



**Goa University**

***Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme***

***Report on credit course***

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Introduction to Philosophy of Science Two Credit Course
2. Date and Time	16.08.2024 to 30.08.2024
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	Discipline of Philosophy (SSPIS)
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	05
8. Number of Student attended / participated	25
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	

<p>10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The objective of the VRPP course on “Introduction to Philosophical Science: are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To introduce the philosophical dimensions of the sciences.</li> <li>➤ To express the dynamics of the growth of scientific knowledge.</li> <li>➤ To understand the nature of scientific truth.</li> <li>➤ To understand the nature of objectivity in science.</li> </ul>
<p>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The VRPP course PHI: 629 titled “Introduction to Philosophy of Science” was offered by Prof. Dhruv Raina, Fellow of National Academy and the former Professor of Javaharlal Nehru University from 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at VRPP Hall, Directorate Block ‘D’, Goa University. More than 20 registered participants attended the course, and 5 students attempted exams as a credit course for MA programme. Nearly 15 participants were distributed certificated.</p>
<p>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ability to critically appraise science.</li> <li>➤ Understand the philosophical dimension of science.</li> <li>➤ Appreciate scientific growth.</li> <li>➤ Ability to grab the nature of scientific objectivity</li> </ul>
<p>13. Enclosures with report</p>	<p>Brochure, Photos, Attendance of students/faculty/external participants, Bio Data of the resource person.</p>

## Bio Data

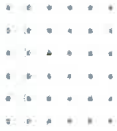
**Dhruv Raina** is a philosopher and historian of science from India. He is best known for his work on the domestication of science in colonial India, transnational intellectual networks of science and historiographies of science. He was Professor of History of Science Education at the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies (ZHCES), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2003-2023). Before joining JNU, he was a scientist at the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS), New Delhi from 1991 to 2002. He was the first Heinrich Zimmer Chair for Indian Philosophy and Intellectual History, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany (2010–11). His basic training is in physics (MSc Physics, IIT Bombay), and he completed his doctoral studies with Aant Elzinga in the philosophy of science from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden on the Jesuit enlightenment historiography of Indian astronomy and mathematics.

His intellectual association with S. Irfan Habib led to the publication of a series of research articles (collected lately as a volume titled, *Domesticating Modern Science*, 2004) on the cultural redefinition of modern science in colonial India. They edited a volume on Joseph Needham (*Situating the History of Science*, 1999) and also the section on Science in Twentieth South and South-East Asia for volume 7 of UNESCO's History of Mankind Project.<sup>[1]</sup>

He is currently on the Council of the Division for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (2020-2023).



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**SCHOOL OF SANSKRIT, PHILOSOPHY AND INDIC STUDIES**

**ON**

**"INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE"**

**(TWO CREDIT COURSE, 30 HRS.)**

**BY**

**PROF DHRUV RAINA**

**D.D.KOSAMBI CHAIR PROFESSOR IN**  
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Sr.No	Date	Day	Time
1	16.08.2024	Friday	15.00-17.00
2	17.08.2024	Saturday	11.00- 13.00 & 14.00-16.00
3	19.08.2024	Monday	15.00-17.00
4	20.08.2024	Tuesday	15.00-17.00
5	21.08.2024	Wednesday	15.00-17.00
6	22.08.2024	Thursday	15.30-17.30
7	23.08.2024	Friday	15.30-17.30
8	24.08.2024	Saturday	11.00- 13.00 & 14.00-16.00
9	26.08.2024	Monday	15.00-17.00
10	27.08.2024	Tuesday	15.00-17.00
11	28.08.2024	Wednesday	15.00-17.00
12	29.08.2024	Thursday	15.30-17.30
13	30.08.2024	Friday	15.30-17.30
		<b>Total Lectures</b>	<b>30 hours</b>

**DR. WALTER MENEZES**  
**COURSE COORDINATOR**

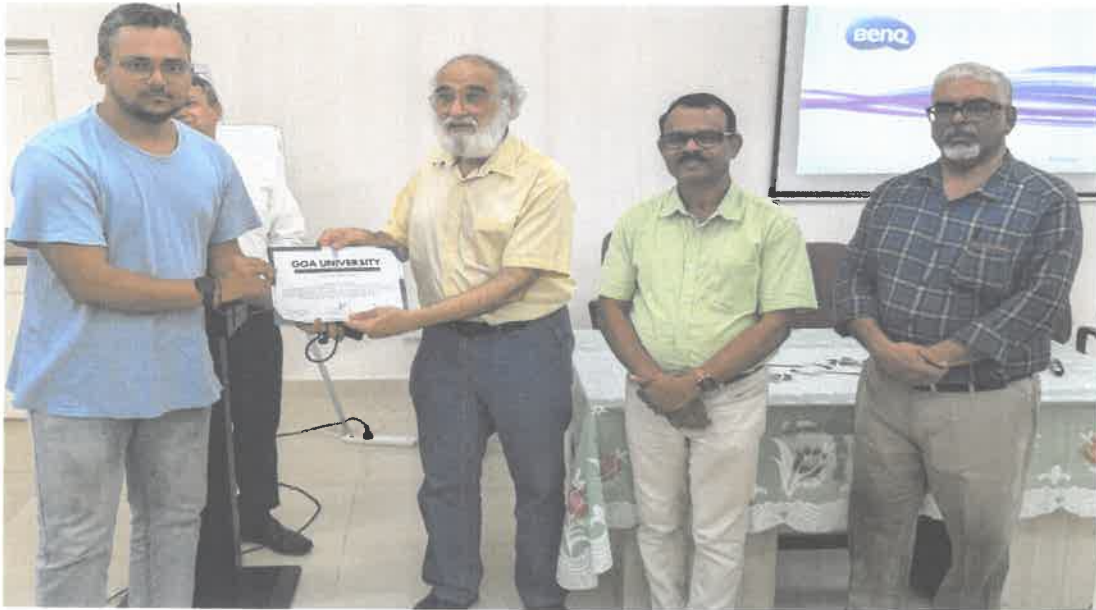
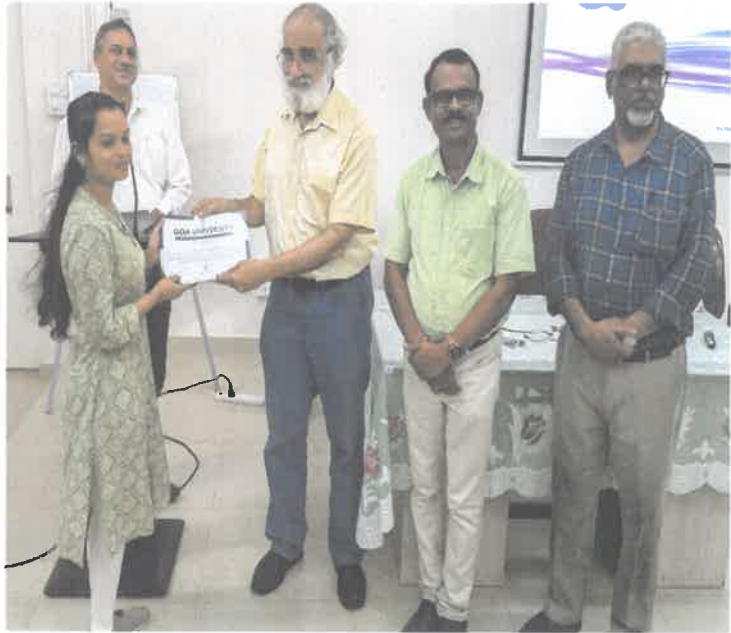
**DR. SAVITA KERKAR**  
**DIRECTOR, VRPP**

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## Photographs







Signature:

*Walter Menezes*  
26/09/24

Name of coordinator: Dr. Walter Menezes

Designation: Assistant Professor

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024



Signature

*Harsha*  
11/10/24

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