



Every year, the Department of English puts up a marvellous event for all School and Higher Secondary schools in Goa. ‘The Bard by the Mandovi’ is a one day event organised by the first year English tygers, along with the help of their Second year and Third year seniors as well as the faculty of the Department.

This year the event began on a very sinful note, as the students performed a musical drama on the seven deadly sins cited in Shakespearean plays. The play was choreographed by Asst. Prof. Gaargi Bhat and the students were assisted in



their costumes by Asst. Prof. Delilah Pacheco. After the formal lighting of the lamp and an encouraging speech by our Head of Department, Dr. Sonia Fernandes, the event was declared open.

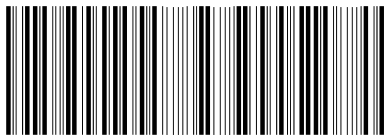
The corridors of our college were filled with enthusiast cries and hurried footsteps as students and participants ran from one place to another to catch a glimpse of every event. Auditoriums were filled with an eager audience who cheered and applauded every performance with immense enthusiasm.

After the events, the participants enjoyed a little dancing and singing in the Auditorium while the scores were being tallied. And finally when the moment arrived to announce the winners of the ‘Bard by the Mandovi 2017’ everyone was excited to hear the results! The day ended on a victorious note for Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Panjim, as they took home the trophy for first place for the second consecutive year. Sharada Mandir School, Miramar won runners up and Our Lady of the Rosary High School, Dona Paula, won second runners up!



Shakespeare would have definitely been delighted to see the passion and love that students still possess for his works! And whether they won or lost, nobody left this event empty handed. Every student, participant and teacher returned home with beautiful memories and hopefully we will see all of them next year, same time same place, to celebrate Shakespeare once more!

BY MS. SONIA SABNIS



WHAT'S BEHIND PROCASTINATION?

Everyone does it. Everyone feels guilty when they do it. And everyone resolves never to do it again. But they do. Everyone procrastinates.

Procastination can be a thoroughly amusing concept. But as all things humorous, there are some underlying deep and darker forces. Not everyone likes to put things off until they pile up into a mountain. Sometimes we don't even know the reason as to why we procrastinate. In the long run, procrastinating can generate stress and ultimately corrode success. At the root of procrastination almost always lurks some hidden fear or conflict that urges us to put things off. Just as without

knowing the symptoms one cannot get the proper treatment, without knowing the reasons for procrastination we cannot outstrip this thief of time.

1.The task seems unpleasant: This is, by far, the most commonly given reason for procrastination. We've all had some work or assignment being put off only because we don't find them pleasant.

2.The task seems overwhelming: Herculean, massive, endless- all these terms can be used to describe that assignment you have to do. The task is not necessarily unpleasant; but it's so huge and overwhelming that you don't know where to start.

3.You tend to overcommit: since you

already feel that you don't have time, you try to cram everything in one day. Completing projects, hanging out with friends, attending classes. But no one can do it all-certainly not all at the same time. Overcommitting can lead to disorganization which only makes matter worse.

4.You're addicted to cramming: Admit it. At some point we have put off studying for a test until the last night before the test. "Cramming is the Key" is what we feel. In fact, this is dangerous as it increases the odds of committing mistakes.

Now that you know the reasons, try to find ways to overcome them. Don't procrastinate on this. *wink*

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DREAM COME TRUE: THE RUNKS

The Runks is a Goan band who is on the chase to be the best in the whole of India. The band comprises of 4 young lads namely Georgie Dias (lead vocals, guitar), Kassel Gomes (drums, vocals), Sheldon Gomes (keyboard, vocals) and Edelbert Azaredo (bass, vocals). The band performs Rock, Pop, Country, Funk, etc. On 5th September 2017, the winners of *Vodafone Battle of the Bands Goa*, The Runks, performed live on the futsal court.

The walk-in concert commenced at 11:30a.m. Not only did The Runks perform the songs of famous artists like Bruno Mars, DNCE, Daft Punk, Ed Sheeran, etc. but also got the crowd cheering in by singing a number of old hits. The confidence and the enthusiasm were very much evident on their faces during the 3 hour concert. *Club Acoustica* arranged for volunteers who helped the band get another step closer to their dream. The band is currently representing Goa at the national level. All they need is a vote from you and the final decision of the jury to win the *Band Hunt* powered by Red Bull Tour Bus. In a small interview, the lead vocalist Georgie Dias tells that the band started out a year ago and that they

practice twice a week, from evening to night at Kassel's (drummer) place. When questioned if they felt the need of a female vocalist, he quickly replied, "We don't

think it is necessary." It seems like they are better off without a female vocalist. He further added, "We're planning to play at Wembley; that's our dream."

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DON'T YOU KNOW YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL?

Why is it so hard to believe that we're beautiful? Kahlil Gibran once said "Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart." But even now people have a wrong definition of beauty.

There's a big difference between looking beautiful and being beautiful.

Looking beautiful is all about appearances, looks and outer beauty. But what is important is being beautiful. Being Beautiful has nothing to do with looks. It's who you are as a person and how you make others feel about themselves.

So every morning when you wake up, look in the mirror and tell yourself that you're beautiful. It doesn't matter if you have a pimple on your cheek or if your legs need to be waxed. Then, at some point during the day, tell someone that they're beautiful too. They might just shy away or just blush a little bit. But once you leave, they'll smile a little bit more.

Just remember that you have a brilliant heart and a beautiful mind. And see that every time you look in the mirror, you remind yourself that you are not alone and that you are beautiful and that your voice matters and that you are the best you there can be!

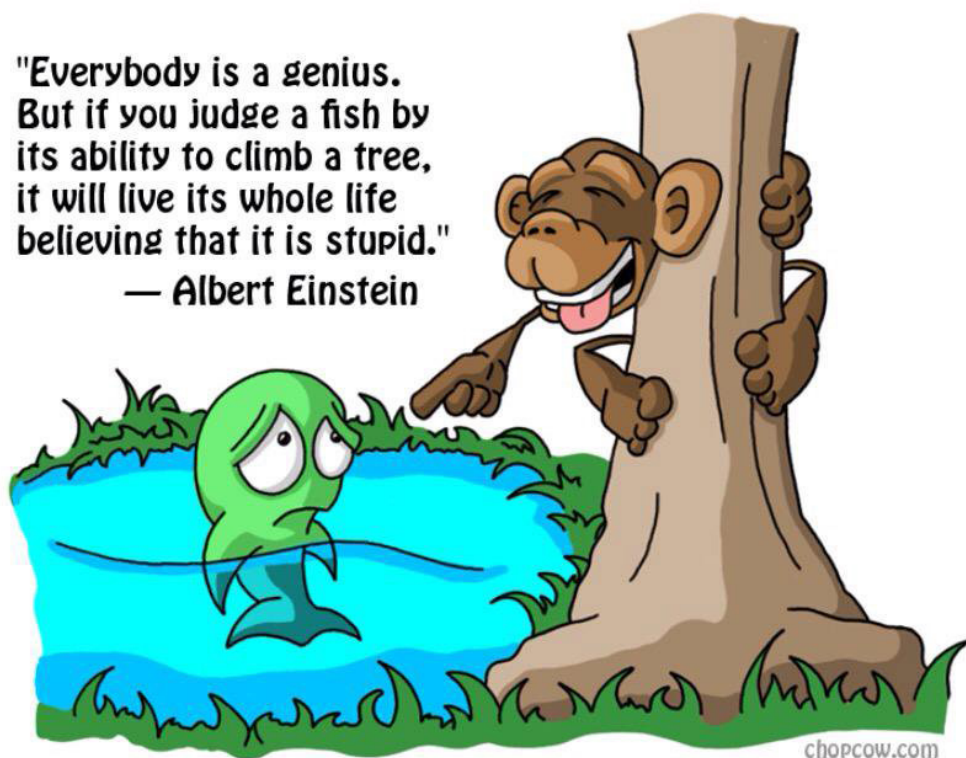
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PERCEPTION OF PERFECTION

If you ever happen to ask someone what they think perfection is, they'd probably tell you that it's size zeroes and thigh gaps. Then just to seem decent enough they'll tell you that perfection could be anything, really. It just can't be a plus size or dark skin tone. Somehow, I think, it's really funny how everyone is so sure about what it's not rather what it is! Perfection is a concept we've been taught, An idea, an expectation we've been

important tools of an "able" "perfect" person. Adaptation is a truly admirable skill. To not have your sight but to be able to learn to use all your other senses to make up for it is simply superb! I guess what i'm trying to say is, in the right circumstances handicaps can become superpowers and heartfelt sympathy can transform to wide mouthed respect. All it takes is a little extra effort to provide for those besides

**"Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a fish by
its ability to climb a tree,
it will live its whole life
believing that it is stupid."
— Albert Einstein**



hardwired to chase. What our society deems as perfect and acceptable and "able" is only because of the provisions it provides. Put the same people in a different set of provisions and every ability would there be rendered invalid. The blind football match held and Chowgule college was one unforgettable experience. On that 40x20 pitch what everyone would generally call a handicap transformed into a superpower. It went from a disability to a different ability. For those 90 minutes, every person there with a perfect set of eyes were met by the reality that their sight, then and there, was a disability!! The players on that pitch proved that they could have a life and even have fun and compete without having one of the most

the majority rather than ignoring their existence or rendering them as invalids. "Perfection" is an ugly ten letter word that knows how to do it's makeup so well that it's got us blinded and numb to it's claws digging into us. It's about time we stop looking at how things should be and take a minute to appreciate things for what they are. Everyone is so focused on on getting their hands on that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow that nobody stops to appreciate the beauty of the rainbow itself- the colour, the moment, the process. Just like the earth is round and has no end, no matter how far and how long you chase after "Perfectly, what should be..." it'll always be two steps out of your league.

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WHAT IF?

with
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ARTS? REALLY?

by
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WHAT IF...?

Enter the gates and you notice the difference. Drones are flying overhead and holograms welcome you into your campus. There's a beep on your phone. Surprisingly our wifi is working very fast. Happiness is temporary. A message pops up on everyone's phones," Sorry I was Bored – Felicity".

The chemistry lab has one dedicated student who is currently engrossed in the

on him and are dying to date him, but he loves Iris, a blogger. After the practical we have a lecture. As we walk towards the Quadrangle a girl almost falls on the stairs however our hero rushes to save her. That's what "the Flash" does, helping people, a trait he acquired from his adopted father, Joe, a detective by profession.

Barry is the only student interested in the lecture. Kid flash is using his cell phone while Caitlin tries to cheer up Cisco who is grumbling about attending a lecture

greet us from the big belly burger. In the Sit outs there is a barbeque party going on. Firestorm roasts the chicken pieces perfectly for all the hungry chicken lovers out there. If the heat is too much let's walk towards the ground. Why? Let it snow! A new sport has been introduced which is ice

TEAM FLASH WERE OUR CLASSMATES

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experiment. The rest of the students enter the lab and as they are about to mix the solution the power goes. No worries! We have Barry Allen with us. He is the fastest man alive. In a blink of eye he has mixed the solution. Many girls have crush

on stuff he already knows. Let's go to interesting stuff, that is, food!

The canteen is turned into Jitters themed canteen. It serves "the flash" drink too. As we walk towards the G-block HR



skating, all thanks to "Killer frost"(Caitlin).

It's lecture time! You enter the corridor and you realise you have the lecture in class D303. The only thing you have to do is call "The Vibe"(Cisco) and a portal opens and the next moment you are standing outside your class. The professor enters the class and announces that we have a surprise test. We all grin because we were already aware of the test. Perks of having a friend who can view the future.

We don't have special powers but each one of us has talents. The aura of electricity brightens each individual's life. Tigers! Focus on your goals with burning intensity; instil self-confidence and elegance in you. Be a beast! Be a Tiger!

WHY IS ARTS SO UNDERMINED?

Our society has set standards for everything - be it dress, food, speech or education. Everything has a standard of its own. In India, pursuing Arts means you are either lazy or a bonehead. While the science students are applauded for their decisions to be brave enough to opt for a course in science (engineering being the bravest and the most common), Arts students are considered dirt on the soles of shoes. A student with good marks in their HSSC marksheet is given a hundred suggestions or rather the people who they meet make an easy assumption that they are going for the science courses. As to the question, "Why?", they answer with, 'Because they have brains'. And if he makes the mistake of bursting this assumption, that's the biggest mistake they will ever make in their life. For, they will make him sit down and listen to a hundred disadvantages of going into Arts and a thousand advantages the Science courses provides. If he has a firm foot, then fine. They will survive. Others back down there itself. The ones who survive will learn to nod to all assumptions. Never ever saying a word. Unless they find a stand of their own, much later in their life. These are students who took Science in their HSSC and then joined Arts. Though they suffer the most; the ones who make an early decision and pursue arts from tenth itself suffer no less. They are considered to be born dumb in society. Their achievements till then are forgotten and only their decision of taking Arts

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matters in judging their IQ level.

Even after taking Arts, the perils won't end, Science students will always be given a superior end. They are said to be more hardworking and have more syllabus to study. For example in our college, each department of the Science section are given particular days of the week as holidays, while us, Arts students have to attend college the whole week except Sundays. Arts students are always considered to be lazy. Friends of mine from the Science Section always make it a joke to say, "What work do you have? You are in Arts!" As if being in Arts guarantees you an excuse for being lazy.

Arts and science should go hand to hand. The courses under both the streams contribute equally to the society, if Science calculates; Arts analyses. People just don't want to remember the fact that all the pioneers of Science used to be great philosophers. Arts and science were woven together in ancient times, then why not now? Arts is what the heart pours, and science makes its existence happen. People live happily in a world of morale and only arts can provide that. Science in its place helps us understand our surroundings better, arts helps understand each other. Be it science or arts, both should earn equal respect. Both provide equal opportunities. Arts exist because science exist and vice versa. For, art is the painting and science the canvas. And we are the painter, who creates art using science. ***

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