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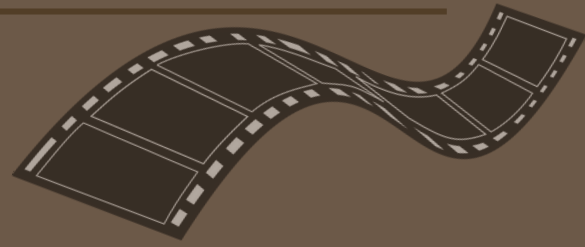
"What made you want to jump into the world of Philosophy? Was it a spur-of-the-moment decision, or were you always curious about life's big questions?"

"Choosing philosophy as my major subject is because, mainly I wanted to explore a new subject, learn its depth and the importance of philosophy in every aspect of life. Philosophy is an excellent subject for various reasons; mainly it helps in critical thinking and problem solving skills, it teaches you how to analyse complex ideas, develop well reasoned conclusions etc. The subject has an excellent adaptability which helps approach problems from multiple angles. I decided to pursue philosophy as my major subject as I can develop valuable skills, gain a deeper understanding of the world, and prepare myself for a wide range of careers and personal pursuits."

- Viony Sania Fernandes
FYBA : Philosophy Major



FRESHERS 2024!



..... HALO VS HORNS

This year's freshers party was a thrilling blend of fun and excitement, centered around the theme "Halo vs. Horns" where students had to pick whether to channel their inner angels or unleash their devilish sides.

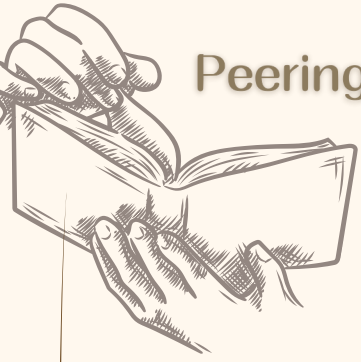


The juniors were greeted with a lively atmosphere filled with engaging games and captivating performances that brought the evening to life.



The event was a feast for all senses, offering a delicious array of snacks to keep everyone energized throughout the festivities.

To cap off this memorable evening, each junior was presented with a special memento, thoughtfully prepared by the department seniors, as a keepsake to commemorate the start of their new journey.



An Ode to Philosophy

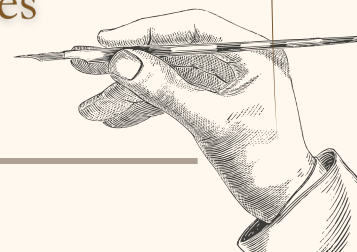
In the realm where questions drift on endless seas,
Philosophy begins with silent pleas.
The nature of existence, time's fleeting grace,
Unveils the universe in a quiet embrace.

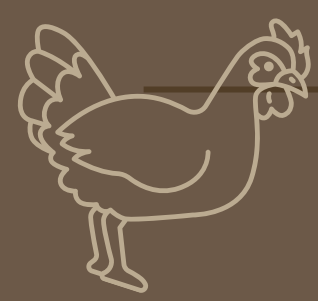
Through the maze of thought, where reason dances free,
We ponder the essence of what it means to be.
Truth and illusion, shadows that entwine,
Reflect in the mirror of the searching mind.

In the echoes of wisdom from ages past,
We chase the horizon, both distant and vast.
The heart seeks answers in a boundless quest,
Yet finds solace in the mystery of the unrest.

For in the pondering and the ceaseless chase,
The beauty of the journey lights up the space.
In every question asked, and every doubt unfurled,
Philosophy reveals the wonders of our world.

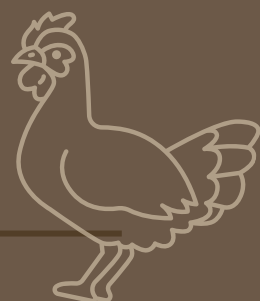
-Kaydence Rodrigues
SYBA





A Talk on Veganism!

On the 22nd of August, the Department of Philosophy organised a talk on Veganism. This talk was held for the students of the courses Moral Philosophy, Current Ethical Issues, and Philosophy of Human Rights. The talk was given by Mr Arvind Kannan, an animal rights activist and online content creator. Mr Kannan spoke about the conditions and suffering of farm animals, and talked about the need to provide moral consideration to these animals. He talked about how veganism, a stance against animal exploitation, can eliminate one's contribution to animal suffering and abuse. He also talked about how one can be healthy on a plant-based diet, and live without causing harm to animals.



The problem of sexual violence against women

In our misogynistic society, we would assume that we have learned from the errors of the past and made the world much safer for women; sadly, we were wrong. In 2012, a violent case of sexual assault occurred in Delhi against an innocent woman. It shook the nation. It took more than seven years to serve justice and punish the perpetrators. While we were under the illusion that such a horrific crime could never be repeated, a female doctor in Kolkata on duty was sexually assaulted, tortured, and murdered, similar to the Nirbhaya case. If a woman is raped while she performs her medical duty or if she simply lives as a woman, then we have failed her as a society, as a nation, and as humans. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), there were approximately an average of ninety sexual assault cases daily in India (Krishnan, 2024). We fail to understand how some individuals can exist who dehumanize women and commit such atrocities against them. It is assumed that such problems exist only in less developed nations; however, they are also prevalent in developed countries. As per a 2022 report, in England and Wales, there were more than 70,000 cases of rape (Statista, 2024). RAINN reported that 1 out of 6 American women has been a victim of rape or attempted rape (Victims of Sexual Violence: Statistics | RAINN, n.d.). In Japan, for every 1,000 rape cases, only 10 to 20 are convicted due to Japan's sexist society and ineffective legal system that fails to defend victims of rape (Johnson, 2024).

Is there a solution to the rape problem? Unfortunately, our society often seems to blame the victim rather than the perpetrators in such matters. Women are accused of being immoral and indecent for wearing revealing clothes and being outdoors late at night. Do women not have the right to wear clothes of their choice? Do women not have the right to spend their time as they please? In a society that is governed and protected by principles of equality and freedom, these principles must also apply to the rights and safety of women. Pornography also appears to be a part of the problem. Pornographic materials often display women as objects of sexual gratification rather than human beings, normalize sexual violence, and lead to insensitivity towards victims of sexual abuse and violence. Furthermore, it is highly possible and even evident that the porn industry functions on sexual abuse and non-consensual sexual activities. Another issue to tackle is that rape victims are stigmatized, which reduces the rate of reported rape crimes. Instead of promoting a 'men will be men' mentality, we must aim at educating men to be decent and respectful human beings, and perhaps we should abolish the death penalty and bring back torture to make rapists truly regret their crimes. In Golda Meir's cabinet, a man suggested that to protect women, a curfew must be implemented to prohibit women from staying outside their houses after dark. Meir responded, "But it's the men who are attacking the women. If there's to be a curfew, let the men stay home, not the women" (Lamb & Moredock, 2020). Truer words were never spoken.

-Sarth Morajkar
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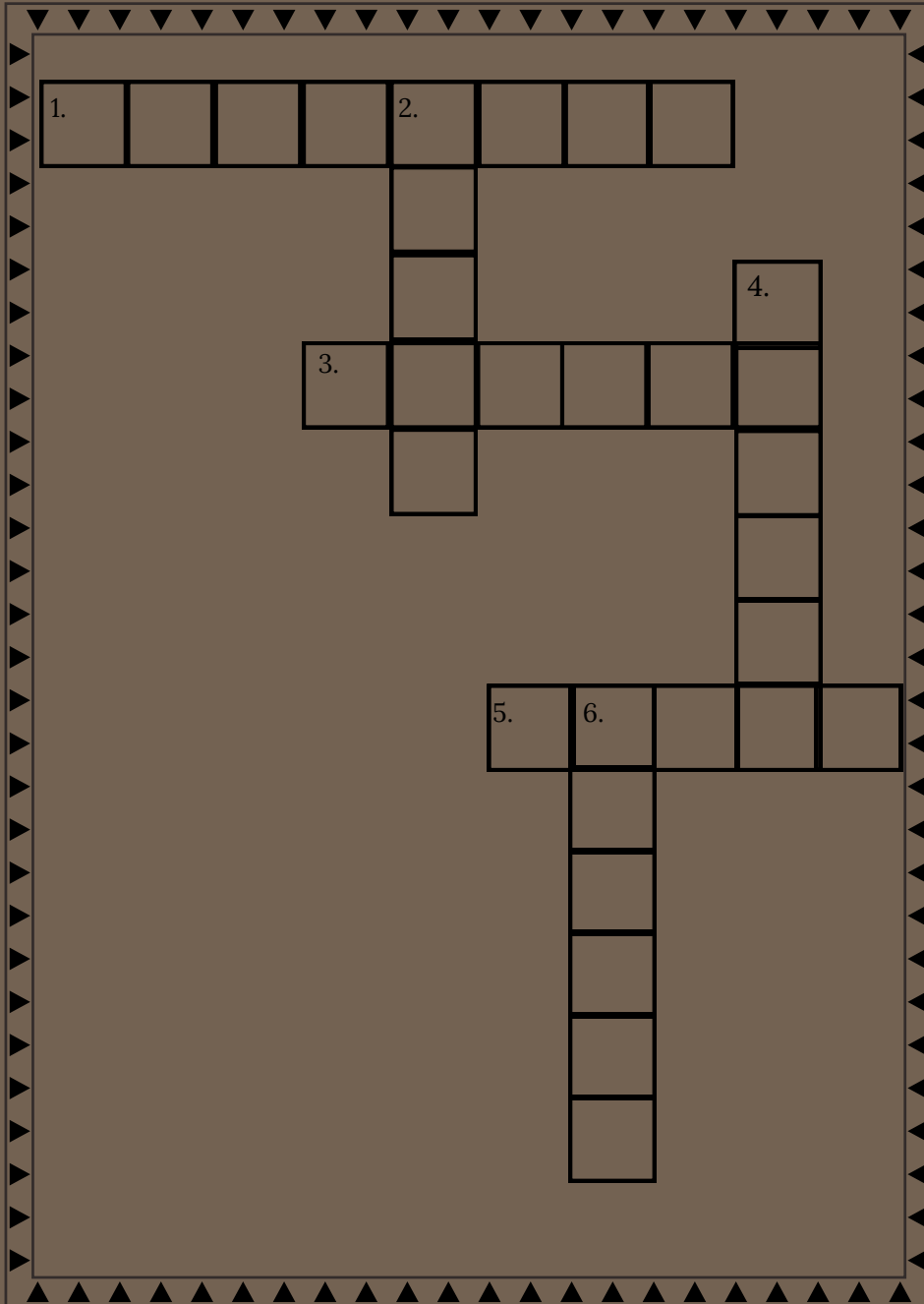
Game time

Across:

1- Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior.

3- A morally good quality or trait.

5- A term often used in existential philosophy to discuss existence itself.



Down:

2- The study of reasoning and argumentation.

4- The power of the mind to think, understand, and form judgments logically.

6- The branch of philosophy dealing with morality and the principles of right and wrong behavior.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

