

# Ramachandra Gandhi Memorial Lecture

Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad

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*'Idols of the mind and Cognitive processing'*

by Prof. Amita Chatterjee

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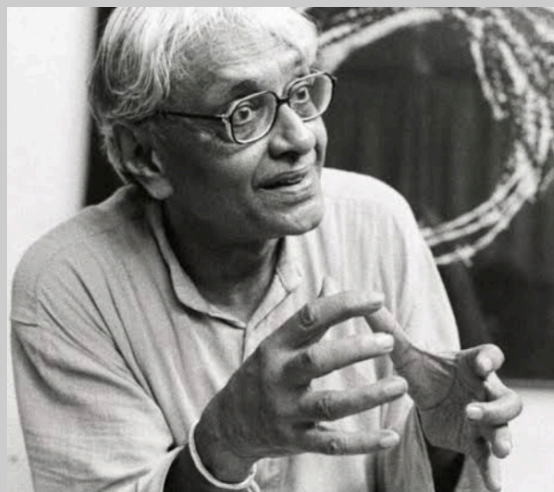


## *Amita Chatterjee*



*Amita Chatterjee is a highly respected Indian philosopher and cognitive scientist, known for her extensive contributions to the fields of philosophy of mind, cognitive science, and Indian philosophy. A prolific scholar, she has engaged deeply with both Western and Indian traditions of thought, focusing on issues of consciousness, cognition, and artificial intelligence. Amita Chatterjee served as a professor at Jadavpur University in Kolkata, where she was instrumental in shaping the Department of Philosophy. She is also a former Vice-Chancellor of Presidency University, Kolkata, and has held various prestigious academic and administrative positions throughout her career. Prof. Chatterjee has authored and edited numerous books and articles, contributing to the development of philosophical inquiry in India. Some of her key works include: "Cognition and Consciousness" (as editor) and "Indian Perspectives on Consciousness and Emotion".*

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## *Ramachandra Gandhi(1937-2007)*

*Ramachandra Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, was a distinguished Indian philosopher known for blending Indian philosophical thought with Western traditions. Educated at Cambridge under philosopher Peter Strawson, he drew from both Western rationalism and the deep insights of Advaita Vedanta. As the founding head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Hyderabad, he laid the foundation for its academic excellence, shaping it into a hub for rigorous philosophical inquiry. In his academic career, Gandhi also taught at prominent institutions like Delhi University, Visva-Bharati University, and the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. His key works, including "Sita's Kitchen" and "The Availability of Religious Ideas", explore themes of metaphysics, ethics, and the relationship between religion and society. A thinker deeply committed to non-violence, truth, and compassion, Ramachandra Gandhi left an enduring legacy in both philosophy and public thought*