

common room

The National Girl Child Day 2020



The National Girl Child Day 2020 was observed and celebrated by JCI Salcete Coastal and Lions Club of Canacona at Government Primary School at Seraulim with Theme of 'Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow' as per the UNSDG Goal No. 5 'Gender Equality with Awareness to Save Girl Child' with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Program, a National Program. National Girl Child Day celebration was started by the Women and Child Development Ministry in 2008 to celebrate as the national observance.

JCI Salcete Coastal with Lions Club of Canacona observed this day with a Drawing Competition on Save Girl Child, giving importance of Studies to the Girl Child.

After a number of talks, distribution of water bottles and stationery to the girl students was conducted.

The Immediate Past President of JCI Salcete Coastal Jc Falguni Fernandes gave a Talk on Importance of the girls' right for the equal education on the basis of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' initiative of the national government.

Impetus at Fr Agnel College, Pilar



Impetus, the annual two-day national level intercollegiate flagship event of Fr Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar was held recently with fanfare and excitement galore. Impetus is a unique event on account of being totally supported by the alumni of the College. Branco Vales and Jaigish Murgaoankar, former students of the College, graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Principal Dr Savio P Falleiro in his welcome address commended the alumni for their generous support in organising the national level event. Over 72 students competed during the two days in numerous sub event ranging from rangoli, quiz, debate, dance, conclave, street play, tug-of-war etc. Students of St Xavier's College, Mapusa emerged triumphant as the overall winners, with St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim securing the overall Runners up position. Ashwini Shirodkar and Valicia Gonsalves were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour for the valedictory function.

Student Parliament Competition 2020

While speaking as Chief

Guest during the prize distribution ceremony of Student Parliament Competition 2020 organised by Goa State Legislature Secretariat, Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant said that minorities in the country will not be affected due to the Citizenship Amendment Act and the legislation is made only to give citizenship to Hindus and other minorities who have come to India from neighbouring countries.

Sawant advised the students to study the amended law and understand the benefits. He also told the students to enter in politics for the betterment of society. Speaker Rajesh Patnekar, Minister Mauvin Godinho and opposition leader also spoke on the occasion. Legislature Secretary Namrata Ulman was also present.

Dnyanprassarak Mandal's college and research Centre, Assagao, won the competition. Out of five individual prizes, four were bagged by the college. Vasudev Narvekar won Best Chief minister, Namita Talulikar was Best Speaker and Sasha D'Souza won Best Parliamentarian. Assistant Professors Shripad Merchant and Girish Abhyankar were adjudged Best Coordinators. Former MLAs Mohan Amshekar, Sadanad Malik and Victor Gonsalves and former Rajya Sabha MP John Fernandes were the judges for the competition.



GHS Morpirla excel on Republic Day
Government High School, Morpirla won the First Prize in Patriotic Singing Competition and Second Prize in March Past Competition organised by Deputy Collector and Sub Division Officer, South Sub Division Quepem on Republic Day held at Government Sports Complex, Borimol, Quepem.

Recreating 'Pride and Prejudice' on stage

The teacher trainees of Nirmala Institute of Education will be presenting a semi-musical rendition of Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' on stage, at Ravindra Bhavan Margao

As you walk through the corridors of Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho-Panjim, among the sea of green clad teacher trainees you will notice a few individuals in 19th century English attire. As one follows their trail, one is led to a place that echoes of music and the atmosphere tells a tale of many hearts. Here is where the rehearsals for the upcoming production of the educational institute are being held, a semi-musical play 'Pride and Prejudice' – an adaptation based on the classic 19th century novel by Jane Austen.

The play is being directed by Fr Walter D'Souza, from the Archdiocese of Mumbai. He is a visiting professor at St Plus X Seminary and has to his credit three Master's Degrees in Scripture, Philosophy and English Literature. His loud, clear voice booms about as he directs the group of thirty cast members to bring about his imagination to realisation. He has previously directed many plays in Nashik, Pune and Mumbai. The multi-talented director is always on his heels, dabbling into the making of props, approving set designs and simply motivating the teacher



Students of Nirmala Institute of Education during play rehearsals

trainees to reach their maximum potential. His influence has rubbed on the to-be-moulders of the future as the cast is always caught up in one task or the other. The props, ranging from a Grand Piano to the adornments on a bonnet, have all been done by the students of the institute. The sets with special animation too are being designed by the students. Dr Rita Paes, Director of Nirmala Institute of Education, affirms that the production reflects the core values of the institute – of producing capable, resourceful individuals with integrity, who will bring up the future generation of

India. The play has provided an opportunity to the trainees to develop their talents and explore new avenues to grow.

The cast members are Avril Antao, Sredny Antao, Anthea Baracho, Renu Bastwadkar, Frederica Botelho, Danica da Cruz, Dale Dias, Samuel Dias, Debbie D'Sa, Elroy D'Sa, Ashford D'Souza, Lois D'Souza, Achiella Fernandes, Arlene Fernandes, Carlton Fernandes, Cheryl Fernandes, Dwayne Fernandes, Enida Fernandes, Kimberly Fernandes, Senida Fernandes, Verushka Fernandes, Joyce Morais, Venesa Pinto, Alyce Rodrigues, Chelsea Rodrigues, Moris Almeida, Merle Henriques and Alphius Fernandes.



Sr Millie Pereira, the event-coordinator and English Method Master at NIE, has been the initiator of the play production. The prime motive for the play is to provide the teacher trainees with an opportunity to grow and to help them understand the dynamics of staging a play. The play has been crafted keeping the present-day audience in mind. Artistic liberty has been exercised as the characters are not restricted to the original narrative but flow subtly into the modern-day scenario. The play is embedded with songs, dances and memorable performances. The life of the five Bennett sisters from the humble town of Hertfordshire will be brought to life at Ravindra Bhavan Margao on February 9, 2020 at 5 pm. Tickets for the must-see play, for literature lovers are available at Furtado's outlets at Panjim and Margao.

Cancer Awareness Run on World Cancer Day

'I Am and I Will' is the ongoing World Cancer Day theme for 04 February 2020. Celebrating World Cancer Day, The King's School will host a 10 km Cancer Awareness Run led by well known long distance runner and Athletics Coach at the school, Bhupendra Kshatri.

The run is from the King's School located at Sao Jose de Areal to Bolshe Circle, Gogol and back. The 'I Will Run for Cancer' will flag-off at 8am from the school premises, while reporting for the same will commence from 7:30am. The run is open to the general public who will join school parents, staff, students and school alumni.

The King's School, January 5, 2020, hosted its annual 4th edition of the Ride to Conquer Cancer and raised Rs 2,07,000, which was disbursed to patients suffering from cancer. Since 2012 till date, The King's School and Childcare School, along with its parents, staff, students and well wishers under the aegis of its Chairman Melvin Pereira and Director Ligia Pereira, over the last eight years have raised Rs 1.75 crores and financially reached out to about 320 cancer patients besides maintaining the Paediatric Chemotherapy Ward at Goa Medical College, Bambolim. The school for the last eight years organises four flagship events i.e. an annual Dine & Dance, Ride to Conquer Cancer, the King's Football League and the King's Premier League (cricket) to raise funds, create awareness and reach out to cancer patients.

"The run for cancer initiative is the first of its kind that we're doing, not to raise funds for cancer patients but to create an awareness for a healthy lifestyle to avoid diseases like cancer

while we want to spread a message of hope among cancer patients that we stand by them always," asserted Melvin Pereira, Chairman of the King's School. The school director, Ligia Pereira, reiterated the need to stand with cancer patients and to sensitise the entire school students, staff and parents with a value that will last a lifetime to share and care. As part of fitness, the run will also include enthusiastic cyclists who can sign in for the 5 kms, 7 kms and 10 kms run. There will also be a 2 kms run for those below the age of 12 years who would also like to lend their energy and enthusiasm towards the Cancer Awareness Run.

Internship Op

Internships benefit the student in their professional development. Internshala.com, the world's largest internship platform, lists internship opportunities in North Goa and South Goa, where students can apply

Marketing at JS Water Energy Life Company

Location – Goa Velha

Stipend – Rs 7,000-9,000 /Month

Link – <http://bit.ly/GH-316>

Application deadline – January 31, 2020

Finance at Delhivery

Location – Panjim, North Goa, Sangolda

Stipend – Rs 15,000 /Month

Link – <http://bit.ly/GH-315>

Application deadline – February 4, 2020

Social Media Marketing at Puzzles Solution

Location – Panjim

Stipend – Rs 2,000-5,000 /Month

Link – <http://bit.ly/GH-313>

Application deadline – February 5, 2020

Film Production at CollegeTips.in

Location – Panjim

Stipend – Rs 2,000-5,000 /Month

Link – <http://bit.ly/GH-314>

Application deadline – February 5, 2020

Corporate Finance Management at SilverMile Capital

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – Rs 9,000 /Month

Link – <http://bit.ly/GH-317>

Application deadline – February 5, 2020

TALK ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

Nowadays, getting published in Scopus / Web of Science indexed journals adds status to a researcher, however getting published in these journals can be a researcher's nightmare. Scholarly communication is the process of academicians, scholars and researchers sharing and publishing their research findings so that they are available to the wider academic community and beyond. Traditionally, scholarly communication is found in the formal literature – in journal articles, conference proceedings, book chapters and books. Today, the landscape is changing dramatically with the introduction of Internet.

Keeping this in mind, the Library and Information Centre in association with Research, Development and Innovation Cell of Dnyanprassarak Mandal recently organised a talk on the topic of Scholarly Communication. The resource person was Dr Murari P Tapaswi, former Librarian of NIO and Officer on Special Duty (OSD) of Goa University. In all, 70 faculty members participated in this talk.

A publication in the prestigious / reputed journals is important for the academicians, working in the colleges and universities. But due to predatory print and open access journals, finding the suitable journal for the publication of the article is somewhat tricky, it needs lot of information and searching skills, such as whether the particular journal is published by fly by night publisher, is it recognised by the UGC, is it indexed in the Web of Science or Scopus database or not? Writing is easy, but publishing in a good academic journal is the problem as it invites identifying which journal is good or bad for publishing the articles.



He demonstrated how to identify the impact factor of the journals available in different databases, what are the quality criteria? How to match your manuscript and other important aspects were revealed in this session. Further, the resource person emphasised about the how predatory journals are acting without having proper mechanism of impact factor, he also cautioned the participants about publishing in such journals as it will not fetch any API score for the promotion of the teachers.