

**Workshop**  
**On**  
**Philosophical Skill Development for PhD Students of Philosophy**  
**(ICPR, Academic Centre, Lucknow, 1-11 December 2011)**

ICPR is going to organize a 10 - day Orientation Workshop on Philosophical Skill Development for PhD Students of Philosophy from December 1 to 11, 2011 under the directorship of Professor P.R. Bhat at its Academic Centre, Lucknow. A brief write-up is given below.

The workshop is meant primarily for students working for their PhD degree in different universities and institutions. Different skills that go into making a scholar philosophical would be the focus of the workshop. Active participation of the research scholars would be essential for the success of the workshop. The workshop aims at demonstrating and cultivating the following skills: 1 Imaginative reading of a philosophical text, 2 Philosophical note making, 3 Listening skill, 4 Different methods of philosophizing, 5 Art of imaginative interpretation, 6 How to be innovative and creative, 7 Philosophical essay writing: literature review, research papers, book reviews, review articles, discussion papers, 8 Presentation skill, 9 Responding to questions, 10 Referencing, Bibliography and Indexing. It is hoped that the research scholars learn to creatively use the skills that are articulated in the workshop. All students should bring at least one research paper written by them for the workshop.

Certain printed material for deliberation would be provided. Certain themes and problems to work on the spot would be thrown open. Certain examples will be provided to show how one can be innovative and creative. Criticisms and counter criticisms would be encouraged. The art of debating would be appreciated. The quiet and shy students will be persuaded to come out of their shell. The research scholars would be made to present their papers. Fruitful suggestions from all dimensions would be made available to improve the paper. Examples would be drawn from both Western philosophy and Indian philosophy.

Each student will be asked to offer criticisms and suggestions on papers of others. Students would be divided into groups and have brain-storming sessions on certain philosophical issues. The task of identifying good philosophical questions from that of bad philosophical questions would be rehearsed. How to use one's own philosophical intuition as resource would be demonstrated.

The teachers would adopt the mode of interacting depending on what they want to achieve. However, the emphasis would be on interaction and not on lecturing. Each student is expected to learn from the examples provided. It is expected that some students are at advanced stage of their research, some others have made some progress in their research and others are just beginners. To

the extent possible, individual attention would be paid, however it is expected that students learn from the experience of others. In the last phase of the workshop the students are expected to write a report on the workshop.

**P. R. Bhat**  
**Director of the Workshop**

Research Scholars of Philosophy who are interested in participating in the workshop may send their application with their curriculum vitae to the Director(P&R), ICPR, 3/9 Vipul Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226 010 latest by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Besides this they are supposed to fill up the enclosed form also. Selection will be made on the basis of the criteria fixed by the Director of the Workshop.

Dr. Mercy Helen  
Director(P&R),  
Lucknow

APPLICATION FOR ICPR ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

On  
**Philosophical Skill Development for PhD Students of Philosophy**

**Name** :

**Address for correspondence** :

**Contact Nos.(mobile & land line/  
Email address)** :

**Sex** :

**Nationality** :

**Name of the affiliated University/  
Institution** :

**Present position** :

**Qualification** :

**Area of Specialization** :

**Complete address of the forwarding  
Institution** :

**Place:**

**Date :**

**Signature**

**To**

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