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Self Realization is Key to Women Empowerment:

Prof. Dileep Deobagkar



Prof. Chaya Datar lights the traditional lamp to inaugurate the UGC Workshop on 'Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education'

Speaking at the five day UGC Workshop on "Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education" organized by MES College, Zuarinagar, in collaboration with Department of Political Science, Goa University, Prof. Dileep Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, emphasized the importance of sensitizing women academics and stated that the key to leadership comes from self realization rather than from external sources. The UGC scheme for 'Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education' has been formulated for women in higher and middle level positions through a workshop with emphasis on developing sensitivity to and awareness of the status of women in higher education and motivation for taking decision making position.

In her Keynote Address, Prof. Chaya Datar outlined the rationale and the scope of the initiative. She pointed out that the percentage of women at higher levels of decision making is very low in both the academic and administrative sectors of the Universities / Colleges / Institutes. This situation has affected adoption of objectives, policies, programs, curriculum and structures that need to ensure gender justice and equality in higher education. To bring about this change, an attempt needs to be made to increase the number of gender sensitized and committed women in decision making positions, she said.

Prof. R V Harjinis welcomed the participants and Dr Rahul Tripathi proposed the vote of thanks.

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A memorable Refresher Course in Environmental Sciences

The Academic Staff College at Goa University conducted a Refresher Course in Environmental Science on the theme “*Impact of Global Warming and Climate Change*” from 4th to 24th January, 2011. Professor D. N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor of Goa University inaugurated the workshop that drew participation of 41 teachers Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, and Goa.

Deliberations during the first week of the Course focused on “*The Scenario of Climate Change.*” Dr. N.P.S Varde (former Director, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of Goa), Dr. Prasanna Kumar, Dr. Unnikrishnan and Dr. Ramesh Kumar from NIO, Dr. Rajendra Kerkar, renowned environmental activist, and Prof. D. J. Bhat, Prof. M. K. Janarthanam and Dr. Nandkumar Kamat from the Department of Botany, Goa University, introduced the general aspects of sea-level rise, government policies, effects of climate change on the Mhadei river, and on rare species of flora and fauna in the Western Ghats. Dr. Thangam, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Goa, explained the effect of Global Warming on the flora of Goa. A movie “*The Inconvenient Truth*” by Al Gore was also screened at the workshop, followed by an interactive session on the future of our planet. Dr. P. Bakre, Dean, School of Sciences, SGB University, Jaipur, delivered two interesting lectures on “*Effects of Global Warming on Birds*” and “*Traditionally Conserved Genome as a Bioresource to Overcome Global Warming.*”

The second week of the workshop comprised organized visits to Goa



Prof. D. N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, addresses participants at the inaugural session of the refresher course in Environmental Sciences

Science Centre which held a cartoon exhibition and screened a film on climate change, WWF Goa for a interactive session with Mr. Nitin Sawant who dealt with the status of tigers in India, the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) for updates on concurrent research activities, and a boat trip from the Mandovi Estuary to Amona mines with a view to get a first-hand feel of the mining activities, notably ore loading, ore transportation, sand mining etc. and their effects on the environment.

A British Council group of environmentalists also visited the Academic Staff College and interacted with the participants. Dr. P. Ramesh, ISRO, Ahmedabad spoke on *Inference of Isotopes in Climate Change*. Dr. Ramesh Ramachandran, Director, Institute of Ocean Management & Coastal Regulation, gave a talk on *Deltas in Times of Climate Change: A Review of Coastal Science Issues*. Dr. Subodh Kerkar, installation artiste delivered a talk on *Art & Environment*.

The Workshop was enlivened by a slew of creativity and participatory sessions, games and a poster exhibition on the effects of Global Warming. Dr. S. Kerkar gave a lecture on *Creativity and the Importance of Value Education*. Several participants made presentations on multidisciplinary topics. Dr. Pravin Puranik (*Cyanobacteria from Hot springs*) Dr. Manjiri (*Pteridophytes of Goa*), Ms Suchana Amonkar (*The Vultures & Effect of Diclofenac*), Ms. Deepa Fernandes (*Pig Rearing*), Ms. Wendy (*The Art of Bonsai*), Mr. Prasanna Gogoi (*Earthquake Predictions*) and Mrs. Rezina (*Ethno-medical practices of tribes in Assam*) were some of the notable presentations.

Mr. Michael D'Souza and Dr. Mohan Girap deliberated upon the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and Goa's Disaster Management issues. Dr. Baban Ingole of NIO and Dr I. K. Pai, Dept of Zoology, Goa University, spoke on “*Antarctica and Global Warming*” while Dr. Savita Kerkar spoke on the Arctic scenario. Dr.



A session in progress at the refresher course in Environmental Sciences

Rasik Ravindran, Director NCAOR, deliberated on Polar studies in understanding climate change. Dr Loka Bharathi and Dr Ramaiah from NIO spoke on the "Role of microbes in climate change" and "The effect of climate change on marine organisms" respectively.

During the third week, the participating teachers benefited from two illuminating talks - *The Carbon Flux in the Marine Environment* by Dr. David Kirchman, University of Delaware, USA, and *The Dark Side of the Sun* by Dr. T. Gopalkaswamy, NASA, USA. The talk focused on mass emissions, magnetic topologies and the life span of Planet Earth. Prof. Dileep Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, spoke on *Biotechnology & Environment* and Dr. M. Kudchadkar spoke on "Lifestyle Diseases and how Teachers should Manage Stress."

Faculty at Goa University also contributed to this quality workshop through a series of talks. Prof. G. N. Nayak (*Coast, Coastal Issues and Management*), Prof. H. B. Menon, (*Aerosols in Climate Change*), Dr. V. M. Matta (practical sessions for the *Analysis of Environmental Pollutants*), Prof. S. P. Kamat (practical sessions to introduce an effective kit to measure *Global Warming Gases*, Dr Pranab Mukhopadhyay, (Dept. of Economics), Dr. R. Roy (Dept. of Zoology), Dr. K. Mahender and Dr. A. Chachadi (Dept. of Earth Sciences), Prof. Saroj Bhosle (Dept. of Microbiology) also delivered lectures and contributed to valuable learning at the workshop.

The refresher course was coordinated by Dr. Savita Kerkar along with Dr. P. Ribeiro and her team at the Academic Staff College.

SCIENCE DAY

As per annual practice, National Science Day was observed on 28th February at Goa University. The day was observed as Open Day for students, teachers, members of the Press as well as general public to visit the University's science departments for an overview of its programs, infrastructure, research projects, etc. and interact with students and teachers. Over 350 students from various secondary and higher secondary schools visited the University departments. The departments had made arrangements for several displays, presentations, films and interactive sessions for the benefit of the visiting students and teachers.



Short Term Course on Web-based Library Services

The advent of the Internet has caused a landmark shift in the way modern libraries, including academic libraries, function. This shift has necessitated orientation of professional librarians to cope with new technologies. With this objective in view, the Goa University Library, in collaboration with the Academic Staff College, conducted a short term course in Web-based Library Services for librarians of the affiliated colleges. The course was attended by 21 librarians.

Dr M. P. Tapaswi, Chief Librarian, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, inaugurated the course. In his inaugural address Dr Tapaswi reiterated the need for librarians to be aware of the latest developments in the domain of library management. He also favoured initiatives to digitize documents related to the culture and social aspects of Goa. Dr P. Ribeiro, Director in-charge, Academic Staff College, Dr. V. Gopakumar, University Librarian and Shri Rajesh Bhatikar, Assistant Registrar, were present at the inaugural session.

Dr. M. P. Tapaswi, Chief Librarian, National Institute of Oceanography, Dr. V. Gopakumar, Goa University Librarian, Shri Manoj Kumar, Scientist, INFLIBNET Center, Ahmedabad, Dr. Vishala, Librarian, St Agnes College, Mangalore, Dr Dineshan Koovakkai, Assistant Librarian, Central University of Kerala, Shri Hemant Shetty, NUCSOFT OSS Labs, Pune, conducted the lecture sessions. The participants were also given hands-on training sessions on website designing, blogs and creating RSS feeds. The participants appreciated the utility of the workshop and looked forward to similar initiatives in future.

National Seminar on "Nagarjun, Kedarnath Agrawal aur Shamsher Bahadur Singh ka Kavya Vimarsha"



Prof. Shivkumar Mishra lights the traditional lamp at the inaugural event of the National Seminar organised by Dept. of Hindi.

The Department of Hindi, in collaboration with Central Hindi Directorate (MHRD), New Delhi, and Arvind Pandey Manch, Goa, organised a National Seminar in February 2011 on the topic "Nagarjun, Kedarnath Agrawal aur Shamsher Bahadur Singh ka Kavya Vimarsha."

Prof. D. N. Deobagkar, Vice chancellor, Goa University, was the chairperson at the inaugural function while Prof Khagendra Thakur, noted Hindi critic and former Professor and Head, Bhagalpur University, Bihar, was the Chief Guest. Prof. Shivkumar Mishra, renowned Hindi critic, former Professor & Head, Sardar Patel University, Anand, was the Keynote speaker. Prof. R. N. Mishra, Convener of the seminar, welcomed the guests and introduced the theme of the seminar. In his keynote address Prof. Shivkumar Mishra explained the importance and relevance of the three poets in the present context.

On this occasion, two publications, "Ekkisvi Sadi ka Hindi Sahitya: Samay, Samaj evam Samvedna" edited by Prof. R. N. Mishra, and

"Bhartiya Sahitya ka Sanskritik Paksha" and "Samkaleen Kavita: Markswadi Saundarya Shastra" by Prof. B. K. Sharma Rohitashva, were released at the hands of Prof. Shivkumar Mishra and Prof. D. N. Deobagkar respectively.

At the first session on the topic "Nagarjun ka Kavya Vimarsh" chaired by Prof. Shivkumar Mishra, Mrs. Uma Priolkar and Dr. Ishrat Khan presented papers on the topics "Nagarjun: Jeevan Parichay aur Rachana Sansar" & "Nagarjun ki Kavya Bhasha" respectively. Prof. Khagendra Thakur was the main speaker.

In the second session Prof. Taranath Bali, former Professor & Head, Dept. of Hindi, Delhi University, spoke on "Bhartiya Sahitya Parampara aur Aadhunikta." The session was chaired by Prof. Anand Prakash Tripathi, Head, Dept. of Hindi, Sagar University, M.P., followed by recitation of poems of Nagarjun.

At the third session on the topic "Shamsher ka Kavya Vimarsha"

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From the Librarian

Intute:

a useful online academic resources center

(www.intute.ac.uk/)

Intute is a free online service that helps one to find web resources for study and research. It was founded to help students, teachers and researchers. It came into existence in July 2006, after merger of eight semi-autonomous "hubs" that formed the Resource Discovery Network (RDN). With millions of resources available on the Internet, it can be difficult to find useful material. Intute reviews and evaluates thousands of resources to help users to choose key websites in their subject. Intute gives links to 19 main subject areas like biological sciences, law, humanities, engineering, psychology, social sciences, etc. Each subject is further divided into smaller subject areas. For example, humanities has further divisions such as English, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, and so on.

Intute maintains a large database of resources which provide access to online resources. Each resource is reviewed by an academic specialist in the subject before it is included in the database. By 2010 Intute provided 1,23,519 records. Old records are reviewed regularly by subject experts to ensure that the information is current. Intute's online database can be searched using standard web browser, with the help of key words, subject or resource type. Intute offers a personalization service, "MyIntute", which enables users to tag records, export data, and construct remotely-maintained lists of resources that can be used as reading lists. The url of Intute is: www.intute.ac.uk. The 'Virtual Training Suite' of Intute can also help you develop your Internet research skills through tutorials written by lecturers and librarians from universities across the UK.

Documentation Bulletin released

The University Library has released two issues of the Documentation Bulletin. This publication carries a detailed index to articles published in the journals subscribed by Goa University. The bulletin contains data on the subject, the author and the keyword indices. Those interested in availing a copy of the bulletin may contact the librarian on librarian@unigoa.ac.in.



New additions to the LIBRARY

Sexuality (The New Critical Idiom): Josph Bristow

(Stock No. 12010)

The book is a useful volume on the history of sexuality from the sexual typology of the late 19th century through psychoanalytic and antipsychiatric discourses, to recent feminist and queer theory debates.

Boston Book Review



Romance (The New Critical Idiom): Barbar Fuchs

(Stock No. 120208)

Often described as an inferior form of literature, 'Romance' as a literary mode or genre defies satisfactory definition, dividing critics, scholars and readers alike. This useful guidebook traces the myriad transformations of 'Romance' from medieval courtly love to Mills and Boon, and claims that its elusive and complex nature serves as a touchstone for larger questions of literary and cultural theory.

The Politics of India since Independence: Paul R. Brass

(Stock No 126275)



"The Politics of India since Independence" will acquaint the reader with the parliamentary style government of India. It sketches in the challenges and accomplishment of a few of its major leaders such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and V.P. Singh, as well as some of its major issues: linguistic and religious tension, caste conflict, and the agrarian problem. The text does not go into much detail on India-Pakistan relations, and might comment more on untouchability, but should be regarded as a highly praiseworthy achievement for its scope and detail.

Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing among Five Traditions: John W. Creswell

(Stock No120140)

"Qualitative Inquiry & Research Design: Choosing among five approaches" is a highly informative book; researchers will likely return again and again to the book as they expand their comfort zone within qualitative research."



-Peggy M. Delmas, University of Alabama

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Farewell... 7th SIP batch...

The 7th Study India Program for Nihon University, Japan, concluded on 24th February 2011 after successfully completing the credit and non-credit courses during the exchange program.

The 2010-11 batch comprising nine students from the College of International Relations, Nihon University, studied specially designed courses under modules in Indian Language & Literature, Indian History, Indian Society, Indian Political System, Indian Management Practices etc. in addition to non-credit inputs in Indian Music, Home Science and Yoga.

The five-month exchange program was interspersed with three study tours - one to New Delhi-Agra-Jaipur, one to Bangalore-Mysore-Madikeri and a third to Pune. In addition to an overview of the rich cultural diversity, the tours enabled the visiting students to gain first hand knowledge of Indian social and educational systems and processes through elaborate engagement with the Centre for East Asian Studies in New Delhi and Symbiosis International University in Pune. The interaction with officials of Infosys in Bangalore helped to understand and appreciate the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility and the role played by India's top corporates in taking IT to the grassroots. The visit to the largest Tibetan settlement in Kushalnagar in Madikeri reinforced the image of India as a land that assimilates diversity with ease.



Vice Chancellor Prof. D. N. Deobagkar presents a certificate to Ms. Momoko Hatano at the Valedictory Event.

At the Valedictory Session, the students made a lively presentation on their stint at Goa University. Speaking at the occasion, Prof. Dileep N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, wished the visiting students well in their future endeavours and hoped that some of them would return to India to explore full-time post graduation in their areas of interest. Lauding the way the students had assimilated with the way of life in Goa, Prof. Deobagkar emphasized the underlying truth that beyond the facade of regional, cultural and linguistic differences, all human beings were essentially one and displayed the typical propensity to overcome linguistic or other barriers to establish an emotional connection with fellow human beings.

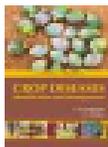
The students, true to the words of the Vice Chancellor, concluded the valedictory event with chorus rendering of the soulful 'We Are The World.'

Glimpses of SIP 2010-11



New Additions to the Library
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Crop Diseases: Identification and Management - a Color Handbook: L. V. Gangavane and V. C. Khilare
(Stock No.127709)



Metahistory: History questioning history Festschrift in honour of Teotonio R. deSouza: Charles J Borges and S. J. & M. N. Pearson
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Julie Sanders (Stock No 120159)

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-Terry Eagleton, University of Manchester, UK



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Prof. D. N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, presents a memento to Prof. Shivkumar Mishra

Prof. Rohitashva Sharma was the keynote speaker. Prof. Anand Tripathi, Ms. Kiran Popkar and Mrs. Amrita Dingu presented papers.

At the fourth session chaired by Prof. Khagendra Thakur, Prof. Shivkumar Mishra spoke on "Hindi Navajagran" in the context of Indian literature followed by recitation of poems of Shamsher Bahadur Singh.

The fifth session on "Kedarnath Agrawal ka Kavya Vimarsha" Prof. Shivkumar Mishra, in his keynote address, emphasized the importance and relevance of Kedarnath Agrawal's poetry. Mr. Santosh Kumar Yadav, Mrs. Magdalina D'Souza, Dr. Omprakash Tripathi, and Prof. Ravindranath Mishra presented papers on "Kedarnath Agrawal: Jeevan Parichay evam Rachana Sansar", "Kedarnath Agrawal ki Kavya mein Pragatishilata", "Kedarnath Agrawal ki Kavya Bhasha" & "Kedarnath Agrawal ke Kavya ki Lokdharmita" respectively.

At the sixth session chaired by Prof.

B. K. Sharma Rohitashva, Prof. Anand Tripathi expressed his views on "Bhartiya Sahitya Parampara aur Adhunikta" in the context of the literature of noted Hindi writer Ajney.

At the valedictory event of the National Seminar, Shri Mohandas Surlakar, Vice President, Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji, was the Chief Guest and Prof. Taraknath Bali was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Taraknath Bali and Prof. Khagendra Thakur shared their experiences and views on literature. Chief Guest Shri Mohandas Surlakar appreciated the initiative of the Department of Hindi in organising such seminars with regularity.

Prof. R. N. Mishra, Head Department of Hindi, thanked all resource persons, participants, students and scholars who had presented their papers. The three day seminar was also attended by participants of refresher course on the topic "Bharatiya Sahitya: Parampara aur Adhunikta."

Quiz to commemorate INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A view of the enthusiastic participants at the Quiz

A unique Quiz program on the overarching theme of 'Women' organised by the Centre for Women's Studies at Goa University brought together people of varying ages and academic backgrounds on a common platform to celebrate 'Gender Equality' in commemoration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2011.

34 teams participated in the morning session which was open to schools and 25 teams participated in the afternoon session which was open to the general public. Each team consisted of three participants of which at least one member had to be female. Shubham Tiwari, Aakash Kulkarni and Pradnya Rane from Peoples High School, Panaji, won the first place. Gail Pinto, Devansh Cholera and Abhimanyu Bhat won the second place and Akshaya Balasubramaniam, Soham Gaunekar and Kunal Naik from Sharada Mandir walked away with the third place.

In the afternoon session which was open to the general public, Rajiv D'Silva, Tallulah D'Silva and Cheryl Rodrigues won the first place, followed closely by Ajachi Chakrabarti, Ajay Parasuraman and Lakshmy P.S. in the second place and Venita Coelho, Anjali Sen Gupta and Vivek Menezes in the third place. Both quizzes were conducted by the nationally acclaimed Aniruddha Sen Gupta of SEQC fame.

The programme was well attended and widely appreciated, and participants and the audience hoped that this Quiz would become an annual feature at the University.

