

## KURDI: A SUBMERGED VILLAGE

Goa is one of the best tourist destinations in India. It has many historical places and the village of kurdi village is one of them, which has historical significance from the time Salaulim dam was built.

In 1960's when Dayanand Bhandarkar was the Chief Minister of Goa, he proposed a plan of constructing the Salaulim dam for

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villagers were given land for habitation and commercial purposes, most of them suffered because the water started overflowing, some families that stayed behind said that they were left with no other option than to relocate. There were some families who constructed a small



*Ruins of the Someshwar temple*

the people of Goa. He promised the villagers of kurdi, that they would be

shifted elsewhere since the location would be submerged due to the overflow of water from the dam. The people of Kurdi said that they had faith in Bhausaheb Bhandarkar, since he had taken this step for the betterment of Goa. So the people agreed upon the terms and conditions, and the project was commenced.

Most of the villagers were into agriculture and farming. The Government compensated the families with 10,000 square meter of agricultural land and 4,000 square meter of land for housing purpose at Vade and Valkini. From 1971 people of Kurdi started shifting elsewhere in Goa.

The construction of Salaulim dam began around 1975-1976. Though the

hut and stayed at the places granted by Government, but

many of them were forced to live at the rehabilitation centers set up at the vacant Government schools at Vade and Valkini, until their house plans and other formalities were completed.

Now Kurdi is one of the best tourist spot in Goa, but being isolated many people are not aware of it. It is totally surrounded by water but we can see the structures of the submerged houses. It is said and believed that everything was submerged but only the Someshwar temple in that area and one of the church on the hill were not drowned. Therefore every year kurdi people celebrate utsav at Someshwar temple and feast at the church to recollect their memories and love of their ancestral place.

*Ruins of the Church*



## Lights, Camera, Pose!

Margao, 25 June: The Tigers Fashion Club begun functioning on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 and ever since 3 classes have taken place. The classes have been taking place in the Chowgule Studio every Tuesdays and Fridays. The Tigers Fashion Club being a student run club is being run under the club president Ms. Mercedes Menon who has been a support, a mentor and a friend to the students who have enrolled themselves in the group. The students seem to be very enthusiastic to learn



new skills like stitching, making ecological clothing and accessories, and walking with poise and confidence. One of the club's main aims is to reduce the presence of stage fright and be more confident about oneself. Throughout the classes glimpses of previous fashion events the club had participated was shown. The club caters to all the students of the college and is an easy way to earn credits. The fashion club itself caters to different types beauty care like contouring, make up, hair dressing to using ecological materials like paper, plastic, dried leaves, paper cups and much more to make dresses and their accessories. The club in a way teaches us how to respect our nature and make the best use of what we think is waste. The previous members of the club have turned to be great mentors towards the new entrants and have constantly encouraged them to let out their creative side of the mind while doing any skill based work. The club shows to be a good example of unity in diversity. While some people may still have their doubts on entering the club, there are others who have taken a keen interest in this creative art and shown a liking towards the club and its members.

**by Ms. Priyanka Afonso**





## BEING GOOD IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS IT SEEMS!

Society is obsessed with goodness. But have we ever pondered upon what 'good' means? Obviously, it's just doing the right thing, right? But what is this ever-so-evident 'right thing'? Is it what society dictates? What benefits humanity? Is it universal or different for everyone?

This brief perusal actually reveals only a few of the ethical possibilities. Luckily enough,



Philosophy offers us more insight. Three major ethical systems that are popular are: deontology, consequentialism and virtue ethics. The first holds duty as the deciding factor: towards law, one's profession, following universal moral principles, etc. Consequential doctrines, on the other hand, focus on the consequence of the action. Its most popular form, utilitarianism, regards the action with the most benefit as the most moral. Lastly, virtue ethics puts faith in the character of the individual. It was most influential for the Ancient Greeks. That person who possesses the four virtues - wisdom, courage, justice and temperance (moderation) - is seen as the best rational moral agent.

In conclusion, it is clear that morality is no hard and fast business and is conceived in different ways. The article reveals only a fraction of the theories. It also only covers general principles. Perhaps knowledge of this variety may help us become more tolerant towards others' ethical views.

by Toshiro Cotta

We live in a country filled with hypocrites. Where the stereotypes are so strong for any woman's self-esteem to last. Where a girl is judged by the clothes that she wears or the way she looks and where we have the very common "hot or the not" list. Where either the lady is termed as ugly or drop-dead gorgeous, and there is no in-between.

So, isn't being drop-dead gorgeous a good thing?  
NAHHH!

Being drop dead gorgeous also has its own flaws, people tend to either envy you or try to imitate you. In this manner, we end up losing our originality and also try to be

someone's duplicate. We need to learn to be true to ourselves. Are we really happy with the way we look? Or do we just try to fake it or envy others?

"HALO"ness  
Beauty has a halo effect, where we judge a person with one attribute thinking that the person has

what it takes; but we are mistaken. The halo effect is a cognitive bias in which an observer's overall impression of a person influences the observer's feelings and thoughts about that entity's character. We tend to take one trait and judge a person entirely on that.

Self-blame?

At times, your face really can be your fortune. Times when everything else is considered, more attractive people tend to earn more money. We need to stop obsessing about "attractiveness". It alters one's experience and expectations. We keep on questioning ourselves, "why don't I look like that or maybe I should put on some weight or lose weight" or maybe I should wear this or eat that or starve myself to death. It's more like a cliché.

Or is it the society?

It's actually sad how we want to be like someone else not realising that there are others who want to look or be like us. We tend to be harsh on ourselves, we criticize ourselves and hand half the damage is caused due to the humiliation caused by the society or what others think. We tend to believe in what say. We need to stop with the inferior complex and remember that our body is a master piece and we need to love each and every part of it.

Love yourself :)

Girls need to stop with the tons of make-up and the idea of looking good for someone

else. Truth be told, you need to look good for yourself and wear whatever you want, as long as you are comfortable. You need to be true to yourself. I don't mean to say don't look decent or anything, it's just that do what makes you happy ( unless killing someone, you my friend, need to see a shrink)

Deception leads to high expectations

Beauty is worldly possession and no amount of beauty can cover up a bad personality. (You need to purify your heart and your soul, and not just your face) You need to stop focussing on it because it will lead to disappointment and make you feel

that you aren't good enough. Its weird

how external beauty maybe a deception and as we know external beauty easily fades away and we need to remind younger people how "Beauty is soo

difficult to define and at times so rare to find, it's just the inner beauty that counts".

As the writer Dorothy Parker put it so elegantly: "Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes clean to the bone."

Have you met them yet?

Nobody is satisfied with their body anymore. Literally, Nobody. Okay, that's not true maybe? Or maybe, I'm just exaggerating. I'm sure there are some people who are completely pleased with what they see in the mirror. But I've just never met them. Oh! Yes, and then there are girls who know how pretty they are but they fail to accept the fact.

All that glitters isn't gold, beauty lies in the eye of thy behold.

You need to accept yourself the way you are and be content, because you are beautiful and you need to believe it. We as women or nowadays even men need to strive to not let "enough" thoughts rattle our brains daily. We need to focus the energy we use critiquing ourselves into seeing the beauty in our imperfection instead. We need to find our worth in our creator and not from the temporary satisfaction we get from our worldly possessions like beauty, intelligence, and wealth. And the only person, you need to prove to, is yourself. Stop criticizing yourself for once and try accepting yourself. That's the way, you'll get true happiness.

YOU WILL NOT BE ENOUGH, UNLESS YOU START BELIEVING IN YOURSELF AND START LOVING YOURSELF.

by Ms. Finoshka Rodrigues



It always seems impossible until it's done. This is the fifth issue of Aether. Thank you for all your encouragement and love. Aether elves have been hard at work spinning news, in search of gossip and fun facts. We promise you to get more interesting articles and thrilling news. I hope you enjoy this issue. Happy reading guys!

Ms. Gayatri Honawarkar  
Editor



**PROJECTOR PROBLEM**

Dear Editor,

In today's world, teachers and students use a lot of technology in the education systems. It improves study and teaching methods which makes, learning more fun and interesting, and also helps gain much more information than what books have to offer.

I would like to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities to the problem of the projectors in the several classrooms in the college. With a majority of the projectors not being maintained, it causes a lot of inconvenience to the students and teachers. Students find it difficult to present projects or other class presentation without any hindrance. The projectors either don't connect to the laptops, or cause a lot of technical problems. This wastes everybody's time and also affects their study schedules. This has been a problem for the past two months and despite the numerous complaints, no action has been taken.

I do hope that the concerned authorities look into the matter immediately. Thank you.

Loretta Rodrigues  
Margao, Goa

**PASSION IS THE SECRET OF SUCCESS**

by Simran Prabhu Malkarnekar

Making her passion her paycheck, we have a young entrepreneur from Parvatibai Chowgule College, Miss Mallaika Kamat. Mallaika is a FYBA student pursuing psychology; she is an enterpriser of Alokik. "Alokik" is a Konkani word which means extraordinary; something that cannot be found anywhere else and this describes the brand pretty well. The concept behind Alokik is that, it is the art you can wear. It was the summer of 2016 in Goa, when Mallaika along with a friend Sara made a few pieces of jewelry and got a very positive response on social media, after which they got an opportunity to pop their products at sale held in Margao called "pop it up", where they realized their potential as young creative women, which motivated her and her business partner (Sara) more. The experience of earning money from the small things they did in their free time got them tremendous happiness. Eventually the business grew, as they sold their products online making them available to larger buyers and soon in June, there was one more pop up sale at the Taligao community centre in Panjim, which again was success, and it seems like success follows them, as they



are passionate about their work. Mallaika would make jewelry as a kid and give it to her younger cousins, since then to today success will be a sleeping partner in her business. At Alokik everything is handmade from bracelets, chokers, earrings, pendants, rings, key chains and many more beautiful items. Every product is different from the other, making it unique with the prices ranging between Rs-50 to Rs-200. A true inspiration I must say, maybe someone to make our role model. We can find her on spoyl app also and instagram- alokikgoa, <http://www.toshada.com/2016/07/alokik.html> here is one link where you can find Alokik. Go ahead buy some jewelry encourage this pretty young lady!

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**ECSTASY**

*My dark twisted soul forgot to fly,  
Your cold heart darkens and blinds by eye,  
You think he'll rages and lies below your feet,  
And your heart is so shallow for us to meet.*

*You injected my heart with procaine,  
Just so that you could numb the pain,  
That you left from a tortured brain,  
My tears burn like acid rain.*

*You made me believe your love was in a lovely form,  
Until your ice cold heart called upon the storm.*

*You cut into my darkened veins,  
On you, my blood will stain.  
I have finally gone insane,  
I was just another victim, you had gained.*

**MS. Finoshka Rodrigues**





## MERE PAAS PRISMAA HAIN!

by  
Ms. Annalise Benjamin

Forget about Retrica or Candy Cam the new sensation that has the world swaying to its tunes is Prisma. This amazing and artsy photo app is the current rage of all age groups. Its filters aren't like the regular, they won't make your skin have an angelic glow nor will they make your surroundings captivating. Although Munk and Picasso have only left behind works

At the moment, 33 filters are available to highlight your beauty. Prisma's filter algorithm uses a combination of convolutional neural networks and artificial intelligence, and it doesn't simply apply a filter but actually scans the data in order to apply a style to a photo in a way that both works and impresses. It all sounds pretty complex- but hey, the

## MERE PAAS PRIS-MAA HAIN!

created by them, this app enables each individual to look like their masterpiece. It does not end here; famous ornaments and patterns like Mondrian enhance our pictures. Ever since it has been launched

in June by Russian programmer Alexey Moiseenkov it has been leading the charts beating huge apps such as Whatsapp and Instagram. The app lets you add artistic effects to your photos, making them appear like famous works of art. You can take a picture of your pet, for instance, and then apply a Picasso-style filter. The transformation process takes just a couple seconds, and voila!



product is amazing. It does not only let you carry a natural look but also brings out your artistic features. Your amazing jawline could be brought to focus or even those mesmerizing eyes which

anyone could drown in. There might be a million of photo editors but Prisma has managed to grab eyes within the short span that it has been in the market. Instagram, Facebook and Twitter are flooded with Prisma-tic architecture. You go boy!

by Ms. Annalise Benjamin

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK!

Alpha 2016! The English Department's Fresher's Party was a smashing success. Check out the special supplements, out soon!



## MONSOON TREKKING

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The Tigers Adventure Sports Club along with Goa Hiking Association had organized a one day trekking expedition to Pillai waterfall, Valpoi on 24 July 2016. There were two buses provided for transportation - one from Panjim and the other from Margao.

It was a nearly 3 to 3.5 kilometer hike to the waterfall and the overall time taken was roughly 4 hours. More than 20 students from the Parvatibai Chowgule College and another 30 people came for the trek through the Goa Hiking Association.

According to the secretary of Tigers Adventure Sports Club, Aishwarya Joshi, the number of hours taken during the trek will add up to the participants sports hours. This does not include the time taken while traveling though! So all those students who attended the trek last Sunday will be given 4 hours for the trekking to their sports hours.

To all those students who don't necessarily like playing sports but have to make up for the credits, coming along for one day hikes is an excellent way to complete your required number of sports hours.

### CORRECTION!

In the previous issue of Aether, in the article titled - Ready, Steady, Go! - Charmaine Furtado's name



was misspelt as Charmain. Also, the number of medals she won was the combined tally of School and State-level medals.

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