

**RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ON RAMAKRISHNA-VIVEKANANDA  
PHILOSOPHY VIS-À-VIS WESTERN PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHT**

**UNDER THE 'SWAMI ABHEDANANDA CHAIR'**

**FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2021 TO 15 JULY 2022**

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**INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH OF THE CHAIR PROFESSOR, Dr PAROMITA ROY:**

**A. Research Articles in Philosophy and Care Ethics**

1. Upanishadic thought, Swami Vivekananda's educational philosophy vis-à-vis the concept of 'Intellectual Midwifery' of Socrates
2. Ethics of Care as viewed from the perspective of inter-connectedness and inter-relatedness—Buddhistic concept of *pratitya-samutpada* and modern cell biological concepts
3. Swami Vivekananda's Atman-centric Ethics without reference to religion

**B. Books (original and translation)**

1. The Concept of 'One Health'—Philosophical Underpinnings
2. The place of prayer in Jainism and Buddhism:
3. Translation into Bengali "The Soul of Man" by Swami Ramakrishnananda:
4. Translation into Bengali "Classical Indian Philosophies: Their Synthesis in the Philosophy of Sri Ramakrishna"

**C. Design of General Ethics Syllabus and study materials for the Ph.D. scholars**

A comprehensive syllabus is being prepared incorporating the important ideas and theories in Western Ethics and putting them in perspective in the framework of the Indian Wisdom tradition (Bharatiya Jnana Parampara) and also to mark the subtle differences as well as similarities in the Western and Indian understanding of Ethics.

**D. Design of Research methodology syllabus for the Ph.D. scholars**

A comprehensive syllabus is being prepared incorporating the different research methodologies, both Western and Eastern. The philosophical concepts of the Western philosophers, such as the Socrates' midwifery, Cartesian method of Rene Desacartes, Immanuel Kant's Transcendental Dialectic, etc., are placed alongside the research methodology followed in the Upanishads such as Prashna, Taittiriya and the Brhadaranyaka Upanishads wherein the researcher, the seeker of Truth is gradually led to deeper and deeper realms of thought through an open-ended exploration

into the inner Consciousness. It is also shown how the understanding of “Anubandha-catushtaya” forms the key in the research methodology developed by the ancient Indian commentators and researchers into the Shastras.

## **E. Research on Swami Vivekananda’s Four Yogas**

**E.1. Paper on “Swami Vivekananda’s Four Yogas—an overview and their synthesis, a unique contribution of Swami Vivekananda for the modern age”** presented by Dr.Paromita Roy, the ‘Swami Abhedananda Chairholder’ at a recent Webinar to mark the International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2022.

### **RESEARCH UNDER THE GUIDANCE/SUPERVISION OF THE CHAIR PROFESSOR, Dr PAROMITA ROY:**

**E.2. Research Projects undertaken by two Ph.D. scholars on the ‘Four Yogas of Swami Vivekananda’ under the supervision/guidance of the ‘Swami Abhedananda Chair’ Professor, Dr.Paromita Roy:**

E.2.1. Swamiji’s Exposition of Karma Yoga vis-à-vis Western Philosophical thought (Socrates, Kant, Bradley, Thomas Hobbes, Henry Sidgwick)

E.2.2. Swamiji’s exposition of Jnana Yoga vis-à-vis Western Philosophical thought (Socrates, ‘Allegory of the Cave’ in Plato’s Philosophy, World of Reality and the World of sensible particulars, British philosopher Francis Herbert Bradley and his seminal work entitled *Appearance and Reality*)

E.2.3.Swamiji’s unique exposition of Raja Yoga and Patanjali Yoga Sutras

E.2.4. Swamiji’s exposition of the Bhakti Yoga and comparison with Narada Bhakti Sutras

**F. Research Project undertaken on Vedanta by the Ph.D. scholar, Smt. Subarna Paul, under the ‘Swami Abhedananda Chair’**

Translation into Sanskrit of *Introduction to Vedanta Darsana* (forming part of the Bengali discusses in simple and lucid language the twelve schools of Vedanta)

## **G. Seminars/symposia—Paper presentation by research Scholars**

**G.1.. “Swami Vivekananda’s Karma Yoga vis-à-vis Western philosophical thought” by Smt. Subarna Paul—presentation made at a webinar on 19 June 2022**

**G.2. “Swami Vivekananda’s Bhakti Yoga discussed in the light of the Christian Mystics’ Love of God” by Smt. Dhriti Rani Saha—presentation made at a webinar on 20 June 2022** (three Christian mystics chosen among the innumerable mystics: St. Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, and Teresa of Avila)

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## **RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

### **A. Individual Research Activity by the ‘Swami Abhedananda Chair’ Professor, Dr Paromita Roy**

#### **A.1. Research Articles:**

1. Vasudaiva Kutumbakam: Solidarity in hours of crisis with reference to the Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda
2. Yoga samanvaya of Swami Vivekananda

#### **A.2. Books/Booklets**

1. Prayer in Sikhism
2. Prayer in Islam
3. Prayer in Judaism and Christianity

### **B. Under the Supervision/Guidance of the Chair Professor: prepared by the research scholars:**

1. Comprehensive Book containing references to the Four Yogas and Yoga Samanvaya in *Sri Sri Ramakrishna Kathamrita* (both in original Bengali and the English translation, *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*)
  2. Comprehensive Book incorporating comparative analysis of the Four Yogas of Swami Vivekananda and the Four Yogas of Swami Abhedananda
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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

Setting up of a Departmental research library with all the essential texts, rare materials, etc., in Western philosophy, Indian philosophy, religion, Ramakrishna-Vivekananda literature etc., for easy and ready access any time of the day.