



**A FIVE – DAY
ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
25TH TO 29TH AUGUST, 2020**

ON



“शास्त्रेषु शब्दवृत्तिविचारः”

(Śāstreṣu Śabdavṛttivicārah)

[Deliberation on Functions of Words in Śāstras]

Organised by

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Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University

Cooch Behar, West Bengal, India.



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Dear Enthusiasts,

It is with great pleasure that we seek your participation in the five-day-long Online International Conference, 2020 on Śāstreṣu Śabdavṛtti-vicārah, beginning from 25th August, 2020. The conference is being organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, India. We cordially invite you to attend this conference on the above-mentioned dates, from 12 to 4 PM every day.

About the University:

Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (CBPBU) is a public University in Cooch Behar, West Bengal, India. The Government of West Bengal established it under the West Bengal Act XXI of 2012 and The Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University Act, 2012. The University is recognized by the University Grants Commission, which functions under the Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India. It was named after the great 19th-century Rajbangshi leader and social reformist, Thakur Panchanan Barma. Fifteen colleges in Cooch Behar district are affiliated to the University.

About the Department of Sanskrit:

The Department of Sanskrit began its journey with the Master of Arts programme in 2015. Presently, it offers two optional specializations of Kāvya and Veda in the same. The number of seats in the Post Graduate programme is 40. The Department constantly strives to achieve a healthy balance between Modern Sanskrit Literature and traditional subjects, in order to make students aware of the holistic approach of Sanskrit literature. Many pupils from the Department have successfully passed the NET-JRF, NET, and WB-SET examinations. The Ph.D. programme was rolled out in 2019. Today, the total number of research scholars in the Department is 26. Since the beginning, the Department has organized many state level seminars, symposiums, and special lectures. However, this is the first time that it is going to organize a five-day-long Online International Conference. Presently, three faculty members serve the Department. They are very energetic about saving the Sanskrit language and promoting its culture globally.

About the Theme:

Śabda helps us in understanding others' feelings. Although feelings can be conveyed through various gestures and postures, words have the power to convey emotions in the best manner. Therefore, without the presence of Śabda, the entire world will become meaningless and horrifying. Daṇḍi Says -

idamandhaṃ tamaḥ kṛtsnaṃ jāyeta bhuvanatrayam/
yadi śabdāhvayaṃ jyotiḥ āsaṃsāraṃ na dīpyate//

According to Sanskrit Grammarians, Śabda is eternal. All meanings are derived from words. The relation between meanings and words is constant, although the word is eternal. Every word has a power or Śakti to manifest the meaning; otherwise, we could have got the meaning of cloth (Paṭa) from the word of pot (Ghaṭa). This Power or Śakti is defined in ancient Śāstras as the relation that exists between words and their meanings. As says Viśvanatha in the Siddhāntamuktavali "Śaktiśca padena saha padārthasya sambandhaḥ". This relation is called 'Śabda-Vṛtti' or the 'Functions of Words'.

Thus, in India, all the schools of thoughts, such as Vaiyākaraṇa, Naiyāyika, Ālankārika, Mīmāṃsaka and Vaidika accept a functional definition of meaning. In general, we find three types of Vṛtti or Function - Abhidhā (Denotation), Lakṣaṇā (Metaphor / Metonymy), and Vyājanā (Suggestion). Only the school of Ālankārikas accepts all three of them and strongly recommends the understanding of the meanings of various kāvyas. The other schools generally accept only two of them and possess strong opinions about those. Our main focus will be on the varying opinions of those schools about accepting and rejecting the Vṛttis. We will discuss why Vaiyākaraṇas and Naiyāyikas accept only two of them, and why all the three Vṛttis are accepted by Ālankārikas. We shall also consider the views of western philosophical scholars on the subject. We sincerely believe that each eminent and erudite scholar from the different schools mentioned previously will provide us with his/her thoughts and address pertinent questions. We are sure that we will be highly enriched through their lectures.

Sub-themes:

1. Śāstreṣu Śabdavṛttiḥ [Functions of Words in Śāstras]
2. Śāhitye Śabdavṛttiḥ [Functions of Words in Śāhitya]
3. Vyākaraṇe Śabdavṛttiḥ [Functions of Words in Vyākaraṇa]
4. Nyāye Śabdavṛttiḥ [Functions of Words in Nyāya]
5. Vede Śabdavṛttiḥ [Functions of Words in Vedas]
6. Mīmāṃsāyāṃ Śabdavṛttiḥ [Functions of Words in Mīmāṃsā]
7. Functions of Words in Western Philosophy
8. Relation between Word and its Meaning: Indian and Western Views

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Prof. Dr. Jan E. M. Houben

Directeur d'Études, Professor of South Asian History and Philology, Sources et histoire de la tradition sanskrite, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques, Paris Sciences et Lettres, Université Paris, Paris, France.



Topic: Special Lecture by Chief Guest.

Date: 25. 08. 2020

Time: 12:50 P.M.

Prof. Dr. Ayan Bhattacharya

*Professor & Head,
Department of Sanskrit,
West Bengal State University,
Kolkata, West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Special Lecture by Guest of Honour.

Date: 25. 08. 2020

Time: 01:50 P.M.

Prof. Dr. Mau Dasgupta

*Professor, Department of Sanskrit,
University of Calcutta,
Kolkata, West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Valedictory Speech with special reference to Śabdavṛtti in Vedas.

Date: 29. 08. 2020

Time: 03:00 P.M.

Dr. Ramakant Pandey

*Associate Professor,
Department of Vyakaran, Faculty of
Sanskrit Vidya Dharma Vijnan,
Banaras Hindu University,
Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, India.*



Topic: Śābdikanaye Abhidhāvimarśaḥ

Date: 27. 08. 2020

Time: 12:00 Noon

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra

*Associate Professor,
Department of Sanskrit,
St. Stephen's College, Delhi, India.*



Topic: Sāhityaśāstre Śabdavṛttivimarśaḥ: Abhidhāvṛttimātrkā-diśā Kācana Samīkṣā

Date: 26. 08. 2020

Time: 12:00 Noon

Dr. Harekrushna Pattajoshi

*Assistant Professor, Department of
Sanskrit, Ramakrishna Mission
Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah,
West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Alamkāraśāstre Vyañjanāyāḥ Māhātmyam.

Date: 26.08.2020

Time: 2:00 P.M.

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Dr. Shaikh Sabir Ali

*Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit,
West Bengal State University, Kolkata,
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Topic: Śāstrantarakṛta-mīmāṃsaka-
sammata-padaṽṛtti-saṁbandhi-
siddhānta-khaṇḍana-khaṇḍanam
Date: 28. 08. 2020
Time: 12:00 Noon

Dr. Rakesh Das

*Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit
& Philosophy, Ramakrishna Mission
Vivekananda Educational and Research
Institute, Belur Math, Howrah,
West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Samāsaprasaṅge ṽṛttivicārah
Date: 27. 08. 2020
Time: 02:00 P.M.

Dr. Santu Singha

*Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit,
Bankura University, Bankura,
West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Nyāya-śāstra-sammata-
padaṽṛtti-ghaṭita-siddhāntavimarśah
Date: 28. 08. 2020
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Dr. Subhrajit Sen

*Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit,
University of Gour Banga, Malda,
West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Alaṁkāśāstre
Lakṣaṇāvicārah
Date: 26. 08. 2020
Time: 01:00 P.M.

Mr. Pitambar Nirala

*Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit,
Krishnagar Government College,
Krishnagar, Nadia, West Bengal, India.*



Topic: Śābdikanaye Lakṣaṇā-
Vyañjanayoḥ Gūḍhārthaparāmarśah
Date: 27. 08. 2020
Time: 01:00 P.M.

Mr. Deepto Chakraborty

*Ph.D. Scholar, Department of History &
Classics, University of Alberta, Edmonton,
Alberta, Canada & Former
Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit,
Gurudas College, Kolkata, India.*



Topic: Metaphors in the world of
Sanskrit.
Date: 29. 08. 2020
Time: 12:00 Noon

Mr. Tuhin Bhattacharjee

*Ph.D. Scholar, MacCracken Fellow,
Department of Comparative Literature,
New York University, New York, US.*



Topic: Being-in-the-Word:
Language, Meaning, and Deferral in
Plato and Derrida.
Date: 29. 08. 2020
Time: 01:00 P.M.

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Dear Academicians, Faculty Members and Researchers,

The Department of Sanskrit of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University is inviting unpublished original papers/articles to the mentioned theme and sub-themes for oral presentation in this five-day Online International Conference, and also for publication as book chapter in an ISBN book by a reputed publisher.

Important Dates & Schedule:

- ✂ Registration Begins: 10th August, 2020.
- ✂ Registration Ends: 22nd August, 2020.
- ✂ Last date for Submission of Abstract: 22nd August, 2020.
- ✂ Notification for Acceptance of Abstract: 23rd August, 2020.
- ✂ Last date for submission of Full Paper: 31st October, 2020.
- ✂ Programme Schedule: 25th to 29th August, 2020.

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- Font (For Sanskrit): Arial Unicode MS; Size: 14.
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- Word Limit: For Abstract – 500 Words (Max.) and for Full Paper – 5000 Words (Max.) including references.
- References in MLA (8th Edition) style, alphabetically sorted.
- Use Endnotes (Do not use Footnotes).
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