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FACULTY SEMINAR

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 08 March 2017: 01.30 P.M. Venue: Committee Room, Maharshi Valmiki College of Education</p>
<p>Topic: Adaptive Preferences and Morality: An Analysis of Psycho-Social Construction of Womanhood</p>
<p>Presentation by: Ms. Nisha Arya <i>Assistant Professor, Maharshi Valmiki College of Education, University of Delhi</i></p>
<p>Abstract: <i>It is easy to fight when you know the forces against which you are fighting. Visible issues can be dealt with but things that are invisible become more dangerous and threatening for the survival. We tend to adapt ourselves, our wishes, our desires, our preferences according to the demands of the system we live in. And we are not even aware of this fact that the preferences we make are not our preferences; they are the preferences of the system. This phenomenon of adaptive preferences is analyzed from different perspectives as explained by different thinkers in different contexts in the present paper. An attempt has been made to contextualize this concept of adaptive preferences within the Indian social system and more specifically with the positioning of women in Indian society. It explains the psychological process of adjustment by women and the social process of making women the willing victims of patriarchy. There is a moral problem with adaptive preferences that the person making the preference is not choosing it. The person is made to choose it. So, they are un-chosen because the autonomy of the person was not there. The realization of this fact might not come to majority of us (especially women) because there is an internalization of oppression that people have been facing from the time immemorial. In such a scenario where there is a need to not only help women gain a better perspective of her condition, but also the requirement to help her in coming to a situation where she can think about her own emancipation and enlightenment, the most potent tool that can be used is education. Further, this tool of education shall be used in such a way that the insidious nature of adaptive preferences gets due importance.</i></p>
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<p>Faculty Members Not Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Ila Mehrotra2. Ms. Minu Talwar3. Dr. Gopal Rana4. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Verma5. Dr. Ramji Dubey6. Dr. Vandana Gupta (On CCL)7. Dr. Kailash Goel8. Mr. Vinod Kumar A.

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