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EDITORIAL

What an eventful quarter it has been! To start off - Demonetization, followed by the new year and recently a celebration of the Constitution with Goa going to the polls.

Once the Assembly elections were announced, people forgot the pains of demonetization and hopped on to the band wagon of various political parties, with emotional appeals and achievable and non achievable promises galore. As election fever caught on, we were provided with the best and the worst of the political maneuvering and postulating. Leaders were at their eloquent best and we the electorate more than ever realized the power we wield.

When the D-day approached, people carried out their solemn duty towards their land and people. A duty in memory of the generations of proud Goans who fought to preserve and protect this land! A duty to ensure a secure and better future!

Moving from being a mere complainant, the masses could now play judge and pass a verdict to decide not only their own future but also the future of the generations to come. Goa responded in characteristic fashion and came out in large numbers, recording a turnout of 81.7% of voters.

Making up this percentage are so many of you first time voters with aspiration for just representation and good governance. The people have given their verdict and now Goa waits with bated breath for the 11th of March when the lawmakers that we would have elected will give us what we deserve. As is written in the Bible Galatians 6:7, "Don't delude yourself: God is not to be fooled; whatever someone sows, that is what he will reap."

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◆ Department of Economics

DISCOVER INDIA

The Economics Department of Fr.Agnel College Pilar conducted a tour to Ramoji Film City Hyderabad. Located at a distance of 30 km from the city of Hyderabad, Ramoji Film City is one of the most popular sightseeing places of Hyderabad. One of the largest and glamorous film studios in the world, Ramoji Film City has also place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Spread across an area of almost 2500 acres, it is one of the major film making facility of the country offering everything related to pre and post film production.



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◆ Dept.of Sociology

Giving back



Human Solidarity Day, annually held on the 20th of December, was celebrated by the college wherein different groups of students visited various Orphanages, Old Age homes etc. The students hailing from Vasco decided to visit Asha Sadan at Baina, headed by Sr. Lourenca. The Sadan which caters to the less fortunate children of the slum dwellers from in and around Baina, has succeeded in changing their life from one of despondency to a path of hope and better life. The college students organised a small celebratory evening for these children who participated

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Know the Indian Economy

Students from different streams and classes participated in a Quiz Competition on 10th January 2017, organised by the Department of Economics of the College. The quiz was on topics related to "Indian Economy" such as its trade, finance, demonetization, performance of different sectors, Indian states, financial abbreviations etc. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Andrew. A. Antao of the Department of Economics. The event was also supported by Associate. Prof. Mr. Roy Gomes from the Department of Economics.

The winners of the Quiz Competition were awarded a cash prize of 500, 400 and 300 respectively.

- 1st Ramesh Patil (TY.B.COM)
- 2nd Reuel Rodrigues (SY. B.COM-C)
- 3rd Deepika Gauns (TY.BA)



◆ Students Council

Inter-class Poster Competition

The Students Council of Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar-Goa organized an Inter-class Poster Making Competition on 19th December 2016 in the college campus on the occasion of Goa Liberation Day.

The theme for the competition was "Goa's Scenario before Liberation". The winners of the Inter-class Poster Making Competition were:

Place	Names	Class
1st Place	Rancy D'Silva	(SY. B.COM-B)
	Harshada Desai	(SY. B.COM-B)
	Tann Gakarnkar	(SY. B.COM-B)
2nd Place	Sweta Palyekar	(TY. B.COM-B)
3rd Place	Gelasio Fernandes	(FY.BA-B)

Inter-collegiate Photography Competition

Donaven Pinto from F.Y.B.A and Manisha Shirodkar from S.Y.B.A participated in a Two Day State Level Workshop on Portrait Photography and Cinematography on 14th & 15th January organized by Saraswat Vidyalaya's, Shiroda Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa. Donaven Pinto secured the Third place in the Photo Contest on the theme 'Celebration'. Participation certificates were also awarded to them.



◆ Dept. of Sociology

Making a difference

'World Aids Day' was celebrated on December 1, 2016 by the Sociology Department in association with the Value Education Cell. Human Touch, an NGO in Goa organised an awareness programme for the First Year students. The programme was very informative and the students were made aware of the social stigma that surround the AIDS affected in the society today.



Glorious Moments



The students of the Department of Commerce participated in the inter-collegiate festival "Insignia" organized by the Department of Commerce, Rosary College on 7th December 2016. Our students won prizes in the following events: 1st place in Charisma, 2nd place in Strokes of Genius - Glass painting and 3rd place for Snap-a-shot (Photography).

◆ Value Education Cell



In order to inculcate goodness and awareness in the young minds, various lectures on diverse topics were conducted in all the classes by the respective class mentors.

9th July 2016: "Self Esteem"

28th July 2016: Stress management, Overcoming Jealousy, Relationship and social media, Team work and positivity, Understanding Human behavior etc.

If you are
working on something
exciting that you really
care about,
you don't have
to be pushed.
The vision pulls
you.

STEVE JOBS

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...Giving back

with great enthusiasm in the fun-filled games. A small hamper was also gifted to each child which brought smiles on the young innocent faces of the destitute.

Activities like these definitely help in inculcating in the students a sense of responsibility towards the society, especially towards uplifting the under privileged.

The Department of Sociology celebrated 'Human Solidarity Day' by visiting St. John of Goa, an Old Age Home at Old Goa. The students interacted with the inmates and were touched by the life stories that were shared by the inmates. The students were accompanied by Asst. Prof. Clint D'Costa.

A few students of SYBA visited My Home an Old age Home in Bogmalo to commemorate Human Solidarity Day. The students spent time speaking to the aged and inquiring about their well being after which a small fun activity was organised and some snacks and gifts were distributed.

... Discover India

The architecture of the studio and the wide range of settings makes it one of the favourite spot for many film makers.

With a capacity to accommodate close to 50 film units at the same time, Ramoji Film City offers umpteen numbers of film sets such as London Street, Hollywood sign, Japanese gardens, airport, hospital, etc. . landscapes and buildings as well as laboratories. The self sufficient film city with its facilities and setting is enough to make a complete movie.

Objective of the tour to Ramoji:

- To make students aware the tourism based business model that operates there.
- To view the economic activities that flourish in and around Ramoji film city

There are also many green areas maintained within the film city such as botanical garden, bird park and other gardens, giving the sense of eco-tourism in the area.



Annual Day Glimpses

Talent abounded as Fr. Agnel College unfolded the Annual Day cultural programme on December 17, 2016. From classical to traditional folk dancing, from body sculpting and energetic dance moves to the lilting harmony of the Choral Society and the English play with a relevant message.



Project procedure Student Enhancement Programme

The Department of Commerce, in association with Department of Information Technology organized a workshop on "Capturing the Data and analyzing the same using Google Form" for the TY Bcom students to help them in analyzing the data for project work.

Dr. Shilpa Dessai, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Information Technology of the college, conducted the session. It was co-ordinated by Mrs. Reshamkaur Bhambra, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Commerce.



Best NCC SW Cadet

Best NCC SD Cadet

Best NSS Volunteer

Best NSS Volunteer

CREATIVISION

CREST in association with iTreees Foundation organized "Creativision" a three day workshop from 28th to 30th November 2016. The objective of this workshop was to inculcate an interest in creative art and skills that would encourage student entrepreneurship.

The students were taught Cake and Bread-making, Nail and Mehendi Art, Hairstyling, Jewellery making, Appliqué work, photography, Architectural drafting,

Web designing and Android App designing. The students of SY.BA and TY.B.COM attended the three day workshop.

The resource persons for the workshop were Ms. Susan M. Wiseman, Researcher (Retired from Texas State University, San Marcos, USA) and Mr. Benhail Antao, Honorary Wildlife Warden (Member of South Goa Squad)



FUN – WEEEEK

The Fun -Week for the academic year 2016-17 was a four day event commencing from 20th to 23rd Dec'16. The first day was "Traditional day" which was organised by the BCA department. A total of ten teams representing their respective classes and having unique team names (Technotrix, Costing Stars, Bestro, Cheaters, Uzzo, Mesmerisers, Thunderbirds, Team Escape, Croods, Kidos), participated enthusiastically in the various on-stage and off-stage events. There were exciting and competitive games like slow biking, hitting the boundary and traditional village games of the old times like cracking the coconut. Other competitions like Star Making, Face Painting, Mehendi, Flower Arrangement, Carol Singing and Western Dance were also organized.



The theme for day 2 was "Back to School" which was organized by the Department of Arts. Various Sport events viz. Tug of War, Lagori, Sack Race, Balloon Blasting and off-stage events like Umbrella Painting, Fatigalap, Wealth out of Waste and Nail Painting were organized. In addition, there were also on-stage events like Fashion Show and Stand -up Comedy which kept the audience enthralled.



Day 3 of the Fun Week was organized by the Department of Commerce, the theme being "Moon Walker", a tribute to Michael Jackson. The students came dressed in black and white. The day also saw sports events like Tie Breaker, Back Kick and on-stage events like Dance to Dance, Switch Gender, and Mute Beat. Street Football was a crowd-pulling off-stage event, had the teams put up stalls of delectable food items. The day ended with a Jam Session which had the students dancing to some captivating numbers.



The last day of the Fun Week was organized by the Students' Council. The theme for the final day was "Funky Day". Many interesting events like the water bucket challenge, Fruit Carving and Zombie Dance were planned for the day.

The judges for the various competitions were Prof. Jayesh, Prof. Andrew Antao, Prof. Eunicia, Prof. Shona, Mr Projot Naik, Ms. Nafisha, Ms. Sumeda, ex-students Mr Dattaraj Naik and Mr Sunny Mangeshkar.

The four days of fun and frolic ended with the prize distribution ceremony. Mr. Francisco Silveira, ex MLA of St. Andre constituency was the Chief Guest for the occasion. And finally, team Escape emerged as the winner of Fun -Week 2016-17 and team Cheaters were the Runners up.



• DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Election Fever

Five students of the Department of Political Science conducted a survey for the Election Commission of India in collaboration with Goa University on the occasion of the State Assembly Elections scheduled on 4th February 2017. The students of Goa University, Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar

and Carmel College, Nuvem were part of this survey which gathered data on the Knowledge, Behaviour and Perception among the voters in Goa. The survey was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Hegel Da Costa from the Department of Political Science.



• Dept. of History

The Right(s) Approach

To commemorate the Human Rights Day on 10th of Dec, the FYBA students of Department of Political Science organised a display of posters on the various aspects of Human Rights to bring about awareness and to sensitise the students about Human Rights issues. The Department also screened a documentary for the students about the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



The Department of Political Science organised a Quiz for the students of the college on the occasion of the Goa Liberation day on 19th Dec 2016. The quiz was pertaining to Goa's Liberation. The quiz was conducted by Ms. Deepika Gauns from TY.BA.

The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Department of History and Economics organised a 7 day study tour to Hyderabad for the students of the College from 16th Nov to 23rd Nov 2016. The study tour comprised visits to various historic places in Hyderabad like the Salar Jung Museum, Golkonda Fort, museums and other sites. An industrial visit was organised as part of the study tour wherein the students visited a Guinness World record museum and workshop of wacky cars. 24 students along with three faculty members, Asst. Prof. Andrew Antao, Asst. Prof. Veronica Dias and Asst. Prof. Hegel Da Costa, were a part of this study tour. The students gained knowledge, learnt different values and witnessed different events during this tour.

NSS CAMP

The NSS Camp of Fr. Agnel College was Conducted at Fr. Agnel Novixiate, Collem, Goa from 13th November to 19th November 2016. The camp aimed in inculcating the values of selfless labour and self sufficiency among the volunteers. The camp had activities of manual labour, Sports, Cultural Activities and Cooking thereby focusing on the all round development of the volunteers. The NSS Programme Officers played a very important part with their active and enthusiastic participation in this special camp there by making it a grand success.



Certificate Course in Library & Information Science



The 4th batch of a four month Library & Information Science Course was held from October 2016 to January 2017.



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EDITORIAL

Anxiety, expectations and anticipation; wins and losses, disappointments and celebrations, the month of March witnessed it all! The verdict is out, the path is laid. With a positive outlook let's surge ahead with renewed hope and faith that the new government will fulfill the promises for the people of Goa.

The drones of anxiety, however, continue to infiltrate the April air. With examinations round the corner, blood pressure and heart beats seem to be on a different trip altogether!! In fact the word "Exam" itself can be a nightmare for some. Typical scenes of students flocking to a photocopier, frequenting the library, lighting candles, etc make for a charged up, stress filled atmosphere. The laid backs suddenly seem to be filled up with energy reserves that they never knew lay dormant all this time. And yet there are some others who have been regular and sincere all through the year and now appear relatively stress free.

Whether examinations are the accurate yardstick for measuring a child's intelligence is a debatable issue. The fact remains that one needs to face examinations. So, get cracking dear students. Gear up yourself to face the challenge that lies ahead. Focus, plan strategically, avoid getting stressed, and eat well to keep your body and brain well-fuelled by choosing nutritious food over junk. Studying continuously can get boring, so take short breaks to relax and rejuvenate. Keep away from things that distract you. It's time to test your endurance and will power. Most importantly, believe in yourself. Working hard is definitely important but having faith in yourself is the first step towards success.

Wishing you the very best for your exams. Give it your best. God bless!

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Impetus – The Awakening

"Impetus – The Awakening," one of the premier Inter-collegiate Management, Cultural and I.T. festival held in Goa was conducted by Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar on 19th and 20th Jan 2017. The rationale behind the event was simple – 'Go Holistic' but be firmly rooted in the past and sprout shoots to excel in today's world of Management and I.T. These events which attracted diverse talent sought to energize business acumen, technological flair and not forgetting Goan history and tradition. A total of seven colleges from across the state participated in thirteen events that challenged and energized the participants to

go beyond their limitations and showcase their creative wings. Mr. Arsenio D'Souza, a Structural Engineer and an Entrepreneur was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function. Addressing the audience,



he encouraged the students to realise their desires and dreams firmly rooted in their hearts. GVM's GGPR College of Economics, Ponda emerged as the champions of Impetus – The Awakening 2017.

Young Achiever - Way to Go!!

Prof. Hegel Da Costa, Department of Political Science, was awarded the 'National Youth Award' at the 10th National Youth Convention held at Mangalore. She was felicitated by the members of CBCI, Indian Catholic Youth Movement and Youth Active Foundation for her contribution towards the society as a youngster.



Wellness Entrepreneurship

The Centre for Research and Excellence between Society and Technology (CREST), Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar-Goa organised 'OKDAAM' on 11th February 2017 – a day observed as the 'World Day of the Sick'. The wellness entrepreneurship workshop to decode traditional and modern medicines was a one day interactive event. It was attended by students from various colleges across Goa, academicians, medical doctors, entrepreneurs, established practitioners of



traditional home remedies and entrepreneurs, who shared their expertise and taught useful life saving approaches and skills to enhance ones own well being thus enabling a holistic cosmic joyful living.

Principal Dr. Fredrick Rodrigues s.f.x welcomed the participants and Dr. Allan Tavares s.f.x, convenor of CREST and Administrator of the College spoke about "OKDAAM" and highlighted the significance of the event.

The first session, "Fitness Lifestyle - Medicine for Mind & Soul" was a memorial lecture on Pope John Paul-II, delivered by Mr. George Sequeira, Proprietor of Fitness Zone studio. The speaker gave a firsthand



experience of fitness lifestyles. The second session "Decoding Nature's Remedies for Cancer", a part of the Fr. Inacio Almeida memorial lecture, was delivered by Dr. Archana Parienkar, an Ayurvedic Physician at the Valpoi Health Centre. She highlighted the importance



of ayurvedic medicines. Fr. Santiago Fernandes and Fr. Mario Rebello from Zagoti farm, Valpoi-Goa conducted a workshop, with special focus on the plant 'Lakshn' (Simarouba glauca) considered to be a life saver for cancer patients. Dr. Joline Fernandes conducted a workshop laying special stress on the importance of human immune system.



Since the event coincided with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the students of Fr. Agnel College restored the college grotto and created a "Wellness point" of medicinal plants. The event came to a close with Prof. Andrew Antao, faculty of the college delivering the vote of thanks.



Splendid Moments

The students of the Department of B.C.A. won the overall Runners up position at "TECHLIPSE", a One Day IT Competition, organized by the Department of B.C.A. at St. Xavier College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Mapusa, on 24th January 2017.



The students won prizes in the following events: 1st Place in Ice Breaker; Enter to Win It (Treasure Hunt); Debugging and Speedy Fingers. 2nd Place in Photoshop Master and Robo Style

The students of the Department of B.C.A. participated in a one day IT event, "I-RIX" at Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Gogol on 27th January 2017.



Jagganath Varang and Reuben Rodrigues won the 1st Place in Ice Breaker and FIFA (Gaming) respectively, while

Joel Vaz and Agassi Pereira won the 2nd Place in the Debate.

In another IT event, "GENESIS" at MES College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar held on 1st and 2nd February 2017, the students of the Department of B.C.A. brought laurels by winning the 1st Place in the Treasure Hunt and Dub smash. They won the 2nd Place in Photography, Facebook Likes and Mute Professor.



- Dr Jenet Borges attended the 12th Shekoti Sahitya Sammelan on the 7th & 8th January 2017 at Youth Hostel, Miramar, Panjim.
- She was officially recognized as one of the committee members at the Gomantak Rastra Basha Vidhyapit, Margao on 18th January 2017.
- She presented a Marathi poem on the occasion of Marathi Rajbasha Din at Gomantak Marathi Academi, Porvorim on 27th February 2017.
- She attended "Sahityostav" on the occasion of World Women's Day at Institute Menezes Branganza, Panaji on 7th March 2017.
- She also attended a Two Day National Seminar at Goa University on "Shrujanatmak ke Aayam Avam Amrutlal Nagar ka Sahitya" on 16th & 17th March 2017.

Developing Young Minds

The Department of Political Science in association with the Department of Economics, trained and deputed Miss Sangeeta Daware of F.Y.B.A for a paper presentation at a One Day State Level Seminar on 25th February 2017, organised by CES College of Arts and Commerce, Cuncolim. The theme of the seminar was "Ensuring Accountability in Goa 2030: Challenges and Opportunities". Ms Deepika Gauns, Ms Megha Acharya, Ms Anfila Fernandes and Master Sam Dias also participated in the seminar.



Prof. Loren Mergulhao e Diniz attended a short term Course in 'Research Methodology for Science' from 21st November to 26th November 2016 at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

Techniques to Success

- Around ten students attended a One Day State Level Workshop on 'Techniques to Crack the IBPS Bank Examination' conducted by Government College of Commerce and Economics, Margao.
- Coaching for Banking Examination 2017 for a period of four to five months is underway. It commenced on the 14th of January 2017.

Nestle- Good Food Good Life

F.Y.B.Com (B) went for a field trip to Nestle Plant in Usgao with their class mentor Prof. Loren Mergulhao e Diniz.

Creating Futures

The Career and Placement Cell of the college organised a Campus Recruitment programme on 2nd March 2017 for the T.Y. students of all streams. "Caculo Group", a well known and reputed business group in Goa was invited to conduct this programme. The campus recruitment interviews were conducted by Ms.

Sheshali Kesarkar, Corporate Manager-HR Caculo Group and Ms. Selida Menezes, HR-Associate Caculo Cars Pvt. Ltd. The executives from the Caculo Group held an interactive session acquainting the audience about their business group and the working of its subsidiaries. Interviews were conducted for the posts of Sales Consultants, Customer Relation Executives and Counter Sales in different subsidiaries and partnered franchises of the Caculo Group like Caculo Earthmovers Pvt. Ltd, Caculo Cars Pvt. Ltd, Caculo Motors Pvt. Ltd, Caculo Apparels Pvt. Ltd, etc. The programme was organised by Prof. Andrew Antao, member of the Career and Placement Cell.



From a total of 26 students who participated in the campus recruitment programme, 11 found favour with the Caculo group and were shortlisted for the following posts:

Customer relation Executive: Judy Dias, Felcy Palha, Clesha Lopes, Kajal Halarnkar, and Sneha Gaddekar.

Customer Relation Executive in Retails: Nikita Sequeira.

Sales Consultant: Ramesh Patil, Branson Fernandes, Romy Pereira, Aloysius Dias.

Counter Sales: Diksha Adkonkar.

Experiencing the World of Work

Ms. Irida De Araujo and Ms. Riva De Oliveira did an Internship at 'Xaverian Putokshall, Pilar' from 10th Nov to 19th Nov 2016

Ms. Jethna Gauns, Ms Mamta Shirodkar, Ms Cheryl Dias and Ms Deesha Mangueshkar were a part of the ICG - GALF Internship Programme 2016

Cultural Capsule

A total of 40 students from our college participated in "K-OSS 2017" organized by S. S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics, Cujira, St. Cruz, Ilhas Goa on 7th & 8th February 2017. The following students brought laurels to the college:



Donaven Pinto, F.Y.BA, 1st place in Photography. Suraj Kunkalkar, S.Y.BA, 2nd place in Body building.

Alisha Makwana, T.Y.BA, 3rd place in Arm-Wrestling -women's category. Certificates were awarded to the winners. Master Donaven Pinto was also awarded a Digital Camera for his triumphant win.

"Phoenix 2017" organized by Sridora Caculo College of Commerce & Management Studies (SCCMS) Mapusa-Goa, on 25th January 2017 at Kala Academy, Panjim-Goa, saw a record 43 students from our college participating in the event.

Diksha Mandrekar from F.Y.BA won the 2nd place in "Desh Bhakt" whereas Shane Da Costa & Daniel Rodrigues from S.Y.B.COM won the 3rd place in "Business Plan".



Yuva Jagruti

Abhivyaktee, a non-governmental organization for Art & Culture in Goa, in collaboration with Institute Menezes Braganza organized "Yuva Jagruti" on 10th February 2017. The students of F.Y.BA presented a street play as part of a competition at the event.

Cookware turns Traditional



- Eunisha Kundaikar of F.Y.B.A (B) won the interclass wall paper competition on "Traditional Methods and utensils in Cooking" organised by the Department of History on 6th December 2016.
- At the Inter-class competition organized by the Department of History on 13th December 2016 on "Traditional Utensils in Cooking and Traditional Utensils for Storage of Solids and Liquids," the 1st place was won by Janice Fernandes ; the 2nd by Nazmin Bedgie ; Franzina Fernandes and Nikita Lotlikar were the joint winners for the 3rd place.

Folk Flavours

The Department of History organized an Inter Class Folk Dance competition on 13th December 2016. The Gondhal dance presented by the students of S.Y.B.A captured the First place whereas the kohli dance by F.Y.B.A-(B) won the second spot. The Goan folk dance by F.Y.B.A-(B) took the Third place.



Orators of the Day

Mr. Ameya Kundaikar and Ms Nabeeha Parveen of F.Y.B.A participated in an elocution competition on 17th December 2016, organised by institute Menezes Braganza . Ms Nabeeha Praveen secured the 2nd place on the topic "Freedom Movement of Goa". They were accompanied by Prof. Soraya Rebelo.



"Healthy" Quizzing

Mamta Shirodkar and Lydia Prasad under the guidance of Dr. Murelle Mascarenhas participated in a State level Quiz competition on "Adolescent Health, Education Rights and Nutrition" on 13th January 2017 at Goa University.

Women Rights

Ann Lydia Prasad and Ankita Dwivedi took part in the Quiz Competition on 'Indian Women'. Jethna Gauns participated at Poster Making Competition on 'Women's Rights' at Dhempe College on 6th January, 2017

Enrichment Programme

Prof. Soraya Rebelo attended a symposium titled "Aiming Towards a Cashless Society" on 7th January, 2017 organised at Menezes Braganza as part of 'Luis-de- Menezes Braganza Lecture Series'.

Catching them Young



Students of the Department of History and Economics participated in "Shaping Young Minds Programme 2017" conducted by Goa Management Association and All India Management Association on 19th January, 2017 at NIO, Dona Paula.

The Magic Spell



The Department of English organized "Spell-bound," an Inter-class English Language Quiz Competition on January 5, 2017 that tested the student's Word Power. The competition that involved two rounds, saw 30 teams consisting of two members each, participating in Round I which was a written round. Six teams were shortlisted for the final round which was an on-stage event. The teams were put through the following rounds: Spellathon, Idiomatic, a round of Homophones and a round comprising of Wuzzles or Word Puzzles.

The winners of Spellbound were Joel Vaz and Arif Najmul from F.Y.B.C.A while the Runners-up title went to Oshin Fernandes and Shane Da Costa from S.Y.B.Com (B).

Music of Language

The Department of English organized a One Day Inter-collegiate fest "Note-wordy," a combination of music and language on February 13, 2017. The events comprised of:

- "13.2 FM" – A Radio show contest
- "Peace Beats" – An original musical rendition
- "Music Maze" – A treasure hunt
- "Rhythmic Strokes" – Art and music fusion
- "Kaleidoscope" – A photography montage

Four colleges – St Xavier's College, Mapusa; Chowgule's College, Gogol Margao; MES College, Zuarinagar and DM's College, Assagao participated. Creativity found an outlet as wit and music resonated, colour and chords entwined and music knowledge met nimble feet. St Xavier's College, Mapusa picked up the coveted title of Noteworthy 2017 while DM's College, Assagao were the Runners up.



Lessons from the Past

The Department of Economics organised an Inter-class Exhibit Competition on 7th Dec 2016, on the following themes:

- 1) Traditional implements used in agricultural activities.
- 2) Traditional implements used for storage of solids and liquids in agriculture.

A total of 14 students participated enthusiastically for the event by displaying an array of traditional implements used for agricultural purposes in the knowledge lobby in the academic block. Ms. Merlin Fernandes from F.Y.Bcom (B) won the 1st place and Ms. Anita Naik of F.Y.Bcom (A) won the 2nd.

There was also an inter-class Wallpaper Competition on the theme "Traditional Agricultural Methods", wherein six classes participated. Both the events were judged by Prof. Milind Mhamal, Prof. Rajashree Sail and Ms. Asha Naik. Following were the winners of the Inter-Class Wallpaper Competition:

Place Secured	Name of Students	Class	Title of the wallpaper
First	Ms. Monaliza Cardozo, Ms. Selvy Miranda, Ms. Rincy Da Silva Ms. Reina Tavares	F.Y.B.Com A	Ancient Jewels
Second	Ms. Clancy Antao	F.Y.B.Com C	Traditional Agriculture
Third	Ms. Merlin Fernandes	F.Y.B.Com B	Traditional Methods used in Agriculture

How Aware are You?

An Inter-Class Written Quiz Competition was held on 9th December, 2016 on topics related to national income, banking, demographic features of Indian population, etc. 23 students participated in the competition.

The winners of the quiz competition were:

- 1st Place : Kajol Halankar, T.Y.B.Com B
 2nd Place: James D'Souza, F.Y.B.Com B
 3rd Place: Neha Naik, F.Y.B.Com B

The competition was coordinated by Prof. Anneliese M. D'Costa.

Economic Literacy

- "Know Your Economy" test, an event organised by Parvatibai Chowgule College, Margao-Goa in Collaboration with Scientific Research Association For Economics and Finance (SRAEF) Chennai, Tamil Nadu held on 11th December, 2016. A total of 39 students from the B.A and B.Com stream of our college participated in the event. The results of the same are awaited.
- A team comprising of 10 students represented our college at ECON-2017, an event organised by Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Margao, Goa on 12th January, 2017. The students, under the guidance of Prof. Andrew. A. Antao participated in four events viz. Documentary Competition, Crossword, Wealth out of waste and Treasure hunt.

In the Lap of Nature

The Department of Economics organised a field trip on 6th January 2017 to Zagoti Nature, a farm located in the hinterlands of the mining area at Birondem, Valpoi-Goa. 16 students from S.Y.B.Com C under the supervision of Prof. Andrew Antao, formed a part of this study trip. The learning objective of the trip was to make the students aware of the Eco-tourism based business model that operates in that area and to examine the economic viability of such eco-tourism projects.

In his lecture, Fr. Santiago Fernandes, Manager of the farm, spoke on the variety of medicinal plants and their medicinal properties. He also mentioned the problems being faced viz.



the rising cost incurred due to the increasing labour cost and the menace

of wild monkeys, boars and bison that destroy the crop. He briefly explained the different agricultural subsidies that the farm gets from the government, which although helps in reducing the investment cost, is not always beneficial because of poor yield at times.

The students also got an opportunity to enjoy the cool crystal water of the Valpoi stream that eventually meets the Mahadei river. On their way back, the students collected some polished stones found near the stream bed for the restoration/beautification of the grotto of Mother Mary at the college campus.

Young Minds at Work

- Ratanlal Kharol and Ramesh Patil from T.Y.B.Com. participated in an Inter-Collegiate Economics Quiz Competition on "International Trade" organised by Rosary College of Arts and Commerce, Navelim on 10th March, 2017.
- James D'souza, Mathew Fernandes, Mullem Kumbar, Woodward De Piedade, Mujafar Mukashi, Shruti Volvoikar from F.Y.B.Com participated in a National Symposium on "Tourism Through Ages" organised by S. S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics on 27th February, 2017.

Econometrics

Prof. Roy Gomes and Prof. Andrew Antao participated in a One Day State Level Workshop on "Basic Econometric Analysis," organized on 11th March 2017 at D. M.'s College of Arts, Science, Commerce, Management Studies & Technology, Assagao, Goa. The workshop familiarized the participants with concepts related to Econometric and acquainted them with softwares like Gretel & Eviews8 for processing large chunks of statistical data.

◆ Centre for Human Excellence

Right to Write

The Department of Economics organized a writing session on Right to Information on 7th February 2017 for the S.Y.B.COM students. The coordinator of the event, Prof. Andrew Antao trained the students in the skill of RTI letter writing. They were taught in the procedure of writing and submitting a RTI, framing appropriate questions, the fee structure, the formalities in the procedure and the other specifications of the act. The objective of this session was to empower students to be a part of good governance and make them aware of the rights under the RTI Act, 2005.



'My Quest My Career'

The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you have not found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. - Steve Jobs

With the objective of enhancing life and work skills among the youth, the Centre for Human Excellence conducted a training programme, 'My Quest My Career' for the students of F.Y.B.A. The life skills and career development programme helped bridge the education and skills-divide by enabling self-learning, thus directing the young minds towards self-awareness and confidence to achieve their dreams of success.

The training programme which commenced on 5th December, 2016 was conducted by Prof. Anita Fernandes, Dept. of English and Prof. Andrew Antao, Dept. of Economics. Earlier,

these navigators had attended an Exploration and Life Skills Training programme that was conducted by QUEST Alliance in partnership with Godrej Industries at YMCA, Mumbai in September 2016.



The training programme comprised of a total of 30 hours of facilitator-led time and additional time for student related work. Various thought-provoking and stimulating activities and projects aided the students to get a deeper insight into their personal being. It also helped them to understand the world around them much better thus facilitating them with a new outlook and preparedness to face the world of work and life in general.



GST-Road Map to a Stronger Nation

The Department of Commerce organized One Day State Level Symposium on "Goods and Services Tax" on 7th January, 2017. The resource persons were CA Parimal Kulkarni and CA Sandip Bhandare. The symposium was attended by 140 participants including Faculty and Students from colleges all over Goa. The symposium was co-ordinated by Prof. Reshamkaur Bhambra.

Conquest at "Chakravyu"

The students of Commerce participated in an Inter-collegiate event "Chakravyu" organized by Post-graduate Department of S. S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics on 14th January 2017. Our team won 1st Place in Task race, 1st place in documentary and overall 3rd Place in the event.

Post Budget Impact Analysis



The Department of Commerce organized a One Day State level Symposium on "Post Budget Analysis" on 9th February 2017 in the college campus. Dr. Manoj Kamat was invited as the Chief Guest who also delivered the keynote address. Dr. Sarath Chandran, the Resource person for

Technical Session-I spoke on "Macro Overview of the Budget". The Resource person for the Technical session-II, CA Santosh Kenkre, spoke on "Impact of the Budget on Different Segments of the Population". The event was co-ordinated by Prof. Reshamkaur Bhambra.

Lasting Impressions

- Prof. Reshamkaur Bhambra presented a paper on "Mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility in India - Issues and Strategic Way Ahead" at a National Conference organized by Shree Damodar College, Margao on 24th and 25th February, 2017. The paper was also published in an International Journal.
- Prof. Reshamkaur Bhambra and Prof. Carina Vaz attended a One Day National Seminar on "Corporate Social Responsibility" organized by Saraswat College, Mapusa on 10th March 2017. Ms. Reshamkaur Bhambra also presented a paper on "Corporate Social Responsibility in India - Transition from Philanthropy to Regulatory".

Winning Streaks

In another Inter-collegiate event "Cosmocrat" organized by the Department of B.B.A, Don Bosco College, Panjim, the B.Com students won the second place for Flip side.

Continuing with their winning streak, the B.Com students won the 1st place for 'Creative Skill Set' as well as for 'Shutter Bug'; 2nd place in 'Clash of Colours', 'It Classified' and 'Bop Till U Drop' at 'Arena 2017', an Inter-collegiate event held at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa on 15th February, 2017.



Managing the Fun Way

The Department of Commerce celebrated 'Management Day' on 20th February, 2017 to mark the celebration of International Management Day. The resource person for the day was Mr. Pravin Sabnis, a Corporate Trainer. The event that was co-ordinated by Prof. Carina Vaz was organized for the students of F.Y.B.Com. It was an interactive programme filled with management games that helped the students to understand some of the key concepts in Management.



Mr. Pravin Sabnis - Corporate Trainer sharing his thoughts

Ask yourself,
IF WHAT YOU ARE DOING *today*
IS GETTING YOU CLOSER TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE
tomorrow?

Exploring through Field Trips

The month of February was marked for Field trips to bring a practical approach to the curriculum. The B.Com students were taken for a field trip to different places by their respective class mentors.

F.Y.B.COM A: OPA Water works, Khandepar, Ponda.

F.Y.B.COM B: Nestle Co Pvt.Ltd, Usgao, Ponda.

F.Y.B.COM C: OPA Water works, Khandepar, Ponda.

S.Y.B.COM B: Raut Farm, Sal.

S.Y.B.COM C: Nature's Inn, Bicholim.

T.Y.B.COM A: Verna Ice Factory and
Susegad County Farm.

T.Y.B.COM B: Nandanvan, Khandepar, Ponda.



It's My Right

A workshop on "The Right to Information Act 2005" was organised by the Department of Commerce on



18th March 2017 for the students of S.Y.B.Com. Dr. Gandaman Shaber Ali, and Dr. Nagesh Colvalkar, both Asst. Professors from the Dept. of Law, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar were the Resource persons

for the workshop. The workshop helped the students to understand the origin, development and the needs that led to the enactment of the Right to Information Act, the practical aspects of Right to Information Act i.e. how to make an application under RTI, who is a PIO, how an appeal ought to be preferred, etc.

Secrets of Successful Entrepreneurship

The Department of Commerce in association with Carpe Diem (Workshop partner of IIM - Calcutta) & Malcintem.com (Internship provider across India) conducted a Two Day participative and activity based



workshop on Soft skills & Entrepreneurship and Digital Marketing for the students of S.Y.B.COM on 16th & 17th March 2017. The workshop was co-ordinated by Prof. Ashwin D'souza.

Mr. Datta Rakade was the Resource person for Soft skills and Entrepreneurship. 42 students attended the workshop which covered Effective Communication, Excellence through Etiquette, Time Management, Problem Solving, Managing Conflicts, Corporate Grooming, Assertiveness and Confidence Building.

Mr. Pranav Nair was the Resource person for Digital Marketing. 46 students attended the workshop. Various topics viz. Social Media, its types, creating a Website, creating a LinkedIn Account, Facebook page, and courses under digital marketing were the highlights of the workshop.

Photo Collage Competition - Polling Day



Mr. Sheldon De Souza and Mr. Manoj Bhamkar won the 1st & 2nd Place respectively at the Photo Collage Competition, in which students captured various highlights of the Polling Day.

The competition was judged based on maximum likes for their post on the College Facebook site

My Right My Might!

The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Goa RTI Forum organised a workshop on "Right to Information" on 23rd Jan 2017 for the students of B.A stream. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Sandeep Heble, Coordinator, Goa RTI Forum. The objective of the workshop was to familiarize the students about the RTI Act of 2005 and to explain how to file an RTI.



Young Political Scientists

At the 4th Annual Political Science Festival organised by the Department of Political Science, Goa University on 10th March 2017, Ms Deepika Gauns and Ms Anfila Fernandes participated in the quiz competition while Ms Dharshana Fatarpekar participated in the poster competition. The theme of the festival was 'Human Rights and Duties Education: Agenda for young Political Scientists'



Workshop on 'Effective Communication' and 'Corporate Grooming & Etiquette' was conducted for the students of F.Y.B.A., B.Com & B.C.A. from 11-13 January, 2017 by Ms. Preethi Nair and Ms. Rebecca Fernandes

A Call to Voters

During the run up to the elections in Goa for the State Legislature Assembly, Ms Sonali Naik, a student of the college was appointed by the Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, South Goa District to create a motion picture to be screened at major theatres, emphasizing on higher turnout and ethical voting.

Human Rights for All

The Department of Political Science deputed students to participate in a One Day Training Programme in Human Rights organised by V.M. Salgaocar College of Law on the theme "Human Rights of the Marginalized Groups: Awareness & Sensitization Programme for Youth" on 9th Feb, 2017. The Seminar was sponsored by the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi.

Various competitions were organised during the Training Programme. While Mr. Gelasio Fernandes and Ms Eunisha Kundaikar won the Second Prize for the Collage Making Competition, Ms Archana Khorjuvekar, Ms Megha Acharya, Ms Jyoti Harijan, Ms Sangeeta Daware and Ms Shreya Dongrikar bagged the second place for the Caption Competition.



For a better Tomorrow

The Value Education Cell in association with the NSS unit of the college organized a workshop titled "Ethical Voting" to mark the National Voter's Day on 25th January 2017. Mr. Asif Sheikh, a social activist and a renowned hotelier in Vasco was the resource person for the workshop.



Integrity Counts

To celebrate the World Integrity Day on 10th February 2017, a value education session was conducted and the integrity oath was administered in the classes by the respective class mentors.

Sports Festival-2017

The state of Goa has had a rich tradition of local sports and games played and nurtured by our ancestors over many centuries. However, with the advent of modern games offering monetary gains and instant pleasures, old traditional village games are on the wane and may soon get relegated to the realms of history, if not encouraged and given attention.

Taking the initiative to keep alive these traditional village games and also to imbibe these in our students - the torch bearers of our state, our college under the able guidance of our Principal, Dr. Fr. Fredrick Rodrigues, the Administrator, Dr. Fr. Alan Tavares and Director of Sports Mr. Agnelo Dias took the initiative in organising "Sports Festival - 2017" for College and Higher Secondary students on 23rd Feb, 2017. The games included Langdi, Lagorio (Seven Tiles),



Doryani (skipping rope race), Cycle Tyre Racing, Koyno Bal, Milani (use of Marbles), Tug of War and a Tie Breaker (one penalty shot) event. The Sports Festival brought out the best among students who exhibited their athletic ability, agility and competitive zeal. A day of sports replete with entertainment unlimited, culminated with a valedictory ceremony where

trophies and certificates were distributed to the winners and participants by Dr. Fr. Fredrick Rodrigues, Principal and Dr. Fr. Alan Tavares, Administrator, Fr. Agnel College of Arts & Commerce, Pilar

Six teams participated in this festival with Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepeni emerging as the Champions of the Sports Festival - 2017. The Runners-up title was bagged by the host, Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar.



Gooooaal !!

The All Goa Inter-collegiate 7A side football tournament was jointly organised by the Department of Physical Education and the Students' Council of the College on 28th January 2017 at Fr. Agnel College Pilar ground. The Chief Guest for the tournament was Rev. Dr. Fredrick Rodrigues, s.f.x, Principal, Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar. The tournament received a good response with 12 teams from all over Goa participating in the event. Mr. Joseph Rodrigues, was the referee for

the tournament. S. S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics emerged as the winners of the tournament beating MES College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar by 1-0. Trophies and certificates were awarded to both the teams. A cash award of Rs 10,000 and Rs 8,000 was awarded to the Winners and Runners-up respectively. The tournament ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Sairaj Kankonkar, Sports Secretary of our college while Shane Da Costa compered the event.





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Editorial

Just as the first showers of the monsoon, sprout new life and new hope, college life and the new academic term also signals new beginnings. As the earth drinks gratefully, you too are questing from the spring of knowledge and wisdom.

For college life is a new beginning, a fresh start - not so much of a new chapter...but a new book. You all have hopes and aspirations as you Step Up. Campus reporter Ameya Kundaikar caught up with first year students and asked them about their expectations from this college:

"Hearing my brother talk about the opportunities this college provides, convinced me to join Fr. Agnel College. My expectation is to learn all good things, to participate in all events which will make my teachers and my parents proud of me. I am an introvert and slightly scared by nature and I don't easily mix with everyone. I would like to participate in all the adventure activities that the college provides like trekking, nature walks, camps etc. I am good at Art and Math and I want to improve further and excel in these areas too.

"There should be nothing that I can't do. My teachers will motivate me and act like my parents. After three years when I say goodbye to this college everyone should bear in mind my name. They should not say 'Who Vijaya?' Rather they should say, 'Yes I know Vijaya. She is my friend, my student.' This is my dream."

Vijayakumari Chauvagau

"I have high hopes from this college. I would obviously like to enjoy my-

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IQAC

Workshop on Academic Performance Indicators

IQAC A workshop was conducted on Academic Performance Indicators (API) on 24th April 2017 by the IQAC of the college. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Saba V.M. Da Silva, Principal of Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Comba, Margao, Goa.

Important aspects on the statute prescribed as per the Goa University along with its amendments SA- 19 were discussed in detail. The gradual

process of up gradation from an assistant professor from stage 1, stage 2, stage 3, and stage 4, to Associate Professor and to the post of Professor and the pay scale was explained in connection with the minimum API that needs to be achieved for the same. The workshop helped to sort out doubts and provided the college faculty with a deeper understanding of existing working conditions. It was coordinated and organized by Prof. Andrew A. Antao.

Sociology Department

Kopel Making Competition

To mark the occasion of Sao Joao, the Department of Sociology organized an inter-class 'Kopel Making' Competition on 24th June 2017. This competition provided an opportunity to the students to showcase their talent and discover the local flora.

A total of 17 teams from Arts, Commerce and BCA participated in the Competition. The



first place was awarded to TYBCOM(B), the second and the third place was bagged by TYBA and SYBA(A) re-

spectively. The competition was co-ordinated by Dr. Biula Pereira and Prof. Favita Dias.

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The participants, judges and co-ordinators in all their finery

Certificate Exams

Prof. Santosh Chyari was appointed as Board Member & Conductor of the 'B' Certificate Exam in our college on February 11 & 12, 2017 for four colleges of Goa. 84 students appeared, out of which 16 Cadets of our college appeared for the 'B' Exam.

Prof. Santosh Chyari was also appointed as Board Member for 'A' Certificate Exam held on February 26, 2017. A total of 17 cadets appeared for the exam.

The Elections, Live

The Department of Political Science screened the results of the recent elections of the Goa Legislative Assembly, Live as the counting process was on. The results were screened on 11th March 2017 for the students of the college. The objective of the screening was to create an interest among the students as stakeholders regarding political issues such as elections.

Calculated guess

The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Department of Sociology organized a competition prior to the declaration of the Goa State Legislative Assembly results to predict the winning MLAs from the 40 constituencies in Goa. Around 70 students and college staff participated in the competition.

Mrs. Lizette Cotta, Head Clerk, bagged the first prize, predicting the victory of 32 MLAs from the 40 constituencies. While Prof. Ashwin D Souza, Brijesh Naik (TYBCom), Govinda Naik (TYBCom), Aliya Pathan (SYB-Com), Nikita Vernekar (TYBA) and Bricillea (FYBCom) bagged the second place.



Winners of the contest

Open Source Software and Raspberry Pi.

The Department of Information Technology organized a workshop titled "Open Source Software" for FYBCom students on 15th July, 2017. The aim of the workshop was to increase awareness and promote the use of free open source software such as Linux and Libre Office.

we were also shown a demonstration of the Raspberry Pi. Raspberry Pi is a small and affordable computer that can be used for learning programming and other computing needs. The Raspberry Pi was developed in the United Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation to promote the teaching



Mr. Gaurang Bane, Junior Programmer at the Department of Computer Science and Technology was the resource person for the workshop. Mr Bane explained the significance of Open Source Software and demonstrated the working of Linux a free open source Operating System as well as Libre Office to the students.

The TYBCA students

of basic computer science in schools and in developing countries. The original model became far more popular than anticipated, selling outside of its target market for uses such as robotics. Peripherals (including keyboards, mouse and cases) are not included with the Raspberry Pi. An interactive session followed the demonstration of the Raspberry Pi.

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self and balance that with a good academic record. Finding out from the people I came to know that this college helps the individual to blossom into a brilliant person. I would like to make new friends with whom I can share my feelings. I would also like to know about their lifestyle, their ambition and about their journey till today. I have a fear of public speaking but at the end of the TY I would like to throw away this fear and pass out as a brilliant all rounder."

Joliza Vales

To all the first year students, the Happenings team extends a warm welcome. And to all students, remember - this is your journal, your voice...so speak up! We welcome your contributions, keep writing and let us know what's on your mind.

Have a splendid year ahead. Arnold Bennett put it so aptly, "The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled... You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose."

Google Classroom

The Department of English organized a half day workshop on "The Relevance of the Google Classroom," on April 6, 2017. The Resource Person was Prof. Christopher Gallagher from the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

The Session included a general introduction on the merits of the Google Classroom as well as the procedure involved in setting it up. One of the benefits of the Google Classroom is that it offers a paper-free option of providing assignments and projects to students and monitoring their progress. Prof. Gallagher uses this method in Tokyo and has introduced it at the Writing Centre in Parvati-bai Chowgule College of Arts and Science.

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Student Participation

Economics Dept.:

Gloria Soares participated in the 'Know Your Economy Test' conducted for colleges by the Scientific Research Association for Economics and Finance (SRAEF) in December 2016 and was awarded the College Topper Award. Janice Fernandes was awarded a certificate of participation for participating in the 2nd Annual ICG-Goa University Essay Competition 2016 on 20th April, 2017.

Konkani Dept.

We congratulate Sonali Naik for being selected to act in two tiatrs 'Mafi Magtam' and 'Vatt, Sothani Jivit' written by Comedian Domnic. They will be staging five shows in Mumbai and one in Ahmedabad.

Sports Dept.

Lavania Kunchi attended the six-week certificate course in Boxing held at the National Boxing Academy, Rohtak, Haryana from 16th May to 24th June 2017 under the Mass Sports Participation programme and passed the examination in Grade 'A' by obtaining 72 marks out of 100.

Staff Achievements

Prof. Santosh Chyari was appointed for Re-valuation, in respect of Paper V and VI for TYBA Hindi, Semester V at Goa University.

Prof. Santosh Chyari participated in a Two day National Seminar on "Amrit Lal Nagar ka Sahitya," at Goa University on 16&17 March 2017.

Prof. Anita Fernandes and Prof. Andrew Antao have successfully completed the Training of Trainers and Training Youth on Career Development using My Career Toolkit. They trained 14 students. This was done in association with Quest Alliance, Mumbai supported by Godrej.

A Matter of a Minute

On 14th July, the English department organised an interclass competition titled "Just A Minute" where contestants were asked to speak extempore on a given topic within a minute. This competition was open to all streams.



Gelasio Fernandes

The judges were Prof. Hazel Colaco, Department of Commerce, Dr. Shilpa Desai Department of IT and Prof. Sonia Xavier, Department of Political Science

Compared to last year, the number of participants had doubled which showed that students want to do something new. Before the competition started contestants were requested to select a topic and were given 15 minutes to prepare.

Some contestants got emotional and spoke

their heart out, while others put up a powerful performance. At the end, the following five best contestants were selected: Glinson Fernandes (FYB-Com C), Jyoti Fakirapa (SYBA), Anuj Adpaikar (FYBCom B), Nikita Fernandes (TYBA) and Lindsay Gonsalves (FYBCom B). These contestants had cleared round one and for the finals they had to perform at CREST's Influence 2017 which was held on July 17. Emerging as winners of "Just A Minute" were Anuj Adpaikar who bagged the 3rd place, Glinson Fernandes secured the 2nd place and topping was Lindsay Gonsalves who won the first place. Ironically all these three winners were from the first year, which only indicates that new and fresh talent has entered the college. We welcome and congratulate them all.

BCA Dept.

Computer Training

The BCA Dept in collaboration with Our Lady of Desterro Church, Vasco-da Gama, Goa conducted the following courses:

'Foundation Course in Computer Hardware' from May 2017 to June 2017. Four persons participated.

A 30 hours certificate course 'Foundation Course in Computer Awareness' from May 2017 to June 2017. 10 persons successfully completed this course.

The BCA Dept also organized the following courses: A 'Foundation Course in Office Automation' for students from January 2017 to March 2017 (3 months). Twenty students successfully completed the course.

'Foundation Course in Computer Hardware' for students from July 2016 to September 2016 (3 months). Six students successfully completed the course.

Working Hard and Staying Tough

Through this column, the Happenings team seeks to highlight the achievements of the many people who make light our path. The invaluable workers who could often go unnoticed and unheard! Kitty Carvalho caught up with Vijaya Narayan Naik to document her story.

Born on 20th February into a family of farmers, she began her journey working in fields and now she tills the land as well as works at Fr. Agnel College. Meet



the very experienced and hardworking personality of Fr. Agnel College.

Yes she is Vijaya who helps us to

make our college a cleaner and better place day in and day out. Vijaya Narayan Naik popularly known as Vijaya had been working in our college for the past 12 years. On 5th January 2005 she was employed in place of her husband after his demise. Since then she is diligently lending a helping hand to this col-

lege in all ways possible. Vijaya as far as the eye goes, is shy, doesn't talk much and is hardly seen free without any work. She is a widow and has no children, but she is the only bread owner

cooking, her specialty is in chovyachi bhaji.

Vijaya has been here for almost a decade but has no complaints about any staff or student, she says, "sogli mhaka bori kortai, kednach tras podonk na!" Once you talk to her, Vijaya comes across as a really calm person, a hard working woman and a friendly personality. In society we may always want a white collar job but getting a job like this and on top doing it with your whole heart takes things to another level. We really appreciate your efforts!

TALES UNTOLD

of her family. Her work starts at 7:30 till 11 in the morning which includes sweeping and moping the floor, making tea and her second shift is from 3:00 to 5:00 which includes the same work as above. Besides loving her work she has a great love for

Fresher's Day

The First year students from all streams Arts, Commerce and BCA were formally welcomed at the Fresher's Day function which was held on June 30, 2017. The theme of the event was "Together we Grow & Glow." The Administrator, Dr Alan Tavares sfx delivered the welcome address, stating details of what is expected of the students and in turn what exactly they should expect from a graduation degree in Fr Agnel College. The students of the Second year put up cultural performances and very enthusiastically welcomed their juniors. The event was coordinated by the TY mentors.

