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A Special Lecture on ‘A Critical Reflection on the Nyāya Interpretation of Vāda, Jalpa and Vitāṇḍā

A special lecture was organized by the Department of Philosophy on 17th August, 2023 in the Smart Classroom of the Academic Building of the University. The speaker of the lecture was Professor Preetam Ghoshal, Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. The students of 2nd and 4th semester joined the lecture along with the teachers of the department.

The lecture began with an introduction of the speaker by Dr. Sharmistha Dhar. The speaker was felicitated by the students of the department. The speaker first gave an elaborate description and explanation of the background of Nyaya philosophy. This background also threw light on the other schools of Indian philosophy. The speaker then explained very lucidly the primary topic of the lecture i.e. the nature of *Vāda*, *Jalpa* and *Vitāṇḍā*. He discussed how these three methods form an important part of the argumentation process of the Nyaya philosophers. The speaker highlighted on the differences between these three methods of Nyaya argumentation and the intricate relation between them.

The students were greatly benefitted by the lecture as this topic forms an important part of their syllabus. They asked various questions which were satisfactorily answered by the speaker.

The lecture was a successful one. It ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sudip Bag, faculty of the department, to the University authority, the speaker and the students.

