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This is the 27th Annual Report of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) for the year from April 2007 to March 2008.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Council continued the on going activities by achieving its objectives of reviewing all the existing programmes by strengthening those yielding results and attending to modify those that appear failing over the years. The Council also was engaged in long term creative planning and to develop new programmes and instrumentalities of action to take philosophical research in India to new heights. A number of committees were constituted which included (1) Fellowship Committee (2) Seminar Committee (3) Publication Committee (4) Committee on the Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (5) Review Committee for Periodical Lectures. (6) Projects/Award Committee and Travel Grant Committee.

There are other new initiatives taken by the ICPR during the year as may be gathered from the following pages.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

During the year under report, the Council continued its activities and programmes for the promotion of philosophical research in the country. Under its scheme for the award of fellowships under different categories, a total of sixty five fellowships were awarded. Currently there are 134 fellows supported by the ICPR researching on a wide range of Philosophical topics. In accordance with the Council's objective to train young philosophy teachers of the country, two Refresher Courses on different topics were organized at different places.

The Council funded fully or partially 42 seminars and conferences at different Universities and Institutions. The ICPR published four books, and brought out four issues of the JICPR (*Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*). The Council helped 22 Universities and Institutions in the country to celebrate International Philosophy Day.

## **HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES**

The Indian Council of Philosophical Research set up by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, was registered as a society in March 1977 under the Societies Act, 1860, but it actually started functioning in July 1981 under the Chairmanship of Professor D.P. Chattopadhyaya.

The following are the main objectives of the Council:

- to review the progress of research in philosophy
- to give financial assistance to institutions engaged in philosophy
- to provide technical assistance or guidance in philosophy
- to co-ordinate research activities in philosophy
- to take all such measures as may be necessary for the promotion of research in philosophy and allied disciplines.

## **ORGANISATIONAL SET-UP**

The Council has a broad-based membership comprising distinguished philosophers, Social scientists, representatives of the University Grants Commission, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Indian Council of Historical Research, Indian National Science Academy, the Central Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The Governing Body (GB) and the Research Project Committee (RPC) are the main authorities of the Council.

These bodies are vested with well-defined powers and functions. The Governing Body which consists of Chairman, Member-Secretary, not less than three or more than eight members appointed by the Council, a representative each of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Finance and two nominees of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, administers, directs and controls the affairs of the Council. The Research Project Committee, which includes the Chairman, not less than five or more than nine members appointed by the Council and the Member-Secretary, scrutinizes and sanctions grants-in-aid for the projects and other proposals received or planned by the Council. The Finance Committee scrutinizes the budget estimates and other proposals involving expenditure.

The Chairman and the Member-Secretary who are appointed by the Central Government are vested with well-defined powers and duties.

During the year under report, Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao continued as Chairman Professor G. Mishra joined ICPR as Member Secretary on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Dr. Mercy Helen continued as Director (Planning and Research), Dr. Arun Mishra continued as Director (Academic) and Dr. S.K. Yadav joined as Director (Administration and Finance) on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008. Dr. Bansidhar Barik joined as Programme Officer on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. Shri S. Sreekumaran continued as Accounts Officer.

## **MEETINGS**

A Council meeting was held on December 5, 2007. The Governing Body of the Council met five times during the year i.e. June 15, 2007, July 12, 2007, November 5, 2007, December 5, 2007 and February 28, 2008. The Research Project Committee met twice on June 16, 2007 and December 4, 2007. The Finance Committee met at four different occasions on June 14, 2007, July 11, 2007, November 5, 2007 and February 4, 2008.

## **ACADEMIC CENTRE, LUCKNOW**

The Academic Centre of the ICPR, is presently located in the Right Wing of 2nd Floor of PCF Building, 32, Station Road, Lucknow houses an up-to-date specialized library in philosophy, and a small office of the Council. The total acquisition of books by the library at the Academic Centre, Lucknow, during the year under report was 251 making the total number of books available in the Library to 28257. The Council subscribed 105 philosophical journals and received 22 journals on exchange basis.

The library continued to extend borrowing and reading facilities to scholars all over the country. The library had 115 borrowing members, during the year many outstation scholars from all over the country were provided facilities for making use of the library.

There were 10 lectures delivered by the following scholars at the Academic Centre:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Scholars</b>	<b>Date of Lecture</b>	<b>Title of Lecture</b>
1.	Professor K. Rama Krishna Rao	30.7.2007	Yogasutras
2.	Professor D.M. Diwakar	29.8.2007	Structural Violence
3.	Professor T. P. Chowdhary	25.9.2007	History from below
4.	Professor S.R. Rao	8.10.2007	Sadasadvilaksana of Advaita: is it Ontological Solution or Problem”
5.	Professor Raghunath Giri	25.11.2007	Relevance of Buddhism in today’s Context
6.	Professor Rajendra Prasad	8.01.2008	Metaphysics through Ethics

7.	Professor Janak Pandey	11.1.2008	Understanding Dynamics of Rise and Decline in Social Science Research in India
8.	Mr. Virendra Yadav	20.02.2008	Conceptions of Equality in Philosophy and Literature

### **VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2007**

In compliance with the instructions given by the Ministry and the Central Vigilance Commission the Vigilance Awareness Week of the Council commenced from 12.11.2007 to 16.11.2007. On 14.11.2007 there was a pledge taking ceremony, where all the ICPR staff members and officers took an oath which was administered by Director (P&R/A&F), Vigilance Officer of the Council. Council had also invited Shri Subhash Khuntia, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of human Resource Development who had delivered a very inspiring and thought provoking lecture on 14.11.2007. The session ended with vote of thanks to the Chief Guest.

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

The Fellowship scheme of the Council continued to be in operation during the year under report. Under this scheme the Council awards different categories of fellowships to assist the scholars to engage in research on full time basis on themes of contemporary relevance and those that fit in with the selected major areas of the Council.

- Theories of Truth and Knowledge.
- Basic Values Embodied in Indian Culture and their relevance to National Reconstruction.

- Normative Inquiries (Ethics and Aesthetics).
- Interdisciplinary Inquiries (Ethics and Aesthetics).
- Philosophy, Science and Technology.
- Philosophy of Man and the Environment.
- Social and Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law.
- Comparative and Critical Study in the Philosophical Systems/Movements and Religion.
- Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics and Philosophy of Language.
- Metaphysics.
- Philosophy of Education.
- Philosophy of Social Sciences.

The Council invites applications for fellowships (excluding the National Fellowships) through advertisements in national dailies. Copies of the advertisements are also sent to the Heads of philosophy departments of all the universities in the country. Details of various categories of fellowships are given below.

## **NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS**

National fellowships are awarded to eminent scholars who have made outstanding contribution in the field of philosophy. The amount of fellowship has been fixed as Rs.25,000/- per month with an annual contingency of Rs. 50,000. These fellowships are awarded by the Council from among the names suggested to it by the Council members, UGC panel members on the subject of philosophy, Presidents of Indian Philosophical Congress for the past ten years and such members of the RPC who are not members of the Council, without inviting applications and purely on the basis of merit and eminence, regardless of age and official status of the scholars. Two National Fellowships

were awarded during this year to Professor R. Balasubramanian and Professor P.K. Mukhopadhyaya for the projects entitled "*The Vedantic inquiry after Ramaranyakavi*" and "*Philosophy and Human Progress*" respectively

### **SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS**

Senior Fellowships are awarded primarily to those scholars in philosophy and in allied disciplines who have made a significant contribution in their areas of research as evidenced from their publications such as books and research papers, articles, etc., in philosophical journals and periodicals. The Fellowship carries monthly emoluments of Rs. 8,000/- p.m. However, salary is protected in the case of employed scholars. In addition, the Senior Fellows are entitled to a contingency grant of Rs. 36,000/- per annum.

During the year under report, two Senior Fellowships were awarded to Professor G.P. Das and Professor B. Kar of Utkal University, Bhubaneswer, Orissa to work on their projects entitled "*Lokayata Darsana: A Reconstruction and Appraisal*" and "*Wittgenstein and Samkara on Religion and ethics: A Critico-constructive Study*" respectively.

### **GENERAL FELLOWSHIPS**

General Fellowships are awarded to scholars who have shown significant promise and competence in carrying on independent research. The award of such category of fellowship is determined on the basis of the quality of the candidate's research work in the form of published work, books or articles and in special cases even as evidenced from their unpublished manuscripts. The Fellowship amount has been fixed as Rs.6,000/- p.m. with an annual contingency grant of Rs.12,000/-. However, in the case of employed teachers/scholars, their salary, including allowances in their parent institution is protected. The following scholars were awarded General Fellowship during 2007-2008 to work on the research projects mentioned against their names:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Fellow</b>	<b>Title of the Project</b>
1.	Dr. Moyeed Ul Zafar	Reason and Rationality in Hadith Literature: A critical study
2.	Dr. Pius V.T.	Critical Hermeneutics and the Purview of a possible intercultural communication
3.	Dr. Deepak Kumar	Bharatiya chintan mein manav ki niyati: Ek Sanskritik adhyayan
4.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh	Tantrik bhasha ka sameeksha-natmak adhyayan
5.	Dr. Autar Lal Meena	The Doctrine of Social Justice in Indian Philosophy
6.	Dr. Sharad Kumar Mishra,	Analytical Study of concepts of Atmatattwa in Indian Philosophy: In special context by Atmatattwavivek
7.	Dr. Seema Bagdwal,	Samakaleen paridrishya mein Vivekananda ke darshan ki prasanggikata
8.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Tiwari	Khandana Khanda Khadya ke parampaksha ka anthashtriya vishleshan
9.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwari	Manushya Ke Swaroop Evam Uski Niati: Yogvasisth Ke vasisth sandharb mein ek anushilan
10.	Dr. Madhvi	Bhagwat vedanta sutra evam gita bhashaon ke tulna
11.	Dr. Lal Babu Prasad Yadav	Mahatma Gandhi aur Ravindranath Tagore ke samajik Rajnaitik aur dharmik vicharaon ka tulnatmak adhyayan

12.	Mr. Chennamsetty Yagna Sudhakar	The nature of consciousness Buddhist Adaya-vijnana and phenomenology
13.	Dr. Vinita Pandey	Brihadaramyak Upanishad mein paratipadit darshanik vichar aur bauddh mathi: Ek tulanantmak adhyayan
14.	Dr. Charu Awasthi	Chetnaka Upanishadiya swaroop evam adhunik gyan: Ek sameekschatmak adhyayan
15.	Mr. A. Arivazhagan	Doctrine of pancakosa on the problem of enworlded subjectivity: Advaitic and continental philosophical perspectives

The following scholars who were awarded General Fellowship in the previous year continued to work on the research project mentioned against each either throughout or part of the year under report.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Fellow</b>	<b>Title of the Project</b>
1.	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chaurasia	Nature and Levels of Consciousness with Special Reference to Pancakosa Text of Taitiriyā Upanisad
2.	Ms. Jaya Singh	Educational Concerns of Contemporary Indian Philosophers: Need and Relevance
3.	Dr. (Mrs.) Manashi Roy	Virtue Epistemology, Philosophy without Mirror and Indian Epistemology
4.	Dr. Gaytree Kumari	Dr. Ambedkar aur Samajik Nyaya par Adharit unka Dharma Darshan
5.	Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh	Trik Darshan mein Pratyabhigya ki Avadharana 'Purnata-Pratyabhigya' ke Vishesh Sandarbha mein

6.	Dr. Vimlesh Kumar Thakur	The Theory of Verbal Cognition in Citasukhi
7.	Dr. Rekha Roy	The Concept of Equality in Human and Gender Right Discourse: Ideology, Conceptual Background and a Framework for Praxis
8.	Ms. Sunepsungla	Justification, Truth and Belief in Tribal Epistemology
9.	Dr. Jayant Upadhyay	Nyayamanjari ki Praman - Mimansa Ka Bharatiya Nyaya Sastra Mein Yogdan
10.	Dr. Bansidhar Barik	Samkara and Buddhism on Epistemology: A Comparative Study
11.	Dr. Smita Telang	Tattvopaplavasimha Ke Vishesh Charvak Vichardhara ka- Anushilan-Sandharbh Mein
12.	Dr. Savita Mishra	Kanya Bhruna Hatya: Ek Naitik Mulyankan

## **JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

Junior Research Fellowships are awarded to scholars who have good academic record and are pursuing their research on a particular project. The Fellowship carries a grant of Rs. 5,000/- p.m. (Non-NET), Rs. 6,000/- p.m. (NET) with an annual contingency grant of Rs. 12,000/-. The following scholars were awarded Junior Research Fellowship during the year 2007-2008 to work on the research project mentioned against their names:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Fellow</b>	<b>Title of the Project</b>
1.	Ms Saba Parveen	A critical study with special reference to Michael Foucault and Jacque's Derrida

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| 2.  | Ms Arati Modak           | Adhunik Sabhyata ka sankat evam manav ki bhumika- ek darshnik vivechana  |
| 3.  | Mr. Chakrapani Tripathi  | A critical study of Kantian epistemology   |
| 4.  | Smt Kavita Bhatt         | Gherand sanhita ka darshnik adyayan: Shatkarma ke vilshesh sandarbh me   |
| 5.  | Ms Chandra Rekha         | Kierkegaard's and J. P. Sartre's vision of man: A philosophical Study  |
| 6.  | Ms Lightha P             | Enhancing the boundaries of knowledge: Towards a synthetic model of explanation and understanding types of knowledge |
| 7.  | Ms Rajani Adusumilli     | Theory and practice of yoga in Upanishad: A study with special reference to pranayama                                |
| 8.  | Mr. Desh Raj             | A Philosophical study of the concept of mind   |
| 9.  | Mr. Ramesh Chand         | Jain darshan aur bodh darshan mein gyan mimamsa: Ek tulanatmak adyayan   |
| 10. | Mr. Unnava Sada Siva Rao | The basic doctrines of the Buddha and of Patanjali: A comparative study  |
| 11. | Ms Poonam Singh          | Adunik priprakshay mein paramprk bhartiya naitik mulyon ki samichintacak vishleshnatmak adyayan                      |
| 12. | Mr. Arjuna Charan Behera | Globalization and cultural change  |
| 13. | Mr. Vidyasagar           | Dharmshastriya evam nitisheshtriya parampara mein dharm evam niti ka bhed  |

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| 14. | Ms Manjulata Jena           | The Ecological view of some tribal sects of Orissa: A philosophical study            |
| 15. | Ms Sneh Lata Singh          | Sartre evam Kierkegaard Ka darshan mein manviya mulyonKa tulnatmak adhyayan          |
| 16. | Ms Purni Thapa              | Globalization and welfare economy: A study from the perspective of human rights      |
| 17. | Ms Shrineta Pandey          | Yukti deepika mein pretipadit sankhya darshanik anusheelen                           |
| 18. | Ms Megha Sharma             | Philosophy of Professional Ethics  |
| 19. | Ms Asmita Tiwari            | Swami Vivekananda aur Aurobindo ki drishti mein manushay ka swarup evam uski niyathi |
| 20. | Mr. G. Srinivasan           | The problem of evil: A comparative study in saiva siddhanta and Christianity         |
| 21. | Mr. G. William Robert       | The concept of liberation in the philosophy of samkhya yoga : As means               |
| 22. | Ms Sangeeta Singh           | Sankhay darshan mein purush evam jain darshan mein jeev tatva: Ek tulnatmak adhyayan |
| 23. | Shri Gauranga Das           | Svadharna sadharana dharma and apad-dharma: A critical Study                         |
| 24. | Mr. Sushabhan<br>Deb Barman | Communication and language: A critical study   |
| 25. | Mr. Mukul Bala              | Philosophical foundation of women's empowerment                                      |

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| 26. | MR. Tigripalli Bosu Babu    | The Social Philosophy of K. Satchidananda Murty   |
| 27. | Ms Joly Roy                 | Ethics in Administration  |
| 28. | Mr. Rajiv Ranjan            | A study of the environmental philosophy in vedic Literature                                     |
| 29. | Sh. Gouranga Charana Behera | Business and environment: The ethical interface   |
| 30. | Ms Supriya Sharma           | Aneeshvarvadi bhartiya darshan mein dharm ke avdharm: Ek vishleshnatmak adhyayan                |
| 31. | Mr. Om Prakash Mehta        | Bhartiya darshan mein paryavanniya chintan ki sanatan parampara ka rachanatmak sarveksha        |
| 32. | Mr. Rajendra Prasad         | Aadhunik Bharatiya darshan mein Dr. Bhagwandas ka dharm Vichar–Ek Sameekshatmak Pareekshan      |
| 33. | Ms Dipti Verma              | Bharatiya Mahilaon ke uttam mein Gandhi darshan ka yogdan Chattisgarh ke vishesh sandharbh mein |
| 34. | Mr. Rewant Ram Saien        | Samajik evam rastraparaka sad gunaun ke visesh sandharbh mein puranon ka darsanika avalokan     |
| 35. | Mr. Umesh Saraf             | Aadhya Shankaracharya Ka Aashukavitva – Saanskritik Drishti Evam darshnik Bhimbon ka adhyayan   |
| 36. | Ms Nitu Kumari              | Paryavaraniya nitishastra ka vishleshanatmaka adhyayan  |
| 37. | Mr. Arjun Prasad Barnwal,   | A critical study of ecological thinking in Buddhism   |

38.	Mr. Achhe Lal Yadav	Concept of Humanism of Pandit Dinadayal Upadhyaya in contemporary context
39.	Ms Rupjyoti Dutta	A Philosophy of Karma: Vivekananda and Tilak- A comparative study
40.	Mr. Padmadhar Choudhury	Freedom, determinism and moral agent
41.	Ms Gitanjalee Bora	Pragmatism: A study with reference to contemporary socio-cultural issues
42.	Ms. Priyanka Sarmah	The concept of suffering in atheistic schools of Indian philosophy
43.	Shri Arun Kumar Singh	Spirituality and scientific temper: A philosophical study
44.	Shri Prakash Tiwari	Manusmriti evam yagyavalya smriti mein varmit naittik siddhanton ka tulanatmak adhyayan
45.	Ms Prerika Agarwal	Shaiv tantron ke vyakhyakara aacharya kshemraja ek adhyayan
46.	Ms Uma Dave	Sant Shri Asaranji Bapu's Philosophy: A comparative study

The following scholars who were awarded Junior Research Fellowship in the previous years continued to work on the research projects mentioned against each either through out or part of the year under report.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Fellow</b>	<b>Title of the Project</b>
1.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Tripathi	Word Meaning Relation
2.	Sh. Biju K.P.	Adorno's Critique of the Enlightenment Rationality of Kant

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| 3.  | Sh. Aamir Riyaz        | Religious Belief in Islam from 20th Century: Analytic Philosophy Perspective                                      |
| 4.  | Miss Parvin Azad       | Existential Ethics with Special Reference to Jean Paul Sartre   |
| 5.  | Sh.Pawan Brahmachari   | Brihatprashtantraya Alokya Advaita Vedantashya Sarvartiksaittam   |
| 6.  | Miss Namita Kapoor     | Vaishnava Vedanta mein Jagat ka Swaroop   |
| 7.  | Sh. Padmakumar P.R.    | The Problem of Mental Causation: A Study  |
| 8.  | Sh. Kaizar Rahman      | Capital Punishment: Is it Ethically Justifiable?  |
| 9.  | Miss Minakshi Shukla   | A Comparative Study of God in different Schools of Vedanta  |
| 10. | Sh. Suhail Ahmad       | Existentialism as Anti-Humanism: A Heideggerian Problematic   |
| 11. | Sh. Niranjan Saha      | Philosophy of Advaita as Portrayed in the Gudharthadipika of Madhusudana Sarasvati                                |
| 12. | Miss Archana Mishra    | Ethical Justification of Abortion   |
| 13. | Miss Shikha Jha        | Freedom and Possession: A Critical and Comparative Study with Special Reference to Immanuel Kant and G.W.F. Hegel |
| 14. | Miss Shweta Srivastava | Bhrama Sutra-Sankar Bhasya mein 'Janmadhasya Yatha' Sutra ki Vartman Sandharbha mein Vivechnatmak Samiksha        |

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| 15. | Sh. Lakshmi Kant Vimal    | Samkaravedanta mein<br>Arthanirdhasana Siddhanton ka<br>Adhyayna   |
| 16. | Ms. Jyothy Jampala        | Bhavas (Emotions) in Indian<br>Philosophy  |
| 17. | Sh. Navin Kumar Srivastav | Jain Darshan mein Gyan Mimamsa<br>ka Anusheelan-Jaintarka Bhasha ke<br>Paripekshya mein  |
| 18. | Sh. Sukalpa Chatterjee    | The Politics of Interpretation and<br>Possibilities of Dialogues   |
| 19. | Ms. Monika Kapoor         | Narivad ka Darshanik Vishleshan:<br>Vishesh Roop se Bhartiya<br>Sandharbha mein  |
| 20. | Sh. Prem Shanker Rai      | John Dewey: Darshan Sambhandhi<br>Vichar, Upakaranvad, Prakhara<br>Anubhawavad, Arthakriyavad evam<br>Siksha ke Sidhant ka ek Akalan |
| 21. | Shri Manoranjan Mallick   | A Critical Study of Wittgenstein's<br>notion of Ethics: Tractatus Logico<br>Philosophicus  |
| 22. | Ms. Ananya Halder         | A Study of Eco-Feminism  |
| 23. | Ms. Shweta Jain           | An Analytic Study: Concept of<br>Cause and Effect in Jainism   |
| 24. | Ms. Nayla Saboor          | Comparative Study of Advaita<br>Vedanta as Wahadat Al Wujud  |
| 25. | Ms. Shagufta Parveen      | Philosophy and Feminism: A<br>Renegotiation with Special<br>Reference to Luce Irigaray and Julia<br>Kristeva                         |

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| 26. | Ms. Richa Srivastava     | Nyaya Darshan mein Adrishta evam<br>Mimansa Darshan mein Apruva ka<br>Vishlkeshnatamak evam<br>Alochonatmak Adhyay                               |
| 27. | Ms. Payoli               | Ludwig Wittgenstein aur Dharmic<br>Vishwas   |
| 28. | Md. Kamran Ghani         | Essentially Contested Political<br>Concepts: A Philosophical Study   |
| 29. | Sh. Yogeshwar Sharma     | Prasthanatrayee ke Sandarbha mein<br>Brahma ke Swarup ka Darshanik<br>Vishleshan   |
| 30. | Ms. Anita Kotwal         | Perception: A Comparative Study with<br>special Reference to Nyaya Dignaga<br>and Dharmakirti  |
| 31. | Ms. Aditi Srivastava     | Vaidic evam Sraman Naitika<br>Vicarana mein Karma Siddhanta  |
| 32. | Sh. M. Prasada Rao       | Eradication of Untouchability: A<br>Gandhian Approach  |
| 33. | Surneru Deorad Gondane   | Samkalin Atineetishashtriya<br>Chintanpravahanusar 'Yogyā'<br>Sankalpanecha 'Changale' hya<br>'Sankalpanachya Sandharbhat'<br>Chikitsak Vivechan |
| 34. | Sh. Dominic Meyieho      | Intercultural Philosophy: A Naga Tribal<br>Perspective   |
| 35. | Sh. Brijesh Kumar Dayrna | Manava Swasthya Rakshan mein<br>Patanjali Yoga Darshan ki Bhumika ka<br>Adhyayan   |
| 36. | Ms. Mamta Singh          | Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar aur<br>Samkalina Bharat mein Bandhu<br>Dharma  |

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| 37. | Sh. Pawan Kumar Yadav   | Meaning and Significance of Human Rights   |
| 38. | Sh. Gasper KJ.          | Otherness as Religion: A Critical Study based on the Works of Emmanuel Levinas and Jacques Derrida                 |
| 39. | Km. Anurag              | A Critical Study of Gandhian Philosophy with a Special Reference to Contemporary Indian Thought                    |
| 40. | Sh. Prasanna Kumar E.M. | Methodology of Science: An Examination of Popper and Lakatos from the stand points of Theory Dependant Observation |
| 41. | Sh. Manoj Kumar Yadav   | Comparative Study of Cosmos-Centric Ethics and Eco-Centric Ethics  |
| 42. | Smt. Sarika Maurya      | Ashwaghosh evam Aryashoor ke Granthon mein Jeevan Mulya: Ek Adhyayan   |
| 43. | Miss Reeta Devi         | Basic Values Embodied in the Indian Culture and their Relevance to National Reconstruction                         |
| 44. | Sh. S.M. Rakibuz Zaman  | Morality and Skepticism: A Critical Study  |
| 45. | Ms. Jahnabi Deka        | The Logic of Philosophy: A Russellian Study  |
| 46. | Ms. W. Ibethoi Devi     | A Critical Study of John Locke's theory of Knowledge   |
| 47. | Ms. Manaswini Mishra    | Pragmatic Approach of Business Ethics  |

## **SHORT DURATION PROJECT**

Short Duration Projects are awarded for a period of ninety days to scholars in philosophy and allied disciplines irrespective of their age and status, to enable them to engage themselves on whole-time basis in research work. The Project cost is within the ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- for a period of 90 days. During the period under report no candidate was offered the Fellowship for Short Duration Project.

## **RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP**

These fellowships are meant to facilitate scholars to consult the library at ICPR's Academic Centre, Lucknow, in connection with their ongoing research projects. The selected scholars can avail of the fellowship during the period of their leave of absence from their place of work or during holidays. The fellowships are available for a maximum period of 60 days in a financial year, either in one stretch or in parts. They are provided first-class rail fare from the place of work to the Academic Centre and back, only once. The Council pays allowance of Rs.150/- per day to the Fellows who make their own arrangements for boarding and lodging and Rs.120/- to the Fellows who are provided accommodation in the guesthouse of the Academic Centre. However at present guest house facilities are not available at the Academic Centre at Lucknow. During the year under report, no candidate was offered the Residential Fellowship.

## **REFRESHER COURSES**

During the year 2007–08 the Council organized the following Refresher Courses:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Course Director</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1.	Refresher Course on “Comparative and Critical study of Indian Philosophical System”	2-26 Feb. 2008	Professor D.N. Tiwari (Bihar)	L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga

2. Refresher Course on 20th Nov to Prof. S.C. Utkal  
“Critical Thinking & 17th Dec.2007 Panigrahi, University  
Applied Philosophy”

### **Details**

- A Refresher course on “*A Critical & Comparative study of Indian Philosophical System*” was held from 2-26 February 2008 under the directorship of Professor Devendra Nath Tiwari. 27 participants from different regions partook sincerely and diligently in the Refresher Course. Classes for participants were arranged in all the days from February 02-26, 2008 except two Sundays that is excluding 4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008. All the participants attended the lectures regularly and punctually, took active participation. Separate arrangement was made on two of the Sundays on which participants presented their individual papers related to the subject of Refresher Course. Participant’s seminars were chaired by Professor M.K. Jha, Professor P.K. Majumdar, Principal, Sanskrit College, Kolkata respectively. Participants were provided with Course material on the related topics in the form of photo copy of the relevant scholarly papers published in books or in reputed journal and some texts published from Sanskrit Sodha Sansthan, Kabraghat, Darbhanga.
- The second Refresher Course on “Critical Thinking and Applied Philosophy” was organized by the Department of Philosophy, Utkal University under the directorship of Professor S.C. Panigrahi from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007. The Director of the Refresher Course, Professor Panigrahi emphasized the significance of philosophy of mind and consciousness as an emerging field of research in India and in the West and the teachers and researchers in the universities and colleges must be made aware of the recent developments in this area. Thus, the course had a good output. The course content encompassed a wide spectrum in the domain of critical thinking and applied philosophy. The eminent resource persons delivered lectures on Business Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Medical Ethics, Media Ethics, Animal Rights, Rights of Women

and Children and Critical Thinking of Kant and Wittgenstein. Besides the above, seminal philosophical issues on the theme was discussed in depth and extension. On the eve of the completion of the course the participants were evaluated as per the UGC rules on the basis of the objective test, test on application of computer and presentation of paper conducted with in the period of the course. The participants were awarded grades on the basis of their performances. But what is significant about this refresher course is the degrees of interest and involvement on the part of the participants as well resource persons which made it academically fruitful and rewarding.

### **SEMINAR/SYMPOSIA/WORKSHOP/DIALOGUE**

In order to provide an opportunity for scholars to express their views and interact with other scholars, ICPR organizes national and international seminars on a variety of themes in the field of Philosophy and interdisciplinary studies. In addition, the Council gives grant to Philosophy Departments in Indian Universities to organize seminar/ symposia/workshops/dialogues. During the year under report, the Council released following grants to different institutions for organizing the following programmes:

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of the Seminar</b>	<b>Name of Director/Place</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>
1.	International Seminar on the Concept of Ultimate Reality 6-7 June 2007 at Pune	Professor S.S. Deshpande Pune University Pune	2.00 lakhs
2.	National Seminar on Integration and Multiple Identities Dialects of Inclusiveness and Exclusion in Indian Society 14-16 September 2007	Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla	2.00 lakhs

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| 3. | An Eight day Workshop on Need of Teaching Philosophy in Schools Collages and Universities<br>4-11 December 2007                   | Dr. (Mrs.) Ratna Chaudhary Department of Philosophy Patna University, Patna   | 1.75 lakhs |
| 4. | 82nd Session of Indian Philosophical Congress<br>26-29 October 2007   | Professor B. Sambasiva Prasad, Dept. of Philosophy S.V. University, Tirupati  | 2.00 lakhs |
| 5. | National seminar on Theories of Truth Knowledge with special Reference to Kashmir Saivism & Kashmiri Sufism<br>29-31 October 2007 | Dr. Satyabhama Razdan Head, Dept.of Sanskrit. University of Kashmir Srinagar  | 1.50 lakhs |
| 6. | National Seminar on Nature of Metaphysics<br>14-15 December 2007  | Dr. Aditya Kumar Mohanty Professor and Co-ordinator Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubneshwar | 50,000/-   |
| 7. | National Seminar on Recent Debates in Epistemology: Indian and Western<br>28-30 Nov. 2007   | Dr. Laxi Narain Lanka North Eastern Hill University, Shillong   | 1.75 lakhs |
| 8. | National Seminar on The Idea of Religious 'other' in the Living Religious of the World.<br>30 November 2007 to 2 December 2007    | Prof. R.P. Srivastava Former, Head Dept. of Philosophy BRA Bihar University Muzaffarpur (Bihar)                           | 2.00 lakhs |

9.	Workshop on Advaita in the Classics 19-28 December 2007	Dr. K.H. Subramanian Director, Chinmaya International Foundation Adi Sanskara Nilayam Veliyanad, Ernakulam Dist, Kerala	50,000/-
10.	Seminar on Religion and its Kumari, Head Impact in National Reconstruction 10-13 December 2007	Dr. Kusum Dept. of Philosophy Magadh University Bodh Gaya (Bihar)	1.25 lakhs
11.	17th Annual Conference of National Academy of Psychology 17-19 December 2007	Dr. Lilavati Krishnan Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences IIT Kanpur	1.00 lakh
12.	National Seminar on Yogic Methods of Enquiry 10-12 December 2007	Dr. Dhooiplipala Ramakrishna Head, Dept.of Sanskrit, Collage, Vijayawada	1.50 lakhs
13.	Akhil Bhartiya Darshan Parishad 21-23 December 2007	Dr. Amibika Dutta Sharma Dept. of philosophy Dr. H.S. Gour Vishwavidyalaya Sagar (MP) at M.G. Kashividyaapeet	1.00 lakh
14.	National Seminar (ICPR organized Seminar) on Celestial Love : Bhakti in India Tradition 6-9 December 2007	Professor G. Vedaparayana And TTD, Tripathi Andhra Pradesh	5.00 lakhs

15.	National Seminar on Philosophical Approaches to Language Perspectives from Classical Indian and Modern Western Thought 10-12 December 2007	Dr. Nirupama Srivastava Head, Dept. of Philosophy University of Lucknow Lucknow	1.75 lakhs
16.	MP & Chatishgarh Darshan Parishad 28-29 December 2007	Professor J.S. Dubey General Secretary (PMDP), Devaranja, 83/B1, Narinaga Nagar Gwarighat Road, Jabalpur (MP)	25000/-
17.	National Seminar on The Basic Values em-bodied in Indian Culture and their relevance in National Reconstruction 18-19 January 2008	Dr. Sushil Kumar Sarkar Dept. of Philosophy Tripura University Suryamani Nagar Tripura (Wes)	1.50 lakhs
18.	International Seminar on Incommensurability Thesis 18-20 January 2008	Dr. S.G. Kulkarni, Dept. of Philosophy, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	1.00 lakh
19.	Morality and Social Justice 27-29 January 2008	Dr. Abha Singh, Head Dept. of Philosophy BS Collage, Danapur Patna	1.75 lakhs
20.	International Conference Science (s) and Method(s) 7-10 January 2008	Dr. Bijoy Mukherjee Organizing Secretary, Dept.of Philosophy, Visva Bharti, Shantinitan	1.75 lakhs

21.	National Seminar on Modernity and Democracy: The Legacies and Future of the enlightenment 10-12 January 2008	Dr. Javed Alam, 102 Centre for English & Foreign Languages, Hyderabad	1.24 lakhs
22.	20th Annual Conference on All Orissa Philosophy Association Conference 20-21 January 2008	Prof. S.C. Panigrahi Utkal University Vani-Vihar, Bhubaneshwar	25,000/-
23.	National Seminar on Classical Indian Philosophies of Mind and Cognitive Science 29 February - 2 March 2008	Professor Janak Pandey, Allahabad University Allahabad	5.00 lakhs
24.	National Seminar on Philosophy of Logic and Language 6-8 February 2008	Professor Mamata Bandyopadhyay, Dept of Philosophy., University of Burdwn, W.B.	1.75 lakhs
25.	National Seminar on Basic Values of Indian Culture and Contemporary Challenges 28-29 February & 1 March 2008	Professor M.M. Trivedi Dept. of Philosophy DDU Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur	1.00 lakhs
26.	National Seminar on Jiddu Krishnamurti's Philosophy and the future of Humanity 7-9 February 2008	Dr. G. Vedaparayana Head Dept. of Philosophy S.V. University, Tirupati	1.50 lakhs

27.	National Seminar on Person Consciousness and Culture, during February 2008	Dr. V.T. Sebastian Chairperson, Dept. of Philosophy, Art Block IV, Punjab University, Chandigarh	1.50 lakhs
28.	National Seminar on Moral Dilemmas in the Era of Globalization 27-28 February 2008	Prof. R.P. Singh, Centre of Philosophy, School of Social Sciences JNU, New Delhi	1.50 lakhs
29.	National Conference on Ethics: Theory and Applications 20-22 March 2008	Prof. P.R. Bhatt, Dept of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Bombay Powai	2.00 lakhs
30.	National Seminar on Contemporary Crisis and Value Education 16-18 February 2008	Dr. Narendra Singh, Dept. of Philosophy, Allahabad University, Allahabad	1.50 lakhs
31.	National Seminar on Ethics & Epics : Reflections on Indian Ethos 23-25 February 2008	Dr. Kalicharan Pandey Reader, Dept. of Philosophy DDU Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur	1.00 lakh
32.	National Seminar on Professor Ram Chandra Gandhi: Faith and Enquiry 15-17 March 2008	Prof. Asha Mukherjee Dept. of Philosophy Visva Bharati, Santiniketan	1.26 lakhs
33.	33rd Annual Conference Bihar Darshan Parishad	Prof. S.S. Prabhakar Principal, Kishan College, Nalanda	25000/-
34.	XXIV Annual Conference of Maharashtra Tatva Gyan Parishad	Smt. Gauri Bhagawat Executive President, MTP, Maharashtra	25000/-

35.	27th Uttar Bharat Darshan Parishad 9-10 Feb.2008	Professor H.S. Upadhyaya Secretary, Uttara Bharat Dharshan Parishad, Dept. of Philosophy, Allahabad University, Allahabad at DAV College, Kanpur.	25000/-
36.	3rd Annual Conference of Bharatiya Mahila Darshnik Parishad 15-17 Feb 2008	Dr. Neelima Sinha Programme Co-ordinator, Dept. of Philosophy, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar	25000/-
37.	Workshop on New Horizons of Human Development Art Spirituality and Social Transformations 28-29 March 2008	Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor, Madras Institute of Development studies, 79, Second Main Road, Gandhi Nagar Chennai	10,000/-
38.	National Seminar on Indian Philosophy Applied to Psychology 26-28 December 2007	Professor Nagendera VYASA, Bangalore	5.00 lakhs
39.	Workshop on Indian Model of Philosophical Enquiry 17th - 31st January 2008	Professor V.N. Jha at Academic Centre Lucknow	4.00 lakhs
40.	National Seminar on Philosophy of Logic and Language 4-6 February 2008	Professor Mamta Bandopadhyaya Dept. of Philosophy University of Burdwan	
41.	Celebration of International Philosophy Day-November 2007	IIC, New Delhi	24,500/-

42. National Seminar on Life and Works of Professor Daya Krishna  
25-27 March 2008
- Professor Yogesh Gupta  
Jaipur
- 2.50 lakhs

Details of few of the above mentioned Seminars, the reports of which have been received from the Directors are given below:

A group consisting of high profile academicians, bureaucrats and NGO leaders met at the Darshan Bhawan and discussed at length for a major research project for promoting integration and inclusiveness in the Indian Society and for preventing growing cleavages and avoidable polarizations precipitated by narrow identities exploited by politics of divisiveness. As a follow up of the fruitful discussions and as a continuity, the Council had organized a National Workshop on the *Dialectics of the Inclusiveness and Exclusion: Exploring the Elements of Exclusiveness and ingredients of inclusiveness and integration in Indian Society*. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Indian Institute of Advance Study, Shimla and this yielded fruitful results. The outcome of the deliberations will be published by the Council shortly so that the ideas could reach wider audience and stimulate nationwide discussion. There were discussions on issues like (a) what it is to be an Indian? (b) does the Indian identity consist (c) how do we promote national integration and undermine the politics of divisiveness fed on narrow identities of caste, religion, region, language and other subordinate identities. The eminent participants of the seminar were Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Professor B.L. Mungekar, Mr. Yugandhar, Sri Padmanabiah.

In addition to the regular seminars proposed by ICPR, the Council proactively involved itself in conducting three national level seminars on its own.

A National Seminar on "*Celestial Love: Bhakti in the Indian Tradition*" was organized in collaboration with Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh from December 5-7, 2007. Here again there were around 300 scholars from across the length and breadth of this country, with a

few from abroad discussing on different aspects of Bhakti. Themes like Philosophical foundations of Bhakti, Ramifications of Bhakti to the individual and society, understanding the various Bhakti movements from different regions, Bhakti as a Purushartha and Annamacharya (being the Sixth Centenary year of Annamacharya) on which thread bare discussion took place. In the Inaugural Session, Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, ICPR introduced the theme of the Session, while Professor H.K. Satapati, Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeta released the brochure of the Conference. Professor Anand Paranjape, Sunon Fraser University, Canada delivered the Keynote address and Professor G. Mishra gave a vote of thanks.

Another National Seminar on "*Indian Psychology: Theories and Models*" was organized by the ICPR in collaboration with VYASA Yoga University in Bangalore from December 26-28, 2007. Nearly 300 participants were there during this event who devoted to throw light on the relevance of Indian Philosophy to current psychological practice and research. The moral of this exercise is that Indian Scientists should not labor in "Catch up" game replicate and merely initiate Western Studies but engage in innovative new avenues of research leading to original contributions. Our Chairman Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao participated in the Seminar.

A major ICPR interdisciplinary seminar under the directorship of Professor Janak Pandey on "*Indian Philosophies of Mind and Cognitive Science*" was held at Allahabad University from February 29 to March 2, 2008. The title of organizing this major level seminar was to focus on the relevance of classical Indian Thought to Current Science as there has been a growing interest among philosophers and cognitive scientists to use wealth of indigenous philosophical traditions to study mind and consciousness. Three major publications will emerge out of the proceedings of these seminars.

The Council organized a National Seminar in memory of Late Professor Daya Krishna for his in valuable contribution to Philosophy in India in general and Indian Philosophy in particular was held at Rajasthan University, Jaipur under the directorship of Professor Mrinal Miri during March 25-27, 2008. The title of

the Seminar was “Daya Krishna: A Life Work in Philosophy”. The Seminar was aimed at addressing Daya Krishna’s contribution to an authentic and constructively critical understanding of Classical Indian Philosophical Thought, by taking a comprehensive view of Dayaji’s criticism of arguments, theories and view points in the history of Indian Thought scattered in the substantial body of his writings. Professor Balasubramanian, the ex-Chairman of ICPR Professor Srinivasa Rao, Professor Sujata Miri and few others participated.

- The “82nd Session of the Indian Philosophical Congress” was held at S.V. University, Tirupati from October 26-29, 2007. Professor B. Sambasiva Prasad was the local Secretary. The Congress was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Professor S. Jayarama Reddy. The General Presidential address was delivered by Professor Kireet Joshi, Vice-Chairman, IPC. Around 200 papers were presented in the Congress under different sections.
- A National Seminar on “The Idea of Religious ‘Other’ in living Religions of the World’ was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Muzaffarpur under directorship of Professor R.P. Srivastava, Former Head Department of Philosophy, Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar. The focus of the seminar was about the role of religion in society. Professor Rajendra Prasad, Professor Ashok Vohra and other participated.
- A National Seminar on “*Philosophical Approaches to Language-Perspectives from Classical Indian and Modern Western Thought*” was organized by Philosophy Department, Lucknow University from 10-12 December 2007, under the Directorship of Professor Nirupama Srivastava. On this occasion Professor Nirmalanghu Mukherjee from Delhi University delivered the key note address. Scholars from both Indian and Western traditions presented their illuminating and enlightening philosophical views about language and reality and thus made the event memorable.
- Concurrently the three day National Seminar was organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Maris Stella College, Vijayawada under the Directorship of Dr. D. Rama Krishna during 10-12 December, 2007.

The theme of the Seminar was “*Yogic Methods of Enquiry*”. Professor V. Kutumba Sastry, Professor V.N. Jha and other scholars participated in this seminar.

- A National Seminar on “*Religion and its Impact on National Reconstruction*” was held at Department of Philosophy, Magadh University, Bodh-Gaya, under the Directorship of Professor (Mrs.) Kusum Kumari from December 10-13, 2007. Professor Subhada Joshi emphasized the need for secularism. Professor Kusum Kumari in her key note address opined that religion starts its journey with civilization. Religion consists primarily in character and the adverse evils threatening the fabric of our nation can be cured only by character building.
- A National Seminar on “*Nature of Metaphysics*” was held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2007, under the auspices of Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. Ninety eight teachers of philosophy from different universities, colleges of Orissa and outside the state, participated in the seminar along with the faculty, students of the department of the CAS. Professor A.K. Mohanty, Co-ordinator of the Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy and Director of the seminar outlined about the objectives and focal theme of the seminar. Professor R.C. Pradhan, Former Member Secretary, ICPR delivered the keynote address. Professor Godabarisha Mishra, Member Secretary, ICPR presented a paper entitled “*Metaphysics of Consciousness*” among many others.
- An ICPR Special Symposium on “Indian Psychology” was held during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of National Academy of Psychology at IIT Kanpur from December 17 to 19, 2007 under the directorship of Dr. Lilavati Krishnan. The eminent speakers who participated in this Symposium were Professor Srinivasa Rao, Professor S.K. Kiran Kumar, Professor Matthijs Corneslissen and Dr. Suneet Varma. The six presentations covered historical, philosophical, theoretical, methodological and applied aspects of Indian Psychology, and touched upon several contentious issues raised by these aspects.

- The 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Akhil Bharatiya Darshan Parishad was held from December 21-23, 2007 at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeet. Session was organized by Dr. Ambika Dutta Sharma, Sagar.
- A National Seminar on “Ethics and Epics: Reflections on Indian Ethos” was organized by Dr. Kali Charan Pandey from January 5-7, 2008 at DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur. The Seminar had presentations by around 30 scholars on different aspects of the theme. The theme of the seminar was introduced by Dr. D.N. Yadav, presented a working paper dealing with the epics and their relationship to ethical issues.
- The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual conference on All Orissa Philosophy Association conference was held from 20-21 January 2008, under the directorship of Professor S.C. Panigrahi at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa. Professor Ashok Vohra, the General President of the session delivered a thought provoking talk on “*The Religious other and His Excursions: An Analysis*”. He pointed out that it is the surface grammar of the language, and therefore the form of life that bewitches our intelligence into believing that multiplicity is real once we dwell in the depth grammar we find that there is an essential unity underlying the apparent diversity.
- A National Seminar was organized on “Morality and Social Justice” by the Department of Philosophy, B.S. College, Danapur, Bihar from January 27-29, 2008 under the directorship of Professor Abha Singh. The seminar had in toto 12 sessions which were decided thematically. Eminent scholars were present alongwith the participants to make the event a great success.
- A National Seminar on *Jiddu Krishnamurti Philosophy and the Future of Humanity* was organized by the ICPR at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati under the Directorship of Professor Vadaprayana from 7-9 February 2008. The Seminar focused on the need to propagate and practice the philosophy of shedding the past to embrace the present in its pristine forms to achieve inner transformation in toto.

- Mrs. Radhika Herzberger, Director of Rishi Valley Education Centre, delivered the Keynote address and explained how man-made crises such as climate change, nuclear proliferation etc. has landed the humanity in life-threatening situations.
- Professor C. Ramaiah, Professor K. Venkata Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, S.K. University, Professor P.V. Arunachalum, Dravidyan University, Director of SV Central Library and Research Centre, Bhuman and Hans Herzberger of Canada, were the participants. Professor G. Mishra, Member-Secretary, ICPR attended the Seminar and apart from presenting a paper, presided over the Valedictory Session.
- The Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh Darshan Parishad was held from 11-12 February 2008 at Jhanjgir (MP).
- The Council also organized a National Seminar on “Philosophy of Logic and Language’ under the directorship of Professor Mamta Bandopadhyia, Department of Philosophy, University of Burdwan from 6-8 Feb 08. The seminar was in a way fulfilling its objective of enriching the M.A., M. Phil Students, research scholars, teachers of the undergraduate colleges alongwith the faculty members of P.G. Departments. Since Philosophy of Logic and also Philosophy of Language overlap with many other areas of philosophy, in some way or the other. So discussions on the theme helped the participants to be acquainted with recent developments in Philosophy.
- A National Seminar on *Contemporary Crisis and Value-education* was held from February 16-18, 2008 at Department of Philosophy, University of Allahabad, Allahabad under the directorship of Professor Narendra Singh. Professor Sabhajeet Mishra delivered the keynote address Professor D.N. Dwivedi demonstrated the present of value crises in every ear starting from 6<sup>th</sup> century till present in one or other form. Contemporary World is passing through many changes and due to these changes we are witnessing many contemporary crises like consumerism, Pollution, corruption, abortion etc.

- A National Seminar on *Moral Dilemmas in the Era of Globalization* was organized by Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU from 27-29, February 2008. The Seminar was held from an interdisciplinary approach when Professor B.B. Bhattacharya, Vice-Chancellor of JNU said that the benefits of Globalization are uneven and the process of Globalization is irreversible. It is the idea of 21<sup>st</sup> Century and since it is irreversible so that best way will be to make it more human. Professor Yashpal, Chancellor, JNU and formally Chairman of UGC said that globalization should be inclusive; each and every village should be connected. True globalization is based on global consciousness and explosion of creativities. If this kind of new world is possible, then morality is possible.
- A National Seminar on “Basic Values of Indian Culture and Contemporary’ was organized on 28-29th February and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 at Gorakhpur under the directorship of Professor M.M. Trivedi, member of the Council. The objective of the seminar was to analyze the Value system in the contemporary society. Professor Trivedi in his introductory speech explained the concept and stated that there is not only the attainment of Value in the conceptual plane but it has also tremendous significance in the sphere of practical ethics and morality.
- A National Seminar on *Basic Values Embodied in Indian Culture and their Relevance in National Reconstruction with special reference to the Gita, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi* was held at Tripura University, Suryamanivya under the Directorship of Professor S.K. Sarkar during March 18-19, 2008.
- A National Conference on “Ethics: Theory and Application” was organized from 18-20 March 2008 at IIT Bombay. An Inaugural lecture on “*Shifting Paradigms in Ethics*” by Professor S.A. Shaida was very interesting and thought provoking. Students, Research Scholars and teachers of Philosophy participated in the seminar by presenting good papers. There were in all 26 presentations which generated very interesting discussions on the whole.

## WORKSHOPS

- The Council organized a major workshop on *Indian Models of Philosophical Enquiry* under the directorship of Professor V.N. Jha, Council Member at the Academic Centre, Lucknow during 17-31 January 2008. The workshop aimed at creating an opportunity to acquaint oneself with this Model of Philosophical Enquiry and with the Concepts of Knower, Knowable, process of knowing and knowledge of almost all the orthodox and heterodox systems of Indian Philosophy. Very eminent senior scholars of philosophy delivered lectures on different schools of Indian Thought. There was a good participation of teachers of philosophy and scholars from different parts of the country.
- A Ten-Day Workshop on *Advaita in the Classics* was organized by Dr. K.H. Subramanian, at Chinmaya International Foundation, Adi Sanskara Nilayam Veliyanad, Kerala, from 19-28 December 2007. 45 participants from all over India attended on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2007 during the valedictory function. Professor R. Balasubramanian inaugurated the workshop. Professor Godabarisha Mishra gave the valedictory address at the function which was chaired by Swami Advayananda, Acharya, Chinmaya International Foundation. The tradition of textual exegesis is a unique feature of all Indian schools. Among this Advaita occupies the prominent place since it has richness of texts written over a period of centuries. Textual tradition in Advaita comprises commentaries on Prasthanatraya of Vedanta. Human reasoning and scriptural authority have always been given their due place in Advaita and in the present day context it has the opportunities to interact with philosophical thoughts all over the world. The workshop was conducted aiming at acquainting the students with the fundamentals of Advaita Vedanta and was intended to outline the historical development of Advaita from the period of Upanishads down to the modern times.
- A National Workshop on Applied Philosophy: A Colloquium to Discuss curriculum for courses in Applied Philosophy and Human Sciences was held from 28-31 April 2008 at Vishakhapatnam under the leadership of

Professor K. Sivaramakrishnan, Principal, College of Management Studies, GITAM, Gandhigar campus, Rushikonda, Vishakhapatnam. Many eminent academicians participated in the meeting and delivered on the curriculum to be devised to attract the modern generation student. ICPR Chairman, Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao also participated in the workshop.

- The eight-day National Workshop on “*Need of Teaching Philosophy in Schools, Colleges and Universities*”, was organized by Department of Philosophy, Patna University, Patna from 4–11 December 2007 under the Directorship of Dr. (Mrs.) Ratna Chaudhary. The Workshop had two sessions each for three hours. Each session had the lecture of Resource Person followed by group discussion and the last hour was for interaction with the Resource Persons and comments of different groups on the paper. Everyday there was lively discussion on the papers or lectures of Resource Persons.

## **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

- An International Conference on *Incommensurability Thesis* was organized by the Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad from 18-20 January 2008 at Hyderabad under the directorship of Professor S.G. Kulkarni. There were 12 significant papers which were covered all the major issues raised by the Incommensurability Theses which is the focal point of contemporary debates and discussions in Philosophy of Science. The issues of realism, rationalism, concept formation meaning, reference and truth were the chief concerns of papers and discussions. The papers invariably prevailed the historical and thematic backdrop of the concerns. The participants included senior and upcoming scholars. The Seminar had an active participation of scholars outside philosophy. The participation of students was a special feature of the Seminar.

- An International Conference *Science(s) and Method(s)* was organized under the leadership of Dr. Bijoy Mukherjee, Department of Philosophy from 7-10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan.
- An International Seminar on the *Concept of Ultimate Reality* was organized by Pune University under the leadership of Professor S.S. Deshpande during 6-7 June 2007.

## PERIODICAL LECTURES

The Periodical Lectures organized by different Colleges and Universities are for promotion of philosophy among the young students of different cities of India on low cost budget. Senior scholars of the local area are requested to lecture to the young scholars and teachers, so as to enable them to be benefited by the lectures. During the year 2007-08 Council organized Periodical Lectures in different places by the following:

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of Organizer</b>	<b>Lecture delivered by</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1.	Dr. A.K. Rai, Head, Department and Religion, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Professor A.K. Chatterjee Professor D.N. Tiwari Perspective	Time: The Buddhist of Philosophy Bhasha Avam Draviya-
2.	Professor R.P. Singh, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110067	Professor R.P. Singh Professor Shikha Jain Professor S. Das	George Wilhem Friendrich Hegels Phenomenology SpiritReception of of Hegel in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
3.	Dr. Jyotish Ch. Basak, Head, Department of Philosophy, University	Professor Manjulika GhoshProfessor Raghunath Ghosh	Concept of Body in Peace and Philosophy

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| 4. | Dr. Neelima Pathak,<br>Head, Department<br>of Sanskrit, Ranchi<br>University, Ranchi,<br>834008 Jharkhand        | Professor Gopal Krishna<br>DashDr. H.P. Narayan   | Yogic Vision and<br>Samyak DarsanaA<br>Neurosurgeon<br>Looks at Vedanta  |
| 5. | Dr. (Mrs.) Kusum<br>Kumari Department<br>of Philosophy, Magadh<br>University, Bodh<br>Gaya 834234 (Bihar)        | Professor Kusum<br>Kumari   | The Concept of<br>Brahma Vihara in<br>Buddhism   |
| 6. | Professor Nirupma<br>Srivastava, Department<br>of Philosophy, University<br>of Lucknow, Lucknow<br>227007 (UP)   | Professor Ashok Vohra<br>Professor S.K. Sen   | Meaning of Life<br>Science and Truth   |
| 7. | Professor D. Nesy,<br>HeadDepartment of<br>Philosophy, University<br>of Kerala, Kariavattom<br>Tirvandrum 685581 | Dr. G. Devarajan<br>Dr. Umadevi<br>Dr. V.C. Thomas<br>Swami Tanmayananda  | Literature Search<br>and ITRights and<br>Values<br>Phenomenology<br>Philosophy of Sree<br>Narayana Guru  |
| 8. | Dr. S.P. Chattpadhyaya<br>Head, Department of  | Professor Chandrasheka<br>Rath. Professor   | The Hallmark of<br>Indian Culture and  |

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|     | Philosophy, Ravenshaw Bijayananda Kar University,<br>Cuttack 735003                                      |  | Its Relevance to Society<br>Knowledge, Self and Liberation<br>Indian Philosophical Perspective   |
| 9.  | Professor A.K. Singh,<br>Head Department of Philosophy, DDU Gorakhpur University,<br>Gorakhpur 9         | Professor R.R. Verma<br>Professor R.P. Srivastava<br>Professor S.K. Seth<br>Professor Permanand Srivastava Sri Devadatta | Feminism or Gender Equality<br>Philosophy of Language Religion and Science<br>Philosophical Foundations of Bhakti Movement<br>Yoga and its Dimensions. |
| 10. | Dr. Siby K. George,<br>Head, Philosophy Department of HSS, IIT Bombay, Powai,<br>Mumbai 400076           | Professor Rajendra Prasad.<br>Professor S.A. Shaida  | Rights: Logical and Moral Post Modernism and Ethics  |
| 11. | Professor Gayatri Sinha, Head,<br>Department of Philosophy, Rani Durgawati Vishwavidhyalaya,<br>Jabalpur | Dr. Swami Shyamdas<br>Justice Deepak Mishra  | The Role of Bhagwat Gita in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century<br>Teachings of Swami Vivekananda and its Relevance   |
| 12. | Professor Geeta Rani Aggarwal, Head,   | Professor A.K. Chatterjee<br>Professor Raghunath Giri  | Pramana Vyavastha  |

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|     | Department of<br>Philosophy, Mahatma<br>Gandhi Kashi<br>Vidhyapeeth, Varanasi                                    | Bhartiya<br>Tarkshastra   |
| 13. | Dr. Bijoy Boruah, Head,<br>Philosophy Department<br>of HSS, IIT Kalyanpur,<br>Kanpur 208016                      | Professor Y.N. Mohapatra<br>Professor Srinivasa Rao   |
|     |  | Scientific<br>Rationality<br>Practical<br>Rationality   |
| 14. | Dr. V.T. Sebastian,<br>Department of<br>Philosophy, Chandigarh<br>University, Chandigarh                         | Professor Rekha Jhanji<br>Dr. Reena Patra   |
|     |  | Two Dimensions of<br>Embodiments in<br>Indian Philosophy<br>Vastu Shastra and<br>Heidegger's<br>Building Dwelling<br>and Thinking |
| 15. | Dr. Preeti Ranjan Ghosh<br>Department of Philosophy<br>Jesus & Mary College<br>Chanakyapuri, New<br>Delhi 110021 | Dr. S.P. Gautam   |

### **NATIONAL LECTURES BY EMINENT INDIAN AND FOREIGN SCHOLARS**

With a view to acquaint Indian scholars with the recent thoughts of leading philosophers as well as to provide opportunities for interaction with them, the Council organizes every year two National Lectures each by leading Indian Philosophers and Overseas Philosophers respectively. Under this scheme, the Lecturers deliver a series of three lectures in at least three different universities in India. The universities are given a grant of Rs. 35,000/- by the Council to invite the interested scholars from their region to attend the lectures and

participate in the discussions. Besides making travel arrangements as well as providing local hospitality to the invited lecturers, the Council pays them a token honorarium of Rs. 10,000.

The Council had nominated Professor P.D. Premasiri from Sri Lanka and Professor William Waldron from USA to deliver lectures in India during the year 2007-08

Professor P.D. Premasiri had delivered three lectures in different Universities like Banaras Hindu University, Delhi University, and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The topics delivered are:

1. The Critique of Philosophy in the Teaching of the Buddha and its Implications on the Uniqueness of the Buddha's Contribution to World Philosophy.
  2. A Buddhist Perspective on the Question 'Is Ethical Knowledge Possible?'
  3. Problems Concerning the Application of a Non-Cognitivist Analysis of Religious Language to the Teachings of Buddhism.
- Professor William Waldron had delivered three lectures in Madras University, Chennai; Nagarjuna University, Guntur; Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; and Delhi University, Delhi on the following topics:
    1. A Buddhist theory of Unconscious Mind (alaya-vijñana)
    2. Indian Thought and Social Science on the Travails of Self-identity
    3. *Selves and Selfless Discourse.*

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of the Organizer University/Institutions</b>	<b>Particulars of Lecture with dates</b>	<b>Amount approved</b>
1.	Professor Ashok Vohra Head Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, Delhi 11007	Lecture of Professor P.D. Premasiri from 13-14 February 2008 at Delhi University, Delhi	35,000.00

2.	Professor R.P. Singh, Chairperson, Centre for philosophy. School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110067	Lecture of Professor P.D. Premasiri from 15-18 February 2008 at JNU, New Delhi	35,000.00
3.	Dr. A.K. Rai, Professor and Head, Department of Philosophy and Religion Faculty of Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 221005	Lecture of Professor P.D. Premasiri from 19-20 February 2008 at BHU, Varanasi	35,000.00
4.	Professor Ashok Vohra Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, Delhi 11007	Lecture of Professor William S. Waldron from 18-26 February 2008 at Delhi University, Delhi	35,000.00
5.	Professor R. Gopalakrishnan, Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras Chepauk, Chennai 600005	Lecture of Professor William S. Waldron from 18-26 February 2008 at University of Madras Chennai	35000.00
6.	Professor R.K. Ratnam, Head, Mahayana Buddhist Studies Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur (Dist) 522510	Lecture of Professor William S. Waldron from 21-22 February 2008 at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur	35000.00
7.	Professor A.K. Rai, Head & Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion Faculty of Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanai	Lecture of Professor William S. Waldron from 24-25 February 2008 at BHU, Varanasi	35000.00

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of Organizer/ University</b>	<b>Name of the National Visiting Professor</b>
1.	Dr. A.K. Rai, Banaras Hindu University, Professor Ashok Vohra Delhi University, Delhi Professor R.P. Singh Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Professor P.D. Premasiri
2.	Professor R. Gopalakrishnana Head, Madras University, Chennai Professor R.K. Ratnam, Head Mahayana Buddhist Studies Acharya Nagarjuna University Guntur (Dist	Professor William Waldron
3.	Professor A.K. Rai, Head & Professor, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	
4.	Professor Ashok Vohra Delhi University, Delhi	

### **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**

- ICPR has a programme of international collaboration between India and overseas nations to facilitate exchange of views among scholars in the field of Philosophy and other related disciplines. Professor Raghunath Ghosh, North Bengal University, Siliguri visited Paris under Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme for a period of one month with effect from 22 October 2007 to 23 November 2007 to work on the project “The Nyaya Concept of Tarka Reductio ad- absurdum”.

- A delegation comprising Professors K. Ramakrishna Rao, Srinivasa Rao and Godabarisha Mishra was sent to USA for participating in the Conference of XVII in International Congress of the Vedanta at Miami University, Ohio, USA from 20<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007. Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao presented a paper on *Yoga –Advaita Psychology: An Inclusive Psychology for the future*. Professor G. Mishra presented a paper on *Consciousness and its States: Exploring Dharmarajas Concept of Vrtti and Its Implications* and Professor Srinivasa Rao presented a paper on *“The Ontological Gap and the Sadasasadvilaksana of Advaita Metaphysics: Are they logical sound”*.

## **INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHY DAY**

The UNESCO had declared third week of November for celebrating on one of the days, the International Philosophy Day to commemorate the birthday of Socrates. Accordingly, the Council sent circulars to all Departments of Philosophy to celebrate that day by organizing a lecture programme or a symposium, a seminar or a panel discussion or any other programme.

The following Institutions celebrated the day in a befitting manner with the financial assistance from the Council:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Professor</b>	<b>University/Institutions</b>
1.	Prof. G. Vedaparayana	Department of Philosophy, SVU College of Humanities, SV University, Tirupati 517502 (AP)
2.	Dr. Rajinder Kaur Rohi	Reader and Head, Dept. of Religious Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala 147002
3.	Dr. A.K. Rai	Professor and Head, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Faculty of Arts, BHU Varanasi 221005

4. Professor Gayatri Sinha Department of Philosophy, Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur
5. Dr. R.C. Das P.G. Dept. of Philosophy, Centre of Advanced Study, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubneshwer (Orissa)
6. Dr. N. Sreekumar Assistant Professor Philosophy, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai –36
7. Professor S.S. Deshpande Head, Department of Philosophy, Pune University, Pune 441007
8. Professor R.P. Singh Centre for Philosophy School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110067
9. Dr. S.P. Chattopadhyaya Head, P.G. Department of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack 753003
10. Dr. V. T. Sebastian Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, Art Block IV Panjab University, Chandigarh 160014
11. Dr. Ratna Chaudhary Department of Philosophy, Patna University, Patna 800005
12. Professor N. Muthumohan Professor and Head, Department of Guru Nanak Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai 625021 (TN)
13. Dr. Kanchana Mahadevan Reader and Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, Mumbai 400098

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| 14. | Professor Kedar Nath Sharma   | Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu, Jammu 180006  |
| 15. | Dr. Rajjan Kumar              | Reader and Head, Department of Applied Philosophy, Faculty of Education and Allied Sciences M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly |
| 16. | Professor Meenakshi Gupta     | Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai 400076   |
| 17. | Dr. Jyotish Chandra Basak     | Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, Dist. Darjeeling  |
| 18. | Dr. Bhagwant Singh            | Head, School of Studies in Philosophy and Yoga, Pt. R.S.S. University, Raipur  |
| 19. | Professor Nirupama Srivastava | Lucknow University, Lucknow  |
| 20. | Dr. Nini Chanda               | Department of Philosophy, Calcutta University, Kolkata   |
| 21. | Dr. Bijoy Barua               | IIT, Kanpur  |
| 22. | Dr. S. Radha                  | University of Calicut, Kerala  |

## **GRANTS FOR PROJECTS**

To enable scholars to undertake viable projects of their liking, the Council awards contingency grants to scholars.

The following scholars were awarded major/small projects as per details given below:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Scholar</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sanctioned amount</b>
1	Dr. Arpana Dhar Das Darjeeling	A Non-Anthropocentric Approach to Modern Environmental Ethics : A Critical Survey	10,000/-
2.	Dr. Rajjan Kumar Bareilly	Relevance of Socio-Ethical Conceptions on Mahabharata and Republic of Plato to the Modern Society	10,000/-
3.	Dr. Reeta Bagchi New Delhi	Impact of Islam on Indian Culture and Religion	10,000/-
4.	Professor Sangeetha Menon, Bangalore	Source Book of Indian Psychology	2.00 lakhs
5.	Dr. Kanchana Mahadevan, Bombay	Project on Between on Femininity and Feminism: Philosophical Reflection	1.00 lakh
6.	Professor Satchidananda Mishra Varanasi	Development of Navya-Nyaya: Udyana to Gangesha	1.00 lakh
7.	Rasthriya Sanskrit University, Tirupathi	Translation project of six texts.	10.00 lakhs
8.	Professor Gangadhara Rao Visakhapatnam	Project on Phenomenology of Violence.	5.00 lakhs

## **JOURNAL OF INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH**

The Council publishes quarterly a philosophical journal entitled *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR). The journal contains research papers of high quality in the field of philosophy and interdisciplinary studies by scholars from India and abroad. It also contains Discussions and Comments, Notes and Queries, Focus and Agenda for Research, Book Reviews, etc.

During the year under report four issues of the Journal, Volume XXII Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were published. Professor Daya Krishna continued to be the Editor of this Journal

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Under its publication programme, the Council publishes: -

1. Quality work of renowned scholars of philosophy and interdisciplinary studies.
2. Monographs, survey reports, project reports and other works produced by scholars and Fellows of the Council.
3. Selected Proceedings of ICPR sponsored Seminars.
4. Re-publication of rare and out-of-print works of renowned authors in the field of philosophy and interdisciplinary studies.
5. Publication of documentation series.

During the year under report the Council published the following books.

1. Central Problems of Bhartrhari's Philosophy by D.N. Tiwari
2. Author and Subject Index of JICPR Volume-1-XX, compiled by R.S. Bhatnagar.

3. G.C. Pande: The Philosopher, Historian and the Literary Genius, Ed. R.C. Pradhan.
4. Inter Civilizational Dialogue in Peace: Martin Buber & B.K. Mallik by Madhuri S. Sondhi.

### **FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

1. *A study of the Philosophy of J. Krishnamurti*: by S.K. Sen.
2. *Tradition & Truth: Writings in Indian & Western Philosophy* by S.P. Banerjee – Ed. Ishita Banerjee
3. *Ethics Language & Tradition: On the Philosophy of Rajendra Prasad* – Ed. B. Kar
4. *Integration and Multiple Identities Dialectics of Inclusiveness & Exclusion* Ed. Ramakrishna Rao and Godabarisha Mishra
5. *Celestial Love: Bhakti in the Indian Tradition* – Ed. Ramakrishna Rao & Godabarisha Mishra.
6. *Classical Indian Philosophies of Mind & Cognitive Science* Ed. Professor Janak Pande & P.K. Mukhopadhyaya.

### **BOOK EXHIBITION**

In order to promote its publications Council participate in various book Exhibitions/Fairs in different parts of the Country. During the year under report Council displayed its books in the following.

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Book Fair/Exhibition</b>	<b>Name of the City</b>	<b>Duration</b>
1	Display of Books in Bhakti Seminar	Tirupati	December 5-7, 2007

## PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

A salient feature of the current year's activities is planning for long term growth and activities of the ICPR. Towards this end the ICPR prepared several proposals and submitted for funding during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. These include the following:

*An Interdisciplinary Research Project on National Identity:* The ICPR organized a Working Group comprising a number of eminent people including two members of the Planning Commission to discuss a draft research proposal on "National Initiative on Integration and Inclusive Community". Following these discussions a research proposal seeking a grant of 45 crore rupees was submitted, which is currently under the consideration of the Planning Commission.

*Indian Institute of Philosophy:* A proposal to start the Indian Institute of Philosophy (IIP) with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 38.00 crores during the Eleventh Plan period is under consideration by the Government of India. The IIP is conceived as a virtual campus with floating faculty. As Shri Arjun Singh ji, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development saw: "It is an innovative concept in higher education, an interesting blend between traditional campus-bound universities and the distance mode of learning".

A committee constituted by the ICPR is looking into the preparation of a blue print of the proposed Indian Institute of Philosophy.

*Regional Centres:* The ICPR also made proposals for starting one regional centre in South India during the Eleventh Plan Period. It is proposed to add more regional centres as and when the necessary financial resources become available. It is hoped that these centres will help to encourage and strengthen philosophy in different regional languages. It is all too well know that we have in India a wealth of philosophical wisdom in Indian languages that needs to be identified, evaluated, translated and distributed across the country as well as in other parts of the world.

## CONCLUSION

The ICPR has completed 25 years of its meaningful academic presence in the country. All through the years, ICPR has striven to create an academically eventful history for philosophy and its allied disciplines in India. With the visionary and active leadership of Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, ICPR hopes to go from strength to strength and it trying its best to live up to the purpose for which it was started and designed.

Toward achieving this end, (a) numerous committees are constituted, (b) their reports are being reviewed, (c) the necessary changes and improvements in the existing programs are being worked out, and (d) new projects and plans of action are proposed. For all matters relating to Lucknow Center; and steps are taken to explore and obtain suitable space to accommodate the Center. Other activities will follow, once a suitable space to house the Center is secured.

The ICPR submitted extensive developmental proposals to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, which include among others steps (1) to establish the Indian Institute of Philosophy (2) to create regional centres for the ICPR, (3) to organize South Asian Philosophy Congress, and (4) to initiate several new-research programs, including a research proposal for “National Initiative on Integration and Inclusive community” during the Eleventh five Year Plan.

The new leadership at the ICPR is committed to complete transparency, full accountability, honest decision making, and absolute commitment to excellence in the service of students and scholars of philosophy in the country. At the ICPR, there is a new enthusiasm, vigor and vibrancy. With the support of the HRD Ministry, the cooperative collaboration of the community of Indian philosophers, the goodwill and understanding of media and friends of philosophy in the country, the ICPR not only hopes to simply survive but become a perennially functioning, effective and vibrant organization that the nation can be proud of.