

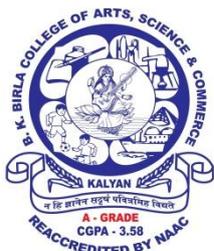
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Understanding Friendship from Aristotle Perspective

“Greek, Philosopher Aristotle, identified three types of friendships: Ones based on utility or pleasure, and ones on mutual appreciation of each other's values. The first two — 'accidental' friendships — are limited in depth and don't last a long time. But, the third friendships based on virtues build the strongest connections that last” said Prof. Kanchana Mahadevan, Head, Dept of Philosophy, University of Mumbai while addressing session on ‘What is Friendship: Aristotle, Kant and Patriarchal notion of Friendship’.

The Department of Philosophy had organised a guest lecture on occasion of Friendship Day. The lecture was scheduled on 6th of August to get insights about the Friendship from Aristotle’s and Kant’s perspective.



Dr. Viplov Dhone, Incharge, Department of Philosophy gave the concept note of the program and Dr. Swapna Samel, Sr. Vice-Principal (Arts) welcomed the guest.

Prof. Kanchan talked about the idea of friendship from Greek philosophy to Kant and then criticized this conception from the feminist perspective.

93 students attended this lecture, including the faculty and students from Pune, Chennai and Kanpur.

Prof. Samajdar Walvake, Assistant Professor, Department of English proposed the vote of thanks.

Department of Mathematics organizes lecture on Linear Algebra

Dept. of Mathematics had organized IIT JAM lecture on 'Some Problems in Linear Algebra' by Mr. S. Venkitesh, Research Scholar, IIT- Mumbai. He is alumnus of BKBCCK.

29 students attended the session.

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S. Venkitesh (Guest) Guest

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Some Problems in Linear Algebra By Mr. Venkitesh Iyer

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$\rightarrow (a_0, \dots, a_k)$

$T: P_2 \rightarrow P_3$

$Tf(x) = f''(x) + xf'(x), \forall f \in P_2$

(A) $x + x^2$, (B) $x^2 + x^3 + 2$, (C) $x + x^3 + 2$, (D) $x + 1$

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Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan throws light on aspects of Women Empowerment and Challenges

As a part of Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations and Birth Centenary Year of Pujya Shri B. K. Birla ji, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) under the Scholarly Lecture Series organised Special Lecture of Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan, IAS, Member Secretary, National Commission for Women and former State Project Director, RUSA , Maharashtra on the topic **“Women Empowerment: Challenge and Opportunities”** on Wednesday , 11th August 2021 at 4.00 pm to 5.15 pm on digital platform of Microsoft Teams.

The program was organised for Principals, IQAC Coordinators, IQAC Members and Faculty members of Mentee Colleges and Members of IQAC and faculty members of BKBCCK .

Dr. Swapna Samel, Senior Vice Principal spoke about the concept of the Program. Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director (Education), BKBCCK gave welcome address and Dr. Avinash Patil, Principal, introduced the distinguished guest to the audience.

“The role of women in the past to present is changing. Women participation in economic activities is gradually increasing and things are back to the natural order. In near future women will be position maker, business women, politician as mothers and homemakers and men would gradually learn to be more civilized in their attitude towards women. The idea of subordination of women to men has become a past phenomenon. The gender gap parameter on basis of literacy, rate of women is lower than men. The position of women in society today is easy as they are progressing in various sectors like one is political empowerment, second is education then health and economic empowerment. While talking about the political empowerment. In India the women voters are 67.2 % more than men. In Panchayat Raj 33% women representation is mandatory” said Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan while beginning her talk.

She further spoke about the women education empowerment where women turn out is more than men in higher education but still there is 14.4% gender gap in literacy of men to women, due to domestic responsibilities or

marriage. Ms. Meeta proudly said that 43% graduate from science and engineering are women. In health sector, the health expectancy rate of women is 77.7% as compare to men 68.2 % and women mortality is lesser than the men in 60s. The challenges in women health sector are reproductive and child health. There is structural deficiency in primary education and primary health. When we talk about women health one has to focus on domestic violence mentioned Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan. According to National Family Health Survey the domestic violence has come down from 39 % to 30 %. The immediate support to be provided to the affected people. She also emphasized the role of skills in market related to Artificial Intelligence and E-commerce and also told that IT enable services plays important role in economy. Subjects like statistics, Machine language, engineering, management are to be learned along with generic courses. In next 20 years these skills will command the market. Madam also spoke about the financial management.

The Question-and-Answer Session was taken care by Dr. Maninder Kaur Dhaliwal, Vice-Principal (Science). Many significant questions are answered satisfactorily by Madam. Formal Vote of thanks was proposed by

Dr. Swapna Samel, Senior Vice Principal (Arts).



Management students made aware on Ethics in Governance

Department of Management Studies in collaboration with Public Concern for Governance Trust, Mumbai organised a session on Ethics in Governance on 13 August 2021. The speaker for the session was Mr. V. P. Raja, Ex- IAS Officer, PCGT Chairperson.

The session focused on background of development of ethical aspects of governance in India. He also focused on the Duty ethics, Utilitarian ethics and Virtue ethics. These concepts were briefed to students using case studies from various backgrounds.

The session began by introduction of the program by Mr. Ritesh Shinde, PCGT Campus Ambassador, BKBCK. The welcome address was put forth by Dr. Chandra Iyer, Department of Management studies, BKBCK. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms. Pavitra Konar Finance, PCGT Campus Ambassador, BKBCK. 157 students participated in the session.

Insights on Social Documentary Photography on World Photography Day

19th August is celebrated as World Photography Day. Marking the importance of photography in different forms of media, the Department of Mass Media organised a scholarly guest lecture.

Padma Shri Sudharak Olwe, Documentary Photographer was the Chief Guest to throw a light on Social Documentary Photography. He was welcomed by Dr. Avinash Patil, Principal. The Chief Guest was introduced by Mrs. Ankita Malpani, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Media. He started his talk by highlighting how he turned from a photo journalist to a documentary photographer. “I initially started my career as a photo-journalist. My role was to capture the photos related to news and give a place in newspaper. But then I thought, this is not the purpose of my camera. I should use it as a weapon to highlight what is not seen by common man. And from then onwards my journey as a documentary photographer started” said Padma Shri Olwe. After the brief, he shared his pictorial works.

In search of Dignity and Justice



This story was about 40,000 conservancy workers employed by BMC. These workers collect the city's garbage, sweep the streets, clean the gutters, load and unload garbage trucks and work in the dumping grounds. They are either completely ignored or looked down upon with disgust by the rest of society. They have to work in the midst of filth, with no protective gear, not even access to water for washing off the slime. Most of them are alcoholics and live-in poverty, in dismal housing. They are perpetually in debt despite earning what, by Indian standards, is a decent wage of US \$152 per month. The workers abuse their wives and children. And when the husbands die (usually at a young age), the despised job passes to the widows. The despair continues.

After seeing the plight of conservancy workers captured by Shri Olwe, Ratan Tata started Mission Garima for these people. Through this trust they provide BMC workers the facilities for the betterment of their life. "This is an achievement for me. The work you do, needs to have some output. The workers were provided with better working and living condition" described Shri Sudharak while mentioning the impact of photography on masses.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: MALNUTRITION STALKS INDIA'S CHILDREN



He further called up the attention of the listeners for the malnutrition problem in India. Reed-thin arms, the swelling of oedema distorting their body, some with distended tummies, others wheezing with pneumonia, and most of them with disinterest in their eyes and lethargy in their limbs... this is the state of India's children. While they may not all be dying of starvation before our very eyes, millions of India's children are at risk of having lifelong problems because their daily diet does not support their physical and cognitive development.

While answering to the questions of listeners, he emphasized on why the images in social documentary photography are black and white. The question-and-answer session was moderated by Ms. Sheetal Chitre-Thakur. The session was attended by 150 students and faculties.

The session ended by announcing the names of winners of photography competition. The Department of Mass Media on occasion of World Photography Day had organised a photography competition on subject 'Expressions'. 100 entries for this competition were received from different states. Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director (Education), gave the concluding remarks. Mrs. Sayali Sonawane, Incharge, Department of Mass Media, proposed Vote of Thanks.

Department of Management Studies organise R-Con to foster Research Skills

Every year Department of Management Studies (DMS) organises R-Con i.e., Research Conference for the students. This year the 6th R-Con was organised on 24 August through MS Teams platform. The theme of the conference was 'Unemployment Problems and solutions: Lessons for India'.

7 teams participated in the conference. The topics covered for research were: the Psychological impact on unemployment, Types of unemployment, Social cost of unemployment, Social impacts of unemployment, Financial Impact Of Unemployment, Determining the Effects of Unemployment on Human Development Index: Learnings from America, Combating the Hurdles and American Proposition- Youth Unemployment. From each group the students were awarded for Best Speaker and Best Contributor. Dr. Chandra Iyer, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies and Dr. Sadhana Kapote, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies were the judges for the conference. The students were marked for research and presentation.

67 students participated in the conference.

DMS stress the need of Communal Harmony to students

India is known for communal harmony which has to be maintained. Communal harmony is the hallmark of democracy in a country governed by the rule of law. Rule of law pervades over the entire field of administration and every organ of the state is regulated and governed by the Rule of law. While studying Management it is also important for the students to stress on Communal Harmony. With this context, Department of Management Studies organised a webinar on Communal Harmony. The webinar was organised on 28 August from 2 pm.

Dr. R. K. Anand, India's senior most paediatrician, founder trustee of PCGT, Mumbai Former Medical Director of Jaslok Hospital & Research was the resource person for the session. He started the session by throwing a light on the background of communal harmony and the issues prevailing in our nation post independence. He also explained the necessity of communal harmony for better and happy nation.

“Communal harmony is a prerequisite for a country like India, with its diverse population and cultures. Communal harmony ensures that every religion gets equal treatment, and tolerance builds amongst citizens. It simply means living with unity and mutual reciprocity, beyond class, caste, creed, religion and gender barriers” said Dr. Anand while addressing students on communal harmony in India.

The opening remarks of the session was done by Ms. Mayuri Mahale, PCGT Campus Ambassador, BKBCK. Dr. Chandra Iyer, Assistant Professor, Department of Management studies, BKBCK delivered the Welcome Address. Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Sejal Pandey, PCGT Campus Ambassador, BKBCK. 115 students actively participated and interacted in the webinar.