

FEW LINES FROM THE EDITORS

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It has been a long-cherished dream of the department of Philosophy, Handique Girls' College to publish a departmental journal. This dream has been fulfilled with the publication of the departmental journal titled 'VISION'. In fact, the publication of such a journal was long over due. There were certain inevitable hurdles which the department had to face because of which the publication had to be postponed. This publication has been made possible due to the help given to us by the College authority through the CPE-UGC scheme.

The department of Philosophy has been adjudged as a "Star-Performing Department" for the years 2006-2009 under the scheme: "College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) – UGC, New Delhi. As a token of appreciation, a financial grant was awarded to the department to buy books and publish a departmental journal.

We, therefore, offer our gratitude to the Principal, Handique Girls' College, CPE-UGC, New Delhi and Mrs. Mridula Barooah, Convenor, CPE, Handique Girls' College for enabling us to fulfil this dream.

We also offer our gratitude to Dr. Kanan Bhuyan Hazarika, retired and former Head of the Department of Philosophy, Handique Girls' College, who inspired us and initiated the process of the publication of the Journal.

The education system in India has succeeded in helping the students to earn academic degrees and secure a materially steady future. But can this material world guarantee spiritual and emotional development of a human being? People do not hesitate to sacrifice human values in the name of consumerism, material wealth, communalism, militarism and religious intolerance. Because of such attitudes of the present society, the entire world has plunged into turmoil and disquietude. But human life is precious and it has to be preserved at all costs. Life has to be understood beyond its materialistic boundary; it is to be defined through the eternal values of Truth, Beauty and Goodness, through the human values of love, brotherhood, unity and cooperation, religious tolerance and social cohesion.

In the present circumstance, we believe Philosophy as an academic discipline, has a demanding task at hand. Philosophy will help to fortify the intellectual, moral and religious foundations of the society. This, in turn, will help to rebuild a sane world based on religious, spiritual and social values, free from fear, hatred and anger.

The Indian equivalent word for the term 'Philosophy' is 'Darsana'. In one sense, 'Darsana' means 'Vision'. Philosophy in the sense of 'Vision' is the practical realisation of truth. We believe the departmental journal that has been named 'Vision' will serve as a platform for the students to express their latent talents. As the word Vision may sometimes suggest, we, the students hope, that we can develop the ability to think about or go beyond the present and plan the future with great imagination and intelligence.

The inaugural issue of the journal contains articles solely written by the students of the department. This humble endeavour initiated by the department has primary motive of nurturing and encouraging the writing skills of the students. The department leaves everything to the reader and would gracefully accept any flaws and mistakes in the journal, if there be any.

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Let us conclude this editorial through the words of an unknown author.

"A vision is not just a picture; it is an appeal to better ourselves, a call to become something more." □