

NEWS & VIEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EVENTS AND CHALLENGES

I am very happy to see the release of the second issue of *News and Views* of this year.

In the second half of the academic year 2012-13, a lot of activities were undertaken in the College. We co-hosted the 18th Yuva Mahotsav with the Konkani Bhasha Mandal, on 12th and 13th January 2013. It was indeed delightful to see all our staff and

students working together as one unit to make the *Mahotsav* a grand success.

The General Body meetings of the PTA and the Alumni Association were the other major events. They show our firm commitment to work closely with our major stakeholders for the welfare of our students. Important decisions taken in consultation with the parents will certainly put our insti-

tution on a strong footing.

Our students participated in various competitions and brought laurels to our College.

As you, dear readers, sit back and read *News and Views* we here in this College are gearing up for yet another challenging academic year, 2013-14.

- *Dr Gervasio S.F.L. Mendes, Acting Principal*

New Managing Committee of the Alumni Association elected

Our Alumni Association had a General Body Meeting on 20th April 2013 to hold elections for the Managing Committee (2013-16). The following are the office bearers: Mr Jayesh Mayekar (Chairman); Mr Nilesh Naik (Secretary); Mr Deepak Gosavi (Treasurer); Ms Gautameshwari Shet Korgaonkar, Ms Sneha Shetgaonkar, and Mr Vallabh Barve (all Co-opted Members).

The meeting began with a welcome speech by Mr Satish N. Sanvol, Associate Professor of Economics.

In his address, the Acting Principal Dr Gervasio S. F. L. Mendes referred to four stakeholders in the educational process: Students, Teachers, Parents and Alumni. He observed that while the number of students remains more or less static, the number of alumni goes on increasing with every passing year. Stating that a College is known by its alumni, he appealed to them to hold activities related to farmers' education, medical camps, and the like.

Mr Oscar de Noronha, Associate Professor of English, said that our students must consider themselves fortunate to have received higher education when many from Pernem could not make it. He appealed to them to fulfil what he termed 'Individual Social Responsibility' by working for the betterment of the College and their fellow *Pednekar*s.

Mr Shekhar Naik, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, who was instrumental in constructing the College Website (www.govtcollegepernem.org) said that alumni should keep in touch with the College through the alumni email (gcacpg.alumni@gmail.com) and Facebook (Government College, Pernem-Alumni).

Several alumni expressed views on how the Alumni Association can be made more vibrant. The tentative date for the next AGB is 27th October 2013.

EDITORIAL

LET'S FULFIL OUR ISR!

“The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

“But these few are the salt of the earth; without them, human life would become a stagnant pool. Not only is it they who introduce good things which did not before exist, it is they who keep the life in those which already existed.”

- John Stuart Mill, On Liberty

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.”

- St. Matthew 5: 13

Henry Ford has famously said *“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success.”*

It's interesting how our destinies have crossed in Virnoda! Our teachers and students come from various parts of the state and the country, and with disparate backgrounds; they have nonetheless stayed and worked together.

That's more than success – it's a miracle! Coming together is relatively easy; staying together, a different ballgame. Getting to know each other is good for starters; but to be happy at the workplace calls for every effort to understand each other every day. To have differences of opinion is normal and healthy; it is needless confrontation that must be shunned!

These principles hold good not only for teachers, who have to

work side by side for years on end, but also for alumni who have their alma mater's interest at heart.

Working together is a good idea, because together we can! Unity is strength, and human relationships, professional development, personal happiness, social progress and individual success are all possible when people are together. For instance, in an Alumni Association, old friends can use their varied resources and vast contacts for the common good!

Using our talents for the common good is to perform an important moral obligation. Our alumni must consider it a privilege to have gone through higher education while many in Pernem could not make it. And now they must consider it their duty to find ways and means to help fellow *Pednekars*. That's how we can all fulfil what, along the lines of CSR,

I would regard as ISR – ***individual*** social responsibility!

Besides reaching out to fellow citizens, our alumni can help the College as well, by sharing their insights on jobs and the evolving needs of society; by suggesting curriculum changes; and by offering their time and expertise for the development of the institution. It's a joy to see a couple of them as part of our teaching faculty.

Every institute worth its salt considers its alumni body an important constituent of the set-up. For their part, the alumni become torch-bearers of the values they have imbibed and thus ambassadors of their alma mater. This is indeed a golden opportunity to help the world move forward; it's a unique chance to become the salt of the earth!

Óscar de Noronha

23 students attend College Summer Camp

The College organized a ten-day Summer Camp in the College premises from 12th April to 23rd April 2013. The Camp was inaugurated by Sister Fatima A., Manager of St. Anne's School, Tormas, Pernem. In all 23 students from different schools in the age groups of 7 to 14 years took part. The Camp comprised a field trip, talks on different aspects of healthy living, and several hands-on activities.

Dr Devidas Shirodkar, a practising physician from Pernem, spoke on personnel hygiene and the best practices at home and school. Mr Gopal Shetye, Pernem

Fire Station Officer, along with his team gave a demonstration on rescue and fire extinguishing. He also gave a visual presentation on the Fire Prevention and Safety Measures.

Associate Professor Oscar de Noronha enlightened the participants on the richness and uniqueness of the Goan Culture; members of the Rotaract Club, Mapusa, conducted sessions on the art of making paper bags, fast snacks, and the fundamentals of judo and dance.

Ms. Rupa Naik and her team impressed upon the participants the need and importance of team building. A very live and interactive session on 'Why and How to Study' was conducted by Fr. Lester.

Mr Nagesh Gosavi imparted the participants with some techniques of good handwriting. Assistant Pro-

fessor Vinay Madgaonkar spoke on "Swami Vivekananda in Goa". Assistant Professor Shankar Naik gave a presentation on Celestial Bodies and Space.

The participants were taught techniques and skills needed for a few basic outdoor games. Assistant Professor Priyanka Parab taught the fundamentals of dramatics and trained the participants for a cultural performance at the valedictory function, which was held on 23rd April 2013, with Mr Sitaram Gawde, who heads the Atma Vishwas School for Special Children, Tuem, as the Chief Guest.

The Camp was coordinated by Associate Professor Dr Xavier Martins and Director of Physical Education Sam J. Braganza.

Forthcoming Events

Results

30th April 2013

Repeat

Examinations

May / June 2013

College Reopening

19th June 2013

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Our Students and Alumni Speak

Rashmi Dessai liked best the LCD presentations and is looking forward to the same as part of the teaching/ learning process.

Deepti Mahale expressed happiness about the co-curricular activities in the College.

Arshada Gaonkar fondly remembers the N.C.C. camp held in Bambolim....

Costancio Fernandes, an alumnus of the 2009-10 batch, recalling his days in the College, stated that he was always for action, and less for contemplation. The College gave him scope to be himself.

Pernem's first-ever

Yuva Mahotsav, held in January this year

The Department of Konkani partnered with Konkani Bhasha Mandal to organize 'Yuva Mahotsav', at St. Joseph's High School, Pernem, on 12th and 13th January this year. This is the first time ever this youth festival was held in this taluka.

Another first of the Department was its participation in the one-act play competition organized by Kala Academy, in January. Our College won the second and consolation prizes for acting and another for the best make-up.

Students also participated in the Yuva Sahitya Sammelan held at C.E.S College, Cuncolim, and Akhil Bharatiya Konkani Parishad at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, both in February.

Intra-mural programmes like poetry recitation sessions ('Triveni' and 'Kavya Mhaifal') were held. A one-day field trip to Chorla Ghat was organized as part of a study tour as stipulated in the syllabus.

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and Progress*

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*To empower the
Youth, promote
excellence in all
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SPORTS ROUND-UP

The XIX Athletics Meet 2012-13 was held on 12th December 2012. Mr Rajan Satardekar, Director, ICCR, Goa, was the chief guest. Smt. Vishranti V. Parab, mother of Navso Parab (T.Y.B.A.), was the guest of honour. Mr Carlos Gon-salves, a special invitee, who performed at the meet, was later felicitated for his national-level achievement in music and sports entertainment. The students put up a spirited and colourful performance at the march past and the track and field events. Manikesh Mandrekar (S.Y.B.Com) and Anuja Naik (F.Y.B.Com) were ad-judged the best male and female athletes. T.Y.B.Com was the meet's overall champion. At the Inter-College Athletics Meet, organized by Goa University, Karishma Thakur (F.Y.B.Com,) won a Bronze for Long Jump. Our college emerged champions at Goa Univer-sity Inter-College Kabaddi tournament on 17th and 18th December 2012, for Men - twice in a row - while the Women's team four times in a row. Our Men's and Women's team partici-pated in the Kho-Kho tournament held on 4th and 5th January, and both were semi-finalists. Our team participated in the Inter-College Volleyball Tour-nament for Women, organ-ized by St Xavier's College, on 14th January 2013. Our men's team partici-pated in the Volleyball tourna-ment organized by Goa Uni-versity on 16th Jan 2013. Cricket organized by the Goa University, our team reached the second round, on 8th/16th February 2013. Our staff took part in the XI Men Staff Interactive Cricket Tournament, held by Goa Study Circle of Physical Edu-cationists and Exercise Scien-tists on 17th April, at Fatorda.

Sessions on PowerPoint and Facebook

An interactive session on 'How to Use PowerPoint Effectively' was organized by the Continuing Education and Extension Club (CEEC), on 25th April 2013. The re-source persons were Ag. Principal Dr Gervasio Mendes and Mr Shekhar Naik, Assis-tant Professor of Computer Science.

The session on 'How to use Facebook and Other Social Media', by Mr Shekhar Naik, stands postponed to 2nd May 2013.

P. T. A. Executive Committee elected

A meeting of the Parents Teachers Association was held in the College premises on 23rd February 2013. The following members were unanimously elected members of the PTA Executive Committee for the academic year 2013-14: Mr Anand Naik, Mr Chandra-kant Narvekar, Mr Ramchandra Palyekar and Mr B.V. Arolkar.

Principal Dr. Gervasio S. F. L. Mendes presented a brief report of the College activi-ties held, assuring the parents that the College would always work towards holistic devel-opment of the students. PTA Vice-Chairman Mr. Gajanan Shet Korgaonkar appealed to parents to support the College in its endeavours.

In the open house, the Principal informed that parents were in favour of a uniform dress code for their wards. He apprised them about the infrastructural developments in the coming years and assured the parents that the College is alert about safety and secu-rity issues. Some parents suggested that the College should introduce Master's level courses.

Earlier, Associate Professor Satish N. Sanvol welcomed the gathering. Assistant Pro-fessor Vishnu Vete compered and Assistant Professor Priyanka Parab thanked.