

ARE CLASS ASSESSMENTS GETTING TOO HECTIC TO SUBMIT ON TIME?

Margao, 21 September: As college semesters are coming to an end, and students starting prepare to answer their semester end examinations, our teachers haven't stopped rushing with the portion. At the same time the number of CAs to complete and submit have increased along with their submission deadlines falling on the same dates, which have led to complaints of students that they are unable to submit their CAs on time. Here are some views of the students questioned:



"CAs are very much hectic, no doubt as we have a lot to submit together and we really don't get time for ourselves (most of the time), but at the same time they comprise 40% of our marks per semester which helps most of us who can't study many chapters at a time" – Analiza Peres, FYBA



"Yes, like you have to really ask. Not only do our CAs clash they also interfere with our extra-curricular activities. Burdened with a variety of CAs at the same time, adds so much pressure because we tend to present our CAs in a unique manner every time, we are left with insufficient sleep and at times low social lives. It would be nice to have a limited number of CAs evenly spread during the whole semester instead of just submitting them in a week/month." – Anoshka Fernandes, SYBA

"Continuous Assessments are undoubtedly hectic, mainly because they often clash with each other, being a student who has taken an extra credit paper; it leaves very little time to focus on other things outside college." – Mercedes Menon, SYBA.



"The assessment topics for the CAs are mostly out of syllabus and there isn't enough time between CAs, like for example there is a CA and immediately a week later we have to submit another, and with so many papers you really don't know what to focus on, especially when you have to submit projects as well." –



John Pereira, SYBA

by Ms. Priyanka Afonso



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The last one already? Whoa. Ten issues down, and the fatigue of the continuous assessments hit the students, and thus while being on track to successfully bring out 10 issues in 10 weeks, we hit a snag at the final hurdle. But I'm not worried at all; I am quite proud of the fact that the student team has consistently and positively answered the challenges thrown to them in this course. Having a course titled *Writing for the Media* is not enough if there is no avenue for the students to actually practise what they are taught, or learn through the experience of it all. I do believe that Aether gave them the vehicle for it.

I have seen students come into their own in areas

of editing, human interest stories ... interviews (Here my students will be having a laugh as I have incessantly given this as an example within the classroom), travel writing, vox populi and press releases. Amazing! I do hope they keep writing. I know some have definitely decided against writing reports (they preferred features) as a career, cheers to them too. That is what a course like this offers - a chance find out one's preference or non-preference. I also hope that this endeavour gives them something to add to their resumes as well.

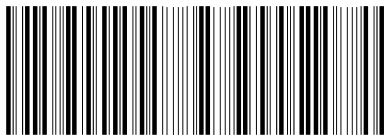
This is what I believe we need to give our students now. Gone are the days (Geez! I studied here barely 12 years ago!), when we were fed theoretical concepts that we wouldn't apply at college, unless we were that dedicated. Today's employers want students who are skilled, or at least intelligent enough to apply their knowledge and instruction appropriately in whichever settings provided to

them. Information is at one's fingertips, but how to intelligently use it... ah! Well that is where the instructor comes in - To challenge, guide and propel students into fulfilling their potential.

With this issue we wind down for this term. Next term will probably not have as a consistent release of Aether, as the course is only offered in one term. My third year students will have the same paper, but since they are in the affiliating system and not the autonomous one it is left to be seen if we can have as many releases, if at all.

If you want to keep this going, drop me a mail, write an article or contribute in some way. You can even be a part of the team and earn some non-evaluative credits. Let me know. Aether needs you!

Asst. Prof. Andrew Barreto,
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THE BARD BY THE MANDОВI- THE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2016

Eight years ago an initiative was taken by the Department of English Chowgule College to proclaim the greatness of the mighty Bard to all the institutions within the state of Goa. A noble cause to let one and all know what the Bard of Avon was truly capable of. Like anything new there wasn't a whopping response in its very first year but as the years went by and the news spread all over fifteen to eighteen institutions signed up for a day filled with merry-making and learning. A few years ago the mighty writer completed 400 years of his birth anniversary but sadly he left for his heavenly abode at the same time period in 2016. Not one to grieve for long, we took inspiration from none other than William Shakespeare to celebrate with great pomp 400 years of his death.

A chance is what we need to

showcase our talents and beliefs. Every year the fresher's are honoured with the opportunity of take the Bard by the Mandovi to another level of fame and gaining of knowledge. This year was no less, the first years put their sweat and blood into setting up a magnificent Globe Theatre for all those Romeo's, Macbeth's, Hamlet's and Shylock's out there to show the world what they truly possessed. A string of events carefully planned not only to garner participation but also help the participants to take back with them everlasting knowledge and a memory for their lifetime.

Events like Steal-a-Scene, Friends, Romans, Countrymen, The Bard, Shakespeare Soliloquy, Bedtime Shakespeare, Mozaic et al were spread across the marvellous college campus giving the students to not only be a

- ANNALISE BENJAMIN

part of the event but to soak in the scintillating beauty of the infrastructure. After a day filled with fun and frolic came the much awaited valedictory where we were graced with the presence of our esteemed principal Dr. Nandkumar Sawant. Albeit there were fifteen teams fighting it out but only the first three take the trophies home. Rosary College of Science and Commerce, Navelim won the third place after a gruesome battle. The second place was won by Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao. Don Bosco Higher Secondary, Panjim took home the winner's trophy being the first higher secondary to do so in the past seven years. Here's to one more year with the Bard and looking forward to many more. ***

SPECIAL FOCUS - COLLEGE EVENTS!

Ms. Loretta Rodrigues

#Throwback #TheBardbytheMandovi

#ShakespeareFest2016 #FavMoments!!!

The biggest..., the craziest... and the most funfilled inter school event in Goa, Shakespeare Festival 2016 turned 7 this year!! And hell yeah it was a blast! Not only that but it also was the 400th death anniversary of Shakespeare. With 14 teams and an enthusiastic audience the event was a real success (as always ;p). Apparently it keeps getting better and better every year. And recalling some of their favourite moments, here is what some of the students had to say about Shakespeare Fest



The Shakespeare fest this year was just as awesome as every other year and the energy throughout the day was ecstatic. I especially liked the performances in "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" as I was surprised at the marvellous ability that the young actors showcased.

-Shubhankar Shah, TYBA

The Shakespeare festival is one event that does celebrate the true essence of literature and drama. It provides the students with a worthy platform to explore new possibilities for themselves and polish their existing qualities. Every year The Shakespeare fest keeps getting better with every passing year! Everyone that participates once, definitely wants to come back for more! I've been coming here 6 years straight now, and honestly? I still haven't had enough!



-Charmaine Pereira, FYBA

Shakespeare festival this year was one of the best so far! Right from the art installations to the events. I really enjoyed being a part of it. I felt the mini sunburn party in the auditorium was one of the highlights of the day. And I sure had a hell of a time!!!

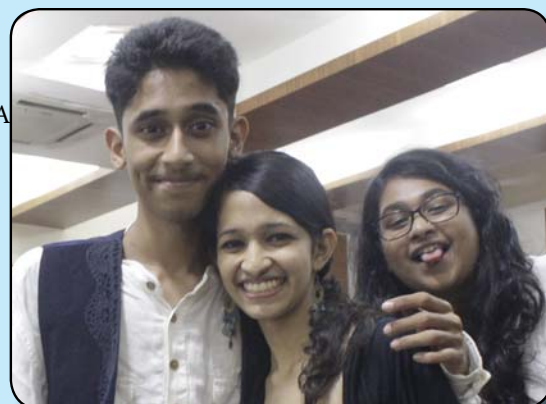
-Chris Ferrao, FYBA

The Shakespeare Festival has always been very close to my heart. I've been a participant, an organizer and this year, a judge. And I must say, every year it just keeps getting better. And this year it was the best! The art and decor was absolutely first class. The inaugural was totally innovative and hilarious. All the events were well taken care of by the ever enthusiastic FYs. All in all, I think it was a pretty awesome festival and I'm proud to belong to a department that knows how to put up a good show.

-Anjali Mascarenhas, TYBA

Shakespeare fest felt different this year for me. Because this year I wasn't organizing the event. It was fun being in the audience and enjoying the competition instead of running around and making sure things were alright everywhere. My favourite moment was at the end, when everyone was dancing and enjoying the music. #bestday

-Kelly Noronha, TYBA



GEOGRAPHIZE 2016

Geographize, a national level Geography event was organised by the Geography Department of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, on 2nd September



ber 2016. The event aims at testing the geographical knowledge of the students of various colleges across the country. The event witnessed 11 colleges from different parts of Goa, as well 3 colleges from Maharashtra competing in various events testing their geographical knowledge. It received an overwhelming response with around 250 participants. With a lot of dedication and hard work, St. Xavier's college, Mapusa bagged

bagged the title of the overall winners and Goa and R.P. Gogate and R. V. Jogalekar College, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, bagged the title of overall runners up. The overall event was a huge success with due hard work of the teachers as well as the students of the Department

of Geography. According to the convenor Mr A. Ashish said "Geographize has grown popular among various institutions during the last five years. The enthusiasm and love within students for geography is apparent by their willingness and gusto in participating for 'Geographize'. I hope we can strengthen the bond even more in the years to come".

-ARCHA SANCOU

TEACHER'S FIESTA

Margao, 21st September: As it is rightly said that teachers are the soul foundation of any education system. Parvatibai Chowgule College of Margao celebrated teacher's day on 3rd September two days prior to the actual celebration. The celebration was held in the quadrangle of the college premises. The members of the student council and the volunteers took great effort and ensured that the teachers enjoy the every moment. Many of the

Professors attended the function inspite of their busy schedules. As a token of love and gratitude they were presented with medals and certificates, and were served with brownies and cakes. The audience played a major role in making this event a great success, with all these love, fun and happy movements the event came to an end.

- GAYATRI HONAWARKAR

Ms. Vaishnavi enthralls the teachers



A TALK ON SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS BY MR SOMU RAO

The Speakers Club of Chowgule College, in collaboration with Students' Council organized a talk on Scientific Awareness on the 29th of August in the college auditorium by Mr Somu Rao. He is a TedX speaker, a former National Secretary of Federation of India Rationalist Association and currently the President of Goa Science Forum. Mr Rao spoke on the various beliefs and rituals practice and emphasized on the need to know the science behind them. He also performed various experiments to prove his points. The session was attend by a large and enthusiastic crowd, and was very interactive and educative. ***

Ms. Loretta Rodrigues



Somu Rao creates scientific 'magic'

HINDI SAPTAAH

'Hindi Saptah' is an annual week-long event celebrated by the Hindi department of our college. It was inaugurated on 15th September by Pankaj Shrivastav, the Hindi language secretary at Central bank of India, Panjim and was concluded on 21st September by our vice principal Shri. Harish Sinai Nadkarni.

The event included poem recitation, singing competition, elocution and antakshari competition. Many students participated and won these competitions. The aim of Hindi Saptah is to uplift the hidden talents among the students and to encourage Hindi language, literature and culture.

SHRAVANDHARA

Annually the Marathi department of Chowgule College organises "Shravandhara" an event which prominently emphasises on poetry writing skills and recitation. This programme was totally based on 'shravan' which is a spring season. Different poems were written on the theme of 'nature' and were presented beautifully in front of the audience. This year there was also inauguration of 'marathiyuvamanch', which is a group within our college who encourage the marathi speaking youth in goa. It was inaugurated by Dr.N NSawant and Janardhanverlekar. It aims to increase love for marathi literature among the youth.

BY MS. VRUKSHA KARMALI



THANK GOD!

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Ms. Simran
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Ms. Sasha
Gomes

THANK GOD FOR GOOGLE!

-Simran Prabhu Malkarnekar

Have you ever realized that the makers of Google must be so happy? I mean they should be, they are the reason why this world is at the pace it is at. Mark Twain said, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started". Larry Page and Sergey Brin started all this on the fourth of September 1998. Oh! just a

that every class assignment is 100% plagiarized, I remember in the beginning when we didn't have access to the internet we would read books and search the encyclopedia, learning in the process but the minute we got access to the internet we knew everybody had copy pasted the assignment because our content would be the same. And it never



year after I was born! Google is now become a part of every bodies life. If we do not know something we Google it. We never say lets web search for it except Siri on a daily basis. We usually say, "Chalo yaar Google it," and there we have everything. Not only Google web search but by the passing day we are updated with Google docs, Google forms, Google+, Gmail and a long list associated to Google. But Google has made life so easy

happened like how in the exam if we copied our teachers would yell at us, they never did it in case of assignments where 96% of the students had written the same thing. Google is for our use and to make life easy but not so easy that you don't learn. The next generation needs to be taught the correct use of Google in order to produce bright kids and a great future. Use wisely and maintain originality.

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Shakespeare festival was a complete success. The preparation taking place two days before was tiresome and hectic but totally worth it. The students were really creative. My favourite part was 'The Bard.' Their performances were brilliant and I simply loved it.

-Sinead Vaz, FYBA



Addi, Anoshka

innovative side of "Shakespeare in the 21st century".

- Anoshka Fernandes, SYBA

Shakespeare festival was awesome and amazing like always. But this year was interestingly interactive. My favourite moment was when everyone was enjoying the music I played. It was a lot of fun!!!

-Addi, MSc

JIO SIM



HUSTLE

- Sasha Gomes

Almost everyone is talking about the new Jio sim card by Reliance Company. Jio sim is pulling buyers in with the promise of unlimited 4G speed for 3 months! - which to college going students is a very good offer. The amount of internet surfing- be it informational, educational or media - that can be done for 3 months is amazing. With exams barely a month away and all the last minute CA submissions, to have fast internet speed is very helpful. Here are some key bits that you need to know:

1) the Jio sim cards are free. Jio Data, voice, video and the full bouquet of Jio applications and content will be available for everyone absolutely free, until 31st December, 2016

2) Being a student has its perks, although the Jio services are free until December 31st, after that you will have to pay around 50rs per GB, students will get 25% more data once the commercial plans get active, all you have to do is carry a valid ID card.

3) To make calls, Jio use VoLTE network, which means the calls are made using data connection. But for the Jio to GSM (airtel, Vodafone etc) will have to install an app called Jio Join.

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