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- History of the Department
- Social Psychology
- Indian Psychology
- Military Psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Research Methodology
- Psychoanalysis
- Evolution of Psychology in India

**Critical Dates**
- **Early Registration:** January 19 - February 15, 2015
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The academic arena of the 19th century had the inclusion of psychology in the realm of science. Owing to its origin in the philosophical discourse of the 18th century thinkers, it was Wilhelm Wundt of the University of Leipzig, who first realized the importance of studying mental states under certain experimental conditions. The closing years of the 19th century thus witnessed the appearance of a new branch of science, which came to be known as “Experimental Psychology”.

Impressed by its purpose and progress Sir Asutosh M Mukherjee, the well-known jurist and renowned educationist, who was then the planning head of the University of Calcutta decided to include “Experimental Psychology” in the Post-Graduate Course of studies of Calcutta University (Kolkata). Eminent philosopher Dr. Brojendra Nath Seal, King George V Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy of the same University drafted the syllabus in 1905 and established the first laboratory for demonstrative purpose, on the request of Sir Asutosh Mukherjee.

The honour of having the second Experimental Psychology Laboratory in Asia (after Japan) may be attributed to the Department of Psychology, Calcutta University. The beginning of 1930, witnessed the upgradation of the existing laboratory into the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University College of Science, Calcutta University premises, in the then 92 Upper Circular Road, Calcutta.

The research tradition crystalizing in Calcutta in the early 20th century was taken up by Prof. Girindrasekhar Bose. Prof. Bose was working in the classical area of psychoanalysis who was consecrated doctoral degree from the Catholic University for his exemplary work on the “Concept of Repression”, which was the first doctorate in psychology from any Indian University. Similar to Bose- Einstein partnership, the Bose-Friend collaboration had been a pioneer in promoting psychoanalysis in India. In 1922 Prof. Bose founded the Indian Psychoanalytic Society, which two years later was affiliated with the International Psychoanalytic Association. The Department owes its glory to the remarkable works of early scholars of Psychology in India. The noted work on the “Concept of Instinct” has also been published from this Department in 1928 by Shridh Chandra Mitra. Shouldered by eminent faculty members and Heads of the Department like Dr. S Sihira, Dr. D Ganguly, Dr. S N Roy, Prof. Shib Kumar Mitra, Prof. R G Chatterjee, Prof. R Kundu, Prof. Somnath Bhattacharya, Prof. G B Saha, Prof. Somnath Bhattacharya, Prof. S K Bhattacharya, Prof. B V Sengupta.

About the Department

The journey of Psychology as an independent discipline in India began with the establishment of the Department of Experimental Psychology, in 1936, in Calcutta University. Prof. Narendra Nath Sengupta who had his education at the Harvard University along with Hugo Munsterberg, a student of Wilhelm Wundt, was appointed as the first Professor. His dynamic stewardship experimental laboratory research works were conducted by the Department. Post-graduate and post graduate courses were initiated in the university department. Under his protective care, the formal introduction of Psychology, as an independent branch of science at the Indian Science Congress in 1923. This milestone perhaps opened the大学生, members of national and international organizations and having this contribution into research oriented work and academic programs. The Department’s research work encompasses wide dimensions from stress and its physiological correlates, neuropsychological assessments, psychoanalysis, psychophysiological researches, interpersonal relationship, evaluation of therapeutic efficacy, developmental disabilities, perception and relation, qualitative research, media psychology and so on. Test construction, development of electronic instrumentsgadgets, and very recently software development on Attention, Memory, and Signal Detection etc are another facet of academic persuasion of the department.

Being the first Department in India, we are to host the 100 years celebration in this Department and the psychologists of eminence all over India also are keen to commemorate the first chairman of the Department. Both undergraduate and post graduate courses were initiated in the university department. Under his dynamic stewardship experimental laboratory research works were conducted by the Department. Post-graduate and post graduate courses were initiated in the university department. Under his protective care, the formal introduction of Psychology, as an independent branch of science at the Indian Science Congress in 1923. This milestone perhaps opened the door for the discipline to have its own mark in the Indian scenario.