

G.S.T IS HERE!

Unless you have been living in a cave or outside india you have probably heard of GST (Goods and Service Tax). GST (Good and Services tax) is touted as a reform to bring all the indirect taxes levied under one cap of the central government services. When it comes to us, it has left many of us wondering if we need a hike in our pocket money or not? Let's see how GST is going to affect the common student, the aam aadmi of Chowgule College.

Eating: What was expected to happen under GST was the prices of food in our canteen should have fallen down, since non alcohol serving restraunts are only taxed @12%, While it was VAT+Cess+Service Tax 19% before. It was expected for canteen prices to fall, however on the contrary

by **Mr. Shubham Verlekar**

they have risen? For example a plate of Ras Omelette used to cost 25 now costs 30 INR. The Chicken Schezwan fried rice costs 55 now, (Rs. 45 before).

Naturally question arises how did this

BEFORE		
ABC FOOD CORNER		
TABLE NO. 4	BILL NO. 34321	
DATE		
Dish	Qty.	Price
TOTAL		Rs.2000
SERVICE CHARGE @ 10%		200
SERVICE TAX @ 5.6%		123.2
KKC @ 0.2%		4.40
SBC @ 0.2%		4.40
VAT @ 14.5%		319
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		2651

AFTER		
ABC FOOD CORNER		
TABLE NO. 4	BILL NO. 34321	
DATE		
Dish	Qty.	Price
TOTAL		Rs.2000
SERVICE CHARGE @ 10%		200
GST @ 18%		360
- CGST 9%		198
- SGST 9%		198
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		2596

says Nitin Shanbag, Tiger's Center owner. He also reported grievances that prices of raw material for food has increased, which under GST ought to have come down. One wonders if any of the benefits of GST is being passed on to the students, or are we only here to be squeezed.

GST Rate for Education: All services provided under registered educational institutes are exempted from GST.

Lifestyle of student: Overall, prices of the most of things that students use has risen, while mobile handsets have become cheaper, the mobile service provider hasn't. Some common things that students buy like movie tickets, beauty and makeup-grooming products, cell phone bills, as well as books have experienced a price hike which will be effective soon enough.

So turns out we'll be needing more pocket money post-GST reigme. You can definitely use GST as a reason to ask for that hike in your pocket-money now. Or get a job. ***

happen? Turns out, "prices of the real estate has been hiked, so has the rent of canteen."

AND FINALLY OUR BRAINS NEED TO DO MORE THAN MEMORISE...

If you've studied in a government or government allied school, you'd know that there's nothing more to studying for a test or exam than learning every word from the textbook by heart. If you tried writing anything else, you'd have teachers say, "But it's not like that in your text!" and as a result

every student that got pruned through the system ended up being nothing but circus parrots that could repeat everything that was taught to them without really understanding any of it at all. A good ten years later you're in college and all of a sudden your teachers say things like "self-learn" or "research" and you're thinking "**What sort of sorcery are they talking about??**"

That's what rote learning does to a mind- it kills it's drive. We stop questioning any of the matter fed to us nor do we bother looking further than what has been told to us. "A different perspective" ceases to exist. An opinion or a contradictory point of view seem to look like abominations in class. With rote learning hard wired into our systems students find it a real ordeal to "think". The misconception of

education because of rote learning has taken a toll on so many. Students find it hard to cope with studies at college or University, simply because study matter is not handed to them and they don't know where to or even how to start looking for any. Unfortunately, practical

application, instead of being second nature to students at university level is a whole new experience to begin with. It takes them twice as much to unlearn what they already have and relearn study methods all over again.

If you're a first year undergrad reading this, you're probably think that it's going to be tough and you're probably right. But the avenues that open up for once you stop "just studying" and start learning are unbelievable! It'll take some getting used to for sure but you'll find yourself discovering new potentials, the ability to asses your own strengths and weaknesses and seeing a lot more productive outcomes from yourself. If anything, you'll have the experience of both making you battle ready for any academic crisis. ***

OP-ED!



AETHER - EDITORIAL

Where the mind lives without fear...

The above line is part of a very famous Tagore poem. The reason I begin this piece with these lines is i see these words as symbolic of what is going on in society currently. Don't think that it doesn't affect us. You might think that, "I'm a student, it doesn't affect me." But it does. An institution, society, or nation which doesn't allow the space for dissenting opinions, or which creates a state of constant fear and panic, well, it's not an ideal place to be in. Actually it's the worst place to be in. Aggression in terms of actions (lynchings, desecrations, trolling etc) or using your position of authority to intimidate lesser people - these actions create an environment contrary to the line above.

Students, college will be one of the first places where you should learn to live without fear. Express your opinions, your personality, and your character through all that we have to offer. Trust me, for all the niggling problems you may face, this college still provides the best environments for you to grow in.

This issue also deals with areas where students are freely expressing their opinions. Enjoy!

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
ANDREW BARRETO**

CREATIVITY IS CONTAGIOUS... PASS IT ON!

We possess this unique system of credits which has its own pros and cons. It pushes every student to compulsorily join a club or more to earn extra curriculum credits. You're open to join as many clubs you want and there are no limits. Freshers don't fret, Parvatibai Chowgule College has various clubs under its umbrella and in this issues special look, my colleagues and I are going to introduce you to some clubs. - Ms. Alyssa Martins

SPEAKERS CLUB

Rob Brown quotes, "If you can speak, you can influence. If you can influence, you can change lives." Speakers' Club conducts sessions that focus on improving the public speaking and leadership skills of the students and also gives them a platform to practise by giving them critical suggestions. This club is the brainchild of Mr Toshiro Cotta, batch of 2015. The president of Speakers' club Mr Shubham Verlekar provides insight to the club, "The Aim of the speakers club is to improve skills like leadership skills and the public speaking skills of students, also to give them platform to praise their voice". The club organizes many events which gives the students exposure to various topics and great speakers.

artists of our college. Art club is a place one can get to showcase their talent and creative side. As Pablo Picasso says "Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working."

The Art club was born when one student realised that there were many clubs in co-curricular activities but nothing in art. Wendy Fernandes, currently doing TYBSc. in Biotechnology started the club. She describes herself, "I'm a huge lover of art.. It's not just a hobby its passion and peace and so much more." She is grateful to studio authorities Ms. Sandeepa Barad and Pranesh Dessai (Art sir) for helping her along.

One goal of the club is to get all the artists from college together from basic to amateur, to put their creativity on paper,

CLUB ACOUSTICA

The music club at Chowgules brings together students who genuinely enjoy music. The members participate in all the cultural activities of the college and also in the inter-college competitions. All interested and talented students are encouraged to join the club.

According to the president of the music club, Mr. Jeslan, Club Acoustica is formed 'by the students and for the students'. He explains that it is a great platform for students to showcase their talents. "The members of the music club are so talented and some of them have reached very far in their fields. For instance, Prathamesh Chari, our drummer, has performed with various international musicians. Also Anselm Fernandes, our ex-student won 'Goencho Avaz'. So there is a lot of talent in our club" he states. "I really enjoy being the coordinator because of all the people who are a part of the club. One person I am grateful to is Mr. Jolerance Pereira- Juno as we know him. He has done a lot for the club while being the coordinator and I got to learn a lot through him. He also taught me to handle the responsibilities when it came to holding Jam sessions as well as maintaining the studio," he further adds. Meanwhile, a member Miss Neha Bandedkar shares her views on the club, "Club Acoustica had some activities going on during the first semester. It was fun as club members would get to showcase their music talents. Also we got to know each other while practising for Jam sessions which were held in the canteen wherein members would sing songs for the crowd, it was awesome," she states.

The music club is open to all students who love and appreciate music. So those interested, the auditions are out this week!

- by Ms. Oaizy Gomes



Pic: Speakers' Club activity

ART CLUB

If you see anyone going around the campus and drawing on paper using mediums such as charcoal, water/poster/acrylic colour etc then you have already met the

and also to get an opportunity to participate in art competitions in different colleges. Last year the club was not approved but still everyone used to get together and paint. This year came with solution. The Art club activities are going to start by August along with Credits.

- by Ms. Alyssa Martins

TIGER FUTSAL CLUB

The Tiger Futsal Club focuses on improving quick thinking about what your next move will be. Unlike football you don't have much space nor much time to think. Futsal is not only for boys but there is the Tiger Women's Futsal Club for girls as well. The club was started last year (2016) under the two most promising futsal players Mr. Lyndon Cardozo and Mr. Joyson Estibeiro.

"It's good, it's much quicker paced than football," says Sasha Gomes a member of the Tiger Women's Futsal Club. "There is a competition in Don Bosco's which happens every year and last year we reached the semis. Also in the first tournament organised by us we were the runners up" says another player Mr. John Pereira. "It taught me a lot. It's a very different style



Pic: Wendy and others paint Tathastu Mural



of play that is needed. Small spaces and less time. So you need to create opportunities and take them." he adds. As of now there are no fixed timings for

Pic: Tigers' Futsal Club

experience after joining the club has been a good one. I help in the choreography and costume ideas and I like it a lot."

The fashion club members participate in many college level competitions and have won a lot of competitions. 2 hours are awarded for every class and 10 hours are given to students who participate in every event so as to earn credits. So if you want to show how creative and talented you are, then Fashion Club is a very good platform to do that.

- by Ms. Brulynn Castello



Pic: Club Carpe Diem Board

the sessions, but the timings will be fixed by the end of this month. Credits will be given according to the amount of hours one is allotted with based on the duration of the session. It is open for all. No one will be neglected. You can enrol yourself right away.

TIGERS FASHION CLUB

If you think you're creative, then come on in!

This club comes under the creative Arts Department. It is the right space for any student that wishes to showcase their talents in designing costumes, making props or even walking the ramp. The main idea about this club is to explore the creative side of a student, to keep your imagination rolling, it helps you build your self-esteem and also enables everyone to work as a team.

The Vice President and the costume designer of the fashion club Priyanka A. Afonso who joined the club in 2015 says, "At first I didn't know what to expect from the club and how to go about it, but then I was taught to be patient and always be ready to accept challenges and keep everyone's opinions in mind. I do enjoy my role as a Designer because it completes my attachment for creating costumes." Another member Sasha Gomes also shares her experience as she says, "My

CLUB CARPE DIEM

Club Carpe Diem deals with poetry and writing in English. They have writing, slam poetry sessions and stand-up comedy as well. The club registration fee is Rs-100. The club meets weekly. Shruti Shetgaonkar, the President of the Carpediem club said, "The club provide extra hours if you publish your work in a magazine, represent college for events or competitions related to writing if students submit the certificates. It is useful to gain points for the prestigious Hira Wagh Award. The club is open for every one. Presently, the club has members even outside the college. The club is full of interesting members, fun activities."

- Ms. Sejal Desai

WHAT'S THE BLOCK, STUDENTS?

-by Ms. Sonia Sabnis

A classroom is a place for discussion. It is a place where you raise questions, assert opinions and share information to enhance the knowledge of everyone in the room. Recently, I noticed that students become edgy when asked for their opinion on a particular matter. On further investigation, I realised that there are a few reasons that keep students from being interactive in class.

Giving an incorrect answer and being ridiculed for it is right on top of that list. Students fear that if they something silly or wrong, their classmates will make fun of them. But here's something you should remember: there's no such thing as a wrong answer. Learning requires us to stumble and make mistakes, so that later on we don't repeat them. Being placed in the spotlight is another reason that makes students anxious. When all eyes in the classroom are on you, it is difficult to answer because of "stage fright." In such cases, you should let your classmates know that you're nervous. Also you should challenge your anxiety by improving your public speaking skills through rehearsing. A classroom is a space where you can contribute your ideas, listen to other people's opinion, maybe agree or disagree with them and maybe even help improve on them.

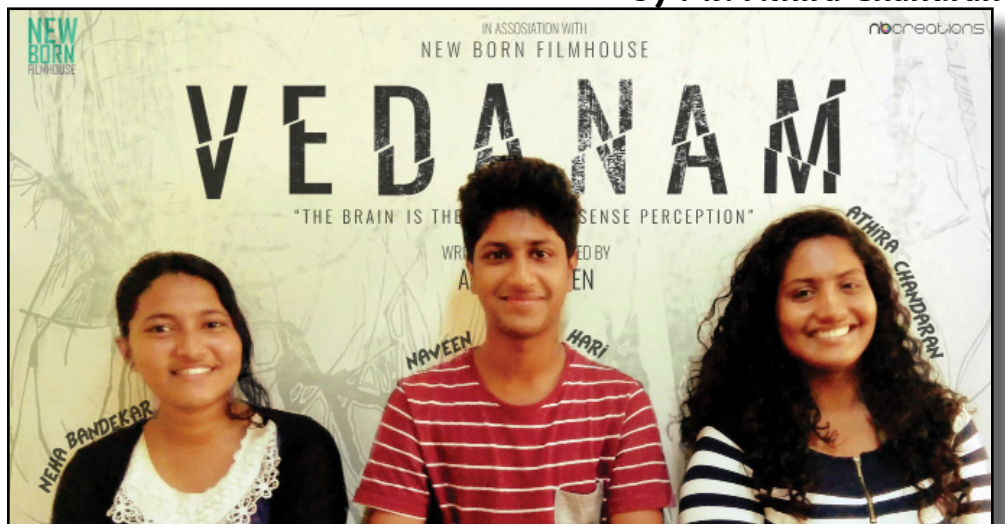
So be vocal. Be confident. If you have an opinion about something, make sure it is heard. ***

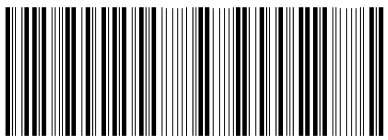
VEDANAM:

Chowgules students make short film

While most were enjoying their vacations, three students from our college were busy making a short film. 'Vedanam' released on 25th June on YouTube, after a launch of its teaser on 20th. It's a Malayalam short film, with English subtitle written by Ms. Athira Chandran of SYBA English Department. The film was written and directed by Mr. Naveen Hari, an SYBA Economics student. A song sung by Ms. Neha Bandekar of SYBA English is what bode well with the audience the most about the film. The film has over 6000 views on YouTube. Why don't you take a look and see what the fuss is all about.

- by Ms. Athira Chandran





LET THE GAMES BEGIN

The Tiger Badminton Club held knockout selection matches on Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at the College Quadrangle. The selected students would be representing the College for the University games which



will be conducted from 24-26 July 2017.

Ten boys and eighteen girls from various classes turned up for the selection matches to showcase their skills and talent. After a tough fight the following students made it to the team.

Boys Category: Mr. Alex Colaco (F.Y.BSc.), Mr. Mohamad Shaikh(F.Y.BSc.) Mr. Omkar Shetker (T.Y.BSc), Praveen Aditya (S.Y.BSc.), Mr. Reuben Rajadhyaksha (S.Y.BSc.) and Mr. Sandeep Rivonker (T.Y.Bsc.)

Girls Category: Ms. Anisha Rebello (F.Y.BSc.), Ms. Elanor Rosario (PG 2nd year), Ms. Rushali V Shinde (S.Y.BSc.) and Ms. Tanvi Matonkar (T.Y.BSc.) .

- Ms. Sasha Fernandes

TREK-A-TREAT

Around 100 trek enthusiasts from College enjoyed their first trek this Monsoon on Sunday, 2nd of July in the hinterlands of Valpoi, Palli waterfalls. The trek was organized by the Tiger Adventure Sports Club headed by the student Secretary Mr. Tufail Shaikh. The trek fee was Rs.250 per head which included Forest fees, Guide and transportation charges. The grade of trekking was moderate.

Ms. Rigel Moraes, one of the trekkers, found the trek very refreshing and a much needed escape from the hectic schedule of the new academic year. Spending time with friends and being introduced to new people was amazing, she said.

According to Mr. Arnold Paes, the best part of the trek was sharing of tiffins. Being a foodie, he enjoyed sharing of various snacks between the trekkers.

Ms. Janeska Coutinho said, "I'm an introvert, but the trek enabled me to make new friends. We had to take make chains while crossing the streams, so we eventually learned each other's' names, shared small snacks along the way and had a lot of fun."

It is essential to take out some time from the hustling and strenuous life that we experience. To reconnect ourselves with nature and retune our senses and soul, what can be better than a trek?

-If you are interested in such adventurous activities, contact Mr.Tufail Shaikh(7083212867) Secretary of Tiger Adventure Sports Club.

-By Ms. Neha Bandekar

WE RAISE YOU UP : STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE

The Student Support Service available in our college provides us with specialized services to help us with our academics.

Their services include :

- #Writing Centre
- #Career and Personal Counselling Centre
- Statistical Analysis Support Service
- #Business English Certificate
- #Students and Teachers Exchange Programme
- #Conducting various skill and knowledge enhancement courses to serve our aims.

The main aim of the above services provided is to help in developing well-rounded personality of the students, offer counselling on academic and non-academic issues relevant to students, improve/teach new skills/abilities to the students by providing wider participating avenues, develop an inquisitive mind to face new challenges and benefit from new opportunities available.

Under the Writing Centre, the students seek help to become more effective and confident writers through various standard and custom designed workshops, seminars and courses on the range of language related topics. The members of the Writing Centre also seek to engage writers in conversation about their ideas and drafts and offer strategies to help consider options and make effective writing decisions.

The Career and Personal Counselling Centre offers a range of counselling solutions such as Vocational Guidance (aptitude testing) and guidance to make correct career choice and also help with personal

problems faced by staff and students. Under the Personal Grooming and Personality Enhancement Course, the resource person Ms. Charmaine Shackleton covers aspects like grooming, lifestyle management, telephone etiquette, posture and personality enhancement. The Business English Certificate Training is a coaching programme for students and members of public who would like to obtain the prestigious Business English Certificate of the Cambridge University, UK, under its English of Speakers of Other Languages programme.

The Statistical Analysis Support Service provides statistical analysis support to students and teachers in their projects, assignments, articles and research works along with various data related services such as designing questionnaires, collection of data as well as analysis and interpretation of data.

Centre of Portuguese Language and Culture encourages learning of Portuguese language and deepen the understanding of Portuguese culture.

The Students and Teachers Exchange Programme allows selected students to be a part of exchange programme with the students from Sweden and Japan. Besides enjoying the unique hospitality of the families of the students, the students are exposed to many programmes to acquaint them with a glimpse of their culture, traditions and lifestyle.

For more details on the above mentioned services, you can inquire in the Student Support Service office situated on the top floor of computer science department block.

- Ms. Jashmi Sirakaje



Pic: Trekkers forming chains to cross the streams

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