



AETHER – EDITORIAL

WHEN LEARNING
BECOMES ABOUT WHAT
YOU DO

It is my privilege to bring another volume of Aether for this academic year 2018. Students of the *Writing for the Media* course use this as a learning tool. They will learn through practise and trial and error. There is no way better to learn than to actually try it yourself. There is a quiet shift happening in the way education is being imparted. It has been evident that lecturing is waning as a teaching tool. Here, in the college, many teachers are and have been experimenting and succesfully implementing a variety of tech-ing methodolgies that goes beyond mere lecturing. With that in mind, Aether, is one such succesful experiment. Started 03 years ago to complement the students learning, it has become a mainstay as well as a fulcrum around which the course revolve around.

Students hae also been responsive to such a teaching tool. They have taken to it, and made it their own. I am sure you will see it yourself as you peruse the issues this year. For students, these new methodol-ogies need to be accepted with open arms and seen as chal-lenges. These will be the things that you will definitely ingrain and skill yourselves with. As a challenge for the students this year, I hope they learn with each issue, make fewer mistakes and bust out the best in them!

Asst. Prof. Andrew Barreto

COMPOUND WALL COLLAPSES IN CHOWGULE COLLEGE

On July 06, 2018 heavy rains led to the collapse of one of the compound walls of the Chowgule college parking lot. The main reason for the collapse of the compound wall was due to the blocked drains of the college. According to eyewitnesses, the wall collapsed at 8:40 am on two gear bikes parked beside the compound wall thereby damaging them and leaving the parking lot flooded.

One of the damaged bikes was a Hero Glamour which belonged to Prathak an ex-student of Chowgule College and the other was a TVS bike, of which the owner is unknown. The floods caused a lot of inconvenience for the students as well as for the staff members at the entrance of the college but especially for those whose vehicles were parked in the parking lot.

by **LYSA FERNANDES**

Pic: The collapsed wall and the damaged bikes



RAINS.. AND STUDENTS

by **VIDAL D'COSTA**

It rained cats and dogs in Goa on Friday the 06th...and how! The torrential rains left cities and villages alike dealing with fallen trees and puddles that'd morphed into very muddy lakes, in turn giving rise to equally very muddy waterlogged roads. Unless you were a professional swimmer or an experienced mariner who could wade or navigate through these waterlogged roads, not a step out could be taken, by either man or machine. Cars could be seen immersed

hood-first with only the trunk sticking out (or vice versa) along the roadsides while people fearfully remained indoors as the rains lashed out and wreaked havoc. Even the strongest of walls weren't spared and like the uprooted trees, they too toppled and crashed. Parked bikes were no match for the heavy gusts of winds and easily toppled over as well, much to the chagrin of motorists.

Of course, this also meant photo

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MEET US!



NAMEERA USMAN: born in Goa and brought-up in Dubai and then returned back to her hometown after 15 years of staying abroad in May 2015 to complete higher education studies; currently settled in Goa and has opted for the BA- Major in English programme at Parvatibai Chowgule College. She loves being around people, taking up new activities with people having similar interests, and learning new things to avoid boredom. She took up stage theatre at school level, and trained in kathak for 2 years, often wrote poems and recited them on stage. Unfortunately, due to family pressure and studies dropped stage and decided to look ahead towards academics, took photography as a hobby and later found passion in it, gained exposure at college level competitions. Participated in a number of photography competitions. Looking forward towards, new places to travel, adding new things to do in the bucket list seems like a recreation. Keeps keen interest in new trends of fashion, movies and music. Creatively obsessed with Instagram being @ii_neomeraki_ii and loves fresh brewed content on social media platforms. Aspiring to be a strong-independent woman equally fun and fashionably Enthusiastic in the next 5 years, Cheers to the future!

Name's **SHAMIN CARDOZO!** Born and brought up in Goa, speaker of Konkani thus called 'Niz Goenkar'. I live in a typical Goan family, where the father works and the mother is the homemaker. I am the smallest amongst 4 and you might think I'm pampered but believe me all hell breaks loose at times.

Always had an interest in foreign languages so here I am pursuing a degree in English and Portuguese in Chowgule's. Love the beach but am scared of water. I can be quite entertaining at times. I love pop music. In the music industry I am inspired by many but most of the credit goes to One Direction, you can say I have a huge crush on Harry Styles. I can proudly say I have been in the fandom for over 7 years through the ups and downs. Going further, I am partial to colours like black, blue and grey. Love pets and am an owner of 4 cats and 2 dogs. My ethic teaches me to live my life to the fullest but keeping my morals in mind. My bucket list contains travelling abroad, eating food in Nando's, meeting one direction and having a good job.



I am **SHUBHLAXMI SHAILENDRA SHINKRE.** I'm nowhere close to its meaning. I am a bubbly, naughty and a cute little girl. By cute I mean my height. Well, that's another reason why I'm pampered by friends. Sometimes, like very rarely I am a, "Hello, I'm shy, please come say hi", kind of person. I love talking! I can talk about anything in this world with anybody.

Being a Science student initially, it was quite a difficult task for me to convince and make people realise I wouldn't become a doctor or an engineer. That's just not my cup of tea! Instead I chose Arts. Yes. That's what I am good at. Not literally though.

About my hobbies; I am a very lazy person, I love sleeping. You can call it my first love. I do like writing, but I am more of a depressed writer. Love, crushes, heartbreaks, y'know. I am not much into reading, rather I am a good listener. Song, stories and other written work. Apart from that, I am a foodie. Someone who can eat anything without becoming fat. Pure goals, right?

You can call me a wanderer. Going to places is what gives me peace. I love going to places with much of silence and natural beauty. If I am asked to choose a place for an outing, I would definitely choose some hill station over any big city. Big cities remind me of shopping. Well, that can be called my second love.

If I had an option other than majoring in English, I would have opted for hotel management. I love cooking. I cook pretty good food. Well, that's what my brother says. Another thing I love is modelling. I have quite a lot of friends with those professional cameras who are always ready for photo-shoots. Thus, I get good pictures for social media. I am more like a tomboy, my friends never treated me like a girl. Rather they always considered me as their buddy and shared their "guy talks" with me.



My name is **VIDAL D'COSTA** and I'm currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in English from Parvatibai Chowgule College. I am an avid reader and I also write and publish my own books on Smashwords. I also write a blog. My favourite genres to write in, as well as to read are science fiction, horror, humour and romance (although, I abhor teen fiction). I have a lot of hobbies like singing, writing comics, playing the piano and collecting stamps. My latest hobby, however, is collecting hand fans and pinecones on my travels. I was extremely introverted as a kid, but am slowly coming out of my shell, thanks to my loving classmates with whom I share my love for movies, TV shows and books. I aspire to be a screenwriter for BBC and ITV someday, because I love their awesome TV shows. I also hope to write plays for radio and stage and further work in the field of radio as either a radio jockey or a radio journalist. After all, it's a short life and I do want to try everything, make my voice heard, share my talents with the whole world and of course, leave my mark.



AETHER TEAM!



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PALASH VOLOVOIKAR: While I joined Chowgules to learn English Literature at the ripe age of 23, I've always had a flair for writing. I had a long personal battle in Goa Engineering where I spent 5 years of my youth, during which I never moved past the first year. What I did, though, was build up a career in professional content writing/blogging/journalism. I worked in media, new, and print, since 2013. While I started with working for a local technology portal, since 2013, I have since then worked with multiple international technology and entertainment portals, including the likes of Android Headlines, and The Cinemaholic. I currently work for Game of Thrones, a Game of Thrones fan site, The Neutral View, a local fortnightly magazine in print, and ContentFly, a content writing service, and have a total read count that runs in the millions.

I've also done quite a bit of ghostwriting work.

For my next act, I'm planning on spawning a new media venture of my own, and continuing my scriptwriting. Also glad to finally successfully be in the second year of college, for the first time in my life.



Holaaa! **NIKITA** here, mostly known as Niki or baked potato (Instagram name alert).

Currently pursuing a single major degree in English in college.

Born in Goa brought up in Delhi. I share my birthday with Bruno Mars ^ _ ^
I am awkwardly sociable. I don't initiate conversation unless you approach me first.
I have a resting bitch face but if you get to know me you'll love my company.
Clean soul with a very dirty mind and good sense of humour. Very loud, bubbly, funny, punny, jolly, crazy, weird. I am a kid trapped in an adult's body (that's how my friends usually describe me. Lol!).

Foooooooooodie. Food is my true love. Pizza and I are in an on and off relationship. My super powers- I can make food disappear. I can make you laugh even when I am the one crying or hurt. Music heals me. I like marvel and manga comics. Reads only when I'm asked to but have a subtle liking and interest in writing. love to sing and dance. If you ever need someone who could listen to you or speak to "I am all EARS". Yeah so that's about it. Adios! You'll see me soon.



LYSA FERNANDES!!

Born and brought up in Goa. Goa is a pretty cool place, but I am not planning to stay in Goa forever as I want to explore the world. Mostly Goans are sussegad and I am one of them.

At present a student of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, SYBA in English and French. The one thing I hate the most is RELIGION as contrasting beliefs make life even more complicated and miserable ... Inspiration?? Oh yes, encouraged by many but inspired by myself. My "To Do list" is never ending but at present, the first thing on it is to escape home and explore different places as I love traveling. There are many places that I want to visit and that to all by myself!! Future plans? To own a restaurant or a cafeteria. Life is too complicated to handle, but yet it's beautiful... And yes, data all!!



My name is **VENIMA**. I'm 18. In real life, when I don't really know the person I'm talking to, I'm rather shy and my parents say that I always speak too quietly. I was totally antisocial! But that's improved. I'm less shy, but I still like loneliness and silence (not the permanent loneliness, I guess that's an obvious thing). When I'm at ease, I'm not the same! I love laughing, having fun and acting like an idiot. I have an open humour, I have absolutely weird chats with my friends and I can laugh about everything, almost, I think. Otherwise, I can be serious when it's necessary. I'm easily stressed, just one thing like "I have to tell you something," and I almost panicky, my sweat glands start up actively... I'm very dreamy and quite creative I guess. I'm easily amazed and moved (especially when I read or watch a movie). I love reading, writing and listening. I like reading funny books, romantic ones, which take place in common life (especially in high school environment, you see), or mystery or fantastic novels, etc... My favourite books are the *Harry Potter saga* and the *Evernight saga* by Claudia Gary. I don't watch a lot of TV series, my favourite movies are Star Wars, Harry Potter. I like video games like Pokemon. Before, I listened to a lot of music like Rihanna, Britney Spears, etc..., but now I'm interested in rock music now.

What else could I say? Oh, yes. I love Nutella, chocolate... almost all sweet things! I'm less of a fan of salty foods, but I still like eating (Okay, I don't always have easy tastes) I hate superficial floozies, scum, those who allow themselves to judge and feel superior, close-minded people take themselves too seriously or too opposite.





GREAT LEADER?

with
**Ms. Sonia
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**Ms. Shaheen
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Hi. I'm Ramola D'silva a 19-year-old aspiring writer from Goa, India. Growing up I did a lot of things one at a time but never really mastered one particular art form. Basically, I'm the jack of all trades, master of none but its better than the master of one. I practice most of that free time on literature predominantly poetry, so far, I've written, published and won for the work that I write but still aspire to work on it. Additionally, I have won a few competitions for my artwork as well. I studied during the first few years of my life at Vidya Vikas Academy and afterwards at Rosary Higher Secondary School where I studied Sciences. I am currently in my second year of college and am pursuing my bachelor's degree in arts and majoring in psychology and English. I'm well versed with MS-Office, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Photography, Biology, Chemistry, word press and capable of event management. I speak three languages fluently and am subpar at two, I speak fluently in English, Hindi, and Konkani and have a basic knowledge and understanding in Portuguese and German. After I complete my course and obtain my degree, I aspire to pursue law, specifically criminal law and hopefully at a national level.

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op time for the kids at our college. If Nero played the fiddle while Rome burnt, then the millennials posted rainy candid while Goa drowned! Soon enough, Instagram was splattered with photos of half submerged cars with cheeky captions like- "come to Goa, they said..."- and videos of our classmates slipping in a puddle, breaking into an impromptu rain dance while classes and buses alike were delayed or just making a mockery of some poor lad as his bike bore the brunt of the dastardly winds or a poor lass whose umbrella blew off into a nearby gutter, leaving her drenched just as she reached the college gates. Those who did indeed make it onto campus sought shelter under the canteen roof for a hot cuppa to warm their young selves and a hot plate of whatever was on the menu...with a side of the latest gossip about which of their poor friends was stuck in traffic and/or currently hailing a boat in order to navigate the flooded roads from Vasco/Panjim/Ponda to Margao!

It was also one of those moments when the millennials let out their wildly creative sides. Be it a meme on the plight of poor motorists, a tad filtered photo of a slippery college hallway that could double up as a slip 'N slide or a parody on the waterlogged roads being a perfect setting for a Titanic sequel, the internet was soon flooded, just like the rest of Goa was! Classes being cancelled just meant they'd more time on their hands! And it was also one of those days that students were thankful to their respective gods...because they didn't have to suffer a leaky bus ride or share a damp seat with someone who'd forgotten their umbrella at home and/or had a runny nose and flu like symptoms. I suppose it was one of those rare moments in a busy bee students' life when they could simply yell out- "THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY (winky face emoji)!"

CAPTURE THE MONSOON'S FURY ...WITH YOUR PHONE!

BY MS. NAMEERA USMAN

Photography is considered one of the most well-known hobbies around the world, Since the introduction of new smartphone cameras with higher megapixels. Many photographers believe the camera is just a tool while the human creative eye is the main reason the photo-



graphs turn beautiful Specially in Monsoon, flora and fauna as it's the breeding season.

Are you one of those people who often loves taking pictures but does not own a camera, but doing phone photography gives you the feels? well these are some tips

1. Ready, steady and GO!: Going to new places and exploring them is the best way you can unleash your inner eye while keeping your phone in hand is the best way to attain good pictures for example in a forest you never know you get a candid of species like flying squirrels, Waterfalls and different kinds of migrating birds in case you are travelling then keeping your phone charged gets you more of the best you can see!

Check out the next issue for the rest of the tips!

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