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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE EVENTFUL SEMESTER

I am very happy to pen these lines for our in-house newsletter, *News and Views*, to be released at the hands of Dr. Satis Shetye, Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, on 22nd December 2012.

At the outset let me welcome all, especially our new staff members.

The academic year has been truly eventful. F.Y.B.Com. and F.Y.B.A. courses have an additional division each due to the overwhelming response of the citizens of Pernem taluka and be-

yond in pursuing higher education in our College. It is testimony to the fact that our College has become a popular, first choice destination of higher learning. This puts a lot of responsibility on us in the institution to live up to the expectations of our stakeholders who have reposed their faith in us. We cannot and should not let them down.

A lot of activities have taken place in our Institution and these are chronicled in this newsletter. I am proud to state that, as I pen these lines, our men's and women's kabaddi teams have

annexed the titles in the championship conducted by the Goa University. While for the men's team this is the second win in a row, the women's team has shown total dominance in this discipline by winning the championship for the fourth consecutive time. My hearty congratulations to our proud winners! Keep up the good work!

As we close for the Christmas break, I wish each and every one of you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2013.

Dr Cernvasio S. F. L. Mendes

Department of Konkani wins laurels

On 13th July 2012, the Department of Konkani in collaboration with the Department of Marathi organized a programme called "Kavya Maifal" to commemorate the death anniversary of renowned poet Bakibab Borkar, whose poems in Konkani and Marathi were recited by students.

At 'Triveni', held on 28th July 2012, three Konkani poetesses Mrs. Nutan Sakhardande, Mrs. Maya Kharangate and Mrs. Nayna Adarkar, read their poems on day-to-day themes.

A street play on the theme "Save the Girl Child" was performed at Pernem Taxi Stand and in the college premises on 4th September 2012 by the department of Konkani.

The Department bagged the second prize for their documentary on suicide at a competition organized by St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, to mark the 'suicide prevention week'. The following students participated in the documentary: Manjit Gawas and Siddhi Vaze (both of F.Y.B.A), Navso Parab, Ankita Patil, Veronica Fernandes and Vallabh Barve (all T.Y.B.A), Anisha Dessai (T.Y.B.Com.)

The college troupe also won the second prize for their street play on the theme of atrocities against women, at a competition organized by the Lawande Memorial Trust on 15th Sept 2012.

The last three programmes were organized in collaboration with the departments of English and Geography. The departments of Konkani and Geography participated collaboratively in 'Geographize', an event organized by the department of Geography of Smt. Parvatibai Chowgule College, Margao, on 28th September 2012, winning the first prize in the skit competition based on the theme 'Protect the Environment' and overall were the runners-up at the event.

All the skits were authored by Prof. Priyanka Parab of the department of Konkani.

EDUCATION TOWARDS PEACE

**Lord, make me an
instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let
me sow love.**

**Where there is injury,
pardon.**

**Where there is doubt,
faith.**

**Where there is despair,
hope.**

**Where there is darkness,
light.**

**Where there is sadness,
joy.**

**O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so
much seek to be
consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to
understand;**

to be loved, as to love.

**For it is in giving that we
receive.**

**It is in pardoning that we
are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we
are born to Eternal Life.**

Amen.

St Francis of Assisi

If you gift a child a toy gun and see him wield it with fascination; if you let another watch a violent movie scene without regret; or, being witness to a real time incident you look the other way, it's quite likely you are contributing to a doomed future....

But then, if peace is a value so desired and found essential, why doesn't it come easily to us? That's because the negative side of human nature is more dynamic than its positive side, making the not-so-good things of life eye-catching, the good things hardly noticeable. And with negativity all over the media, generations have been imbibing the wrong values by default.

Is there a decisive role here for formal educators? Some may say that moulding children's behavior is better left to their parents, but it is undeniable that few are equipped with skills for the task. Hence teaching institutions from kindergarten to university are looked upon as the standard bearers. Teachers have the know-how and the opportunity to perform; and, thanks to their close association with young minds, they are in a better position to influence and impart them with both hard and soft

skills towards a well-rounded personality.

If all of our education were geared to no more than promoting peace the exercise would have been worth the while, for, alas, our planet is presently on a restless track. Not a day passes without news of domestic violence, fierce competition at the workplace, antagonism among neighbours, road rage, police brutality, cruelty to animals, bloodshed within communities and war readiness between countries. All good enough reasons to regard Peace as a value par excellence!

The opposite of peace is war; but it is not merely an absence of war, or a passive condition synonymous with lassitude or complacency. Rather, it is a positive state, promoting cordiality, harmony, fulfillment, happiness. Peace thus becomes a catalyst of progress. It may well be considered the mother of values, for without it no other value can succeed; it helps in creatively solving problems, negotiating, resolving conflicts, building teams and favourably influencing others.

With peace comes a serene mind, pleasant attitudes among people, contented lifestyles and harmonious living. Peace cannot be learnt in a vac-

uum; it must be seen, felt, experienced in the midst of people. Peace cannot be a subject in the curriculum, to be tested at the end of a semester; it must be imbibed, picked up straight from the human environment and lived out until it becomes second nature, a state of mind!

Peace overtures are possible only when coming from within. Peace of mind – much sought after in our stressed world – happens after one has reflected on oneself and accepted one's place in the universal scheme of things. Then one can pray with St Francis of Assisi: 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.'

Peace costs no money but just some effort in the form of kindness, respect, tolerance and forgiveness towards the other. Especially because this easily spreads goodwill, it is indeed ironical that 'Atoms for Peace' should be a favourite theme with diplomats, throwing all peace movements to the winds.... Educators would do well to desist from prescribing the same for essays in schools and colleges!

- Oscar de Noronha

Eventful NSS camp at Ibrampur

The NSS unit of our College had a special camp from 17th to 23rd November 2012 at Shri Sateri Vidhya Mandir High School, Ibrampur. The camp was inaugurated by the school headmaster Mr Subhash Sawant. Various activities like campus cleaning, cleaning the temple, a survey on live stock census in the village of Ibrampur and Hankhane were undertaken.

Eminent personalities delivered lectures to the NSS volunteers and the villagers. Mr Sahil Warang spoke on snake awareness; Mr Rajendra Kerkar, on Goa's Biodiversity; Ms Reshma Desai showed the galaxy, stars and moon on the telescope; Ms Sunita Nagvekar took a session on yoga; Mr Roland Martins addressed the villagers of Ibrampur on consumer awareness; Mr Sameer Mujawar spoke to the villagers of Hankhane on the Prime Minister's Rural Employment Generation Programme; Prof. Go-

sarwadkar on the adverse effects of tobacco.

The valedictory was chaired by Speaker Mr Rajendra Arlekar, who spoke on the importance of NSS in the life of the student and stressed on the motto "Not You but Me". The NSS Programme Officer read out the camp report. Volunteer Anand Faras bagged the 'Best Camper' award. A variety entertainment programme followed, with solo and group singing, solo and group dances, mime, skit, monologues, etc.

Prof Sumata Shetkar gave a vote of thanks. The function was compered by Prof Priyanka Parab.

Road Safety programme

The Consumer Welfare Cell and the NCC unit of the College under the guidance of Lt. Dr. Nirmala D' Abreu, in co-ordination with RTO Pernem, conducted a Road Safety programme for students of F.Y. B.A./B.Com., on 8th September 2012, in the campus.

Mr L. S. Kundaikar, assistant director of transport, spoke. Mr Minesh Tar, motor

vehicle inspector, gave a power point presentation and quiz on road safety.

Acting Principal Dr. Mendes welcomed and spoke on the occasion while Dr. Abreu proposed a vote of thanks.

Two events by Women's Cell

On 12th September 2012, a sensitization programme on sexual harassment of women was organized by the Women's Welfare Cell.

On 4th December 2012, students: Manju Shetye and Marilyn D'Mello presented book reviews at a programme on "Violence against Women", held at the Central Library, Panjim.

Camp and lecture by Nature Club

On 10th July 2012, the Nature Club of our College organised a donation camp, in association with WWF-India, for conservation of nature.

On 25th August, a lecture and power-point presentation on snakes was held by Mrs Deepak Gawas.

THE COLLEGE TO ME...

Our College is the only one in the Taluka. It gives us students many subjects to choose from and opportunities to display our talents. The progress bar of our College is quickly rising.

Sainath Shirodkar (F.Y.B.A.)

I am happy that our College has introduced Konkani as a subject at the degree level. Our teachers are supportive. The Library plays a great role. Many opportunities have come our way to showcase our talents. It is great that ragging is not part of our culture. We welcome recent changes, like the LCD screens on every floor and other such facilities in the classrooms. Finally, our sports committee has contributed a lot to the overall success of our College

Marissa Trindade (T.Y.B.A.)

There is scope and respect for hard work. Talents are appreciated. Senior staff members here are helpful and ready to guide the newcomers. Non-teaching staff is cooperative too. Our library is well equipped and the canteen is hygienic and provides good food.

Vinay Madgaonkar, Asst. Professor of Marathi

When I got the news of my appointment to the Government College here, I thought to myself, 'oh, Pernem!' But now that exclamation has changed to a smiley, in fact, millions of smileys. It's great to be associated with this College. People here can be trusted and relied upon, and that includes the students as well. A teacher expects each day to make him grow and become good individuals - good citizens. Pernem has all the qualities to make of me a good teacher!

Priyanka Parab, Asst. Professor of Konkani

It's an amazing feeling when one enters the College early in the morning. Awesome environment; multi-talented faculty; curious and dedicated students... Gives me new power to explore my qualities. I'm very thankful to God who gave me this extraordinary chance and platform to enrich my learning and teaching experience.

Sumata Shetkar, Asst. Professor of Geography

SPORTS ROUND-UP

The following inter-class events were conducted:

Table tennis - 11th-12th July - Winner: T.Y.B.Com.

Chess - 19th & 20th July - Winner: Olivia Mascarenhas (F.Y.B.A.)

Football - 2nd & 3rd August - Winner: S.Y.B.Com.

Kabaddi Practices from 16th November to 16th December

Annual Sports - 12th December Chief Guest: Mr Rajan Satardekar, Director,

ICCR, Goa.

Our College participated in the following inter-college tournaments organised by Goa University:

Table Tennis - 1st August

Chess - 7th-8th August

Weight Lifting - 21st August. Navso Parab (T.Y.B.A.) won the **Silver Medal** up to 62 kg category

Power lifting - 22nd & 23rd August. Salil Korgaonkar (F.Y.B.Com.) won a **Silver Medal** in the 60 kg cate-

gory.

Football - 4th & 7th September : Our college reached the Second Round.

Carram at GVM Ponda on 12th-13th September

Athletics - Our student Karishma Thakur (F.Y.B.Com.) won the **Bronze Medal** in the Long Jump event.

Kabaddi - Men, champions for the second consecutive time and the Women's team the fourth consecutive time.

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Forthcoming Events

College Tour

23rd December

2012 to 2nd

January 2013

All-Goa Kabaddi

Invitational

Tournament

26th January 2013

NCC Cadets excel

An annual training camp was held from 18th to 27th November 2012 at KVS, Bambolim. A total of 408 cadets from various colleges and schools of Goa participated, out of which fifty-four were girl cadets from our College. Competitions such as group and solo songs, group and solo dances, X-tempo, drill, quiz, elocution and kit layout, were conducted at the ten day camp. Theory and practical classes on drill, firing, map reading, home nursing and others were also conducted for the cadets. There were theory as well as practical classes.

Our cadets won the following prizes:

- 1st prize by Akita Naik for Solo dance
- 1st prize by 10 cadets for group song
- 1st prize by all 54 cadets for Key lay out
- 1st prize by Sanskruti Mahale in extempore elocution competition on the topic 'Girl Child
- 2nd prize in Drill, won by 32 cadets

Students Welfare Committee holds several events

SWC Convenor, Prof. Vishnu C. Vete, conducted elections to the Council on 24th July 2012. Mr. Vallabh Barve was elected General Secretary. The Council was inaugurated on 13th August 2012 at the hands of Mr. Prakash Dessai, Chaiman, Goa Public Service Commission (GPSC).

Our students participated in the following extra-mural events: **Ghumat Aarti Competition**, organized by DM College, Assagao, and by Government College, Khandola; and **One-day seminar on 'Role of Youth in Political Decision Making'** organized by The International Centre, Dona Paula. Ms Neha Kashalkar, Ms. Swati Sawaldesai and Ms Manju Shetye presented papers.

The Council organized the following intra-mural events: **Inter-class 'Ghumat Aarti and Rangoli' competition** on 30th August 2012; **Teachers Day**, 5th September 2012. Prof. Amrita Dinge (Dept. of Hindi) was felicitated on the day at the hands of the Principal; **"Fun Days"** from 6th-8th December

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Hindi Day celebrated

Although 'Hindi Day' is celebrated to commemorate 14th September 1949, when it was accepted as the official language of India, Professor Ramdev Shukla, renowned linguist, writer and former head of department, Gorakhpur University, U.P., opined that it should be celebrated as 'Indian Languages Day', since all of languages are important for communication with Hindi acting as the link

language.

Professor Shukla was speaking at a programme organized by the department of Hindi. He also delivered two lectures to T.Y.B.A. students on 'Bhakti Kaleen Kavi Aur Unka Kavya'.

Acting Principal Dr. Gervasio S.F.L. Mendes, welcomed the gathering on Hindi Day. Students Ankita Sonali (F.Y.B.A.) and Swapnil (T.Y.B.A.) recited poems by well-known Hindi poets.

The programme was compered by Ms Archana Gaitonde, assisted by Ms Nalini Velip, both visiting lecturers in Hindi. Ms Amrita Dinge, head of department and programme coordinator, thanked.