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Vision : A society with environmentally conscious youth.

Mission : To create awareness of the environmental problems and equip the students with the necessary skills to protect the nature.

Objectives of the Department:

- ① To create awareness about nature and its resources.
- ② To conscientize the students about the various environmental problems.
- ③ To create awareness that man is a part and parcel of nature and the degradation of the same will never be beneficial to man in the long run.
- ④ To motivate the students, to adopt various measures to protect the earth.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

A period of the year that is distinguished by special climatic conditions is called Season. There are four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter. Each follows the other regularly having its own light, temperature and weather patterns that repeat annually. Each of these seasons bring along with it beautiful feelings, experience and beauty. Seasons occur because the earth is tilted and rotates on its axis.

Seasons have an enormous influence on vegetation, plant growth and on human beings. I am glad to know that the Department of Geography of our College is bringing out their newsletter *Seasons* for the first time. Seasons will be an opportunity for students and teachers to express their views, concerns, solutions to the problems we all are facing due to climate change.

I appreciate the efforts and hardwork put in by the Department of Geography. My sincere congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Ms. Smita N. Fernandes, Asst. Prof. Ms. Maria Rodrigues, Asst. Prof. Ms. Rhythm Warik and students who have contributed in the form of articles, news, poems, etc.

I hope and wish that *Seasons* will inspire and ignite many many minds.

Rev. Dr. Simao R. Diniz
Principal

EDITORIAL

Life is defined by time and seasons. Seasons are periods in a year marked by specific weather conditions. The seasons change four times a year- from spring to winter. Each season is very special, having its own charm and magic, and is what keeps the year beautiful and interesting. Seasons have a bearing on our thoughts, emotions and activities. In fact, there is a season for everything under the sun.

This newsletter 'SEASONS' is an initiative of the Department of Geography to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Year of the College. The newsletter is titled 'SEASONS' as it depicts its relevance to Geography. It also portrays the happenings in the Department during the year. 'SEASONS' is an attempt to provide a platform to students and faculty to hone their writing skills and hidden talents.

On the behalf of the Department, I thank our principal Rev. Dr. Simão R. Diniz for his constant support and encouragement. A word of gratitude and appreciation to Asst. Prof. Lorraine Gomes for her assistance. I also acknowledge the assistance and contribution of the students and the department faculty towards the release of this 1st issue of 'SEASONS'.

Good seasons start with good beginnings. I hope this newsletter will make good strides in future.

WELCOME AND HAPPY READING !!

Assoc. Prof. Smita N. Fernandes
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ROUND THE YEAR

POPULATION EXPLOSION

In commemoration of the World Population Day, an *Essay Competition* on the theme '*Effects of Population Explosion on Man and Nature*' was organized on 10th July 2014. Miss Stancia Peixoto (T.Y.B.Com -B) was awarded the first place , Mr Shenyo Fernandes (T.Y.B.A) second place and Miss Florina Fernandes (T.Y.B.A) the third place.

HEAR OUR VOICES!

To create awareness among the students on the need for conservation of resources and environmental protection, an *Individual Slogan Writing Competition* was organized on 23rd August 2014. The participants penned down thought-provoking slogans on themes related to Control of population and Conservation of natural resources (forest, water and energy). Ms. Priyanka Vishwakarma (M.Com –II), Ms. Vendira Mascarenhas (M.Com –I) and Ms. Kezia Pereira (M.Com –I) won the first, second and third place respectively.

WASTE – A MISPLACED RESOURCE

To motivate students to make the best possible use of waste and conserve resources, an individual *Wealth out of Waste Competition* was organized on 20th September, 2014. Ms. Salma Cardoso (M.Com –II), Mr Alico Fernandes (T.Y.B.A-A) and Miss Sana Deshnur (T.Y.B.A –A) were awarded the first, second and third place respectively.

A TRIP INTO GOA'S HERITAGE

To provide first hand information to the students about the concepts taught in the class, the students of F.Y.B.A and S.Y.B.A were taken on a fieldtrip to Goa Chitra Ethnographic Museum, Benaulim on 18th February, 2015. The field trip provided an insight into the rich traditional economy of Goa and also created an awareness about nature and eco-friendly ways of living.

BIO-MANURES

Mr. B. S. Prabhu, Specialist in Horticulture conducted a Talk cum Interactive Session on '*Vermicomposting*' on 9th March, 2015 for the F.Y. B.A./B.Com students.

BRAIN TEASERS

An Interclass Quiz Competition on the theme *Our Environment* was held on 11th December, 2014. The quiz was won by TYBCom- C, represented by Mr. Abdul Razak Maniyar and Mr. Bruce Dias.

GOA: YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee Year of the College, a State level Inter-Collegiate Students' Seminar on the theme *Goa: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* was organized on 21st January, 2015, in collaboration with the Department of History. The theme was selected to sensitize the youth by bringing into focus the man-nature conflict engulfing Goa and the urgent need for sustainable development.

Dr. F. N. Nadaf, Officiating Principal of Shree Mallikarjun College, Canacona was the Chief Guest for the same. The seminar received an overwhelming response from 10 colleges from Goa. The participants presented papers on various sub-themes i.e. Mining, Tourism, Agriculture, Fishing, Goan culture, Industrial development and Migration. In addition, six of our own students also presented papers. The paper presented by Ms. Sneha Karekar from G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao on the theme '*Mining and Sustainable Development*' was judged the best paper at the seminar.

NATURE – DO WE CARE?

- Ms Eunice Valerie Barros (FYBCom-E)

Do we really care about the trees out there producing the gas we live on? Or about the birds that make the sky more beautiful? Or the animals around and on trees? Or the fishes in the not so clean water?

Ask ourselves, what good have we done for our Mother Earth? Why don't we respect her? Is she so bad, that we have literally ravaged her?

Yes! We have seized away her beauty, her pride, her everything. Why have we become so inhumane? Where is our heart gone?

Well, it's lost in the garbage around us. It has been cut along with the trees and has been burnt away. Why can't we sense the fear, the fear of death, of suffocation, and pain? Do we regret what we have done? Many of us do. How we wish we could rewind everything – all the harm and destruction. Yes, it's never too late to save Mother Earth. If not, the earth will be lifeless like the other planets, revolving with huge piles of garbage and chemicals. Well, we can come out of this 'Wall-E' nightmare. Let us all join hands and contribute in protecting our mother earth by changing our habits, attitudes, adopting eco-friendly lifestyles and being humane.

GEOGRAPHY IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Assoc. Prof. Ms. Smita Naik Fernandes
Asst. Prof. Ms. Maria S. Rodrigues.

Planet Earth is our home. It is awesome, diverse, inspiring and ever-changing. Intricate relationship exists between man and nature. Geographic knowledge and skills help to understand this man-nature relationship. Studying Geography invites us to participate in the excitement, enjoyment and challenge of this dynamic world. Geography is the subject which opens the door to this world and prepares each one of us for the role of global citizen in the 21st century. It helps people of all ages to appreciate how places and landforms are formed, how people and environment interact, what consequences arise and what a diverse range of cultures and societies exists and are interconnected.

The practical importance of Geography is noteworthy. The geographic conditions of a region determine our food habits, styles of dressing, housing, economic activities and the cultural landscape. Even planning for a holiday involves Geography.

Location- an important geographical factor has relevance in our every activity. Be it, the distribution of population, constructing a house, setting up of an educational institution, industry or any economic activity. The daily, weekly and monthly weather forecast is surely based on location.

Mother Earth is a provider of our needs. But, critical resources vital for all of us are unevenly distributed. This leads to foreign trade. Geographic knowledge helps to understand these complex trade relationships. Simultaneously, it also cautions us of the ill effects of over-exploitation of resources and the need for conservation of the same.



Modern society depends on transportation for countless needs. Geography with focus on the spatial interaction between people and places, helps to understand the need for modern transportation and plan for future.

Today, climate change is a global concern. How climate is changing and what we need to do, is a central emphasis of Geography. Geography also provides explanation for the various natural disasters and facilitates the adoption of relief measures. The modern geographical tools such as Remote sensing, GPS, GIS has widened the understanding of the natural phenomenon. They are also immensely used in defense, transport, weather forecasting, telecommunication, planning and business.

One can definitely say we all live our lives geographically. Geography has become an integral part of our daily life. In an increasingly globalised world, the importance of appreciating variation and difference is something the Geographers are passionate about.

NATURE'S AGONY

Ms Elaine Noronha (FYBCom-E)

The flowers began to bloom,
All the animals in motion,
Under the sun and moon,
When God began his creation.

Bringing Man into the world,
He was happy and contended,
Wanting him to spread emerald,
As he had intended.

Millions of years passed by
As technology evolved,
environmental needs were swept

Desire to fulfill his own need
That is where emerged jealousy and greed.

Now filled with jungles of concrete
No pure water, air to breathe
Rusted environment – a result of pollution
Only God can give us a solution!

Looking from above, he is disappointed
Everything looks so vague and rancid
Nothing seems to be a boon
To his misfortune

Do you know????...

- 1) Before trees were common, the earth was covered with giant mushrooms.
- 2) The year 2015 will be one second longer than usual because of the slowing of the earth's rotation.
- 3) If the earth didn't have the moon, our days would only be 6 hours long.
- 4) Between 10 and 20 volcanoes are erupting somewhere on earth everyday.
- 5) There is enough gold in the earth's core to coat its entire surface to a depth of 1.5 feet.
- 6) There are about 22,000 man-made objects orbiting around planet earth.
- 7) Mount Everest shrank one inch due to the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.
- 8) It takes 8minutes and 20 seconds for light to travel from the sun to the earth.
- 9) There are more living organisms in a teaspoonful of soil than there are people on the earth.
- 10) Each day, 27,000 trees are felled for toilet paper.

THEY MADE US PROUD!

Winners of the Inter- Collegiate Street Play Competition organized by Public Works Department, Goa and JICA in association with Vinsan World on 23rd September 2014.

HEAR OUR VOICES!!!

- 1) Save trees, before they become museum antiques.
—Ms. Vendira Mascarenhas (M.Com I)
- 2) Stop the forest resources from becoming zero and become an environmental hero. —Ms. Edlyn Jane De Souza (F.Y.B.B.A T&T)
- 3) Oh Please! Save trees, otherwise mankind will freeze.
—Ms. Nemesia Savian Fernandes (F.Y.B.Com E)
- 4) Today's wastage is tomorrow's shortage. Conserve energy.
—Ms. Priyanka Vishwakarma (M.Com II)
- 5) Spare a watt, save a lot! —Ms. Valanni Cardozo (M.Com I)
- 6) Being energy miser, is being wiser. —Ms. Keziah Pereira (M.Com I)
- 7) Waste dumped in water with haste... Outcome of which you will taste. —Ms. Vendira Mascarenhas (M.Com I)
- 8) Think globally, Act locally, Conserve water resources carefully. —Ms. Rhea Moraes (F.Y.B.B.A T&T)
- 9) Future is bright, if we conserve the energy right.
—Ms. Mona Mohan Kanolkar (M.Com I)
- 10) Udag vachayat, bhavishyachi taan bhagayat. —Ms. Saili Naik (M.Com I)

