



Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya Sagar (M.P.)

Department of Philosophy

Organises

A Three-Day National Seminar on “Knowledge, Erroneous Perception, and Epistemic Injustice”

Sponsored by

Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi

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Venue :- Abhimanch Sabhagar & Conference Hall,
Visitor Hostel (Guest House)

About Sagar

Sagar is an important city in central Madhya Pradesh, known for its educational prominence, cultural atmosphere, and serene landscape. Established around a large lake that gives the city its name, Sagar combines natural beauty with a steadily growing academic environment led by Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya—one of the earliest and most distinguished universities in this region.

While Sagar itself reflects the cultural and linguistic richness of Bundelkhand, it is also located within convenient access to some of India's most renowned heritage destinations. Visitors can explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as Sanchi Stupa, Khajuraho Temples, and the Bhimbetka Rock Shelters, all of which represent extraordinary chapters of India's ancient artistic, architectural, and archaeological heritage.

These world-famous sites, along with other historical and ecological attractions in Madhya Pradesh, make Sagar a meaningful and inspiring location for academic gatherings, offering participants an opportunity to combine scholarly engagement with cultural exploration.

About the University

Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (DHSGVV), Sagar (M.P.), formerly known as Sagar University, is one of the oldest and most prestigious centers of higher learning in Central India. Founded in 1946 by the eminent jurist, educationist, and philanthropist Dr. Sir Hari Singh Gour, the University holds the distinction of being the first university of Madhya Pradesh.

Spread across a picturesque campus of more than 850 hectares (around 2100 acres), the University is located on Patharia Hills, overlooking the beautiful Lakha Banjara Lake. The natural beauty of the campus provides an inspiring academic environment.

The University today comprises 11 Schools of Studies with 35 Departments offering undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral, and diploma programmes in diverse disciplines. With a strength of more than 300 faculty members and over 7,000 students from across India and abroad, the University continues to be a vibrant hub of knowledge creation, research, and cultural engagement.

About the Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy, established in 1946, is one of the founding departments of Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya. Since its inception, the department has been committed to fostering rigorous inquiry into the fundamental questions of knowledge, reality, and values, drawing upon both Indian and Western philosophical traditions.

Over the years, the department has been home to many eminent scholars and teachers who have contributed to the growth of philosophical studies in India. Among the most eminent figures linked with the department are Prof. S.S. Roy, Prof. Rashbihari Das, Prof. S.K. Saxena and Prof. Daya Krishna.

Among its notable alumni is Rajneesh (Osho), who completed his postgraduate studies in philosophy here before becoming an internationally influential thinker.

With a dedicated faculty strength and active research scholars, the department has nurtured generations of students who have gone on to excel as philosophers, teachers, writers, and administrators.

Advisory Committee

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About the Seminar

This national seminar brings Indian philosophical theories of knowledge and error into dialogue with contemporary debates on epistemic injustice. By engaging with pramana, illusion, skepticism and cognitive limits alongside questions of exclusion, credibility and marginalisation, the seminar aims to critically examine how knowledge is shaped, restricted, and contested in social and historical contexts. Through contributions from scholars across traditions, the event seeks to reflect on epistemology as an ethical and socially embedded practice rather than a purely theoretical inquiry.

Seminar Themes

1. Philosophies of Knowledge : Indian and Western perspectives on knowing.
2. Pramana and Justification : Foundations and validity of knowledge-claims.
3. Error and Illusion : Classical and contemporary understandings of misperception.
4. Skepticism and Cognitive Limits : Doubt, uncertainty, and boundaries of knowing.
5. Epistemic Injustice : Testimonial, hermeneutical, and structural exclusions.
6. Caste, Gender, and Power : Social hierarchies and epistemic marginalisation.
7. Coloniality and Indigenous Knowledge : Suppression, recovery, and resistance.
8. Epistemic Responsibility : Virtues, credibility, and ethical dimensions of knowing.
9. Media and Technology : Digital inequalities and new epistemic challenges.
10. Towards Epistemic Justice : Inclusive frameworks for knowledge and democracy.

Travel Reimbursement and Accommodation

As per ICPR guidelines, invited speakers are required to book their travel tickets independently through IRCTC, Ashoka Travels, Balmer & Lawrie, or other authorized channels. The actual fare—limited to 2nd class train or economy flight—will be reimbursed upon submission of valid tickets and travel documents. Accommodation for all invited resource persons will be provided by the University, ensuring a comfortable stay during the seminar.

Contribution Guidelines for Invited Speakers

This seminar features invited speakers whose participation has already been confirmed. While full papers may be submitted at the time of the seminar, all speakers are kindly requested to share a brief scheme (abstract) of their talk in advance to facilitate session planning and scheduling. The Organising Committee will communicate any additional details as needed.

LIST OF DELEGATES

1. Prof. A. D. Sharma — DHSGVV
2. Prof. Raghunath Ghosh — North Bengal University
3. Prof. Bijoy Boruah----- IIT Delhi
4. Prof. D. K. Mohanta — University of Calcutta
5. Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty — Rabindra Bharati University
6. Prof. Paneer Selvam — University of Madras
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11. Prof. Bhagat Oinam — JNU
12. Prof. Pius V. Thomas — Assam University
13. Prof. Anirban Mukherjee— NBU
14. Prof. Ajay Verma — JNU
15. Prof. Hari Narayanan — IIT Jodhpur
16. Prof. Shibani Sharma — Panjab University
17. Prof. Namita Nimbalkar — University of Mumbai
18. Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog — JNU
19. Dr. L. Vijai — Women's College, Thiruvananthapuram
20. Dr. Ashok Kumar Tarai — Ravenshaw University
21. Dr. Arup Jyoti Sarma — Tripura University
22. Dr. Neeti Singh — BHU
23. Dr. Nirmalya Guha — IIT BHU
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25. Dr. Vikram Sirola — IIT Bombay
26. Dr. Abhijeet Joshi — University of Hyderabad
27. Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi - SMVDU, J&K
28. Dr. Prama Chakraborty — University of Calcutta
29. Dr. Rajan — Allahabad University
30. Dr. Trisha Paul — University of Calcutta

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How to Reach Sagar

Sagar is easily accessible through well-connected rail and road networks, making travel convenient for visitors. The nearest railway station is Saugor Railway Station (SGO), located approximately 5 km from the University campus, with frequent trains connecting major cities.

For air travel, the city is served by two major airports: Dumna Airport, Jabalpur (around 180 km) and Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal (preferred) (around 190 km). Both airports offer regular flights to major metropolitan destinations, followed by comfortable road connectivity to Sagar.



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