

## NO MORE 'EXTRA CREDITS'?

**by Ms. Athira Chandran**

How would you feel if you were informed that working overtime is no more allowed after a year into a new job? If you think it's not fair, well, this is exactly what is happening in college this year- Second and Third year students are not being allowed to take extra credit papers this year, even in their own major subjects. An Extra credit paper is any course that a student opts for, over and above their regular course workload for a semester.

Students were promised extra credit papers during their admissions but the changes were only intimated this year. Some of the double major students have decided to change their majors to a single major now, since they are missing out important papers

in one of their majors.

One of the Deans of the college has said that the Governing Body of our college decided to implement this decision after our poor performance in their academics in the previous year.



*"Students are going against the decision and poor performance of some students the year credit system was implemented for the first time, shouldn't*

*jeopardize the careers of the other hundreds of students.", says Finoshka Rodrigues, a TYBA Student.*

After protest by students, Principal Dr. Sawant has told the students to get information on all the students interested in taking an extra credit paper, including their status of academic and non-academic credits and number of backlogs.

Extra credits is a beneficial feature of autonomous colleges and the fact that students are raising voice against the arbitrary decision to stop this, is a testament to how students of our college value knowledge. This is an ongoing matter, and Aether will keep you updated on the situation as it unfolds.\*\*\*



**AETHER - EDITORIAL**

I am proud to present the first issue of Aether for this academic year! After a successful run last year, where 10 issues were published from July to October, here we are again.

For those who aren't in the know Aether is used as a teaching tool for the Writing for the Media course, offered by the department of English.

In the tabloid students explore various structures, formats in writing for newspapers, magazines etc. Along with that we will also ask tough questions and try to report matter that YOU ought to read. The focus of this tabloid is our college. So you could say that this tabloid is by, of and for the students. In this issue, students tackle the question of extra Credits, the construction work going on, along with other things that matter. Enjoy the issue.

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
ANDREW BARRETO**

## CONSTRUCTION CHAOS

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the new academic year, our college has some renovation work going on. A lot of students, not only the First Years', have no clue about why there is 'sudden construction work' going on. The walls of the corridor, staircases are being drilled and repaired during the College hours leading to disturbances to the ongoing classes due to noise of drill



**Pic: Walls of the college walls after drilling**

work, sanding debris all around. Asst. Prof. Jatal said that it was nothing but cracked walls being repaired, just a patch and match work. He further said that the reason for this were rains, due to which, water starts dripping from these cracks making the walls soggy.

Hopes are, that next time, may be the college management will inform its students about any work happening in the college, during college hours to save students from confusion. As it is students are grappling with the new time-table and fresh confusions related to the credit system.

**-Ms. Neha Bandekar**

### UNREASONABLY LOCKED

As soon as one enters the main gates of the Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, at the second left is a narrow passage with a gate that leads directly to the main corridor which is always locked. Why? Why is this gate locked?

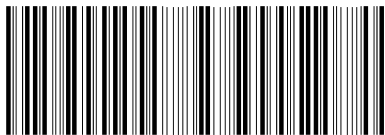
It would be much easier for students to enter the main corridor if this gate was unlocked daily since it is the most convenient and the shortest way into the building. Students have to enter the quadrangle or cross

the canteen or take the stairs to the office and then get to the corridors. It's very inconvenient for students who want to get to class or into the building quickly. Especially during the rainy season- keeping that gate open would spare the students the soaked-wet walk to class.

So yes this is a matter which needs to be taken care of. It shouldn't be too hard as it is a minor but a meaningful step towards ensuring a little more comfort to the students.\*\*\*

**- by Ms. Brulynn Castello**





## WHAT'S TRENDING? FIDGET SPINNERS

BY MS. SONIA SABNIS

Whilst walking to class or waiting for a lecture to begin or even sitting in the canteen,

students are being accompanied by a new trend: fidget spinners. Out of the blue the market has come up with this new toy that almost every teenager wants to get their hands on. People are growing addicted to its spinning design and new fea-

tures. Some of them are plain, whilst some are covered in a matt coat and some even light up when you give it a whirl. The original idea to create something that would catch children's attention and keep them from stressing out, came to Catherine Hettinger during her stay in Israel,

when she noticed young Palestinian children throwing rocks at police officers. She thought that there must be an alternative way that could curb their frustration and negative energy. After filing a patent on her idea in 1993, she tried to sell her design to various toy companies but was unsuccessful. When her

patent expired in 2005, other companies modified the original idea and came up with various new features that made the product more appealing to the buyer's eyes. The new product, was of course entirely different from Hettinger's original design.

So basically, an idea that was born with the intention of keeping young children distracted is now making its place in the market as a product that enhances focus and attention. Either ways fidget spinners are definitely a cool trend gone viral.\*\*\*



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## What a Swede Deal!

The Swedish Exchange Programme is organised every year by Parvatibai Chowgule College for the First/ Second year students. The programme consists of two phases. In the first phase- Swedish students come to Goa and live with their hosts for a fortnight in November and in the second phase- Indian students visit Sweden in the end of April.

This academic year though we are going over to Sweden first. A few participants of the 2016- 17 programme were asked about their views on the same.

Ms. Caridi Pereira (S.Y.B.Sc.) said she enjoyed every bit of the trip. Everything was so different - from what they ate to their lifestyle. In all it was an educational and fun trip, she said.

Mr. Sreetam Halder expressed his feelings very poetically, "You have to find that place that brings out the human in you, the soul in you, the childish smile in you and most importantly the love and romance in you. Sweden was the place where I found them all."

Every student had a unique experience to share. While Ms. Shruti Shetgaonkar (

SYBA) says that she loved the group she travelled and interacted with, Ms. Sasha Fernandes (SYBA) had a few of her dreams like ice-skating and experiencing snow come true!



Pic: Students enjoying their day out skiing in Sweden

Reuben Rajadhyaksha (SYBSc) hopes that everyone gets a chance to be a part of this wonderful Exchange Programme. He summed up everyone's experience

by Ms. Sasha Fernandes

### TAKE A HIKE!

**"What you do to reach your destination is more important than reaching the destination"**

The Adventure Club of Parvatibai Chowgule College launched its first monsoon hike on 2nd July (Sunday) 2017 in the hinterlands of Valpoi, Palli waterfall. The club Registration for the adventure club is Rs. 100/- annually and for the hike Rs. 250/- per head. - by Ms. Oaizy Gomes

## SMART-CARD: BOON OR BANE?

The first question that pops up in your head after reading the name is what makes it smart? It is the identity proof of student or teacher. In our college we use it to get books from the library or for transactions in canteen. The problem arises in the efficiency of the card.

The problem is that the monetary feature of the card barely works. Notices saying 'Smart Card isn't working' have become a common sight in canteen. Another grievance reported is that sometimes the top up for the card doesn't work.

Ms. Gizelle Rodrigues, a SYBA student had to face a lot of problems as it happened to her twice. Gizelle says, "I had re-charged my smart card and after two days when I give it in canteen it shows that there is no balance". The canteen owner told her to contact the Office of Information Technology (OIT). The OIT rectified her problem and her money was recovered.

Smart card usage has its pros and cons. If the cons are overlooked, the advantage is that we move towards a cashless economy. Booking library books on ID card helps keep a track of the book. But in our case the cons seem to outweigh the pros. If the system were to be made more efficient, without the regular lapses, alongwith other methods of payment and booking, one is sure that the smart card would truly be used smartly.

- by Ms. Alyssa Martins

when he said, "Fill your life with adventures not things, have stories to tell and not stuff to show. I guess we followed this quote down to the T in Sweden."

**Note:** Students who want to be part of this Exchange Programme 2017-18 could avail of this wonderful opportunity before 20 July 2017. Forms are available in the Students Support Service Center. \*\*

## Exhibitory Matches held by the Tiger Badminton Club

The Tiger Badminton Club held exhibitory matches on Wednesday, 28 June 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00pm. This was organised in order to attract the students who are interested to be a part of the badminton club. The plan was to display the badminton skills of the existing players of the college. Arrangement was made for the newcomers to enroll themselves in the club. Furthermore, the club has decided to have regular coaching classes at the quadrangle for those who want to learn professional badminton. As for now, the matches held were successful enough to gather a huge crowd. Soon there will be trials and selections to form the new college team who will participate in the intercollege events.

- by Ms. Jashmi Sirakaje



# MEET THE AETHER TEAM



Hi! My name is S. C. Jashmi. I'm an ambivert. You will usually find me hopping and jumping around in the Quadrangle. Art is my passion. I love being with my friends as well as alone sometimes. Reading comes at the bottom of my hobby list. To get enrolled as my friend, all you have to do is smile.



Ola amigos! I'm Jeffy Rodrigues. I'm a crazy person and I love singing. My friends say I'm a 10-year-old trapped inside a teenager's body...bleh! Learning Portuguese and the guitar are the tasks at hand. Sometimes I stay up late watching football. I'm completely fascinated by the concept of infinity. I believe that we all are beautiful in our own unique way and that nothing's impossible. Remember, life's short so make everything worthwhile because YOLO.



Hi, I'm Alyssa Martins. I love reading books and photography. Trying new recipes in my free time or discovering movies and dramas is my favourite pastime. Chatterbox is a word that perfectly defines me however if you need someone to talk to, I am here.

Hey Folks! I am Neha Bandekar. I am a student of English and Marathi literature. Being an ardent lover of music, I am passionate about singing. Short stories are my favourite to read (i love Anton Chekov) and I like to sketch in my leisure time. I absolutely adore Rihanna, Jim Parsons and Konkana Sen Sharma. I am a balanced blend of introvert and extrovert. I am a Pluviophile, and love petrichor.



I'm Shubham Verlekar, an enthusiastic machine of ideas, with many skills and vastly versatile knowledge. I have written and published several articles in local newspapers. I bring people's voice to the authority's table. I'm very good in critiquing any work of any sort.

Hey guys, I'm Brulynn Castello, you can call me Bru. A lover of creativity and humour, I'm an extrovert but a very lazy person.

I can never miss my evening tea and I love coffee too. Music is my escape and I keep singing may it be anytime or anywhere I go. Not very good at expressing my feelings but you will find me happy most of the time. I'm the happiest when I'm travelling and when I get to eat a lot of junk food.



Hi,  
I'm Oaizy.  
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very lazy.  
Funny,  
adventurous  
and tall...  
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that's all.

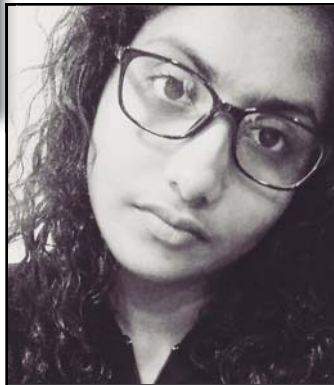


Hey! I am Sejal a second year student. My hobbies are reading and writing. To define me in one word, the word introvert is enough. I am also interested in listening, not to songs but speeches from YouTube.



I am Sonia Sabnis, a second year student majoring in English and Psychology. I am 19 years old and a passionate writer. I mainly write poetry, most of which is up on my Instagram profile. (thewanderingwonderer\_) I like travelling and discovering new places. I also publish my travel stories, and articles on my personal blog 'The Wandering Wonderer.'

<https://thewanderingwonderersite.wordpress.com>



Hi! I am Athira Chandran. I am an ambivert. You can find me either reading or blabbering continuously. I love to capture my life on my phone, so you will see me clicking pictures almost all the time. Social media is a really important part of my life, especially Instagram. I am also in love with Indian and western music. Earphones, mobile, books, and tea/coffee make up my life.

Hi, I am Sasha Fernandes, an extremely talkative person. I am a die-hard Harry Potter fan. Listening to music, reading books and spending time with my friends fulfils the little joys of my life.



I'm Charmaine Pereira, pursuing a Single Major in English in college. Words have always fascinated me. I'm an avid reader, finding through ink and paper. My strong suits are public speaking, oratory, and writing. I gave stand up comedy a shot once- it worked out! I also enjoy helping organise events as much I enjoy participating in them!







## WE WILL CROC YOU

BY MS. JEFFY RODRIGUES

You must be wondering who these youngsters in green jerseys are, that we see in and around our campus. They are young rugby players.

They've been showing their massive devotion towards the game ever since they started out as the **CrocoTRYles**.



Pic: The Team poses

The man behind this enthusiastic green army is none other

than Anish Quenin, the founder of @GoaRugby and the owner and the coach of CrocoTRYles.

The Crocs have made Chowgule their new home and have named the ground as the Chowgule's Crocs Arena (CCA). Moreover, for the launching ceremony which was held on the 22nd of April 2017, every member worked overtime to beautify the arena for the launch. "The coming together of one big beautiful green family," is what Anish stated about the inaugural as the parents were also given an invitation by the management. And it sure was a splendid start: with the inauguration of the Crocs business Centre and the CCA field, followed by a prayer and a photo session. And thereafter was a friendly play-off. The Crocs have also been using our gym facilities to stay fit and get stronger. Ever since the inaugural it has been an amazing

journey for them and we hope the kids have the best of experiences and make unforgettable memories here. \*\*\*

## DESPICABLE ME 3 there aren't enough minions!

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A Funny but very predictable movie- Despicable me 3. While Gru's family grows, the charm of the movie fails to. The kid friendly movie shows the discovery and bonding between long-lost twin brothers- Gru and Dru. The latter in the series is a comical contrast of Gru with a slightly different accent and blonde hair. The movie has a very "cartoonish" kind of humor.

A lot of attention has been given to its subplots: Lucy trying to become a 'proper mother' and Gru trying to connect with his long lost brother Dru. But if you still have that inner child in you, you will be laughing too much to complain.

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Baltazar Bratt is a memorable antagonist. A failed child TV star from the 1980s who never forgave Hollywood for cancelling his show. The soundtrack of the film features features 80's hits such as Michael Jackson's, 'Bad' and A-Ha's, 'Take On Me' among many others. . The whole plot of the story revolves around Bratt trying to steal the world's biggest diamond to seek vengeance by destroying Hollywood. It's up to Gru and Dru to

stop him.

However there is one complaint I have about the movie: the minions were severely sidelined.

By Shubham Connor Verlekar,  
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