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Notification:

Call for Papers for *Reflection: UGB Journal of Philosophy* (Vol. 5, December-2026)

This is for information of all concerned that the Editorial Board of “REFLECTION: UGB Journal of Philosophy” (ISSN: 2583-5890; RNI No: WBENG/2021/81206), the departmental journal of Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga invites scholarly and unpublished papers in the form of original article, book review or critical discussion for its forthcoming volume. Faculty members and research scholars of colleges, universities and institutes of higher education, may send papers at “reflection.ugbjrnphil@gmail.com” for the journal in accordance with the prescribed guidelines as follows. The details regarding the information, instructions, publication policy etc. about the journal are attached herewith.

Last date of receiving the papers is 15th November 2026.

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Primary Information regarding the journal

- **Name:** REFLECTION: UGB Journal of Philosophy
- **Publisher:** Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal, India
- **Papers/queries to be submitted at:**
reflection.ugbjrnphil@gmail.com
- **Nature of the journal:** Peer-reviewed academic journal published by the Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga
- **Starting Year & Month of Publication:** December, 2021
- **Frequency:** Annual
- **Language:** English
- **Subject:** Philosophy (Focus Subject); Arts and Humanities (General)
- **Website link of the publishing university:** www.ugb.ac.in (Announcement/Notice section)
- **Archive link:** https://ugb.ac.in/Ugb_Department_of_Philosophy.php

Publication Policy: Aims, Objectives and Scope

REFLECTION: UGB Journal of Philosophy is an annual and peer-reviewed journal of the Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal, India. It is devoted to the publication of original papers of high standard in any branch of philosophy. Papers from both Indian and Western philosophy are welcome. Authors can be from other disciplines as well, provided their contributions have philosophical and social impact with scientific temperament. The journal enhances the scope of teaching-learning process, promotes creative innovation and research in specific philosophical problems connected with their respective fields of specialization. The editorial board is committed to uphold the quality of the journal.

Articles, reviews, critical discussions that are not published elsewhere will be considered for publication in this journal after blind review and upon the acceptance after positive comments from the reviewers.

- **Transparent Review Policy:** We make sure that there is an absolutely blind peer-review process so that neither the referee/reviewer nor the author is aware of each other's identity in order to avoid any conflict of interest. Blind manuscripts are sent to the reviewers where identity of the authors is not divulged.
- **Article Processing Charges (APC):** The journal does not claim any article processing charges. However, the contributors (apart from the invited papers) are required to pay a nominal subscription fee (incl. postal charge) to collect the print copy of the journal.

- **Publishing Timeline:** Generally the communications about acceptance are made within two months after submission for acceptance/rejection/revision based on the reviewer report. This may, however, vary depending upon the time taken by the reviewer. Reviewers are given 3 to 4 weeks for submission of reports, on request another 15 days are given to them. Revised papers are sought within thirty days after communication. Overall timeline of publication is around four to six months after submission of paper. Authors are requested not to make unnecessary queries about the status of publication.
- **Acceptance Rate:** About 50-60%

Ethical Guidelines

- **Prevention of Plagiarism and Quality Maintenance:** The papers should be free from plagiarized content and should not be published elsewhere. The author should submit a separate declaration in this regard. At the time of submission the author has to provide a plagiarism report on his/her paper, preferably generated by DrillBit, iThenticate or Turnitin. UGC guideline on plagiarism is strictly maintained before considering the papers for publication. The editor/executive editor(s)/associate editor(s) make(s) a preliminary evaluation at first to check whether a paper conforms to the areas, general guidelines and recommended style sheet of the journal, and whether it is within the plagiarism standard recommended by UGC. Only after satisfactory assessment of these criteria the paper is sent to the expert for review, based on the recommendation of the reviewer/referee further communications are made to the author.
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A declaration statement regarding the ethical guidelines has to be submitted by the author in prescribed format after the manuscript is accepted for publication.

Note to the Authors

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- **Instruction related to manuscript preparation:** The authors should prepare a manuscript in MS Word for blind review. The title page should contain abstract/summary of the paper within 250 words along with 8-10 keywords and the author's institutional affiliation. The main paper should consist of the original article (3000-6000 words) or review (2500-4500 words) or critical discussion (1500-3000 words). The paper should have a title in Times New Roman font, 12-size, bold, center-positioned. The main paper should be in 1.15 space, Times New Roman font (11-size and justified). The sub-headings should be bold and 11-size. The Sanskrit terms should be given by using standard diacritical marks. APA 7th Edition should be used for Reference/Bibliography. Footnote is not preferred (unless unavoidable), instead in-text citation will be better to use. Notes may be given at the end of the paper, for this purpose numbers should be put serially by using superscript instead of using the option "Insert Footnote/Insert Endnote". Use single 'tab' instead of 'space' while starting a new paragraph. The submission under CFP must be accompanied by a plagiarism report generated by recognized plagiarism detection software mentioned earlier. The similarity limit is permitted up to 10% as per the UGC norms.
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