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Lecture on Virtue Ethics: An Understanding

On November 28, 2022, the Department of Philosophy, Mahatma Gandhi Shati Smarak Mahavidyalaya Garua Maksudpur, Ghazipur organized a Guest Lecture on Virtue Ethics: An Understanding. The lecture was attended by faculty members and students from the college.

The head of the Department of Hindi and the incumbent Principal Shri Sushil Tiwari made the ceremonial welcome of the guest speaker. Mr. Nripendra Kumar, Assistant Professor of Philosophy had been invited as the guest speaker. The resource person started his lecture by defining term virtue ethics. He further added 'Virtue ethics' is a term of art, initially introduced to distinguish an approach in normative ethics that emphasizes the virtues, or moral character, in contrast to an approach that emphasizes duties or rules (deontology) or one which emphasizes the consequences of actions (utilitarianism). Imagine a case in which I should, say, help someone in need. A utilitarian will emphasize the fact that the consequences of doing so will maximize well being, a deontologist will emphasize the fact that, in doing so, I will be acting per a moral rule such as 'Do unto others as you would be done by', and a virtue ethicist will emphasize the fact that helping the person would be charitable or benevolent. He further stated that Virtue ethics is both an old and a new approach to ethics, old in so far as it dates back to the writings of Plato and, more particularly, Aristotle, new in that, as a revival of this ancient approach, it is a fairly recent addition to contemporary moral theory.

Mr. Nitesh Pandey Assistant Professor of Philosophy highlighted the virtue ethics in the context of different philosphers.



Finally, the seminar was concluded by a vote of thanks passed by Dr. Rajeev Kumar.

