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Bio Sketch

Dr. Sebika Nag completed her graduation with Honors in Sanskrit from Presidency College (now Presidency University) in 2007, earning a first-class distinction. In 2006, she was awarded the Tarak Nath Sen Memorial Prize from the same institution. She then completed her M.A. in Sanskrit with a specialization in Advaita Vedanta in 2009, also with first-class, from the University of Calcutta. Dr. Nag earned her M.Phil. in Sanskrit in 2011 (held in 2012) from the University of Calcutta and was awarded a Ph.D. in Sanskrit for her thesis titled “Vedānte Abhinavapraṇavavāda-samīkṣaṇam” from the University of Calcutta in December 2020.

In Vedānta philosophy, numerous stalwarts have made significant contributions to both the intellectual and spiritual realms, including Śaṅkara, Rāmānuja, Nimbārka, Vallabha, and Madhva. Their work has greatly enriched Vedānta literature. Continuing this illustrious tradition, Sītārāmadāsa Oṃkāranāthadeva, in the 20th century, developed his theory of Oṃkāra through his commentary ‘Oṃkārabhāṣya’ on the Brahmasūtra, attributed to Bādarāyaṇa. This theory, known as Abhinavapraṇavavāda, is also reflected in Oṃkāranāthadeva's other works and forms the cornerstone of his doctrine. Dr. Nag's work, “Vedānte Abhinavapraṇavavāda-samīkṣaṇam,” is an effort to present the excellence of the Oṃkāra theory by examining other doctrines, primarily within Advaita Vedanta philosophy.

In addition to her academic achievements, Dr. Nag has had the opportunity to study classical Vedānta texts traditionally under several renowned scholars of Vedānta philosophy. She has also successfully completed several certificates, diplomas, short-term courses, and workshops on Vedānta philosophy and the Indian Knowledge System and Culture. Her research interests include Vedānta and Yoga philosophy.

Papers published in UGC care listed/ peer-reviewed/ refereed journals

- “Śuddhādvaitavedānte Paratattvasamīkṣaṇam”, *Āraṇyakam*, Refereed Sanskrit Research Journal (UGC care listed), Saṃskṛtaprasārapariṣad, Ara, Bihar, ISSN-0975-0061, pp. 11-18, March 2024.
- “Madhuvidyā—whether it is a Parā Vidyā or Aparā Vidyā—An Advaitic Analysis”, *Śodhajyotiḥ*, UGC Care listed and a peer-reviewed Research Journal of Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, ISSN-2350-0700, Year-5, Vol.-5, pp. 170-181, January-December 2023.
- “Śrīmadbhagavadgītāyāṃ Bhaktimārgasyābhinavatvam”, *Journal of Haryana Studies*, Peer-reviewed & refereed, Multidisciplinary, Multilingual Research Journal, Kurukshetra University, ISSN-0454-9201, Vol. 51, Issue-1, 2023.
- “Abhinavapraṇavāde Nādatattvasya Maulikī Bhāvanā”, *Śodhajyotiḥ*, UGC Care listed and a peer-reviewed Research Journal of Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, ISSN-2350-0700, Year-4, Vol.-4, pp. 107-119, January-December 2022
- “Praṇavavādasya Abhinavatā”, *Āraṇyakam*, Refereed Sanskrit Research Journal (UGC care listed), Saṃskṛtaprasārapariṣad, Ara, Bihar, ISSN-0975-0061, pp. 37-55, March 2022
- “Spandanāt sṛṣṭirīti tattve abhinavapraṇavavādasya dṛṣṭiḥ”, *Anvikṣā*, refereed Journal of the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University, ISSN-0587-1646, Vol. XLIII, pp. 139-155, February 2022
- “Music, Sound and beyond of these—a discourse based on The Gita”, *Shodh Navneet* (International Peer-Reviewed Research Journal) ISSN-2321-6581, IJ Impact Factor- 4. 214, Vol. XVII, pp. 117-123, July- December 2021
- “The Supreme Word and its Existence: In the light of Praṇavapremapīyūṣa, the commentary on the Gitā”, *Kurukshetra University Research Journal*, (International) Vol. 55, Issue-I, pp. 20-25, 2021
- “Is Difference (Bheda) Defendable? From the viewpoint of Bhedajayaśrī”, *Our Heritage*, (UGC care listed) ISSN-0474-9030, Vol. 47, pp. 7-11, February 2019
- “Vedāntavyākhyāne Praṇavavādasyābhinavatvam”, *Sārasvatī*, (UGC care listed) ISSN-2321-9072, Vol. II, Issue-I, pp. 271-289, 2018
- “Omākārabhāṣya, the commentary of Brahmasūtra- a new approach of 20th century in Bengal”, *Our Heritage*, (UGC care listed), ISSN-0474-9030, Vol. 45, pp. 93-98, 2018
- “Excellency of Abhinavapraṇavavāda on the theory of Sphoṭa”, *Saṃskṛta Bhāratī*, Refereed Journal, Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta, ISSN-2454-3381, 10th Issue, pp. 86-92, 2017
- “Advaitavedāntin’s Criticism on Pariṇāmavāda in the light of Brahmasūtrabhāṣya”, *Anvikṣā*, Refereed Journal of the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University, ISSN-0587-1646, Vol. XXXVII, pp. 430-437, 2016
- “Saktibhāṣye Vivartavādasya Samīkṣaṇam”, *Our Heritage*, (UGC care listed) ISSN- 0474-9030, Vol. XLII, Part-I & II, pp. 130-150, 2015

General Article

- “Om̐kārabhāṣye Sri Sri Om̐kāranāthadeva”, Mahāvidyā, 2nd year, 2nd Issue, January, 2021
- “Significance of Dola Utsava in Chaitanya Philosophy”, Nilādri Vihāra, February, 2017
- “Upaniṣade śikṣā śikṣaka o śikṣārthī”, Ebong Amra, ISSN-2394-4927, Vol. Upanisad-II, pp. 291-310, 2017
- “Abhinavapraṇavāde sṛṣṭi: Manan o vindu”, Pather Ālo, February, 2016

Invited Lectures/ Papers Presented in Seminars/ Conferences etc.

- Delivered an invited lecture on “Bhaktiyoga” in the National Seminar on Vedanta & Vivekananda, organized by SVVSI on 22nd & 23rd April 2025 at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata.
- Presented a paper “Beyond Logic: Critical Thinking and Philosophizing in Vedānta – A Journey Through the Upaniṣads” in the ICPR Sponsored Periodical Lecture-cum-two days National Seminar on Critical Thinking and Philosophizing, organized by Department of Sanskrit, Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with Mugberia Gangadhar Mahavidyalaya and Sitananda College, held on 26th & 27th March 2025.
- Presented a paper “Women in Vedas: Few Intellectual & Spiritual Perspectives” in the 3-day International Seminar on Women in Vedas, organized by Department of Sanskrit, Pondicherry University and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla and Vedic Vidya Kendra, Puducherry, held on 13th-15th December 2024.
- Presented a paper “Ethics of Janajāti : Few Perspectives in Sanskrit Literature” in the National Level Seminar on Janajati's Contribution to the Development of Indian Knowledge System, organized by Department of Sanskrit, Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya on 05th-06th December, 2024.
- Presented a paper “Human Development through Saṃskāras: In the perspective of Upaniṣads” in a three-day International Seminar on Human Development & Samskar (with Special Reference to Sanskrit Literature) organized by Vedic Vidya Kendra, Puducherry & Department of Sanskrit, Pondicherry University, held on 30th September to 2nd October 2024.
- Presented a paper “Validating Knowledge through Methodology: A Perspective from the Narratives of the Chāndogya Upaniṣad” in one day National Seminar on upaniṣatsu varṇitānām ākhyānānām darśanikasiddhāntānām ādhunikayuge upādeyatā, organized by The Central Sanskrit University, Vedavyasa Campus, Valahar, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh on the 9th September 2024.
- Presented a paper “Objectives and Impacts of Value Based Education from Upanisadic Era to Modern Age” in One Day National Webinar on Objectives and Impacts of Value Based Education organized by Government Adarsh College, Rajgarh, Madhyapradesh on 27th August, 2024.
- Presented a paper “Bridging Science and Spirituality: The Relevance of Shankaracharya's Philosophy in present times” on The Relevance of the Philosophy of Shankara in Modern Day in a two-day International Seminar organized by Central Sanskrit University, Ekalavya Campus, Agartala, Tripura and Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), Delhi, held on 25th & 26th July 2024.

Invited Lectures/ Papers Presented in Seminars/ Conferences etc.

- Presented a paper “Expiation (Prāyaścitta): Its Role & Significance from the Viewpoint of Vedanta Philosophy” in a two-Day National Webinar on Expiation (Prāyaścitta): Its Role & Significance organized by School of Sanskrit, Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur, Odisha on 17th-18th July 2024.
- Presented a paper “Yoga Philosophy and Its Relevance in Contemporary Society” in the ICPR-sponsored one-day National Seminar on Relevance of Indian Philosophy in the Contemporary Society, organized by Yogoda Satsang Palpara Mahavidyalaya on 13th June 2024.
- Presented a Paper “Viṃśasātakīye Vedāntadarśane PañcānanaTarkaratnasyāvadānam: Ekā Samīkṣā” in an International E-Seminar on Ādhunik Sanskrit Sāhitya me Sāmājik Dṛṣṭi organized by Global Sanskrit Forum, held on 17-19th May 2024.
- Presented a Paper entitled “Vedāntaparibhāṣāya Pramālakṣaṇa Ki Yuktiyukta? Advaitavedāntaprasthānera Prekṣite ekaṭi Samanaska Ālocanā” in Three Day National Webinar on Śrutiparamparaṃparāyām Jñānatattvasya Aitihiyamīmāṃsā organized by Mahamahopadhyaya Gopinath Kaviraj Sanskrit Sansthan, held on 19-21 April 2024.
- Presented a Paper “The Solar System Reflected in Rigveda: An Analytical Study in the Perspective of Vedic Astronomy” for the International Conference on Advancement in Natural Sciences: Vedic to Modern Era organized by the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Mathematical & Statistical Sciences of Sri Ramswaroop Vedic Vigyan Evam Navachar Kendra, held on 22-24th February 2024.
- Presented a Paper “Philosophical Issues and Challenges in Education: Ancient & Contemporary Concerns” in a two-day International Seminar on Education in 21st Century: Issues and Challenges organized by the Department of Education; Bankura University held on 9-10th January 2024.
- Presented a Paper “Saṃskāra & Saṃskṛti in Upaniṣads in the perspective of Taittirīyopaniṣad” in an International Conference organized by Global Sanskrit Forum, Sanskrit & Prakṛita Bhāṣā Vibhāga & Lalita Kalā evaṃ Sangīta Vibhāga, Deenadayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur on 7-8th December 2023.
- Presented a Paper “Environmental Issues in Srimadbhagavadgita: Some Reflections” in the two-day International online conference on Whither Postcolonialism? New Directions in Postcolonial Studies, organized by the Department of English, Swarnomayee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya on 1-2nd December 2023.
- Presented a Paper “From Personal (Puruṣa) to Supra-personal (Puruṣottama)—A Vedāntic View of Personality Development in a one-day National Webinar on Vyaktitva Vikāśa ke Vividha Āyāma, organized by Government PG College, Guna, Madhyapradesh, held on 26th August 2023.
- Chaired a session on Saṃskṛtānuprāṇitaṃ Bhāratīyaṃ Vāṅmayam, a National Seminar celebrating Sanskrit Week 2022, organized by The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata, 23-25 February 2023.
- Presented Paper for National Seminar on Life Management and Personality Development through the Philosophy of Bhagawat Geeta, “Gītāyāl Yogaḥ- bhinnabhinnabhāṣānugatabhāṣyānusāreṇa Paryavekṣaṇam”, organized by Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi with ICPR, 2-3 December 2022.

Invited Lectures/ Papers Presented in Seminars/ Conferences etc.

- Chaired a session on Rethinking India's Traditional Knowledge System(s) in the National Seminar organized by The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata, 27-28 September 2022.
- Presented Paper for 6th International Seminar on Viswa Guru Bharat: Lessons from Bhagavadgita, "Srimadbhagavadgitayam bhaktimargasyabhinavatvam", organized by Department of Sanskrit, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, December 2021.
- Presented Paper for International conference on ethics and Philosophy in Gita: Antidotes and challenges and predicament of Humanity, "Celestial Sound: through the saga of music in The Gita", organized by Department of English, Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, September 2021.
- Delivered Lecture at the National Conference on Indian Literature and Mahaprabhu Sri Chaitanyadev, Gaudiya Mission, Kolkata, January 2019.
- Presented paper "Srimadbhagavadgītāyām Bhaktimārgasyābhinavatvam", National Seminar on Sanskrit organized by Department of Sanskrit Studies, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur, Howrah, January 2018.
- Presented paper "Om, the science of sounds—in the perspective of Vedic science as well as modern science", All India Vedic Seminar organized by Sidho-kanho-birsha University, Purlia, West Bengal, October 2017.
- Presented paper "Research Transactions on translated Literature in Vedanta Philosophy and Omkārabhāṣya", National Seminar organized by The Sanskrit College and University. August, 2017.
- Presented paper "Pritha: a name of patience", International Seminar organized by Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta, February 2015.
- Presented paper "Saṃskṛtavidyāyām Dārśanikatā : ādhunikaprasaṅga", International Seminar organized by Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta, January 2014.

Courses Taught

The core texts of Advaita Vedānta such as *Vedāntasāra*, *Vedāntaparibhāṣā*, *Vivaraṇaprameyasaṃgraha* in Shastri (UG level) in Advaita Vedanta, Traditional Oriental Learning.

The core texts of Advaita & Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta such as *Bṛhadāraṇyakopaniṣad*, *Yatīndramatadīpikā*, *Ātmabodha*, *Pratyaktattvapradīpikā*, *Yogadarśana*, Bharatiya Samskriti and Bengal's Contribution to Vedanta Studies in Acharya (PG level) in Advaita Vedānta, Traditional Oriental Learning.

Vedāntasangraha of Rāmarāya Kavi in Vidyāvāridhi (Ph.D.) Coursework programme in Advaita Vedānta, Traditional Oriental Learning.

Tarkasaṃgraha, *Yatīndramatadīpikā*, *Māṇḍūkya-kārikā* and Vaiśeṣikadarśana & Sāṃkhyadarśana from *Sarvadarśanasamgraha*, *Navyanyāyabhāṣāpradīpa* in the Department of Sanskrit.

Interest of Research

Vedanta & Yoga Philosophy

Membership

The Asiatic Society, Kolkata
The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata
Saṃskṛta Sāhitya Pariṣad, Kolkata