

**UNIVERSITY OF KALYANI**

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**PHILOSOPHY**

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## **Syllabus of Philosophy w.e.f. the session 2007-2008**

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# Honours Course in Philosophy

## Part I

### Paper I & Paper II

**Paper I**  
**Classical Indian Philosophy**

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes : 100**

**Divison of Classes**

1. Distinctive features of Indian Philosophy. (4)
2. Vedic and Upanisadic World Views: Vedic concepts of *Rta* and *Rna*; Upanisadic concept of *Brahman*. (6)
3. Carvaka School : Its epistemology, metaphysics and ethics. (5)
4. Jainism : Concepts of *sat*, *dravya*, *guna*, *paryaya*, *jiva* and *ajiva*; *Anekantavada*, *Syadvada* and *Saptabhangi Naya*; Bondage and Liberation. (10)
5. Buddhism : Theory of dependent origination (*pratityasamutpada*); The four noble truths (Four *arya satyas*); Doctrine of momentariness (*Ksana-bhanga-vada*); Doctrine of no-soul (*Nairatmyavada*); Interpretation of these theories in Vaibhasika, Sautrantika, Yogacara and Madhyamika schools of Buddhism. (12)
6. Nyaya : Four *pramanas*; Causation : *asatkaryavada*; Three kinds of causes : *samavayi*, *asamavayi* and *nimitta*; The individual self and its liberation; The idea of God and proofs for His existence. (15)
7. Vaisesika : Vaisesika system as *samana-tantra*; Seven *padarthas*; *Paramanuvada*; Vaisesika rejection of *Upamana* and *Sabda* as independent *pramanas*. (14)
8. Samkhya : Causation : *satkaryavada* ; *Prakrti* : its constituents; Proofs for the existence of *Prakrti*; *Purusa* : its nature and arguments for its existence; Theory of evolution; (8)
9. Yoga : *Citta*, *Citta-bhumi* and *Citta-vrtti*; Eightfold path (Astanga Yoga); The God of Yoga. (6)
10. Purva Mimamsa : Notions of *jnatata*, *abhava* and *anupalabdhi*. (5)
11. Advaita Vedanta : *Nirguna Brahman* ; *Adhyasa*; *Vivartavada*; *Maya*; Three grades of *sattva*; *Jiva* and *Jagat*; *Jivanmukti*. (10)
12. Visistadvaita : *Saguna Brahman*; Refutation of *Maya*; *Parinamavada*; *Jiva*; Rejection of *Jivanmukti*. (5)

**Suggested Readings:**

- M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*  
Chandradhar Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*  
S. N. Dasgupta : *A History of Indian Philosophy* (Vols 1-4)  
D.M. Dutta & S.C. Chatterjee : *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*  
J. N. Sinha : *Indian Philosophy* (Vols 1 – 4)  
Samiran Chandra Chakraborti : *The concept of Purusarthas*  
Nabananarayan Bandyopadhaya(ed.): *Ancient Indian Views on Truth and Falsity.*

- Satyajyoti Chakraborty : *Sayan Madhaviya Sarba Darsana Samgraha*  
(translated and elucidated) : (in Bengali) *Vol I & II*  
Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bharatiya Darsan* (in Bengali)  
Deepak Kumar Bagchi : *Bharatiya Darsan* (in Bengali)  
Jogiraj Basu : *Veder Parichay* (in Bengali)  
Panchanan Sastri : *Carvaka Darsanam* (in Bengali)  
Dakshina Ranjan Sastri : *Carvaka Darsan* (in Bengali)  
Debiprasad Chattopadhyay : *Bharatiya Darsane Bastubad* (in Bengali)  
Satish Chandra Nyayacharya : *Jaina Darsaner Digdarsan* (in Bengali)  
Panchanan Sastri : *Bauddha Darsanam* (in Bengali)  
Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyaya-Vaisesika Darsan* (in Bengali)  
Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay : *Nyaya-Tattva Parikrama* (in Bengali)  
Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Vaisesika Darsan* (in Bengali)  
Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya : *Samkhya Darsaner Vivarana* (in Bengali)  
Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya Sastri : *Sad-Darsan : Yoga* (in Bengali)  
Bhutnath Saptatirtha : *Mimamsa Darsanam* (in Bengali)  
Rina Roy : *Pravakar Mimamsay Praman O Prameya* (in Bengali).  
Rama Chowdhury : *Vedanta Darsan* (in Bengali)  
Swami Viswarupananda (ed.) : *Vedanta Darsanam – Vol. I* (in Bengali)

**Paper – II****History of Western Philosophy****Full Marks : 100****No. of Classes : 100****Division of Classes**

1. **INTRODUCTION** : The nature of philosophical progress (Falckenberg : (5)  
*History of Modern Philosophy*, Pp. 1 – 6)
2. **PLATO** :Theory of knowledge; Theory of Forms (8)
3. **ARISTOTLE** : Critique of Plato’s Theory of Forms; Theory of Causation; (10)  
Form and Matter
4. **DESCARTES** :Methodical doubt; Criterion of Truth; *Cogito Ergo Sum*; (13)  
*Sum Res Cogitans*; Types of ideas; God : Nature, proof of His existence;  
Mind and Body; The Cartesian Circle.
5. **SPINOZA** : Substance; Attributes and Modes; God=Nature=Substance; (10)  
Pantheism; Mind-Body Problem; Necessity.
6. **LEIBNITZ** :Monadology; Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony; Truths (10)  
of Reason and Truths of Fact; God: Nature, and Proofs for His existence;  
Freedom, Possibility and Evil.
7. **LOCKE** : Refutation of innate ideas; Classification of ideas; (10)  
Knowledge and its grades; Substance and its qualities.
8. **BERKELEY** : Rejection of abstract general ideas; Rejection of the (10)  
distinction between primary and secondary qualities; Immaterialism, *esse  
est aut percipereaut*.
9. **HUME** :Psychological method; Impressions and Ideas; Judgements (12)  
concerning relations of ideas; Judgements concerning matters of fact; Idea  
of causation; Free will and determinism; Humean scepticism
10. **KANT** : Conception of Critical Philosophy; Copernican revolution in (12)  
philosophy; Classification of judgements : Analytic, Synthetic, *a priori*, *a  
posteriori*; Possibility of synthetic *a priori* judgments.

**Suggested Readings :**

- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
- F.C. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* (Vol. iv – vi)
- D.G.O' Connor (ed.) : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
- S.S. Barlingay & Padma Kulkarni: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*
- C.R. Morris : *Locke Berkeley Hume*
- B. Russell : *A History of Western Philosophy*
- Jonathan Bennett : *Locke, Berkeley and Hume*
- John Cottingham : *The Rationalists* (Oxford, 1988)
- R.S. Woolhouse: *The Empiricists* (Oxford, 1988)
- J.L. Ackrill : *Aristotle The Philosopher*
- Jonathan Barnes : *Aristotle : A Very Short Introduction*  
(Oxford University Press)
- Tom Sorell : *Descartes : A Very Short Introduction*  
(Oxford University Press)
- Roger Scruton : *Spinoza : A Very Short Introduction*  
(Oxford University Press)
- G.M. Ross : *Leibniz* (Oxford, 1984)
- J. Dunn : *John Locke* (Oxford, 1984)
- K.P. Winkler : *Berkeley : An Interpretation* (Oxford, 1989)
- A.J. Ayer : *Hume : A Very Short Introduction*  
(Oxford University Press)
- Roger Scruton : *Kant : A Very Short Introduction*  
(Oxford University Press)
- Rasvihary Das : *A Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
- Chandrodaya Bhattacharya : *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*  
( 2 Vols.) [ in Bengali ]
- Swapna Sarkar : *Paschatya Darsan Samiksa* [ in Bengali ]

Samarendra Bhattacharya :	<i>Paschatya Darsaner Itihas</i> [ in Bengali ]
Prahlad Sarkar (ed.) :	<i>Rene Descartes-er Darsan</i> [ in Bengali ]
Prahlad Sarkar (ed.) :	<i>Locke Berkeley Hume –</i> <i>Abhijnatabader Tin Pathikrit</i> [ in Bengali ]
Prahlad Sarkar (ed.) :	<i>Kant-er Darson</i> [ in Bengali ]
Rasvihary Das :	<i>Kant-er Darsan</i> [ in Bengali ]
Satrujit Dasgupta & } Sharmistha Roy (Tr.) :	<i>Paschatya Darsaner Itihas</i> [ in Bengali ] (A Bengali translation of Russell's <i>A History of Western Philosophy</i> )



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PART II

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**Paper III**

**Philosophy of Mind & Political Philosophy**

(Candidates are to answer 6 questions, taking 3 from each group)

**Full Marks : 100**

**No. of Classes : 100**

**Group A : Philosophy of Mind**

**Full Marks : 50**

**No. of Classes : 50**

**Recommended Text :**

Shaffer, J.A. : *Philosophy of Mind*  
(Chapters I, 3, 4, & 5)

**References:**

Arabinda Basu &

Nibedita Chakraborty : *Manodarsan*  
(A translation in Bengali of Shaffer's *Philosophy of Mind*)

Kumar Mitra : *Karta, Kriya O Karma*

**Group B : Political Philosophy**

**Full Marks : 50**

**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. State as an Institution : Plato and Aristotle; Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau, Hegel and Marx. (25)
2. Rabindranath Tagore on Nationalism. (10)
3. Gandhi on the Concepts of Swaraj, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya. (15)

**References :**

- D. D. Raphael : *Problems of Political Philosophy*
- Kymlicka, W : *Contemporary Political Philosophy, An Introduction* (Oxford, 1990)
- Wolff, J : *An Introduction to Political Philosophy* (Oxford, 1996)
- Tagore's Speech entitled 'Nationalism'
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : *Rastra Darsaner Dhara*
- Amalendu Mukhopadhyay : *Samajik O Rajnaitik Tattver Niti*
- Shovanlal Duttagupta }  
& Utpal Ghosh : } *Marxiya Samajtattva*
- Shovanlal Duttagupta : *Marxiya Rastrachinta*
- Dilip Kumar Chattopadhyay : *Adhunik Rastriya Matabader Bhumika*  
(A Bengali translation of Joad's *An Introduction to Modern Political Theory*)
- Nirmal Kumar Sen : *Rastrachintar Itihas*
- Partha Chattopadhyay : *Rastra O Praja*  
(Anustup Publication)  
[ for Tagore's views on Nationalism].
- M. K. Gandhi : *Hind Swaraj.*

**Paper IV**  
**WESTERN LOGIC**

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes :100**

*Recommended Text :*

1. M. Copi & Karl Cohen : *Introduction to Logic*  
(11<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Chapters : 5 — 14.4

*References:*

Indra Kumar Roy : *Pratiki Nyaya* (in Bengali)

Indra Kumar Roy : *Vidheya Nyaya* (in Bengali)

Ramaprasad Das : *Navya Yuktibijnan* [ Vol. 1—4] (in Bengali)

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PART III

PAPERS V, VI, VII & VIII



**Paper VI**  
**Philosophical Analysis**

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes :100**

*Recommended Text :*

John Hospers : *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*  
(First Indian Edition)

Chapters : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8

*References:*

Ramaprasad Das : Darshanik Jijnasa (in Bengali)  
Samari Kumar Samanta : *Darshanik Bishlesaner*  
*Ruparekha* (Vol 1 & 2) (in Bengali)  
Dikshit Gupta : Bishlesani Darsaner Bhumika (in Bengali)  
Rabindranath Das : Darshanik Bishlesaner Bhumika (in Bengali)

**Paper VII**

**Ethics (Eastern and Western)**

(Candidates are to answer 6 questions, taking 3 from each group)

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes :100**

**Group A : (Indian Ethics)**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes :50**

**Division of Classes**

- I. Introduction ; Concerns and presuppositions; Theory of Karma. (10)  
Niskama Karma.
2. Dharma : Its meaning and definition, Savadharna, S dharana (15)  
Dharma, srama Dharma, varn sramadharna, Vidhi; Nisedha;  
Arthavada.
3. Purusarthas and their interrelations (7)
4. Buddhist ethics : Pancasila (5)
5. Jaina ethics : Anuvratas and Mahavratas, Triatna (7)
6. Ideal of Islam (6)

**Group B : (Western Ethics)**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes :50**

**Division of Classes**

- I. The nature of ethics or moral philosophy ; The nature of (12)  
morality; Factors in morality; Kinds of normative judgment.
2. Teleological and Deontological theories of ethics; Ethical (15)  
egoism; Psychological egoism; Act-deontological theories; Rule-  
deontological theories; Kant's theory.
3. Utilitarianism : Act-utilitarianism; General Utilitarianism; Rule (11)  
utilitarianism.
4. Moral and non-moral sense of 'good'; Morality and cultivation (12)  
of traits; Ethics of Virtue.



**References (Group A) :**

- I.C. Sharma : *The Ethical Philosophy of India*  
Samiran Chandra Chakraborty : *The Concept of Purusarthas*  
Darjananda Vargava : *Jaina Ethics*  
Stevenson : *The Heart of Jainism*  
Syed Ameer Ali : *The Spirit of Islam (English and Bengali Version)*  
Laugaksibh skara : *Arthasamgraha (Edited by Swami Bhargananda)*

**References (Group B) :**

- Willaim K. Frankena : *Ethics (Chapters I, 2, 3 & 4)*  
Fred Feldman : *Introductory Ethics*  
(Prentice Hall Inc., 1978)  
  
W. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*  
Somnath Chakraborty : *Nitividyar Tattvakatha*  
  
Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Nitividya*  
(A Bengali Translation of William  
K. Frankena's *Ethics*)  
  
Samarendra Sengupta : *Nitividya*  
Dikshit Gupta : *Nitividya*

**Paper VIII**  
**Special Texts**

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes :100**

The Candidate will choose any one text from Group A and any one from Group B.

**Group A**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes :50**

I. Sadananda Yogindra : *Vedantasara*

Or

Dharmakirti : *Nyayabindu*

**Group B**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes :50**

Hume : *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.*

Or

Jeffrey, R : *Formal Logic : Its Scope and limits (First Edition)*  
*Chapters 1- 6 (Upto Quantification)*

General Course in Philosophy

Part I

Paper I

**PART – I**

**Paper I**  
**Logic (Indian and Western)**

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes : 100**

**Group A (Indian Logic)**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. Nature of *anum na, paksa, s dhya, hetu.* (7)
2. *vy pti, vy ptigraha, par marsa.* (13)
3. *sv rth numiti, par rth numiti, keval nvayi, kevalavyatireki* and  
*anvaya-vayatireki anumiti.* (12)
4. *hetv bh sa.* (18)

**Group B (Western Logic)**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. Introductory topics : Sentence, proposition (traditional and modern interpretation), argument : truth, validity, soundness. (4)
2. Aristotelian classification of categorical proposition. Distribution of terms, Boolean interpretation of categorical proposition. (4)
3. Immediate inference based on the square of opposition; conversion, obversion and contraposition. (8)
4. Categorical syllogism : figure mood, rules of validity; Venn diagram method of testing validity; Fallacies. (12)
5. Symbolic Logic : Use of Symbols. (2)

6. Truth-Functions : negation, conjunction, disjunction, implication, equivalence (2)
7. Tautology, Contradiction, Contingent; Construction of Truth Table. (5)
8. Using Truth Tables for testing the validity of arguments; Testing Statement forms as Tautology, contradiction and contingent. (6)
9. Cause : Mill's Methods of Experimental enquiry. (7)

### **Suggested Readings :**

- C. Bhattacharya : Elements of Indian Logic and Epistemology.  
S. S. Barlingay : A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic.  
S.C. Chatterjee : The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.  
Gopinath Bhattacharya : Tarka Samgraha with Dipika  
(Elucidated)  
Indira Mukhopadhyay : Tarka Samgraha with Dipika  
(Translated)  
Kanailal Poddar (ed.) : Tarka Samgraha with Dipika  
I.N. Copi : Introduction to Logic (latest Ed.)  
Indra Kumar Roy : Pratiki Nyaya  
Rama Prasad Das : Paschatya Darsan O Juktivijnan

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Part II

Paper II & Paper III

**PART – II**

**Paper – II**

**Ethics (Indian & Western) and Psychology**

**Full Marks : 100**

**No. of Classes : 100**

**GROUP A**

**(Part I : Indian Ethics)**

**Full Marks : 50**

**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. *Purus rtha* (A General View) (4)
2. *Karma* (*sak ma* and *Nisk ma*) (4)
3. *C rv ka* Ethics (4)
4. Buddhist Ethics : The Four Noble Truths and the Eight -fold Path,  
Pancasila. (7)
5. *Jaina* Ethics : Concept of *Ahims* , *Anubrata*, *Mah brata*, *Triratna*. (6)

**(Part II : Western Ethics)**

**Full Marks:50**

**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. The Nature and scope of Ethics (3)
2. Moral and Non-Moral actions. (3)
3. Object of Moral judgment. (3)
4. Teleological Ethics : Utilitarianism, Hedonism. (5)
5. Deontological Ethics : Kant. (5)
6. Theories of Punishment. (6)

**GROUP B**  
**(Psychology)**

**Full Marks :50**  
**No. of Classes :50**

**Division of Classes**

1. Sensation : What is sensation? Attributes of sensation; Weber-Fechner Law. (6)
2. Perception : What is perception? The relation between sensation and perception; The Gestalt Theory of perception. (8)
3. Memory : factors of memory; Laws of association; Forgetfulness. (8)
4. Consciousness : Different levels of consciousness; Evidence for the unconscious; Freud's theory of dream. (12)
5. Learning : The trial and error theory ; the Gestalt theory; Pavlov's conditioned reflex theory. (8)
6. Intelligence : Measurement of Intelligence; BinetSimon test. (8)

**Suggested Readings :**

- Bhagvad Git : Relivant Chapters.
- I.C. Sharma : Ethical Philosophies of India.
- S. K. Maitra : The Ethics of the Hindus.
- Surama Dasgupta : Development of Moral Philosophy of India.
- W. Frankena : Ethics.
- W. Lillie : An Introduction to Ethics.
- S.C. Chatterjee : Fundamentals of Hinduism.
- Somnath Chakraborty : Nitividy r tattvakath
- Samarendra Bhattacharya : Nitividya
- Night & Night : An Introduction to Psychology
- Pritibhusan Chattopadhyay : Manovidya
- Ira Sengupta : Manovidya
- Jagadishwar Sanyal : Manovidya



**Paper – III**  
**Epistemology and Metaphysics (Indian and Western)**

**Full Marks :- 100**  
**No. of Classes :- 100**

**Group A**  
**(Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics)**

**Full Marks :- 50**  
**No. of Classes :- 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. *C rv ka* Epistemology : - *Pratyaksa* as the only source of knowledge; refutation of *Anum na* and *abda Pram nas*. (6)
2. *C rv ka* Materialism. (4)
3. *Ny ya* Epistemology : *Pratyaksa*, *Upam na* and *abda*. (10)
4. *Jaina* view of *Nyaya* and *Sy dv da*. (5)
5. Buddhist view of *Patitya Samudp da*, Universal Flux, *Nair tmyav da*. (6)
6. *Vaisesika* Metaphysics : Seven *Pad rthas*, *Param nuv da*. (12)
7. *Advaita* Metaphysics : *Brahman*, *M y* , Relation of *Jiva* and *Brahman* (*Sankara* and *R m nuja*). (7)

**Group B**  
**(Western Epistemology and Metaphysics)**

**Full Marks :- 50**  
**No. of Classes :- 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. Knowledge : Definition and kinds : Propositional knowledge its necessary and sufficient conditions; knowing how and knowing that; knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. (15)
2. Sources of knowledge : Rationalism, Empiricism, Kant's theory. (8)
3. Nature of Knowledge : Realism, Naive Realism, Scientific Realism, Subjective Idealism (Berkeley). (10)
4. Causality : The Regularity and the entailment theory of causation. (7)
5. Mind-Body Problem : Interactionism, Parallelism and Identity theory. (10)

**Suggested Readings :**

- S.C. Chatterjee : The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.
- S.K. Maitra : Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics and logic.
- N.Hiriyann : Outlines of Indian Philosophy
- S.C.Chatterjee and D.M. Dutta : An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.
- C.D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bh ratiya Dar an.*
- Dipak Bagchi : *Bh ratiya Dar an.*
- John Hospers : An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.
- A.C. Ewing : Fundamental Questions of Philosophy.
- Ram Chandra Pal : Darsan Parichaya.
- Ramaprasad Das : Paschatya Darsan O Juktibijnan.
- Devika Saha : Darsanik Samasyabali.

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Part III

Paper IV

**PART III**

**Paper IV**

**Philosophy of Religion and Social and Political Philosophy**

**Full Marks : 100**  
**No. of Classes : 100**

**Group A**  
**(Philosophy of Religion)**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. Nature and anthropological Origin of Religion (Galloway). (14)
2. Arguments for the Existence of God (Hick) (12)
3. Arguments against the Existence of God (Hick) (12)
4. *Jnana, Karma, Bhakti and Yoga as Moksa-margas. (Git)* (12)

**GROUP B**  
**(Social and Political Philosophy)**

**Full Marks : 50**  
**No. of Classes : 50**

**Division of Classes**

1. Nature and scope of social and political philosophy. (4)
2. Individual, Society, Community, State, Nation. (12)
3. Social Institutions : Family, Marriage, Property, Education and Religion. (17)
4. Political Ideologies : Democracy its different forms : Utopian and Scientific; Sarvodaya. (17)

### **Suggested Readings :**

Bhagvad Git	: Relevant Chapters
Galloway	: Philosophy of Religion
John Hick	: Philosophy of Religion
Gisbert	: Fundamentals of Sociology
N.V. Joshi	: Social and Political Philosophy
A.K. Sinha	: Outlines of Social Philosophy
G.R. Madan	: Theoretical Sociology
D.D. Raphael	: Problems of Political Philosophy
K.G. Mashruwalla	: Gandhi and Marx
K. Roy & C. Gupta (ed.)	: Essays in Social and Political Philosophy
Rabindranath Das	: Dharmadarsan
Susil Kumar Chakraborti	: Dharmadarsan