



# AETHER

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## Aether

*...is quintessence, is the material that fills the region of the universe above the terrestrial sphere*

*...the pure essence that the gods breathed, filling the space where they lived, analogous to the air breathed by mortals*

*...also personified as a deity, Aether, the son of Erebus and Nyx  
...is related to αἶψα "to incinerate"  
... intransitive "to burn, to shine"*

*This is what we believe in - in order to be the best in what we do, we need to unlearn, relearn, and apply and thus develop skills that will allow us to shine.*

*Aether contains the work output of the students of the Writing for the Media course. We are in our Fifth Year! But a long way before we can rest easy.*



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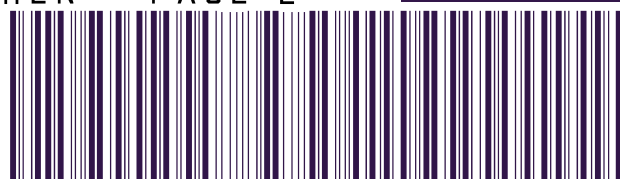
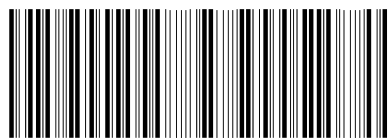
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It is impossible to look at anything on any sort of media without coming across the dreaded word - 'Quarantine'. In fact, someone facetiously enquired whether this issue would be a 'quarantine special'. Sigh. So, worse than the disease is its cure. Apparently. Who woulda thunk it? We, the privileged, really do have our priorities straight, don't we. We have been engulfed by a wave of actions, reactions and responses. Being racist, isn't a healthy response, more being violent to those who help us, just saying. How we will come to look at these actions will wholly depend on what happens in the near future.

I guess that everyone is dealing with this absurd situation in whichever way they can. Some are being super productive (No! tik-tok doesn't count!) - Instagram bread-makers, Instagram cooks, Instagram... if it isn't photographed it didn't happen, right? Some aren't being productive at all, or not as productive as they could be (like moi. No really, Don't laugh!). Some are being the best people that they can be - good samaritans. And a large number are working on the front lines - whether they like to or not. They deserve our gratitude.

We, too, are deserving of empathy...from ourselves. It is a difficult situation for the best of us, and one can't imagine how others are coping. We can't compare ourselves to what others are doing. We shouldn't - for the sake of our mental health. Waking up, being present for yourself, family, getting through the day - this is success enough! Some days are way better than others, and on another, you may get stuck, and you do...

...nothing.

That's ok. Do your best.  
Take care of yourself!

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# Op-Ed

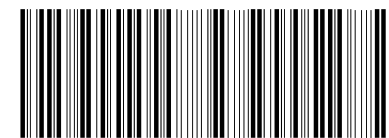
## QUARANTINE: A BLESSING

As you all know, self quarantining is a must and we are going to be in lock down for 21 days. I know right? 21 days seems like a really long time, how are we going to survive? The answer is simple, look at the positive side. Let me tell you about my personal experience. Once, I used to be the kind of person who loved to take on new projects and experiment. I would write poems, stories, even try making my own short films. However, since college started, I never really got enough time for my hobbies because I live in Panjim and have to travel for college. By the time I get home, I'm really tired and sometimes have college work to do. Even with my college work, I never get around to putting in my full effort because I feel like I just don't have the time.

Now, I obviously can't blame my unproductive behaviour on college work alone. When I got to college, I also made some great friends whom I quite often hang out with after college. Even in my summer vacations I travel to meet my friends and get outside the house to meet my friends who live nearby.

However, since the quarantine began, I have had no obligation to travel or to keep up with my friends. After the longest time, I have gotten time to myself and can finally give my hobbies some time and discover who I truly am. So you see, the answer of how to survive quarantine is simple. Just look at it with a positive attitude and consider this time as a blessing for yourself and your true potential.

RUCHA PRABHUDESAI



The Department of Chemistry of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Science and Arts- Autonomous organised an inter-college event 'Kynesis' on the 26th February 2020. The inaugural ceremony began at around 9.30 a.m. in the presence of the principal Dr. N. V. Sawant, the chief guest Dr. Rahul Mohan, Group Director and Scientist at National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, the convener Dr. Mayuri Naik, the faculty and students. Later, Dr. Rahul Mohan shared a few words of wisdom on the importance of education and chemistry. 'Kynesis' stood witness to four on-stage events that were 'Alchemist', 'Drop the Base', 'Uncage your Fashion' and 'Chem-orator' and six off-stage events that are 'Picasa', 'Chromophone', 'Brush the Coat', 'Chemsketch', 'Dress like a chemist' and a pre-event 'Groupie Contest'. The most fun and interesting one was 'Uncage your Fashion', a fashion show, wherein all the participants put on a really good

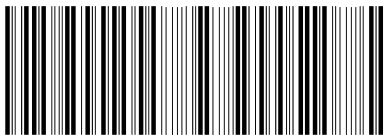
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show. A total of six different colleges actively participating in the event. Also 'Chowgule's got Talent' and 'Minute to win it' was organised for our college students to participate. The winners of 'Kynesis 2020' was Carmel College for Women- Nuvem, while Government College of Arts and Science- Quepem were declared as the runner up. The event ended soon after the prize distribution ceremony and a vote of thanks. Overall, the event was a great success due to the efforts and hard work put on by the students and the event head Dr. Mayuri Naik.







# Latin American Day

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020, The English of Department of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, celebrated 'The Latin American and Comix Day' in its college premises. While the 'The Latin American Day' was conducted by the third year students, 'The Comix Day' was organized by the Second year students with the help of their respective teachers. The event was an amalgamation of dance, music, food, games and literature. The decoration and set up befitted the theme for both the occasions. This was an internal event and was open to all the students from the college.

The Latin American students, forming groups of threes and twos, represented the following Latin American Countries; Argentina, Peru, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Chile, Cuba, Brazil and Mexico. Each group had prepared a dish and conducted games native to the country they represented. They also shared their knowledge about the countries literature with other student who weren't part of the course, while also stating some of its important facts. According to the students, this activity was done to enhance their understanding of the course better. The scrumptious food provided by the seniors kept the students going in for more.



# and Comix Day

The Visual Literature students on the other hand, prepared models and charts by analysing any one of the comics, inclusive in the given syllabus. The graphic novels used for this course were; Watchmen, V for Vendetta, Maus, Fun Home, Underwater Welder and Contract with God. Some of the students even cosplayed the characters from their chosen comic book. The spectators also participated in the various interactive activities and games arranged by these students. According to these students, the main objective behind having the students, showcase their projects to an audience was that that it provided the other

students with a better understanding of comics and visual studies. This exhibition also made the learning process fun for these students. Overall, the event was a great success and the students as well as the others who came to view the exhibition, seemed to have lots of fun, while taking back along with them a fair share of knowledge.

**MIZIA DIAS**



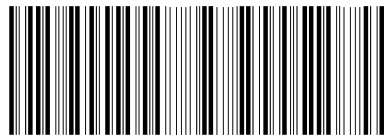




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AUSTRALIA

**RUKMA KANOLKAR**

And Finally the last thing was presenting the cuisine or the food of the various countries assigned to the 6 teams.

Along with the students of English Department who were actually presenting their work on the occasion of World cuisine day, other students of different departments also participated in this celebration. This event was an amazing opportunity for students to learn about the culture, traditions and many other different elements associated to a particular country or region. The foodies especially had a great time satisfying their taste buds by tasting the delicious cuisines of different countries around the world.

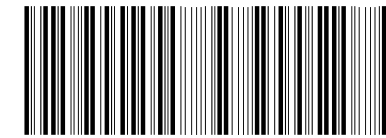
# WORLD CUISINE DAY

The students of second year BA of the English Department of our college celebrated 'World cuisine day', on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. This celebration was a part of the course assessment of the students studying 'World literature'. The students studying the above mentioned paper were distributed into 6 groups. Each group was given a country such Russia, Australia, France, Ireland; to work upon. To add more fun to this event, the students were expected to dress themselves based on the selected country and team.

The distribution of events which took place during the World cuisine day was as follows:

At first the students had to present something regarding the selected country, explaining its culture, people and language.

Later they had to recite poems or songs which were known by the people of that particular country.

**NATHAN COLACO**

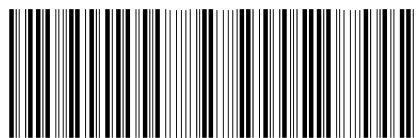
# INTERNSHIP

As students of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Autonomous it is compulsory to complete an Internship. This internship should be of the duration of four weeks and meet other demands that have been set by the college. On completion of said internship programme, the student will receive a total of four credits. A student can complete his/her in any of the three years of his/her Undergraduate programme. It is recommended though, that a student completes his/her internship by the end of the fourth semester so it makes his/her third year easier. At the end of one's internship, a report must be submitted to the concerned authorities (the internship officer). Once a student completes his/her internship, he/she will be asked to make a presentation regarding the same, in order to explain what he/she has learnt from the said internship programme. This presentation serves another very important purpose of documenting the said student's journey throughout the course of his/her internship. Students are welcome to complete their internship in any field of their choice or liking although it is more beneficial if the student takes up an internship in the field, he/she is majoring in.

Suvidhya Dharwadkar, a SYBA student feels that internships provide a student with good opportunities as well as gives one exposure to his said field. It also helps one deal with situations from the concerned field as well as increases one's confidence level, he feels. Another student on the condition of anonymity felt that although the internship system followed by the college has gotten its aims and objectives right, its implementation has been done incorrectly. The said student highlighted the point of going for yoga and counselling sessions before an internship, as the said student feels it is a waste of time and doesn't reduce the student's workload but on the other hand, increases it. The said student also felt that maintenance of a file during the course of the internship is an excellent idea. Overall, the internship system has its advantages and disadvantages, with a lot of room for improvement.







Me during lecture when I don't understand what's going on.

#TrumpIndiaVisit

The Indian EXPRESS

# THE TRUMPED VISIT

The President of the United States, Mr. Donald J. Trump made his maiden visit to India on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020. What was supposed to be a meeting between leaders for political gain and benefit to both countries, it was also one filled with gags and guffaws. Sitting in our cosy homes, almost everyone keenly followed his schedule in India. But the incidents that gained maximum attention was not the business policies, but rather the flow of memes, gags, and puns that the netizens posted on various social media sites. And that was exactly what drew the attention of the youngsters towards the mega-dynamic visit.

And of course, it might have been one of the most serious visits made by any Leader of State to India – the people definitely did not laugh or flood twitter with memes and word play. In fact, one must hail the President for enlightening us with the correct pronunciations that definitely did not have us falling from our seats. This can be proven as there were about one lakh Indians that gathered in the Sardar Patel Stadium, in Ahmedabad... pardon me, it's Ababaad in Gujaat. All were eager to greet him with a Namuste. He was rather optimistic too, praising his 'friend', Mr. Modi's success from

being a chee-wala to the Prime Minister of such a great nation where everyone is loved and supportive of each other. It was a discovery to each of us to know of a new famous personality in our midst – Suchin Tendulkar. We also discovered the existence of a classic movie, which none of us knew existed – Sholjay. He also updated our History texts, notifying us of the existence of a great religious teacher, Swami-Vive-ka-munand.

The other run of the mill discussions such as the business and strategic deals involving trade, defence, and security did happen, but one can't deny that Trump's language lessons were the cynosure of his romp in India.

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RACHEL DIAS



# A TALK

# WITH SHUBHANKAR SHAH



With our senior teacher Mrs. Rajashree Desai retiring from work, the English Department of Chowgule College has welcomed a new professor, Mr. Shubhankar Shah in her stead. He says that he chose this career because of the positive impact his teachers had on him in the past and that he "drifted into the profession of a teacher", always keeping in mind to care about his students. It's his first time teaching literature and since he has joined during the middle of the semester, he admits that it has definitely been a challenge for him to cope with the amount of syllabus but there have been a few things which have helped him so far. Being a student of Chowgule College, he is already familiar with the professors of the Department and this familiarity with the staff has helped him adapt to the environment. As to his experience with the students, he says that he enjoys the teaching experience when the students engage with him and he's glad to find that students from his classes do it often. He is also delighted with the diverse opinions and experiences students put forward during the lectures. He also said that he

tries "to keep a healthy balance between the goals of the students and the goals of the institute". Upon being asked about the nature of students, he feels that there is not much difference between those of the past and those of today but he does appreciate the new learning styles which have emerged in the education system today. Among other things, he has also spoken to us about his interests and hobbies. Other than being an avid reader, Mr. Shah said he also enjoys photography, participating in quiz competitions and running. When asked about his favorite books, he was reminded of something that Ralph Waldo Emerson had said about us not essentially remembering all the books that but that we read but all have nourished us. Of late, Mr. Shah said that he found 'Wide Sargasso Sea' by Jean Rhys and 'Lolita' by Vladimir Nabokov Fascinating. Finally, he revealed to us the quote by Camus that he lives by, one that always gives him hope:

"Each atom of that stone, each mineral flake of that night-filled mountain, in itself, forms a world. The struggle itself toward the heights is enough to fill a man's heart. One must imagine Sisyphus happy."

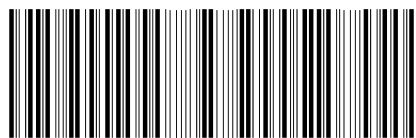
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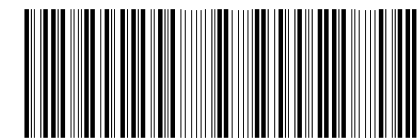
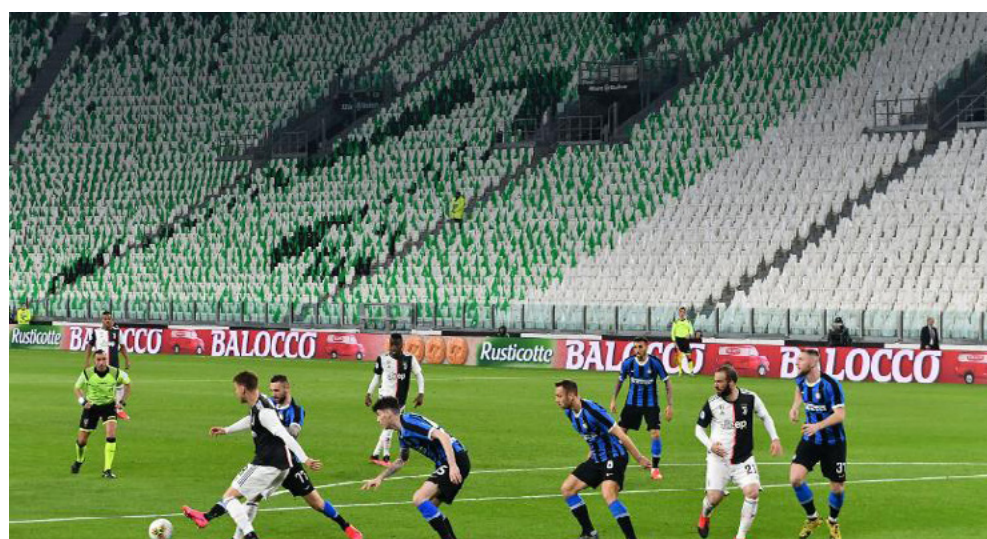
# EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS ON THE FOOTBALLING COMMUNITY



The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc and chaos on the sporting calendar. The footballing community has been affected the worst by the Coronavirus or the Covid-19 which has claimed the lives of at least 15,000 people and spread to more than 170 countries. The Covid-19 has infected more than 300,000 people globally. Italy, Europe's worst-hit country is put on lockdown.

The English premier league was brought to a standstill due to the virus and it is said to resume on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The Football Association had previously stated that the games would go ahead, but the news of Arsenal coach Mikel Arteta testing positive for coronavirus brought all the games to a halt. In the Europa league Arsenal had played against Olympiakos. Evangelos Marinakis, the owner of football club

Olympiakos announced he had coronavirus. Chelsea's nineteen-year-old striker, Callum Hudson-Odoi was the first Premier League player to test positive for coronavirus. The Russian league was the best-attended sports competition in Europe with more than 33,000 fans at one of its games. The Russian Football Union suspended all competitions until April 10. The United States football league namely Major League Soccer have restricted locker room access to players and essential staff. In Paris, the Champions League clash between PSG and Borussia Dortmund on March 11 took place in an empty stadium. The Romanian league matches will be played behind closed doors.



**JEFF D'CRUZ**



Euro 2020 was postponed by UEFA for a year with the tournament to be played in June and July 2021. Euro 2020 was to begin on June 12 for a month. The tournament involves twenty-four nations and takes place across twelve host cities. The move by UEFA was welcomed by all the major leagues of Europe which would ensure the completion of the domestic leagues, hopefully on time. Following EUFA's move CONMEBOL who's in charge of Copa America in South-America agreed to postpone the tournament until 2021. In India the Hero ISL Final was played on 14<sup>th</sup> March between ATK and Chennaiyin FC, behind closed doors.

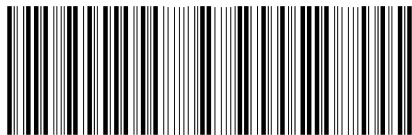
Many football clubs are doing their bit to help the local communities and the people. The Aston Villa foundation distributed one thousand lunches to homeless organisations and sheltered accommodation units. Brighton phoned older supporters at home to catch up during a period of isolation. Burnley worked with its community housing company to support the town's foodbank. Chelsea's Millennium Hotel at Stamford Bridge was made available to medics in north-west London. Everton launched a £50,000 'Blue Family' scheme, a campaign to maintain contact with fans and provide vital support and assistance to "some of the

most vulnerable, socially isolated and at-risk members of the community". The scheme includes a delivery of food parcels, phone credit and mental health support and advice. Liverpool's fans were disheartened with the suspension of the league which would have seen Liverpool win the English Premier after a gap of thirty years. Liverpool's Sadio Mane donated 45,000 Euros to his home country of Senegal to fight the coronavirus. Rivals Manchester United and Manchester City came together and collectively donated £100,000 to help local food banks meet the increased demand caused by the pandemic. Newcastle United donated 1,200 pies and wide range of cold meats.

The footballing community may have been put off due to the coronavirus, but they have collectively come together in this time of hardship to help their local communities. With gratitude they are giving in return aid, provisions and support to the people who have or have not supported their club.







# NEWS BYTES

## TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

*This is an initiative by the Department of English to help re-cultivate the habit of reading among the students. A bookshelf with books will be placed in the main corridor, below the staircase moving up to the lobby. Students can take an already existing book from the shelf and replace it with another one. Since this is a new idea for many, the shelf will consist of a select number of books from various genres and for varied levels of readers. A sign will be present near the shelf to announce the intention and the rules and regulations to be followed with regard to this system. This facility will be available to all the students as soon as college re-opens.*

*A special thanks to Ma'am Delilah Pacheco, Jyoti Pandey and Leander Fernandes for helping us make this possible.*

**MARIA LIZA VAZ**

# NEBULA

*Nebula, an inter-departmental Geology event, was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. The students from this department held different events - treasure hunting, Quiz, discussion etc. On 10<sup>th</sup> February, students from standard 12 had come to witness the department's event. The Vice principal Harish Nardkarni, the head of the department, gave a talk about the awareness about Geology and why it is important and how can it help us in life. The students from the Geology department showed the Higher secondary students their labs, campus and also the displayed rocks, fossils, and gems in the quadrangle.*

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