



# DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY DIMAPUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE.



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## REPORT ON SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES 1

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> Feb' 2026

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00

**Venue:** Seminar Hall

**Topic:** 'Knowledge Systems and Gender: A Historical Trajectory of Feminist Thought'.

**Speaker:** Dr Walunir, Former Associate Professor of English, Amity university, Noida (U.P) and principal of St. John Higher Secondary Residential school, Dimapur.

A special lecture series-1 was successfully conducted, by the department of Philosophy, Dimapur Government College on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 2:00 pm in the seminar hall. The program was organised by the Department of Philosophy, Dimapur Govt. College. The Special Lecture Series - 1 was Sponsored by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (QAC), DGC.

The program commenced with a brief introduction by Ms. N. Sentinungla Pongen, Associate professor and head of the department of philosophy, and who also chaired the Lecture and also moderated the discussion. She welcomed the guest speaker and highlighted the relevance of the lecture topic.

The guest speaker, Dr Walunir, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Knowledge Systems and Gender: A Historical Trajectory of Feminist Thought'. He began by distinguishing between sex and gender, explaining that sex is biological while gender is culturally constructed. He emphasised that societies assign specific roles to individuals based on gender, often resulting in women being confined to roles such as daughter, wife and mother etc. He further argued that while biological differences are natural, gender roles are largely arbitrary and socially imposed. The speaker also discussed how women have historically been constructed as inferior, with examples including Aristotle's view that women are 'naturally defective' and St Thomas assertion that women is a 'defective male'. He pointed out how women have been historic represented as the 'second sex', and highlighted that feminist struggle is still going on.

An interactive question and discussion session followed the lecture. Questions raised included how to deconstruct dominant knowledge systems in local contexts such as Nagaland, the possibility of creating balanced knowledge system and the application of Feminist thought in tribal societies. Dr Walunir, responded by emphasising the need for stronger social movements and ideological support systems to challenge long entrenched patriarchal system beliefs and practices.

The lecture and discussion stretched for 2 (two) Hours. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Wabangnaro Imchen, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy. Altogether there were 80 participants including faculty members of the department and other departments, and also students of Philosophy Department and also invited students from other departments like English, Psychology and Sociology. Overall it was a very enriching and insightful lecture.

### GLIMPSES OF THE LECTURE IN PICTURES



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## PROGRAM OF THE SPECIAL LECTURE - 1



# Department of Philosophy Dimapur Govt. College



## Special Lecture Series - 1

### Guest Speaker : Dr. Walunir

*(Formerly Associate Professor, Amity University, Noida, UP,  
& Principal, St. John Higher Secondary School, Dimapur )*

### *Lecture Topic:*

## **KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND GENDER: A HISTORICAL TRAJECTORY OF FEMINIST THOUGHT**

*This Lecture Series – 1 is Sponsored by IQAC, DQC.*

**Date: 06<sup>th</sup> February 2026 // Time: 02:00 PM // Venue: Seminar Hall**

### ***Order of Program***

- 1. Chairperson: Ms. N. Sentinungla Pongen,  
Assoc. Prof. & Head, Dept. of Philosophy**
- 2. Topic: Knowledge Systems and Gender: A Historical Trajectory of  
Feminist Thought  
Speaker: Dr. Walunir**
- 3. Questions and Discussion**
- 4. Vote of Thanks: Dr. Wabangnaro Imchen  
Asstt. Prof, Dept. of Philosophy**

***(Light Refreshment Follows)***