarly activities' of the department.

Our teachers are invited from different universities to deliver lectures and they have contributed a lot by way of delivering lectures. They have also contributed in workshop and symposium.

49. State whether the programme/department is accredited/graded by other agencies? If yes, give details. **No**

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.

(a) The Department is pioneer in Indian Universities to initiate the comparative studies in Philosophy and Religion. The contributions of Dr. Radhakrishnan Prof. S.K. Maitra, Prof. B.L. Atreya, Prof. T.R.V. Murti, Prof. J.L. Mehta, Prof. R.K. Tripathi and Prof. R.S. Misra are internationally known.

(b) Teaching original texts in the light of advancement of knowledge in the field of Indian Philosophy and Religion.

This department has published some internationally known books in the area of Advaita Vedanta, Buddhism and Neo Vedantism.

(c) **The students of this department are not occupying high positions only in Indian universities but also in foreign universities in quit good number. The old students working abroad are actualizing the dreams of the founder of this university and have proved themselves as bridge between the East and West. In this way they are real ambassadors of Malaviya's mission.**

51. Future plans of the department:

Department is very serious in strengthening the studies of comparative Philosophy and Religion and in this connection efforts are made to have some special grants and programmes from U.G.C., New Delhi.

52. Detail any five strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Strengths

- 1. Specialized courses in Indian Philosophy.**
- 2. Original Texts of the Indian Philosophical systems are taught.**
- 3. Original texts of Western Philosophical tradition are also taught.**
- 4. This department attracts students from different part of the globe.**
- 5. Excellent facilities are available for inter disciplinary researches.**

Weaknesses

- 1. Insufficient infrastructural facilities.**
- 2. Shortage of classrooms.**
- 3. Insufficient space for Library.**
- 4. Acute shortage of teaching hands keeping in view the number of students.**
- 5. Shortage of man power for proper management of office and department.**

Opportunities

Varanasi is a place where top ranking scholars in Indian Philosophy are available. Renowned scholars of great World Religions are also available in Varanasi.

Challenges

The materialistic view of life is dominating the whole and as a result of this view of life humanity is in danger. It is a universal problem. In this situation only the vision of seers can help humanity. Malaviyaji established this university for so many reasons but to save mankind from chaos, suffering and disorganization was his mission of his life and it can be achieved through this great heritage of Religion and Philosophy.

Post-accreditation Initiatives

If the university has already undergone the accreditation process by NAAC, please highlight the significant quality sustenance and enhancement measures undertaken during the last four years. The narrative may not exceed ten pages.

The NAAC report regarding department was very encouraging. The team was of this view that this department is well managed and is in tune with the spirit and vision of Malaviyaji.

The Department serves two basic purposes.

- 1. The undergraduate course is designed keeping in view the competitive examinations.**
- 2. Post graduate courses are prepared keeping in view the spirit of research and higher studies.**

Original texts are taught and recommended in P.G. syllabus. This is the most distinctive feature of the syllabus of this department. M.A. in Indian Philosophy and Religion (IPR) course attracts students from different parts of the globe and foreign students of this programme are trained in such way (by way of teaching original texts) that the real spirit of Indian Philosophy and culture gets its expression in proper perspective through foreign students. Religio-philosophical tradition of India has been vehemently criticized by foreigners with maligned intention. Attempts have also been made by great Indian scholars to sort out such misunderstanding. Our foreign students are doing this work of immense importance in different foreign universities with great zeal. The faculty members of department felt that it has become possible to a great extent because of teaching original texts. Courses have also been revised keeping this end in view. The department runs P.G. Diploma in Indian Philosophy and Religion and this course paves way for preparing most foreign scholar eligible for admission to M.A. in Indian Philosophy and Religion (IPR) course.

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