

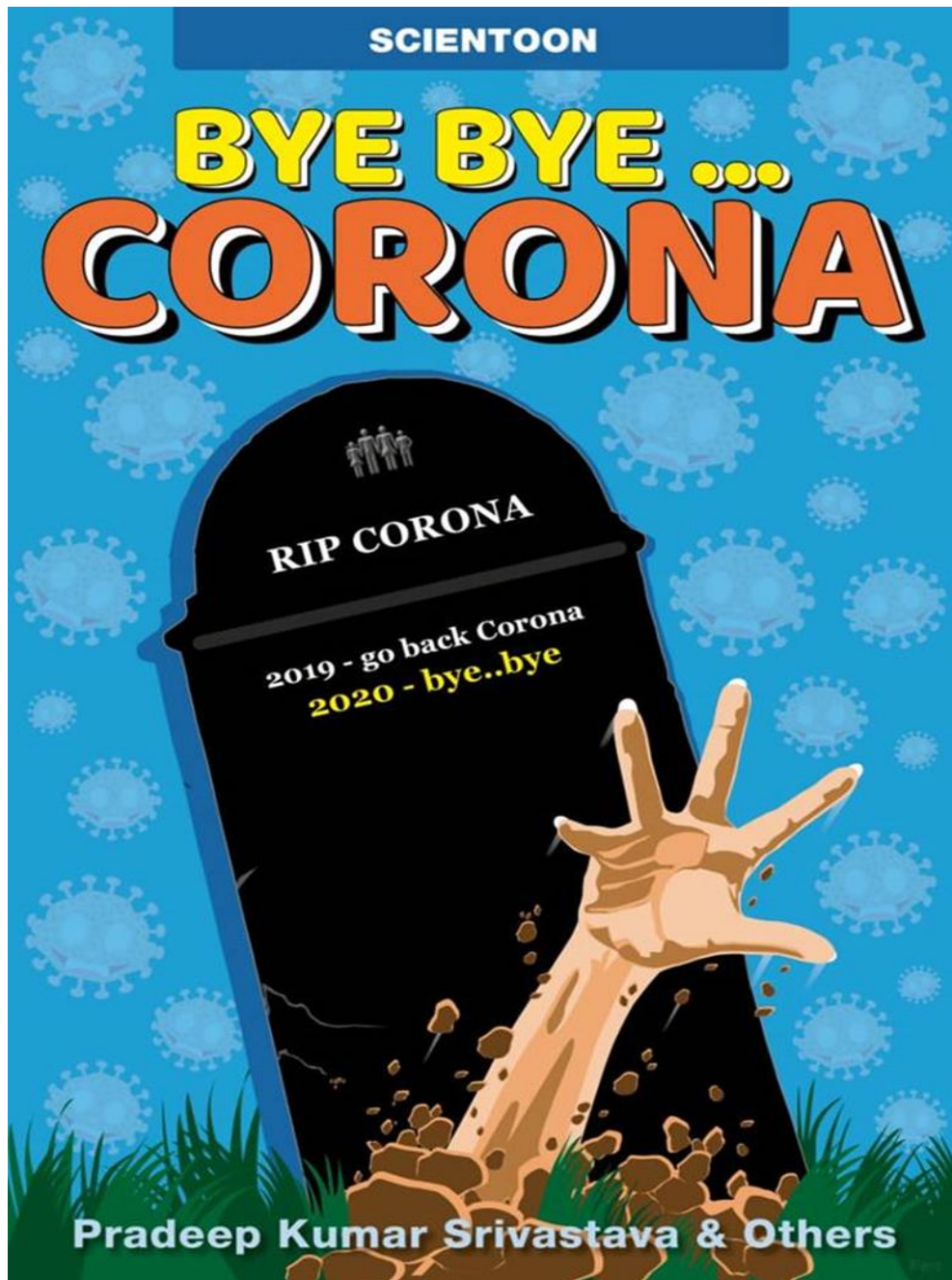
Young contributors from Chowgule College Goa in the World's first Scientoon book titled 'Bye Bye Corona' towards Covid-19 awareness

Scientoons are a new class of science cartoons that not only makes you laugh but also provide information about new researches, subjects and concepts in a simple, understandable and interesting way.

World's first scientoon book titled **'Bye Bye Corona'**, authored by 'Scientoonist' – Dr. Pradeep Srivastava, Father of Scientoons, Former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow was released on 29th October 2020 at a function held at Raj Bhawan, Lucknow, by her excellency Ms. Anandi Ben, Governor of Uttar Pradesh. The book is published by Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous agency under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India. Dr Nakul Parashar, Director, Vigyan Prasar, and Nimish Kapoor, Scientist and Head of publication division, Vigyan Prasar, are the Chief Editor and Editor of the book respectively. The book, published by Vigyan Prasar of DST, makes people aware of Covid-19 in an engaging way. It is further planned to make a 3D version of this book to facilitate its multi lingual adaptation across India and abroad. The book would soon be released in Brazil under Brazil-India Network program and would possibly be translated into Portuguese language as informed by Dr. P. K. Srivastava.

Two National Workshops on Scientoons were successively conducted in 2019 and 2020, organised by the Department of Biotechnology at Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science Autonomous, Margao Goa. Dr R. Kanchana, Head of the Department of Biotechnology was the Convener and Ms. Madhavi Motankar, Assistant Professor, Co-convener and Organizing Secretary for the two Department of Science and Technology, Government of Goa sponsored above mentioned workshops. Dr. Pradeep K. Srivastava, Father of Scientoons was the resource person for the workshop. Through these workshops, many Biotechnology students of our college were trained for creating scientoons. Considering the potentials of our students who made contributions during the lockdown period in creating awareness on Covid-19 pandemic through creative scientoons, Dr. P. K. Srivastava developed the idea of publishing these scientoons as a book. This scientoon book is an attempt to show how common man can be made aware about SARS-CoV-2 infection or COVID-19 disease with the help of colourful, interesting and eye-catching Scientoons. Since there is no drug or vaccine to cure COVID-19 till present date, making people aware is the only way to save them from this disease. Awareness and self-care is the best tool for prevention, which in turn is the best way to save us from this pandemic.

The college expresses heartiest congratulations and gratitude to the entire publication team. Also, it's a matter of great pride to appreciate the young contributors, BSc. Biotechnology students and scientoonists of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science Autonomous, Margao Goa namely, Ms. Lakiesha Inacia Coelho E Costa, Ms. Priyanka Shanke, Mrs. Bhomkar Shreesiddhi Vinod, Ms. Da Costa Maria Scimran Blossom, Ms. Prathamesh Pundalik Shetgaonkar, Ms. Samradni Rohit Paigankar, Ms. Selces Savia Da'Costa.



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