

School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
Report of the Global Academic Carnival (Eunoia-2023)
dated 17-19 January 2023

Mahatma Gandhi University organized its first-ever academic carnival, Global Academic Carnival - 'Eunoia-2023' on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of January 2023. It was held at seven venues in Kottayam town with Art and cultural programs being performed at Tirunakkara Maidan, seminars at Mammen Mappila Hall and a film festival at CMS College. Also, there was a spectacular procession in the city of Kottayam with more than 5000 students from different colleges and statutory departments of the University. The procession included various art forms and presentations of cultural importance. The exhibition provided a space of opportunity to get to know the contemporary courses, certifications, and programmes of international standards in the field of higher education, and also, academic and research opportunities of the University. Also, the medical exhibition held at Baselius College familiarised the latest developments in the field of medicine.

'Eunoia- 2023' started with a cultural procession on 16th January 2023 and ended on 19th January 2023. This platform allowed students to gain insight and knowledge from academicians, researchers, and practitioners in various fields. It created a forum to share ideas and opinions. An ample space to interact with academicians, artists, and professionals in the arena of education helped students prepare and shape their future careers. It fulfilled the objective of connecting with society, students, and teachers and also, exposing the state-of-the-art facilities of Mahatma Gandhi University to the public. The School of Pedagogical Sciences (SPS) had actively participated throughout the days of 'Eunoia- 2023'. The teachers, students and researchers of the SPS took a chance in celebrating talents, upskilling, and sharing ideas in the happening event Eunoia-2023.

On 16th January 2023, the students of the School of Pedagogical Sciences assembled on Police Parade Ground, Kottayam at 3:30 pm. The Students of the School of Pedagogical Sciences proved to be ornamental to the rally by portraying the national integrity as the theme of their procession wearing the attires of various Indian states such as Kerala, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Gujarat, etc. The procession ended at Thirunakkara Ground at 5 pm. Students and faculty members from different departments of Mahatma Gandhi University participated in this cultural procession.

On 17th January 2023, Minister of Higher Education, Dr R Bindu inaugurated the three- day exhibition at Mamman Mappilai Hall at 9:30 am. Shri Thiruvanjoo Radhakrishnan presided over the function. The exhibition, seminars, and book fest were inaugurated by MP Adv. Jose K Mani, Adv. Thomas Chazhikadan and Vice Chancellor of Calicut University Dr M K Jayaraj respectively. Actress Ms Surabhi Lakshmi inaugurated the film festival and Director Mr Lal Jose inaugurated the cultural festival. The students on duty of the stalls completed the arrangements in the

stall in the morning itself. On the opening day of Eunoia, the stall of the School of Pedagogical Science was inaugurated by the SPS HoD, Prof (Dr) Asha JV at 10 am. The faculty members of the School, Prof (Dr) Jaya Jaise, Prof (Dr) Minikutty A, Prof (Dr) Sajna Jaleel, Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Dr Muhammad KV, Dr Sibin Netto, and Dr Smitha S motivated the students and research scholars by their presence on different occasions. The SPS stall could invite the attention of a good number of visitors and had a great rush throughout these three days. Various types of attractive academic activities displayed in the stall fascinated the visitors and many of them gave a try at the mind gym techniques. There was a promo video playback presented on television helping viewers quickly understand what SPS has been imparting. The brochure of SPS was also distributed to the general public which could help students to familiarize with the SPS and its academic activities. Also, the SPS stall helped people understand the eminent personalities, psychologists, and philosophers who played prominent roles in education and identified the educational research institutes. The students gave an explanation of NEP 2020 to aware the public by the students of SPS. The books and publications of the SPS faculties were showcased and exhibited to the viewers. All three days, the stall time was set from 9 am to 5 pm. The students on shift basis enthusiastically took duty of the stall and worked as a thread to pull over people to stalls. Later at 5.30 pm, the cultural events started at Mammen Mapila Hall, Kottayam. The students of SPS enthralled the audience by performing a fusion dance. Both the installation of stall and participation in the cultural events made the students of the School of Pedagogical Sciences the ‘Stars’ in ‘Eunoia- 2023’.

By 18th January 2023, the stall No.42 of SPS emerged as a major hotspot in the exhibition. Psychological tests and mind-games gained a lot of attention. People were drawn to take part in the psychological tests. Winners were chosen by setting time for difficulty-level games. The seed pens, chocolates, and plant seeds were gifted. It was as a part of the green initiative ‘seed pens’ and seeds were awarded to competitors. The guests were fascinated by the MOOC courses provided by our faculties and appreciated the efforts of the faculty and staff. At the same time, there was a pack of people participating in the quiz and puzzle games. The SPS students even watched and participated in activities of other stalls and won games. The attitude of sharing and caring was seen in our students not only with themselves but also with students of other neighbouring stalls.

On the final day (19th January 2023) of the exhibition, as on the other days, the SPS stall was crowded as usual as other. The game and puzzles which can be played instantly and online attracted the tech-savvy among the visitors. Mr Kamal, Malayalam film director, visited the SPS stall. On that day, the stall was formally closed at 3:45 pm. The sincere efforts of the students was visible from the visitors’ register. About 1000 people registered in the stall, in addition to people skipped due to lack of time and rush. The hard work of students paved the way for all the success. It is an honour and pride that the School of Pedagogical Sciences could get a special award as the Best performer in EUNOIA-2023 among the University Statutory Departments for all the best efforts.



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