

TRULY EDUCATORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Here are some responses to the interaction with the American teachers who visited our college on 21 July, 2016. They visited our college under the Teachers for Global Classrooms initiative. They came, they spoke and they left a mark! Students were free to put forward their point of view in any way they liked.

Anna Siqueira and Deborah McCrea, representatives of Teachers for Global Classrooms program visited Parvatibai Chowgule College on 21 July, 2016. The objective of their visit was to analyze the teaching methods and student activities across the college. In contrast to the students in United States of America, the teaching in India is based on the theoretical knowledge not allowing the students to sharpen their practical skills. In the U.S, the students are assigned with a topic which they have to come prepared with and present before the class while in India the textbook is the beginning and the end of any form of knowledge. The visitors loved the fact that every student in India was multilingual which enabled the students to be rich in culture. This facet isn't seen in America as most students are monolingual. The experiences shared by them brought a smile on our face. A wonderful session which helped both the parties imbibe knowledge from one another.

- Annalise Benjamin



Top | to r: Shruti, Vruksha, Dr. Gunaji Desai, Ms. Deborah McCrea, Ms. Ana Siqueira, Dr. E.M. Travassos, Mr. Francis Anthony, Simran, Annalise, Archa
Bottom | to r: Priyanka, Loretta, Aarati, Shubhankar, Lucia

Dear "social value extremists"

After having an interaction with Ana Siqueira and Deborah McCrea from the US based Teachers for Global Classroom program, I realized that the age old system of girls and boys sitting separately in the classrooms, is another custom perhaps unique to India. This separation in the seating system of schools is perhaps why freshers in college feel shy or uncomfortable while interactions with one another or working on projects together. This mind set is further thrust upon us by those disapproving glares from school teachers and I truly believe that this mind set needs to change. - Shruti Yadav

In an interaction held with Ana Siqueira and Deborah McCrea, representing the 'Teachers for Global Program', held at Parvatibai Chowgule College on 21st July, several topics related to education system around USA and India were discussed. The aim of the said program is to understand the education systems around the world.

In one of the questions focussing on the comparison of the education systems, Ana Siqueira mentioned the friendly relationship between in teacher and a student and how

this relationship helps the student to interact in class and overcome the fear of wrong answers. The friendly atmosphere provides an assurance to the child that a given question may have many possible answers. Education systems in India, being traditional, mostly focus on one particular right answer thus creating a gap between students and teachers. One of the major lessons learnt from such an interaction would be, the relationship a teacher forms with a student and the ability to accept all the answers without discouraging any student.

- Archa Sancou

EERIE COLLEGE MYSTERIES UNSOLVED

Margao, 15 July: Chowgule College, one of the most reputed colleges in Goa, is sprinkled with rumors of being haunted. In 1998 before the re-planning of the college, the current Chowgule gym was a multi-purpose arena, which was attended to by a man named Philip. A trusted source reported that Philip had committed suicide on one of the trees that was cut down to build the gym. Night walks down the slope from the gym can sometimes be very eerie due to the lack of lighting and the abandoned H-Block building with reports from the watchmen having different experiences at the particular area. According to Sanjay the gym manager, "The night guards start their shifts from 6am to 6 pm and many a times, they have come to me telling me about their experiences, often with fear in their eyes. So far, there has not been a single sighting of a ghost



what lurks after hours here?

or what sort but I can't say no to the fact that they might have heard something uncanny and mysterious." Through the years there have been different night guards with similar experiences, like how suddenly there is loud music being played in the gym or how heavy weights are being lifted and dropped to the ground or how the biometric reader at the gym suddenly responds with the claim that the finger print isn't authorized. The gym officials claim to close the gym at 10 p.m., shutting down all the gym and electrical equipment including the biometrics, yet the night guards still stand witness to these mysterious events, while some say the ghost of Philip lurks around, while others optimistic say that these are just rumors to create fear. At the end of it, I personally think it depends on ones belief and how we respond to it. Like the biometric reader says, if you don't believe this report then, "Please try again." ***

by Ms. Priyanka Afonso

CHOWGULES NEXT TOP MODEL

Pick up your heels, attitude and creativity and walk into the limelight. Learn more about fashion, makeup, hairstyling and costume designing and get trained by amazing models. Wanna be Chowgule's next top model? Then what are you waiting for? Join the Tigers Fashion Club handled by a beautiful young lady Mercedes Menon (9422636363)



I AM POSSIBLE

with
Ms. Annalise
Benjamin

KATHA

with
Ms. Archa
Sancou

CHASING DREAMS

with
Ms. Vruksha
Karmali

I AM POSSIBLE ...URVY YADUVANSHY

“Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add colour to my sunset sky” said Rabindranath Tagore. An eighteen year old whose roots lie in Rajasthan, born in Delhi, brought up in Tamil Nadu and settled in Goa for seven years; Urvy Yaduvanshy calls herself an all-Indian and considers her stars lucky to be well exposed to the realities of life. She talks about home schooling, her affinity towards sports, friends and more. Excerpts from the interview with the budding boxer:



A: Coming from a traditional background, what was it like when you came to Goa?

U: I came to Goa at the age of four for the first time but never had the chance to live here for long although my family has been living here for the past seven years. I joined a boarding school when I was seven in Coimbatore. So, I didn't end up living here as such but my house and family are here. Living here now is a whole new experience. I love the Goan culture and language. It is both multi-lingual and multi-religious. This is unique.

A: Why were you home schooled?

U: My father being an IAS officer was constantly transferred within three years or so. It would become really difficult to join an institution and leave midway. So, I chose home schooling willingly in order to pursue sports and arts. This gave me a lot of freedom to do what I like. Although there is a difference between home schooling and normal schooling. Both have their share of pros and cons. You end up not having a social life or any friends to hang out with but this gives you the time to discover yourself and grow as a person.

A: Did you feel the need of having a friend circle during this time?

U: Honestly, I did not feel the need. Friends are a good aspect of life but they aren't constant. It is you who is constant. Give yourself time to grow. I used to have long tresses but cut it off. Had I been in the company of many people, I would have been worried about their views. Irrespective what I do with my life, no one should have the right to control me.

A: You have an inclination towards sports. What are you interested in?

U: I have played basketball at the national level, swimming at state level as well as squash. Currently, I am training in boxing for the past year. I haven't played professionally as yet but it is a sport I love doing. Boxing is a good hobby to have it keeps you both physically and emotionally fit. Pain is just part of the process. You have to undergo it, to go ahead.

A: So, what is next on your platter?

U: I have joined Chowgule College since I heard about their association with Waseda University, Japan and would love to gain knowledge by spending a year abroad. I have never stayed static for long and for once want to take the plunge. I want to see the world beyond, and grow each day.

BY MS. ANNALISE BENJAMIN

KATHA CHOWGULE COLLEGE



NOW I AM SO STRONG THAT I CAN FACE EVERY OBSTACLE WITH A SMILE ON MY FACE.

“I don't look at myself as an inspiration to anyone, rather I see those millions out there as an inspiration to me.” It was 8th October 2013. An aspiring aeronautical engineer with dreams of soaring the skies was left with his dreams shattered. *“I was electrocuted while going for a bath. The only thought I had before falling unconscious was losing my family. Moments later when I got conscious, I saw blood around me and staring at my bloody finger bones the only thought of being able to see my family again kept me going. Till today, I never questioned ‘why me?’, rather took this as a part of life. After all, life is about ups and downs. Now I am so strong that I can face every obstacle with a smile on my face. I am not a person to give up. I have a new dream now. I want to represent India in Para Olympics. My survival was a miracle they said and I live to make my life worth it.”*

-by Miss Archa Sancou



“Be yourself and never change for anyone else”, a unique way in which Miss Oshin Bianca Colaco interprets herself. Having completed her schooling at Kings High School and further having studied at Father Agnel Higher Secondary school, Oshin now places herself in Parvatibai Chowgule College. Her hobbies are dancing, sports that includes shot-put, and discuss throw, modelling and baking.

“Dancing is my passion and I cannot live without it”, says Miss Oshin. She has participated in many All-Goa dancing competitions and has won many awards. She also participated in ‘Dance India Dance’, a dancing reality show and had got through two rounds. Further she

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went to USA to represent India in the field of dance. At the International Cheerleading Union Dance Competition (ICU). She said that she wants to continue her passion in dancing and modelling in future.



Miss Oshin is not a person of few talents, along with dance, she also excels in sports, and to name a few of her achievements, she has won the 1st place at state level in discuss throw and shot-put sports championship and also represented Goa in shot-put at the national level for Indian West Zone(CBSE) in Gujarat.

Being an all-rounder she explains that stress has been a negative aspect in her life and to relax herself she manages to dedicate some time to do Yoga, which also helps her in remaining fit.

Even though she has achieved many things and won several awards in the field of dance and sports, she aspires to become an IPS officer in future and wants to serve the country with her total dedication.

Oshin final message - *“even though I have to face many difficulties in my life, I strive hard to achieve the greatest heights and to do so, I have my biggest strengths by my side: my energy level, a supportive mother and my friends.”*



BY MS. VRUKSHA KARMALI



As we all know there is no elevator to success. To succeed one has to take the long stairs. Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. Here we are with yet another issue of 'Aether', filled with interviews of young, talented, passionate, hard working students, as well as the members of the 'Teachers Of Global Classroom' and some interesting thing about are college, that might give you goose bumps. Stay motivated and happy reading to one and all.

Ms. Simran Malkarnekar
Editor

READY, STEADY, GO!

Fun, energetic and full of life is how one would describe Charmain Furtado. A resident of navelim, she has been in the field of athletics for years and nothing seems to stop this girl from getting better at the game.

Charmain was first introduced to sports at the age of 10 when, in the 5th standard while studying at Manovikas. Her dad being a sports person, Charmain took keen interest in sports and since then hasn't stopped. Determined as she seems, Charmian has made a mark for herself in the field of sports, participating 8 time at the national level and won 6 medals – 3 silver and 3 bronze. And that's not all! This amazing athlete has won a total of 62 medals at the state level!! She has also played football at the national level and own many other sports at the school level!

When asked what she felt about goa's sports association, Charmain said that there was way too much political

interference. If one didn't train with the goa== them, the athletes would be badly treated and wouldn't have proper accommodation when they would play in other states. As a result she always travelled with her dad. Despite the numerous hurdles, has never let anything come between her and athletics.

Her first love may be athletics but Charmain loves exploring her creative her side too. She enjoys doing a lot of craft like dreamcatcher, cards, learning many other paper craft techniques and nail-art too. Besides that she also considers herself a complete foodie. Her biggest role models are her dad and Arantxa Mascarenhas who is also a Goan athlete. Currently persuing a double major in Psychology and English at Chowgule College, she intends becoming a sports psychologist and doesn't intend on giving up on athletics.



BY MS. LORETTA RODRIGUES

People are the prettiest when they talk about something with passion in their eyes, anything that's gets your blood racing is probably worth doing. Recently, in an interaction with a few students of Parvatibai Chowgule College, I found out about what their passion is and if the college was helping in their growth. Here are their amazing replies!

- MS. SIMRAN PRABHU MALKARNEKAR

PASSION SPEAKS



Mulder Pereira, FYBA

"Oh, my passion is travelling which is not so commonly heard, as I am a fresher in this college I have not got any chances to explore much, but I would surely like to team up with people with the similar interest and form a club. And yes I would want people to know me as a traveler and I believe that this college is going to help me grow over the years beginning with the students exchange program."

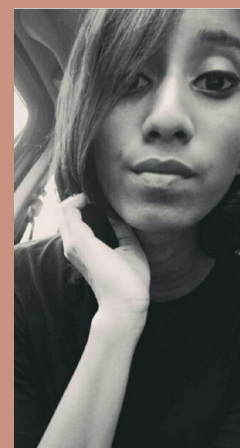
Anoshka Fernandes, SYBA
"I'm interested in music and art and always wished to pursue more and more knowledge in this field. Sadly I tried to get in the college music club and was not chosen for not being good enough, all I wanted was to learn and improve which did not happen in this college."



Tanmay Vasta, TYBA
"As most of the people in this college already know my passion is body building, which I have taken very seriously in the same pace with academics. This college has helped me be better than what I used to be. I run a club for the same and the gym facilities in this college have helped me and my fellow budding body builder a lot with training."

Joliber Fernandes, SYBA

"I am passionate about basketball, which I play in most of my free time. I would want to thank chowgule college for having the basketball club which helps to practice and learn new techniques. I know I am an improved player" #best



Sasha Gomes, SYBA
"Football is my passion and yes this College has been a great support by helping us train in the field to work on our skills."



confessions of a chowgule student: being productive

BY MS. AARATI JOSHI

A perfect task list, only a few things to get done tonight, nothing to lose sleep over. So I plug my phone in and before I get up to go to the desk, I unlock it one last time, just going to open Snapchat to see if the person who needed to see my story has seen it yet.

And seven minutes later I know literally everything there is to know about the KimKWest - TSwift feud, including how the latter has apparently been a manipulative little queen bee All Effin Along, including all the coolest tweets about both sides and, of course, about the coolest supporters of either side, and, of course, about the fans of all celebrities falling in the above categories. Fact remains that I never gave a shit about them and still don't. I also now know about 13 foods I was definitely storing wrong and 7 foods that will live longer than I will (let's face it, if I carry on like this my shelf life will prove to be less than that of ketchup).

Also a matter of fact, I am now lying down in bed and my phone is off the plug because, well, might as well go down from 13% to 3% and then I'll HAVE to keep it down and work, no? Another dozen minutes and my phone is 3 apps richer, some pretentious educative apps

that I will literally use for two days- but for the moment make it more plausible to fool myself into believing that ohmygod I'm learning so darn much, I'm educating myself all this while!

An hour later I'm too hungry to work so it's snack time, and don't you need



something fun to do while you're eating? Oh wait, I almost forgot that fabulous snap that I need to post NOW. Hey, friend, stop texting me so much. Wait .. aw.. people are important.. I should give time to persons too. I know it's 1 am, I'll still have time for work! But suddenly, cutting off that one ugly toenail I hadn't

clipped for a long time is of utmost priority over and above any deadline, even though I cannot seem to locate the nail clipper. I'll find it, and I will do it. Then I'll work.

Oh, um, didn't you say you're going to Bombay this weekend? ... ill be going for Kala Ghoda, maybe I should book the flight tickets now itself... February is peak season. Wow. There's an art fair in Delhi too. Interesting. Got to read up about that. Then got to read up about all cool art fests in Asia. Then must read about that one art movement, name of which I just encountered on one of the pages. Ugghhhh why are there so many frigginn weird movements? And wait so what exactly was the difference between this one and that one to make this tiny thing a whole different genre, geeezz! So lovely though, this one. What if I try sketching a fox?

sigh. It's 3.30 am. I'm drained mentally and my eyes hurt, but hey, at least I know all cool shit about Pokemon go and associated memes! And I lurked long and quiet on the Instagram profiles of so many people I know and so many I don't, and now - achievement unlocked - I have managed to form very wrong and idealistic opinions of their life, based on a highlight reel they curated for literally that very purpose, and also -achievement unlocked- developed more complexes and insecurities than I can manage , whoopeddoo! Also, cat videos are the best thing on the internet!

Maybe I should catch some sleep... An hour.. then my mind will be calm and rested and all Zen and I will work in the wee hours of the morning.

Pan to frantic scramble out of bed at 7.30 am, I am going to miss my first lecture, I haven't completed my submission, and I haven't read up for class, and I haven't washed my hair. ***

When somebody mentions street food in Indian context, we immediately think of chaat. It's the symbol of soul of cities as they are easily affordable, tasty and ready to eat it has gained popularity among the people. The Goan cuisine is influenced by its Hindu origin, 400 years of Portuguese rule and an adoption of large number of recipes from other states of India.

Many of us are unaware that Goa has an evitable variety of evening snack. In the earlier times you would only get 4 or 5 items, but with change in time there are number of If you're search of cool places to hang out with friends and to try out some amazing snacks then here's some places you can check out in your neighbourhood.



NORONHA'S CORNER ANJUNA
Brothers Charles, Lazarus and Joseph Noronha have been parking their food truck at Anjuna Circle every night. They sell all types of Goan Catholic snacks like beef cutlet, beef chilly fries, Ros omelette (ros means gravy in Konkani)

SANDEEP GADO NEAR SINGBAL BOOK STORE

He owns a small stall near Singbal book stores, and famous for his beetroot samosas and mirchi baajji and also sells bhel shev puri and paani puri. The food

items here is quiet pocket friendly. **MICHEAL LOBO'S CENTER CANDOLIM** Micheal started his fast food centre with his wife in 1968. Which is located just after the Aguada Road, near the football ground. Every evening Micheal sets up he's food cart he is popular for selling egg chops, prawn chops, chicken lollipops and vada pau.

RAVI RAS OMELETTE

Ravi's cart is located at the corner of Immaculate Conception church every evening from 6PM to 11PM. He's famous for his special Ros omelette and also serves chicken masala and bread.

HAJI ALI CHICKEN SHAWARMA

Located just next to Caculo Mall. It's a recent stall and always crowded by constant visitors. The owner a native of Kerala, and his stall is run by his wife and his brothers. Sells two kind of Shawarma the first one is grilled with marinated chicken and the other one is grilled with spicy marinade. The spicy grilled shawarma is more popular among the public.

The chicken is sliced off a grill mixed thoroughly with mayo, fresh salad and French fries and then rolled up in thin flour paratha.

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