

GOA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SANSKRIT, PHILOSOPHY AND INDIC STUDIES
PHILOSOPHY DAY 2023

The School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University in association with the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, organized a one-day event on the occasion of Philosophy Day on 10th February 2023 at 10.00 am in the Seminar hall of Faculty Block 'B'. Dr Victor Ferrao, Prof. Vinay Kumar and Mr Dattaprasad Bhonsle were invited as guest speakers for the event.

The programme commenced with Dr Victor Ferrao's talk on "Thinking the Unthought: A Heideggerian Perspective.". Dr Victor Ferrao is the founder of the Science-Religion Sangam in Goa, a prominent member of the Association of Christian Philosophers of India, and a frequent columnist. He also holds a PhD in philosophy of science and currently teaches at Jnana Deepa, Pune and Rachol Seminary, Goa. His main point of discussion was de-immunological thinking, or thinking inclusively with the "other." The next lecture was delivered by Prof Vinay Kumar Rao on "Recognizing My Self in Advaita and Pratyabijna". Prof. Rao is a former HoD of the Department of Philosophy at Goa University. He is currently a Visiting Professor of Philosophy at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and was a full-time Fellow of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, for two years. In this lecture, he made a comparative study of the Self in the Advaita and Pratyabijna systems of thought. During the post-lunch session, the Alumni interaction meet was convened wherein Mr Dattaprasad Bhonsle, a mechanical engineer and Zonal Coordinator of the Heartfulness Institute for Goa was invited to speak on the theme "Yoga for Health and Wellness". Furthermore, for students and alumni, competitions on logo creation for the Goa Philosophical Association (GPA) and "presentations on introducing philosophy to young minds" were conducted. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes for the competitions held during the event.

The programme included faculties, research scholars, and students from Goa University, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margoa, Dhempe College of Arts and Science- Miramar, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, and SRSN's PES college, Farmagudi- Ponda as well as alumni of MA philosophy programme. The philosophical insights gained from the talks by the eminent guest speakers enriched the participants while keeping their inquisitive spirits alive.

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