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## *Preface*

Pandu College Philosophical Society was formed in the year 2000 with a mission to nurture the culture of philosophical discourses among the students and the teachers of Pandu College, Guwahati beyond the boundary of course structures. From the very inception, it strived to engage the members in discourses of philosophical issues and in reflective thinking. The efforts of the Society resulted in regular discussions on diverse aspects of philosophy among the members. Regular quizzes and student seminars on different topics of Philosophy, and publication of "*Prajna Paramita*" – the wall magazine of the Department, are some of the activities of the Society in which the student members participate with great enthusiasm.

In 2003, Pandu College Philosophical Society decided to organize its annual lecture series. The objective of this series is to facilitate the larger community of students and teachers in the college to have exposure to a wide range of traditional and current philosophical issues. Till now, the Society has organized nine lectures and two

workshops, and is privileged to have many eminent scholars from different academic institutions for these occasions.

It has been a long-cherished dream of Pandu College Philosophical Society to bring out a volume of articles which are based on the lectures delivered in seminars organized by the Society in last fifteen years. The present collection is the outcome of this dream. This volume includes not only articles written on the themes of the lectures delivered by the respective authors, but also articles contributed by a number of eminent scholars who are well wishers of the Society. On behalf of Pandu College Philosophical Society, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors.

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