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## **Samvaad: An Interactive Academic Session and Get Together of the Students of Philosophy**

The Department of Philosophy, Philosophical Society of PGGCG -11 Chandigarh organized a students' orientation programme '*Samvaad*' on 1 August, 2023. The purpose of SAMVAAD was to have a dialogue. It provided an opportunity to the students to know each other and provided a warm welcome to BA first year students in the department. **Seventy Students** participated in the session.

The event was filled with excitement, joy, happiness and music. Megha from third year on behalf of the Philosophical Society extended warm welcome to everyone, followed by Sudiksha from 3rd year, who emphasized the importance of SAMVAAD and presented a detailed introduction and events organized by the philosophical society in the previous session.

The students of B. A. Second and Third year presented performances which included Manipuri song performance by B.A. third year students. On the occasion Dr. Ambuj Sharma, Head, Department of Philosophy encouraged the students to pursue academics with zeal and enthusiasm.

The students of BA second and third year presented self- made cards to the students of first year, as a token of welcome and remembrance.

The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Noreen of BA third year.



**Students during Samvaad**

## Concept of Peace: Philosophical Reflection

The Department of Philosophy organized first student seminar for the session 2023-2024 on 20 August, 2023 in which students actively participated. The seminar focused on Concept of Peace. **Fifty-six students** participated in the seminar.

The session started with opening and itinerary of the event by the chairperson for the session, Noreen Virk (BAIII). The speakers on the dais were, Simran, Amina Kosar, Khumbongmayu Manju and Stanzin Zangmo. The speakers reflected on Peace and made the audience accustomed to the relevance and importance of Peace.

The session was followed by detailed discussion among the participants and many significant questions were also raised on the occasion. The session concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the chairperson. Dr. Ambuj Sharma congratulated the students for their creative participation.



**Students during the session on Concept of Peace: Philosophical Reflections**

## Film as Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy organized a students' seminar on the topic, "Film as Philosophy" on 20 August 2023. It was a thought-provoking seminar that delved into the intriguing topic going into the depth of the understanding of Films and their relationship with philosophy. **Sixty students** participated in the seminar

This seminar served as a platform for students to explore the intricate relationship between these two disciplines, dissecting how film can be a powerful medium for philosophical expression. The intersection of philosophy and cinema is a subject of profound intellectual inquiry.

The session started with introduction about the topic by the chairperson, Jenia Khangembam (BA2). The speakers on the dias were Aditi, Vanisha, Riya, Kritika, Diksha. They unraveled the complex tapestry done between the art of cinema and the wisdom of philosophy, shedding light on how these seemingly different disciplines intersect to enrich our understanding of the human experience. The discourse was very enlightening as it explored the essence of films and its profound impact on the philosophical contemplations.

The session was followed by detailed discussion among the participants and many significant questions were also raised on the occasion. The session concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the chairperson. Dr. Ambuj Sharma congratulated the students for their creative participation.



Students during deliberations at the seminar

## Philosophy and Why it Matters?

On 2 September 2023, The Philosophical Society of Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh, organized another thought-provoking seminar on Philosophy and Why it matters? It was the debut seminar by the students of BA first year for the session. The seminar delved upon the speakers' ideas, thoughts and their reflection on the profound interest that brought them to the discipline of Philosophy. **Forty-three students** participated in the seminar

The session was chaired by Saumya Sharma. The speakers for the session were Neha, Annanya Rawat, Diksha Jamwal, Diksha and Nivriti. The session started with introduction about the topic by the chairperson Saumya. In the session, the speakers reflected about their personal understanding of the discipline of Philosophy and their interests. They also reflected upon the ideas and influences which persuaded them into the discipline.

The attendees shared their opinions and raised questions on the same. The session concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the chairperson and Dr. Ambuj Sharma congratulated the students for their participation.



**Students during the session of Philosophy and Why It Matters?**

## Re-Reading Plato's Dialogue (Apology, Crito and Meno): Some Reflection

On 20 September 2023, the Department of Philosophy, PGGCG11, Chandigarh, organized the seminar on 'Re-Reading Plato's Dialogue (Apology, Crito and Meno): Some Reflection'. **Sixty-three students** participated in the seminar.

The session was chaired by a student from BA Final year, Tania Sijwali. The speakers of the seminar were Tanuja, Vanshika, Anjali, Garima and Sudiksha.

The speakers talked about Plato's Dialogues, which are one of the most prominent texts written by him which delves on philosophical concepts. Each speaker informed the participants about the dialogue between Socrates and his contemporaries and its relevance in understanding the debates in contemporary issues of justice.

The attendees shared their opinions and raised questions on the same. The session concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the chairperson and Dr. Ambuj Sharma congratulated the students for their participation.



Students presenting their ideas

## Ethics and Idea of Just Society

On 22nd of September 2023, the Department of Philosophy under its Seminar Series “Dialogue” organized the seventh lecture on the topic "Ethics and Idea of Just Society". The speaker was Mr. Lallan Singh Baghel, faculty, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University Chandigarh.

The session was chaired by a student from BA Final year, Khumbongmayu Manju. **Fifty-six students** participated in the seminar.

The speaker shared his ideas on the nature of ethics, how ethical standards are evolved are needed in every society. He very creatively focused on how different individuals in different time frames relate to ethical principles. Mr. Baghel invoked philosophical ideas of Socrates, Aristotle. He also mentioned examples from Mahabharata while discussing the nature of ethics. His talk left the audiences fascinated.

On the occasion, Diksha, Ruchika and Dr. Mohan raised questions.



**(From L to R) Prof. Dr Anita Kaushal receiving a sapling, Mr Lallan Baghel and a group photograph of the session**

## Capital Punishment: Some Philosophical Reflections

On 4 October 2023, the Department of Philosophy, PGGCG11, Chandigarh, organized a students' seminar on 'Gender Justice: Some Philosophical Reflections'

The session was chaired by Lalita B.A. first year. Swanzal, Komal, Anshika, Gurleen and Avneet from BA first year were the speakers of the seminar. **Forty-two students** participated in the seminar.

The speakers shared their ideas on the philosophy of Gender Justice. Each speaker took their turn to inform the listeners about the significance and meaning of Gender Justice and its effects on the people as well as its relevance. They also included their Personal understandings as well as thoughts on the topics which made the session even more interactive.

The attendees shared their opinions and raised questions on the same. The session concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the chairperson and Dr. Ambuj Sharma congratulated the students for their participation.



Students during the deliberations



## Knowing Indian Culture; A Reflection on the Philosophical Indicators

On October 6, 2023, the Department of Philosophy under its Seminar Series “Dialogue” organized the Eighth lecture on the topic ‘Knowing Indian Culture: A Reflection on the Philosophical Indicators’ **Seventy-two students** participated in the seminar.

Dr. Shivani Sharma, faculty, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University Chandigarh was the speaker of the lecture. The session was chaired by Neha a student from BA First year.

The speaker shared her ideas on the history of Indian culture and its philosophy and very creatively reflected on the philosophical ideas of the Nyaya, Sankhya, Mimamsa and Yoga school of Indian philosophy. She also delved on the historical approach and ways of living associated to Indian Culture.

The participants raised significant questions on the occasion. Ayushi Gill (BAII) extended the vote of thanks. Dr. Ambuj Sharma expressed his gratitude to the speaker for enlightening everyone.



**Students during the session**

## Panjab University AC JOSHI LIBRARY VISIT

**Eighty students** of Philosophy Department under the guidance of Dr. Ambuj Sharma (Head, Department of Philosophy) from Post Graduate Government College for Girls Sector 11, Chandigarh visited the esteemed A.C. Joshi library of Panjab University Chandigarh, immersing themselves in an enriching academic experience.

The visit took place on 07.10.2023 and provided the students with an opportunity to explore the vast resources and facilities offered by the library. The objective was to expose the students to a world-class learning environment and encourage their pursuit of knowledge.

During the visit, the students were guided by experienced In-charge Reference librarian Dr. Suman Sumi who give orientation and introduced them to the library's extensive collection of books, reference materials, bound journals, and digital resources. They were also given a tour of the state-of-the-art study spaces and collaborative zones, showcasing the university's commitment to fostering a conducive learning environment.

The college students expressed great interest and excitement as they discovered the wide range of academic resources available to support their studies and research endeavors. They appreciated the modern infrastructure and technology-driven approach that the A.C. Joshi library offers.



**Students at AC Joshi Library**

## Capital Punishment: Some Philosophical Reflections

On 9 October 2023, the Department of Philosophy organized a students' seminar on 'Capital Punishment: Some Philosophical Reflections'

The session was chaired by Sanju of B.A. second year. The speakers of the seminar were Akshita Rana, Ayushi, Anamika and Ujjaini from BA second year. **Thirty-three students** participated in the seminar.

The speakers in detail shared their ideas about Capital Punishment. The speakers spoke on the philosophical ideas associated with the concept of punishment: retributive, deterrent and reformative. They were of opinion that Capital Punishment closes the scope of any reform so it must be stopped.

The attendees shared their opinions and raised questions on the same. The session concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the chairperson and Dr. Ambuj Sharma congratulated the students for their participation.



### Glimpses of the deliberations

## World Philosophy Day Celebrations

The world philosophy day was introduced in 2002 by UNESCO. It is celebrated each year on every third Thursday of November around the world. The main objective is to create dialogue and foster philosophical analysis.

The Department of philosophy of PGGCG-11 Chandigarh celebrated World Philosophy Day on 16th of November 2022 by holding various events. The event was attended by around **hundred Students**. The theme of the event was “CAN HUMANITY ACHIEVE EVERLASTING PEACE?”

The celebration began with the Presidential address by Megha (President) and Sudiksha (Vice President) from BA-3 and was followed by a song by the students of BA-1.

This was followed by a special lecture by Professor Bijoy Boruah, Visiting Professor IIT Jammu. He graced the event as the chief guest and was warmly welcomed by the College Principal Professor Dr. Anita Kaushal. Professor Boruah presented his opinions on the topic - "Can humanity achieve everlasting peace?".

The speaker began his presentation by praising the harmony created by the song presented by the students of BA-1, gave an insight on how an orchestral harmony created out of diversity of instruments and sounds can be equated with the dynamic process of Peace. He creatively engaged the topic by bringing insights from both Western and Indian philosophy. He defined Peace as part of a dynamic social process in a definite relationship to conflict and cooperation.” With great depth he highlighted that in the contemporary times where there is a situation of war and violence everywhere in the world, we need to use Peace in an operationalized way and not only as an abstract idea so that social change can occur. He explained how Peace is not a destination but a way of life by bringing in Gandhi's ideas of truth and non- violence. There is no way to peace; the way itself should be a peaceful one. He analyzed the fundamentality of peace by explaining that how the Right to Peace is derived from another fundamental concept - Right to life. Right to life also means right to security which means right to freedom from violence which ultimately means Right to Peace. He concluded his speech by saying that absolute peace project is destined to fail. It is a constant process, an oscillation between conflict and cooperation and is an internal lifestyle, a commitment of the individual.

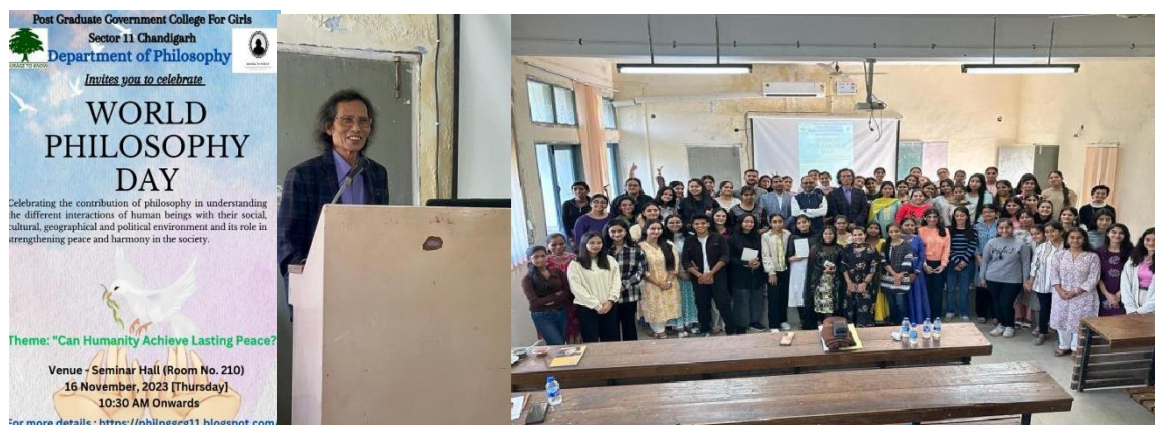
Professor Boruah's lecture was very thought-provoking and informative. His contribution enriched our event and provided valuable knowledge to everyone.

Prof. Maninder Sidhu, HOD English Department appreciated Professor Boruah for sharing his enlightening insights with us and also asked a question. The lecture was also graced by the presence of Dr. Renu, HOD Department of Sociology, Dr. Asha, HOD Department of History,

Dr. Radhe Shyam, Ms. Jaspreet Wasu, Dr. Anurita Sharma, Dr. Mohan Lal Jat, Dr. Chandanlal Gupta HOD Department of Sanskrit.

Prof. Boruah's lecture was followed by felicitation ceremony: Principal Ma'am Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal felicitated Prof. Boruah.

The first prize in solo song competition was bagged by Juhi of BA 2nd year, the second prize by Nivriti of BA 1st year and the 3rd prize by Priyanka of BA 3rd year, the next was poetry recitation in which the first prize was bagged by Anjali of BA 3rd year, the second prize by Sweta Rani of BA 2nd year and the third by Megha of BA 3rd year then at last Declamation in which both of the participants, Sweta of BA 2nd year and Neha of BA 1st year are given participation prizes. The winners were then facilitated by Prof. Boruah with prizes. The event was wrapped up with a vote of thanks by Ayushi Gill, General Secretary of the Philosophical Society.



**Professor Bijoy Boruah, Visiting Professor IIT Jammu at the World Philosophy Day 2023**

## Chandigarh Social Sciences and Humanities Congress (CHASSCONG-2023) National Conference

Chandigarh Social Sciences and Humanities Congress (CHASSCONG-2023) National Conference was organised by Panjab University, Chandigarh on the theme Sustainable Development Dimension and Discourse on 23 November 2024. On the occasion **sixteen students from the Department of Philosophy**, PGGCG 11 participated in the Conference along with Department faculty Ambuj Sharma.

It was a unique opportunity for the undergraduate students to be part of the community of social sciences, to interact and learn from meaningful discussions held during the congress. The participants attended the Inaugural Session and then participated in the session organized by the Department of Philosophy. The students presented their posters in one of the session. It was a great learning experience. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Ambuj Sharma, Head of Philosophy Department.



Group of students with the faculty Philosophy Department Ambuj Sharma

## Environmental Ethics: A Jain Perspective

The Department of Philosophy, PGGCG-11, Chandigarh, organized the ninth lecture of the seminar series “Dialogue” on the topic “Environmental Ethics: A Jain Perspective” at the College Campus on 29-01-2024. A total of **Sixty-five students** participated in the lecture.

The speaker of the ninth lecture was Ms. Anita Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy from Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Shimla.

The speaker comprehensively shared her ideas on environmental ethics. She also underlined the significant question how we should value it, as it is a field of study that seeks to understand human’s moral obligations to protect and preserve the environment. She invoked the philosophy of Jainism particularly the five Maha-vratas (great vows) in protecting the environment.

The session was chaired by Ananya Rawat of BA I Year.



Ms Anita Kumari presenting her ideas and the students

## Juvenescere 2024 Annual Philosophy Fest

Under the guidance of the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal and efforts of Dr. Ambuj Sharma, Head of the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Philosophy of Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-11, Chandigarh, organized Juvenescere: Annual Philosophy Fest 2024 (Inter-College) on the theme- "Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World." The objective of the fest was to represent and celebrate different cultures of the world and their values. It was organized on February 22, 2024. Eleven colleges of Chandigarh participated in nine competitions that were held in this year's Juvenescere. Sixty-two winners were awarded with trophies and certificates by College Principal, Prof. (dr.) Anita Kaushal. Total of **200 Students participated** with unmatched enthusiasm and eagerness.

The event began with a presidential address and formal welcome by the president of the Philosophical Society, Megha and Sudiksha. They shared the aim and the objectives of the Philosophical Society of PGGCG-11. The programme began with a debate competition that was moderated by Aditi and Naynika of BA-2. 18 team of students participated in debate, the theme of which was- "Are values universal?"

The winners of the debate competition were, Sushmita (PGGCG-42) who won the first prize, Shiny (PGGCG-11) won the second prize, whilst Nikita (DAV-10) won the third prize. Next, Tanu Sharma and Arshita of BA-2 anchored the poetry recitation competition and poetry writing competition. Leesha (DSCW- 45) stood first, Riya (PGGC-11) stood second, whilst Yash Soni (DAV-10) stood third in poetry recitation competition. In poetry writing, Parneet Kaur (GGDSD) and Gurpreet (DSCW-45) both won the first prize, Vandana Sharma (PGGCG-11) won the second prize, and Sukhman (PGGC-11) won the third prize. Hence after, Aayushi Thakras and Ujjaini of BA-2 took over the stage and hosted the solo singing competition. In solo singing competition the first prize was awarded to Jaskirat (DSCW-45), second prize to Jasagam (GGDSD) and third prize to Rachit (GCCBA-50).

The group singing competition was hosted by Navneet and Anamika of BA-2. In group singing, the students of GGDSD bagged the first prize with their mesmerizing voices and captivating performance. They did not just win the trophy but also the audience's hearts. Second prize was bagged by the students of PGGCG-11.

Later on, solo dance competition was held along with the group dance competition. Winners for solo dance competition were- Lavya (GGDSD) stood first, Ruby (PGGCG-11) stood second, whilst Dhriti (GCCBA-50) stood third. In group dance competition, Girls of PGGCG-11, who performed the Himachali dance (natti) won the first prize with their mesmerizing performance. Students of GCCBA-50 who performed Bhangra with a sprinkle of fusion won not just the hearts of the audience but the second prize for giving such an energetic, electrifying and groovy performance. The shouts of 'once more' filled the auditorium and added more joy to the already lit mood. Lastly, the third prize was won by DSCW-45.

Winners for poster making competition were, Rajni of DAV (1st prize), Ishita of GCCBA-50 (2nd prize) and Priyanka of PGGCG-11 (3rd prize). Photography competition winners were, Kavita Maurya of GGSCW-26 (1st prize), Jasleen Kaur of DSCW-45 (2nd prize) and Tanu Sharma of PGGCG-11 (3rd prize).

It was an initiative taken by the Philosophical Society of PGGCG-11 to celebrate, cherish, value and appreciate the peaceful co-existence of several cultures and their unique values and perspectives



brought into this world for philosophers like us, to critically evaluate. Several guest performances took place like Manipuri dance, bollywood mania, and Manipuri song sung by North-Indian students, that were some of the loveliest highlights of the day.

On the occasion, the Chief Guest of the function Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal also addressed the students by appreciating their zeal and creative participation. She applauded the students for choosing a unique topic with a philosophical approach. She appreciated the Head of the Philosophy Department of PGGCG-11, Dr. Ambuj Sharma for his endless efforts and the initiative to celebrate the spirit of youth every year with great passion and joy. At last, the 5th Juvenescece fest was concluded with pride in the hearts of the organizers, with bright smiles on the faces of the winners, and with a hope in the hearts of all- for a better tomorrow.



**Students with Principal Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal**



**Students performing Group Song at the Fest**

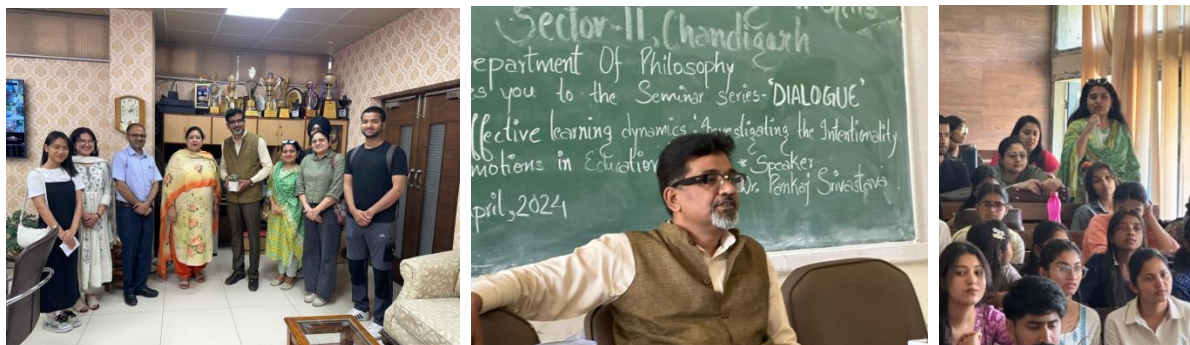
## **Affective Learning Dynamics: Investigating the Intentionality behind Emotions in Education**

On April 10, 2024, the Department of Philosophy under its Seminar Series “Dialogue” organized the Ninth lecture on the topic ‘Knowing Indian Culture: A Reflection on the Philosophical Indicators’ **One hundred and one students** participated in the seminar.

Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University Chandigarh was the speaker of the lecture. The session was chaired by Ayushi Gill a student from BA Second year.

The speaker shared his ideas on the Affective Learning Dynamics: Investigating the Intentionality behind Emotions in Education. In his presentation the speaker delved on the phenomenological method and elaborated the concept of intentionality. He explored the concept of emotions and stressed that it is one of the most significant approach towards a holistic understanding of education.

The participants raised significant questions on the occasion. Dr. Ambuj Sharma expressed his gratitude to the speaker for enlightening everyone.



**Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal welcoming the speaker Dr. Pankaj Srivastava. Glimpses of the seminar.**