



Name: Prof. Rekha Navneet

Designation: Professor

Department: Department of Philosophy

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Work Experience: Educational Background, Research interests, Administrative and Co- Curricular activities

Prof.(Dr.) Rekha Navneet has been teaching Philosophy to undergraduates for over 30 years. She has also taught MA students for one semester in 2013 as part of co-operative teaching (as a guest faculty.) She has been 'Research Supervisor' for scholars pursuing their MPhil and PhD from Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, since 2018. Two scholars have also been awarded MPhil. Two scholars have been awarded their PhD degree. Currently, she has 8 (eight) PhD scholars working under her Supervision.

1. Educational Background:

Professor Rekha Navneet received her PhD degree from Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi in 2004, under the supervision of Prof Ashok Vohra. Her thesis was on 'Love: A Conceptual Analysis'. She worked on Plato's Symposium and Phaedrus (both from English translations), and a part of Lucretius' 'On Nature of Things' (translated version of his De-Rerum Natura).

She has been a recipient of ICPR's JRF between 1992 and 1994. She also cleared UGC's NET in 1991.

Research areas that Prof. Rekha Navneet has been working on are Plato's Philosophy, Aesthetics, Art and Film Appreciation, Gender and Love, Applied Ethics, Bio-Medical Ethics, Philosophising the Contemporary Technology, specially with reference to the Continental Tradition, and Indian Scriptural Cultural discourse as an Indian Knowledge System Narrative

Orientation/Refresher Courses/ FDPs : Attended/ Participated

- She has done an Orientation Course from Jamia Milia Islamia-ASC in 1999, and received a Certificate of Merit.
- She has successfully completed two Refresher Courses of Three Weeks each which are:
 1. At KNC (University of Delhi) in association with ICPR held between 26th March and 15th April, 2001.
 2. At UGC-ASC Sponsored RC on 'Women's Studies' at South Campus, University of Delhi, held between 16th January and 6th February, 2006.
- Attended on line FDPs in 2020-2022, which are:
 1. Attended an online course on 'Digital Teaching Techniques' held by ICT Academy between 29th June and 4th July, 2020.
 2. Attended an online FDP Course on 'Psychological Skills for Effective Teaching and Learning' held by TLC, Ramanujan College in association with PMMMNMTT, between 6th and 12th January, 2022. Earned Grade A.
 3. Attended an online course on 'The Advaita Vedanta Tradition and the Possibilities for a Hindu Theology of Liberation' by GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) under Ministry of Education, held by IIT-Tirupati between 25th and 29th April, 2022.
 4. Sadhna Saptah under Rashtriya Karmayogi programme Gargi College (University of Delhi), a Govt of India initiative, held by Illumine Knowledge Resources in April, 2026.

3. Resource Person for Orientation/Refresher Courses/online FDPs:

- **Prof. Rekha Navneet has been a Resource Person for Orientation Course (OR-64) at CPDHE-ASC, Delhi (8/12/2010), Presented on 'Philosophy, Meanings, Methods and Relevance'**
- **Resource person for a Refresher Course in Philosophy at JNU (23/07/2019). Presented on 'Aesthetics: Meaning, Nature and Debates.'**
- **Resource Person at FDP organized online by TLC, Harsingh Gour Vishvavidyalaya, Sagar and Mata Sundri College (DU) on 16th September, 2021. The FDP was on Indian Knowledge Systems. Presented her lecture on 'Traditional Indian View of Aesthetic Experience'**

- **Resource Person at an FDP organised by Devi Ahalya Vishvavidyalaya (Indore) and UGC-ASC on Human Values and Professional Ethics from 31/07/2023 to 05/08/2023.** Presented a lecture on **'Bio-medical Ethics' on 3/8/2023.**
- **Resource Person at an FDP organised, in a Hybrid Mode, by Amity Academic Staff College and Amity Institute of Social Sciences on 'Trends, Transformative Learning and Applied Research in the Field of Social Science and Humanities' held between 2nd and 9th June 2025.** Her Presentation on **6th June 2025 was on 'Philosophical Tools and Analysis in Research and Ethics'.**
- **Current Year: Resource Person at the Regional FDP organised by ICPR between 23rd February and 1st March 2026, on Contextualising Traditional Indian Philosophy in Viksit Bharat.** Her Presentation was on 25th February, 2026.

5. Other Roles in Pedagogy: PhD Supervision

Currently, Professor Rekha Navneet is one of the Research Supervisors commissioned by Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

- Prof. Rekha Navneet is **supervising Eight PhD students**, who are pursuing their research at Delhi University's Department of Philosophy. Their research areas, by and large, are Gender, Bio-Ethics, Plato's Philosophy, Heideggerian Thought, and Aesthetics
- Three of these students has already been awarded her PhD degree. One was awarded in 2021, and two in 2026. The areas of Research of these scholars were: Feminism (Relocating Rousseau's General Will) Philosophy of Education (Socratic methodology and Heideggerian reference to Wonder), Aesthetics and Epistemology (Kant's theory of Imagination).
- Two of her MPhil students have also been awarded their degrees on areas related to Buddhist Ecology and Policy Making, and Kant's Transcendental Imagination, Aesthetics.
- Prof. Rekha Navneet is also an advisor in the advisory committee for 3 PhD scholars, and was on board for another scholar who has been awarded her PhD degree.

5. Curriculum Framework

Prof. Rekha Navneet has been in the committee for **Courses Revision, in Philosophy**, University of Delhi, in 2005 (New Scheme), 2012/13 (FYUP), 2015 (CBCS), 2018/19 (CBCS-LOCF) and 2021/22/23 (NEP-UGCF).

She also designed a course on 'Motherhood and Surrogacy' as a **Thesis Specific Course** for a PhD Scholar's Course Work in the academic session 2022-2023.

Two of her **publications have been approved and included in Curricula for two Generic Elective Papers ('Care Ethics' and 'Philosophical Counselling')** being offered by Philosophy Department to Delhi University Undergraduate students. She was a part of designing these courses as well.

6. Administrative/Co-Curricular/ Student Related Activities in College and as Part of University of Delhi

Committees:

- **Teacher Advisor** to Students' Union:1997-99
- **Member, founding committee, Pathfinder** (co-convenor): 2006
- **Member**, Proctorial Board,:2006
- **Member**, Founding Committee, UKIERI: 2011-13
- **Member**, Founding Committee, Gandhi Study Circle: Since its inception and continuing till date.

- **Course Coordinator for an Add-on** Course on '**Professional Ethics**' in the Academic Session 2006-2007.
- **Member**, Upstage: 2014-2015.
- **Member**,Magazine Committee :2018-2020
- **Member**, Founding Committee, Gargi Media Cell (co-convenor)
- **Convenor: Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (White Rose Club under its gamut) since September, 2023- 31st July2025.**
- One of the founding members for establishing the centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (Academic session,2025-26)

7.Administrative duties:

- **Deputy Superintendent: Examinations**, Nov-Dec,2011.
- **Co-coordinator: NAAC, 1st cycle**,2014-15 session
- **Member by Nomination: Screening Committee for Promotion, Humanities.** 2020-21
- **Association Advisor:** Dept of Philosophy, Done it 5 times,so far.

- **TIC:** Department of Philosophy: 4 times, and did **one year for another** Department (Dept of Physical Education) in 2017.
- **Overall Convenor/Nodal officer,** Humanities Convenor: **Undergraduate Admissions**, and PG admissions, **Academic Session 2025-26.**

8. Organising Conferences/ Seminar/Workshops:

- **Convenor:** National Inter-disciplinary Seminar on 'Human Rights' held on 17th February, 2009.
- **Convenor:** International Multi-Disciplinary Seminar on 'The Electronic Media: Impact on National Cultural Identity', held between 10th and 11th December, 2009.
- **Member Organising Committee** for an Inter-Disciplinary Seminar (Departments of Philosophy, Elementary Education and Psychology) under the Aegis of IQAC, on 'Mentoring the Teacher Mentors: Capacity Building' between 19th and 20th January, 2018.
- **Three Member Organising Committee for an Interdisciplinary Webinar Series (organized by depts of English, Elementary Education and Philosophy) on**

'Writing as a Cognitive Ability' held in 2020 on 2nd November, 9th November and 7th December, 2020.

- **Member, Advisory Board, for a Multi-disciplinary Conference on 'Revisiting Well-being: Challenges, Perspectives and the Road Ahead' to celebrate Delhi University's Centenary Year.** (October, 2022- February, 2023). Conference was held on 1st and 2nd February, 2023.
- **Co-Convenor** for a Multidisciplinary Conference on '**NEP2020: Challenges and Opportunities**' held on 3rd and 4th November, 2023.

II) Publications and Presentations:

1. Publications:

Prof. Rekha Navneet has research publications in Scopus indexed, Web of Science indexed, UGC-CARE listed journals as well as in Peer Reviewed ones. She has a couple of chapters written in edited books, and published by OUP, Springer, Brill, and Words Worth.

A. Research Journals: (In Descending Order)

1. Navneet, Rekha and Isser, Suyasha Singh (April,2025). 'Parenting and Ethical Deliberations on the Use of Technology as a Mode of Care'. Culture and Dialogue Volme:12, Issue:1-2, 16-34.

ISSN: 2468-3949 (online). Published by Brill.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/24683949-bja10006>

It is indexed in Web of Sciences.

2. Navneet, Rekha and Bose, Mausumi (March 2025). 'Marriage love and Erotic in Two Traditions: Conceptual-Ethical Reflections'. IJMER. Volume;14 Issue Number : 3(1), 59-66. ISSN:2277-7881. Peer Reviewed. Online Copy of Article Publication Available online on : <https://www.ijmer.in>

As per the Journal' website: **Scopus Review ID: A2B96D3ACF3FEA2A**

3. Navneet, Rekha, Suyasha Singh Isser and Nihal Raj (March 2024) Digital Surveillance And Privacy Of Women. Educational Administration: Theory and Practice 2024,30(3), 1975-1984 ISSN:2148-2403.

<https://kuey.net/index.php/kuey/article/view/1556/737>

This was an active **Scopus Indexed Journal** till the end of 2024. **DOI:10.53555/kuey.v30i3.1556.**

4. Navneet, Rekha (2023 July). Aesthetical Living: Deliberations on Aesthetics, Harmony, and Peaceful Co-Existence as Contextualised by Some Philosophers. IJMER.Volume12, Issue 7(5), July2023. (pp.53-59). **As per the journal's website, the claim made is: Scopus Review ID: A2B96D3ACF3FEA2A.**

<https://www.ijmer.in/>

5. Navneet, Rekha and Bose, Mausumi. (2023 January). Art activity, aesthetic joy, and spirituality: views of Anand K Coomaraswamy and Rabindranath Tagore contextualised. IJRCS. Volume 7. Issue 1. (pp.82-88)

<http://WWW.IJRCS.ORG>

6. Navneet, Rekha and Singh, Suyasha. (2022 September). The Concept of Nirvana and Samsara in Buddhism and its Relevance in the Present -Day World. In Towards Excellence.

Volume 14(3). (pp1164-1173). **This journal was in UGC-CARE list until December 2022(at the time of publication of my paper). Now, in ABDC Index with C rating.**

<https://hrdc.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/Ejournal>

7. Navneet, Rekha. (2022 July). Passion and Erotic in Plato's Symposium.

Journal of Foundational Research. Volume 30(2). (pp.320-341). A UGC- CARE Journal

<https://www.unirajphilosophy.ac.in/JrnlRecentIssues.aspx>

8. Navneet, Rekha. (2022 June). Happiness, Pleasure, Inter-Personal Relationship and Care. Towards Excellence. Volume 14(2) (pp1670-1684). **This journal was in UGC-CARE list until December 2022(at the time of publication of my paper). Now, in ABDC Index with C rating.**

<https://hrdc.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/Ejournal>

9. Navneet, Rekha. (2021 March). An Aesthetic Appraisal of Cinematic Art-Reality Interface with Specific Reference to Portrayal of Women in Current Hindi Films: A Review CRDEEP- IJSSAH. (pp32-40).

<https://doi.org/10.13140/rg.2.2.26716.67209>.

www.crdeepjournal.org

10. Navneet, Rekha. (2020 October). Relevance of the Philosophical Wisdom as Drawn from the Bhagvad-Gita During Adverse Circumstances Like a Pandemic, IOSR-JHSS. Volume 10(3). (pp52-58).

<http://www.iosrjournals.org>

11. Navneet, Rekha. (2020 October). Ethos of Friendship, Compassion and Reverence towards Animals in Classical Indian Philosophical and Cultural Tradition. IJAHSS. Volume 5(10) . (pp.23-27).

<http://www.ijahss.com>

12. Navneet, Rekha. (2020 September). Abhinavgupta's Theory of Rasa in The Context of Aesthetic Experience as Communion of Feelings. Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR). Volume 7 (3). (pp.883-888)

<http://www.ijrar.org/IJAR20>

13. Navneet, Rekha. (2009, April-June). Abstract Universality and Ethics of Duty vs Limited Universality and Ethics of Care. *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR)*. Volume 6(2). (pp.91-104). **(This is a Scopus enlisted journal now)**.

http://icpr.in/pdf/nl_oct-dec_2009.pdf,p.26

14. Navneet, Rekha. (2001). Ecological Ethics: Ethics of Sustenance. *Indian Philosophical Quarterly (IPQ)*. Volume 28 (3). (pp.344-352). **(This became a UGC-CARE Listed journal)**

<http://unipune.ac.in/snc/cssh/ipq/english/IPQ/26-30%20volumes/28-3/28-3-6.pdf>

B. Chapter in Edited Books:

1.Navneet, R. (2012). Love and Madness in Plato's Phaedrus. In *Mad/Bad/Sad: Philosophical, Political, Poetic and Artistic Reflections on the History of Madness*. Edited by Gonzalo Aroz. (pp. 1-10). Brill.

https://doi.org/10.1163/9781848881006_002

2. Navneet, Rekha. (2013). Examination, Evaluation and Excellence in

Quest for Excellence: Policy and Practice of Undergraduate Education edited by Meera Ramachandran. (pp.184-198). New Delhi: WordsWorth.

3.Navneet, Rekha. (2017). The Ethical and Mystical Import of Kama in Desire, Love, Desire & Identity: Philosophy of love and Sex. . Gary Foster edited. (pp.189-197). Canada: OUP

ISBN: 9780199015207

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/desire-love-and-identity-9780199015207?cc=in&lang=en&>

4.Navneet, R. (2022). Guiding Models from some Traditional Indian Philosophies for the Contemporary Worldview. In *Spirituality and Management: From Models to Applications* (pp. 57-75). Singapore: Springer Nature.

DOI

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-1025-8_5

B.1 Book Chapter from Conference Proceeding:

Navneet, R. (2018, May). Ethical Reflections on Genetic Cloning. In *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy* (Vol. 3, pp. 73-77).

DOI: [10.5840/wcp232018392](https://doi.org/10.5840/wcp232018392)

C. Newspaper Article

[If you are inquisitive and have a logical mind, Philosophy is right for you](#)

[Hindustan Times. 21/05/2010.](#)

<https://www.hindustantimes.com › cities › delhi news>

Reviewer for Research Journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science : Reviewed two different research articles for different journals,;i) Culture and Dialogue (a WOS Indexed Journal), and ii) For JICPR-SPRINGER (a Scopus indexed Journal)

3.Invited Speaker/Panellist/ Chairperson/ Paper Presentation for an International/ National/Institutional Conference/ Webinar/ workshop :

Prof. Rekha Navneet has given talks, presentations, both in-person as well as online as an '**invited speaker, or 'an invited panellist'** at various National and international forum including Colleges of University of Delhi like **Miranda House, Lady Sriram College, Hindu College, JDMC, MLNC, JMC, DCAC, Department of Philosophy, DU, IGNC** (A National Seminar held by ICPR), International Herbert Marcuse Society and Reza Foundation's Critical Theory Colloquium ,NABH (National Accreditation for Board of hospitals), OP Jindal Global University, University of Oxford ,UK (six times), Prague(Czech Republic), Lisbon(Portugal), and Bruges (Belgium). Also, she has presented an invited lecture at the college (Gargi College), in the Literary Society, Dept. of English, Gargi College.

The presentations, both online and off line, in the above, have largely been on : **Plato's Theory of Love, Gender and Love, Aesthetics, Film Appreciation, Bio-Medical Ethics, Care Ethics, Research in Ethics, Philosophy and Technology, Ancient Indian Social-Cultural Philosophy and its Relevance in the Present-day World and issues like Mental health, Pandemic, Digital world-view.**

She has also Chaired '**Technical Sessions'** at various conferences and workshops too besides being the **Resource Person/ Invited Speaker at Various Refresher Courses/ FDPs** (as mentioned earlier).

A.International Presentations (abroad):

1. Paper presented on '**Love and Madness in Plato's Phaedrus.**'3rd Global Conference on Madness: Probing the Boundaries held between 14th and 16th September,2010 at Oriel College (University of Oxford, UK).

2. Presented a paper on 'Philosophical Analysis of Gender, Love, and Inter-Personal Relations' at the 1st Global conference on 'Gender and Love' held between 19th and 21st September 2011 at Mansfield College,
3. Presented a paper on 'Love and Personal Relations in Feminist Moral Philosophy' at 2nd Global Conference on 'Gender and Love' held between 25th and 27th September, 2012 at Mansfield College
4. Presented a paper on 'Plato's Reconstruction of the Erotic: Passion of the Reason' at 3rd Global Conference on Gender and Love' held between 13th and 15th September, 2013 at Mansfield College
5. Presented a paper on 'Marriage, Love and the Erotic: Some Conceptual Deliberations' at 9th Global conference on 'The Erotic' held at Prague (Czech Republic) between 4th and 6th November, 2014.
6. Presented a paper on 'Gender, Love and Sexuality in the Classical Indian Epic and Literary Tradition' at 5th Gender and love conference at Mansfield
7. Presented a paper on 'Ethos of Friendship, Compassion and Reverence towards Animals in Classical Indian Philosophical and Cultural Tradition' at 3rd Global Conference on Animal-Human Bond held between 19th and 21st September 2016 at Mansfield
8. Presented a paper on 'The Pragmatic Relevance of the Traditional Indian Philosophies in the Contemporary Meaning of Spirituality and the Cultural World-View' at Lisbon (Portugal) between 17th and 18th March, 2018.
9. The Spiritual and Pragmatic Wisdom of Bhagavad-Gita: A Continued Guideline to Managing Life-skills' at a global conference on 'Spirituality and Management' held at Bruges (Belgium) between 13th and 14th April, 2019.

B. National and International levels (in India).

Invited Speaker at UGC National Seminar On '21st Century Renaissance: Transformation on Technology and Life' At DCAC (University of Delhi). Spoke on Technology and Development: A Philosophical Perspective' . Held between 2nd-4th April, 2007.

Invited Speaker at the International Philosophy Day jointly organised by the Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi and ICPR at Delhi University. Spoke on 'The concept of Rasa and Abhinavagupta. Held on 19th November, 2009

An **Invited Speaker** ICPR National Conference National Seminar On 'Art, Language and Emotion' in memory of Professor Sushil Kumar Saxena held at IIC. Spoke on 'Art, Aesthetics and Emotion. Held between 6th-8th April, 2015.

An **Invited Speaker** at an International Conference held by IGNCA to Celebrate Abhinavagupta: The Genius Of Kashmir. Spoke on 'The Ontogenesis of

Rasa according to Abhinavagupta: The Communion of Feelings in Indian Philosophy'. Held between 15th-17th December 2016.

Presented an **Invited** paper at a National conference on held by Jindal Global University on Spirituality and Management. Presented a talk on 'The Spiritual and Pragmatic Wisdom of Bhagvada- Gita: A Continued Guideline to Managing Life-Skills'. Conference was held between 6th and 7th March,2020.

Invited Speaker for a Webinar on 'Building Positive Mental Health During Crisis' held by NABH-QCI. Presented a talk on 'Traditional Indian Perspectives in the Management of Crisis' I via online mode on 21st May 2021

Invited Speaker for Reza Foundation and Critical Theory Colloquium held an online Seminar on colloquium on Self and Subjectivity. Spoke on Self, Subjectivity, Technology and Power, 9th September,2022. Reference Link: <https://youtu.be/5K-uR3d4wxg>

Invited Speaker at OP Jindal, JGU, Presented on 'Aesthetics of Peace' at an International Workshop on Ontology of Peace on 24th June,2023.

Current Year: Invited speaker for the Plenary Session of the two days' National conference on Philosophical Reflections in the Contemporary World held by the Department of Philosophy, Miranda House (University of Delhi) on 23/04/2026. Presented an hour's lecture on 'Philosophical Reflections on Life Issues: Integrating Epistemic Inquiry, Axiological Ethics, and Care in Identity and Agency.'

Institutional level: Invited Speaker/ Expert

Invited Lecture-Presentation at JDMC, DU for their WDC Event- for their series on 'Educating the Youth about Gender Issues through Arts'. Spoke on Hindi Cinema and Gender Representations. Held on 10th April,2018.

Invited as an Expert at Expert Lecture Series by the Department of Political Science,Motilal Nehru College (DU). Spoke on 'Plato, Aristotle and Indian Philosophy: Parallels and Resonances'. Held on 25th September,219.

Was Invited as an **Expert** speaker at JDMC, DU for their Expert Speakers series held by IQAC and HDFE. 'Addressing Present -Day Life Situations Through Ancient Indian Tradition' via online mode, on 22nd March,2021'

An online Talk as an **Invited Experton** via google meet held by the Department of Political Science , MLNC, DU under their 'Expert Lecture Series'. Spoke on Existentialism. Held on 9th April, 2021.

Hindu College, Samvad Series,2022

One of the two **Invited** speakers at A webinar held by WDC and Philosophy Department of Ramjas College (DU)Presented a talk on 'Portrayal of Women in Current Hindi Cinema'.Held on February,10th, 2022. Link: <https://youtu.be/AfHsEHWa3ps>

Inaugural Speaker at Miranda House, DU, on their Philosophy Day. Presented a talk on 'Art, Aesthetics and Morality: Some Deliberation', held on 17th February,2023

Gargi College, Litfest Society, April,2023.

A presenter and a discussant at a workshop on 'Curriculum, Pedagogy and Quality Assurance' organized by the Department of Philosophy (University of Delhi) on 23/02/2024.

Invited to chair an academic session at an International Seminar on 'Gaze' held by the Department of Philosophy (University of Delhi) in collaboration with MAP on 29/02/2024.

Current Year: Invited Speaker as an Expert for the ICPR Sponsored study circle lecture series held by IP College (DU) on 4/05/2026, and lectured on 'Transcending the Personal to Universal Impersonal: An Analysis of Rasa as Expounded by Bharat Muni and Abhinavgupta'.

IV

Grants for Research work/Travel Grants:

Dr Rekha Navneet has been awarded **UGC'S full Travel Grant** for presenting papers at Global Conferences in University of Oxford (in the years-2010,2013 and 2016.) **ICPR also gave her a partial Travel grant** in the year 2012, and received a grant for travel in 2012 .

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Other Honours:

She has been awarded consequently in the years 2024 and 2025 by the RDC of Gargi College for being published by Scopus/WOS Research Journals.

Has been **interviewed as a Woman Philosopher by Collective for Women Philosophers in India**. The link is available on **You tube** on: <https://youtu.be/1h6TeyzQrtI> (February 2022).

Has been invited for a **personal interaction** by a Cambridge based Scholar-Faculty and have had an interaction with Research scholars from Department of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan. She was also invited to attend a talk by prominent scholars on 'Women in Philosophy' at the Department of Philosophy, Newham College, University of Cambridge, UK . Had the privilege of interacting with Faculty and Research Scholars as a 'Guest of Honour' at University of Rajasthan, Department of Philosophy. (June 2022).

Current Year: She was **filmed recently by DD National (on 11th December,2025) for an upcoming Documentary Series to be aired by DD National**, DD Kashir, Waves (an OTT Platform by Doordarshan), as an 'Expert' to give inputs on the 10th Century Philosopher-Saint, Acharya Abhinavgupta, specifically about his Rasa theory, and Shaivism. It is being directed by Pavan Malu.