

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Name of the Event: *Kantian Epistemology*

Category: Extension Lecture

Date: 3 February 2026

Time: 11 am

Venue: Room No. 8, RKSMVV

Name of Resource Person: Prof. Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya (Retd. Professor of Philosophy, CU)

No. of participants: 27

Brief Description the event:

On 6 February 2026, an extension lecture was organized at Room No. 8 of RKSMVV on *Kantian Epistemology* by the department of Philosophy. The session was delivered by Prof. Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya, retired Professor of Calcutta University and a distinguished scholar of philosophy. The lecture was attended by faculty members, under-graduate and postgraduate students.

Prof. Bhattacharya's speech focused on:

- **Kant's Critical Philosophy:** Prof. Bhattacharya began with an overview of Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, situating it within the Enlightenment context.
- **Synthetic A Priori Knowledge:** He explained Kant's revolutionary idea that knowledge can be both *synthetic* (expanding our understanding) and *a priori* (independent of experience).
- **Forms of Sensibility:** The lecture emphasized Kant's claim that space and time are not external realities but forms of human sensibility that structure all experience.

- **Categories of Understanding:** Prof. Bhattacharya elaborated on Kant's twelve categories, which act as conceptual lenses through which the mind organizes phenomena.
- **Limits of Knowledge:** He highlighted Kant's distinction between *phenomena* (things as they appear to us) and *noumena* (things-in-themselves), stressing that human knowledge is confined to phenomena.
- **Philosophical Relevance:** The lecture connected Kantian epistemology to contemporary debates in metaphysics, cognitive science, and philosophy of mind.

In the inter-active session, Prof. Bhattacharya responded with clarity and depth, encouraging participants to critically reflect on the scope and limits of human knowledge.

The extension lecture provided a comprehensive and insightful exploration of Kantian epistemology. Prof. Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya's presentation enriched the students' understanding of Kant's philosophy and its continuing relevance. The session was both intellectually rigorous and inspiring, leaving participants motivated to engage further with Kant's critical philosophy.



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