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The empirical study in this book focuses on the small water bodies of Kolkata. Including a social survey, a history of less-known but important water bodies, water quality analysis, some narratives of a people’s movement and a scrutiny of environmental politics, this book presents a new understanding of an important natural resource. The study in this book holds particular relevance across the developing world, and will hopefully lead to better water management in other continually expanding urban areas.

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Manuals on weapon-training from Bengal’s Revolutionary period are rare. Along with Lathikkhela ho Asisikha (fighting with sticks and sword-play), this volume brings together the publicity-shy Pulin Behari Das’s life-long research and practice—unpublished manuscripts on training with the long-stick, knife and dagger, on archery, and free-hand self-defence (jujutsu). A rare instruction manual, Barolathi ba raibansh khela (on the long-stick and Raybansh), written by Das’s student, Jyotirmay Deb Ray Thakur of Dhaka-Bikrampur, and a brief list of forgotten Bengali strongmen compiled by Samar Basu are appended here. This is an indispensable source-book for those interested in the history of stick-fighting and armed martial training in Bengal.

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The Tamang song in the Nepali language is called Tamang Selo. The repository of Tamang literature is largely oral, embodied in the songs and tales that are handed down from generation to generation.

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The work is an attempt to understand the nature of philosophical discourse as depicted by the Maharshi Gautama in Nyayasutra, as explicated by later commentators such as Bhasarvajna, Varadraja, Kesava Misra, Samkara Misra, Jayaram Nyayapancanan and so on. The different schools of Indian philosophy did not flourish in isolation, and were developed through a process of mutual dialogue and debate. This work pays close attention to the positions held by the Nyayikas in arriving at a fuller understanding of Nyaya philosophy.

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This volume collects sixteen articles on the field of ethics. Ethics is at the current time considered to be a practical rather than theoretical field, but this volume concentrates on the larger theoretical issues in moral philosophy. This fills a gap in the field of Indian philosophy which shows a paucity of separate studies on moral issues.

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This volume features a collection of contemporary essays about women poets writing in northern America over a period of two centuries. Foregrounding changing socio-cultural and political mores, understandings and issues, the essays illuminate a spectrum of aspects of modern life, and its ideological precedents in northern America. The essays feature women poets with a wide variety of concerns. The public and political concerns of Phillis Wheatley and Emma Lazarus are explored, as are the private and political concerns of Marianne Moore, H.D. and Gwendolyn Brooks. Muriel Rukeyser and Adrienne Rich’s demarcation of a changing world finds a place beside Sylvia Plath’s insistence on the power of her own voice. The Nuyorican poet Julia de Burgos tells of her own route, while Tracy Chapman and the Affrilachian poets speak their anger of a world that makes such a route impossible for the poor and marginalised. A distinctly contemporary concern with ecology concludes the seventeen essays of this volume.

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One of the greatest political thinkers of all time, Niccolò Machiavelli lived during the exciting but turbulent times of the European Renaissance, in an Italy devastated and divided by political intrigue, and yet home to exciting new experiments in thought, art, and literature. The scope of Machiavelli’s work extended from ancient Greece and Rome to contemporary history, to which was added his experience in politics and administration. His perspective was radically pragmatic—though many considered him an enemy of morality and humanity—but informed at the same time by deep empathy towards his fellow citizens. Of all his writings, it is *Il Principe* or ‘The Prince’ which is most closely identified with his style and repute. This is the first time that the treatise is being translated into Bengali from the original Italian.

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The rare genius of Leonardo da Vinci found expression in both the arts and the sciences, or more correctly, at their intersection, at the levels of both theory and practice. His drawings were few but his designs of machines and of self-invented processes were many, though only a few of these designs were actually executed. For, Leonardo’s chief implements were not the hand or the eye, but intellect: his aim not to fashion a new reality but to train the mind. His innumerable hand-written notebooks are witness to his cognitive practice. They comprise observations on the application of science in the arts, especially in optics and physiology. To these are added reflections on subtle expressions of artistic feeling, intimate perceptions of nature and elementary theories of aesthetics. Leonardo’s unpublished MSS are immensely significant for our understanding of not just the arts and the science, but the whole gamut of human knowledge and consciousness. This volume comprises sections from the notebooks, translated for the first time from the original Italian into Bengali.

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Francesco Petrarca, or Petrarch, survives in literary history not only as the author of a significant body of literary works, but also as a person, a self, a subject. Writing in the European Middle Ages, he is a critical figure in the cultural turn known as the Renaissance. He speaks of himself as standing between two worlds, looking back at classical antiquity, and forward to a rebirth of classical culture through the labours of humanist scholarship. In nineteenth-century India, at the peak of what is sometimes called the Bengal Renaissance, Michael Madhusudan Dutt adapted the Petrarchan sonnet to create the new poetic form of the chaturdashpadi, or ‘fourteen-liner’, while the young Rabindranath Tagore’s translations of some of Petrarch’s Canzoniere survive to this day in his own handwriting. This volume, based on a major conference held at Jadavpur University in 2004, one of the official worldwide events celebrating the seventh centenary of Petrarch’s birth, brings together fourteen essays by Petrarch scholars.

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This anthology brings together debates on Indian films from the early sound era. It situates the significant yet somewhat unknown arguments on Indian cinema within the framework of political history. Aural Films, Oral Cultures translates and collates rare essays, particularly in Bengali, for a wider readership. A large number of the articles were published from Kolkata, in both English and Bengali, and cover a range of issues including problems of cinema as art, the technology of cinema, the new technology of sound, problems of language, as well as the interrelations of cinema and literature, cinema and theatre, cinema and music, the economics of the film industry; and questions of realism and reform. Some of the essays anthologised here contain fascinating descriptions of the period of the so-called ‘talkies’ and are invaluable documents from the early sound era.

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Cheen bhraman (1906) by Indumadhab Mallik was the first published instance of a travelogue of China in the Bengali language. But six years before the publication of the work, a soldier of fortune named Ashutosh Roy took ship for China from Calcutta.

After living there for several years, he returned to India and published an account of his experiences in eight installments in Prabashi magazine. This is the first time that this rare and fascinating account of China, Hong Kong and Singapore is being published in the form of a book.

The Triumph of Life was Shelley’s last major work before his death in 1822. Composed in the Italian terza rima, the work is a visionary meditation on the nature of being and reality, mixing dream-vision with the chaos of history.

Nearly two centuries after its writing, the work has been translated into Bengali, for the first time, by eminent scholar Malini Bhattacharya. The translation is accompanied by an introductory essay by the translator, as well as a detailed critical apparatus.
In 1806, Henry Sargent, a student at Fort William College in Calcutta, translated the first four books of Virgil’s epic *Aeneid* from Latin into Bengali. Four years later, the translation of the first book was published by the Mission Press at Srirampur. The book then disappeared from circulation, though stray references to it were found in contemporary accounts and catalogues.

In 2010, a copy of the book was found in the library of Regent’s Park College, Oxford. Jadavpur University Press is proud to reprint the work, over two centuries after its first publication. This edition contains a facsimile version of the book along with a detailed critical apparatus, which includes a trilingual rendition of the text. We believe that this edition will restore to Henry Sargent his rightful position as one of the pioneers of Bengali prose.

In 1970, the first-ever complete translation into Bengali of the Latin epic *Aeneid* was published under the imprint of Jadavpur University. The translation, carried out by the legendary Fr. Robert Antoine and Hrisikesh Basu, has long been out of print. JUP is proud to reissue the work, with a new introduction by noted writer and scholar Nabaneeta Deb Sen.

Translators: Robert Antoine was born in Dolhain, Belgium in 1914 and joined the Society of Jesus in 1932. He came to India in 1939 and was one of the founding faculty members of the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, in 1956. Some of his works include an English translation of Kalidasas *Raghuvamsa* (1972), a translation of seven Theban plays into English (1974) and Rama and the Bards, *Epic Memory in the Ramayana* (1975).

Hrishikesh Basu was a Sanskrit scholar whose publications include *Kadambari o gadyasahitya shilpabichar*.
Manodarshan: Sarirbad a tar bikalpa

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Manodarshan: Sarirbad o tar bikalpa is an anthology of thirteen essays dealing with issues of manodarshan, or the philosophy of the mind. The anthology brings to the Bengali readers international research relating to the fields of philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology and their regrowth, reflecting rapid advances in the field of cognitive sciences. The essays centre on the pivotal theme of Descartes’ philosophy of mind. This book, one of the first of its kind in the Bengali language, is aimed at the students of philosophy and will appeal to researchers and students alike.

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Some philosophers believe that the Indian religious tradition is not a coherent discipline. This book is an attempt to address and contest such a notion and collects eleven scholarly articles on the Indian religious tradition, covering seminal texts on Indian philosophy such as the Vedas, the Upanishadas, the epics, the Geeta and so on. The authors of the articles have paid close attention to not only the primary sources, but also to reinterpreting such sources in the light of modern philosophical ideas.

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This volume is a collection of twelve scholarly articles devoted to the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, with particular emphasis on his two seminal works *Tractatus* and *Philosophical Investigations*. Though the contributors have interpreted Wittgenstein in their own ways, there is an underlying coherence to the volume which tries to show the logical progression of Wittgenstein's cognitive processes. This book will appeal to a wide range of readers, from those who would like to be acquainted with the rudiments of his philosophy to those who would like to engage more deeply with him.

Editors: Tushar Kanti Sarkar, Shefali Maitra, Indrani Sanyal

Written sometime during the tenth to the fourteenth century CE, Kesav Mishra's *Tarkabhasha* (The Language of Logic) remains one of the most popular introductions to the Nyaya-Vaisheshika school of thought. As one of the six orthodox schools of ancient Vedic philosophy, the Nyaya school is said have originated from the philosopher Aksapada Gautama, sometime during the second century BCE. Closely aligned to atomic Vaisheshika philosophy of later centuries, the Nyaya theorists devised a metaphysical system through which they identified sixteen distinct traditional inferential zones of philosophical logic necessary for the holistic and metaphysical conceptualisation of meaning that pervades the universe. Translated into Bengali for the first time, this annotated edition of *Tarkabhasha* retains the flavour of the original Sanskrit text, while providing the reader with detailed notes and a glossary of technical terms.

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**Tarkabhasha Part I**

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Acharya Bidhusekhar was one of the few who were privileged to have come into close contact with Rabindranath Tagore. Some of his reminiscences of the poet were later published in the magazine *Prabashi*.

The current volume brings together these articles, along with additional material in the form of more writings by Acharya Bidhusekhar. This volume was published to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Rabindranath Tagore in 2011, and was also the first publication of the Jadavpur University Press.

This volume presents a series of *belles-lettres* by Amiya Bandyopadhyay, wife of the noted scientist Sudhangshukumar Bandyopadhyay and sister-in-law of the well-known Bengali novelist Manik Bandyopadhyay. Originally published as short essays in a column titled *Khana-smriti* in the monthly magazine *Basumati*, it presents a lively account of the times, through the perspective of a highly observant and engaging writer.

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