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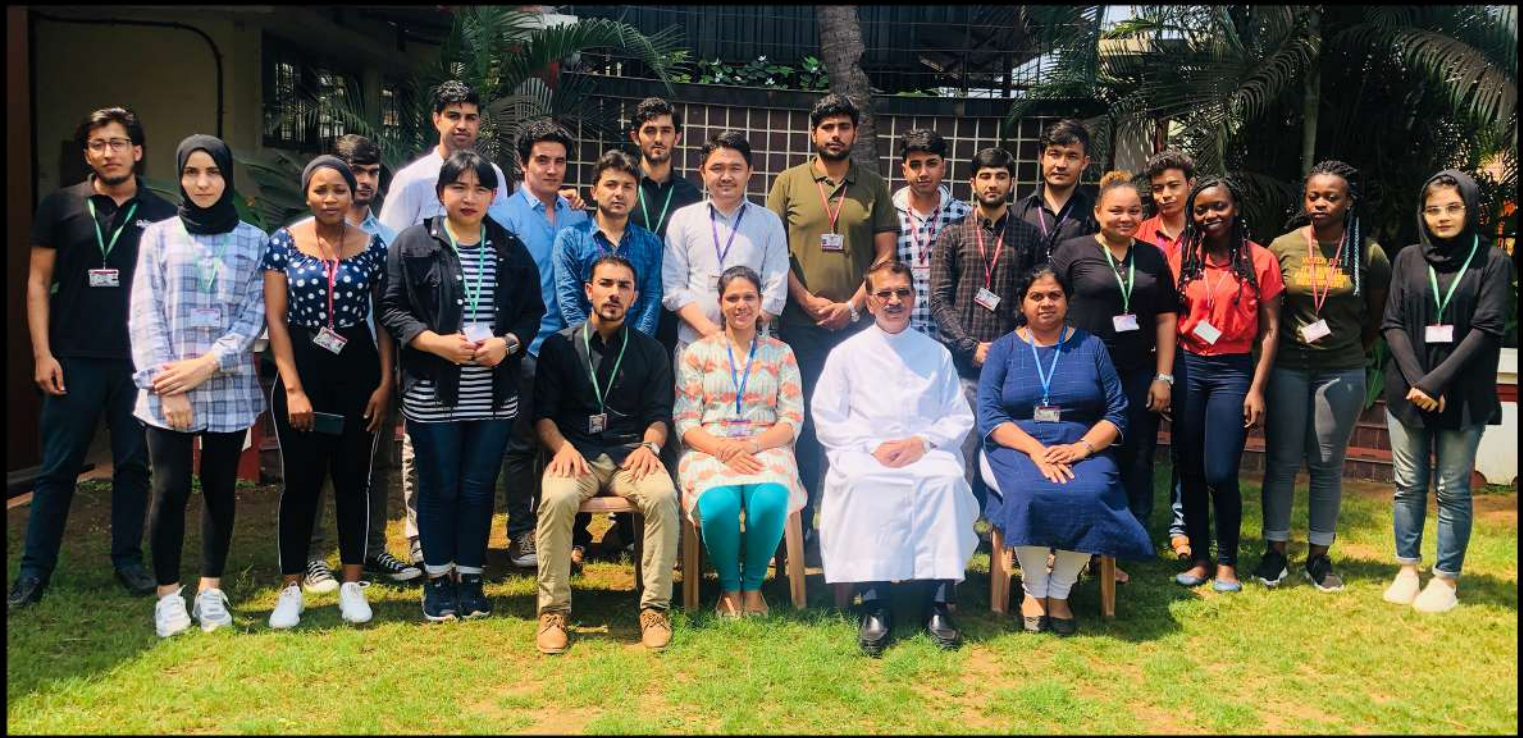
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From The Principal's Desk

I am delighted that we are once again organizing the International Students' Day in our College, Our College always welcomes International students as they bring so much of their culture, language, life style and joy. Besides, our students have a great opportunity to exchange viewpoints, culture and enrich themselves. Having international students in an opportunity to exchange gift of life, learn and grow as citizens of the world.

Rosary College has students from Afghanistan, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Thailand, Seychelles, South Africa and Maldives. All these students vibe so well that they hardly feel strangers. Our Goan culture accepts and integrates their way of life that international students develop very strong lasting friends.. International students love our land, customs and people that they find it difficult to depart on completion of their studies.

Aryana is our annual College magazine, wherein our international students express themselves, share their experiences and put forth their view points. This year too, the International Students Day will be celebrated with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, I am happy to bring out the 10th edition Aryana - the International Students magazine. Asst. Prof. Ms. Pearl Gomes and her team, and the contributors for their views, etc. I'm am sure it will make an interesting reading.

I congratulate and wish all the International students best of luck and assure them our support and care. I also express our sincere thanks to the esteemed Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Mr. Sudarshan Shetty for his collaboration and support .

Rev. Dr. Simao R. Diniz
Principal



Aryana Convener Speaks

'Aryana' is the international student's Magazine published every year, while commemorating the international students day at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts.



This year the College is celebrating the 11th International Students Day on 11th March 2020. Since 2010, a day was kept aside to celebrate the Foreign students cultural roots at our college. This program began under the leadership of our principal Rev. Dr. Simao R Diniz, who had the vision and desire to do something more for the foreign students apart from academics, while they are living away from their home country in our land. 'Aryana' too was published since 2011, this edition being the 10th Edition is marking a decade long annual publication. I am happy and proud to say that I was the editor and faculty convener in the first edition of Aryana Magazine, and some in between and now that of the 10th publication.

This Magazine gives the student a platform to write their experience in Goa, share their knowledge, cuisine, cultural heritage, sports etc. Currently there are 29 foreign students at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, hailing from Afghanistan, Lesotho, Thailand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Mozambique and Maldives. They have taken up various courses like Bachelor's of Business Administration, Bachelor's of Business Administration - Travel and Tourism, Bachelor's of Computer Application, Bachelors of Commerce and Bachelor's of Arts.

As we celebrate the international students day, the students will showcase their traditions through dance, songs clothing and present about their country's culture and economy through presentations. Foreign students from all across the state are invited and will be participating in the same.

Through this cultural meet, I hope that our students who are from Goa and the Foreign students cherish each other's culture. And I wish them a journey of happy learning, and forming and transforming into amazing international citizens and that through their hard work and sacrifices that they are putting in upskilling and educating themselves, they may see their professional dreams come true, not only that, but also being good humans with good moral values, integrity, character and ethics.

By. Asst. Prof. Pearl M. Gomes
Convener -Aryana Magazine
and International Students Day
BBA Faculty



Preface

We, the international students of Rosary College of Commerce & Arts have put together our efforts to collaborate Aryana magazine.

Aryana signifies nobility and purity. The magazine is published yearly and is released on the International Students' Day.

This year's theme for Aryana magazine is "Diversified by cultures, unified by humanity"

The combined efforts of principal, our professors and the international students from eight countries; Afghanistan, Thailand, South Africa, Maldives, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Seychelles and Lesotho have made this magazine a success.

This year's edition encompasses articles regarding their experiences, photographs, poems from both international and Indian students alike as well as from the professors.

The magazine portrays cultural appropriation and integration, which delivers harmony and peace, despite having vast differences.

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TY BBA
International Students' Coordinator



Editor's Desk

“Because Real Life Needs Every Colour in the Rainbow, let us unite and celebrate the beauty and strength that lies in diversity”

Before I get to the crux of the matter, I would like to express my gratitude to the facilitators, the International collegiate for their indispensable contribution to the creation of this magazine.

For eons human rights activists have waged a war on inclusivity and removal of discrimination on grounds of difference in cultures, Rosary College takes immense pride in being able to advocate for the same and for heralding the mission to support diversity and propagating education across borders.

This edition of the International Magazine has been crafted with utmost care with memoirs, insights from the International collegiate with the continual support of the facilitators and the faculty in charge.

We hope this magazine invigorates you to inculcate the ethics and values which promote inclusivity in all sectors and carry forth the unparalleled legacy of our institution.

Brynn Vas -TYBBA Designer

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Understanding Culture

What is Culture?

Whenever we are posed with this question more often than not, we begin to imagine the, dressing, lifestyle or certain way of living in a particular society.

Over the years I have come to realize that culture is an inclusive concept comprising norms and values which determine social behavior. Evolution, is the important characteristic of culture; values and norms are not constant, they pass through evolutionary levels in various paradigms of human reason.

So then why is there cultural variety, why isn't it constant?

To put things to perspective cultural variety has two aspects, absolute and relative. Distorted truth among societies which heralds social behavior is a powerful dimension of human consciousness with regards to variety.

No one has the absolute truth in hand; Cultural experiences transcend human perception from a one-dimensional outlook on the human life. It is not a mere acquaintance of various social norms and values, but it is the understanding and learning of how much culture's sensation, by activities and circumstance which are far from our social context, help in understanding and consciousness.

Ajmal Mabda
TY BA



Diversity

The world is much like a rainbow,
A band of colourful variants,
Abreast, an artistic bandeau,
Adorning the sky in unitarian.

Each land has its discreteness,
Each person with an identity,
Their clothes worn in uniqueness,
Their food, a spicy variety.

Once upon a worldly journey,
I learned a lot about ourselves,
Our languages and our ipseity,
A blend of incredible cultures.

Our planet, a kingdom of living,
A diversity that stands in unity,
Abiding by the nature singing,
The tunes of worldly diversity.

-Asma Shaikh Feroz Ali
TY BBA



Explore Experience Dream

Travel broadens perspective, suddenly the palette with which we paint the story of our lives has more colors...

Goa, the land of sun, sand and tranquility, the year two thousand and twenty marks my third year in this spectacular place. Hailing from Afghanistan I was au fait with the ballyhoo of India and its nonpareil education system, one couldn't help but earnestly desire to get a chance to study in this country.

It was only a matter of time until all my dreams and fancies were relinquished by the umpteen difficulties that beset my path... From managing college assignments to taking care of household chores all by myself, the consistent support of my co-peers and professors alike helped me weather the storm...

In my college learning existed beyond four walls, the rich cultural heritage and verdant greenery of the State made up for an all the more enriching experience. From gaining world knowledge to learning new languages studying abroad has given me a novel insight on global and cultural understanding, my experiences have shaped my personality with a greater sense of independence I now possess the capabilities to be employed in today's global economy.

As my journey draws to an end, I begin to reminisce the joyous moments spent with my friends, the inexplicably surreal endeavors that helped me live vicariously and how all of the adversities have made me who I am today... Grief-stricken to leave such beautiful memories behind however as the saying goes, "The End is just the beginning of a new journey".

-Fatima Yousofzai
TY BBA



Three Years of Wonder

My passion to forge a better future for myself made me leave my beloved country Afghanistan; and my happiness knew no bounds when I was granted a scholarship to study in India, in the beautiful state of Goa.

Goa is very well known for tourism. It is also a place where one can make several memories and have adventures. The last three years that I spent in Goa have not only changed my life but have also changed me as a person.

Living here has helped me learn about different cultures, languages and cuisines. Coming across different people in this country has reshaped the way I think about people and has enabled me to be more open-minded.

Living in Goa has helped me become independent for I have the freedom to live my life the way I like with no restrictions set by anyone. Living on my own has taught me how to be responsible and survive in this world full of adversities. Freedom does not only mean enjoying life, it is synonymous with independence and strength, it is this very place that has taught me the true meaning of 'Freedom'.

On day-offs, I travel around and visit amazing places, especially the exquisite beaches where the sun shines on the waves of the sea and gives the illusion of the water carrying diamonds, a heartwarming sight which never failed to leave me spellbound. Tales I once thought only existed in children's fables manifested into reality when I caught a glimpse of a shoal of dolphins jostling while taking dips into the gold-hued water.

It is worth mentioning that my college has given me a lot of memories, incredible experiences and utmost happiness. Goa is now my second home and I'd love to revisit again and again even after my graduation. I will revisit not just for the adventures, but also for the people I met, the memories I had and the feeling of tranquility and joy.

I will always miss being here, especially being with my friends who are like my own family. As it is known; the same time will not last, but the same memories always will.

Khan Agha Dervish

TY BBA

International Students' Coordinator



Live. Laugh. Travel.

I vividly remember the time when I felt like a four-leaf clover upon getting selected out of a staggering six hundred students from Kabul who aspired to pursue their education in India, a confluence of cultures, the subcontinent that is renowned for its opulent heritage and monumental beauty!

As I set foot on Indian soil the picturesque landscape and serenity that engulfed me cured me of my woes. The State of Goa is a sight in itself, tropical hues, vivacious populous and sumptuous delicacies were sure to make my stay a memorabilium of remembrance.

Detours to malls, beaches, wildlife conservatories and heritage sites helped me understand and appreciate Goa's rich cultural heritage and aesthetic value.

On this note I shall end by expressing my gratitude to everyone who made my stay so beautiful and one has to mention the hassle-free experience that I had in this country owing to the sentinels of this nation!

Madina Ayubi
Ramnath Kare College of Law
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Dare, Dream, Do!!!

Being an international student, I have had my fair share of indelible experiences and it gives me immense pleasure to share with everyone this excerpt of my life

As I sat down to write I couldn't help but snigger at the anamnesis of my uncountable hostel antics!!!

It was my first-time staying miles away from my family, yes it was difficult initially, I felt like an outcast, it was all too overwhelming... The culture, the tongue, the people, the perennial torrid heat even the food!!!

But I have always been an avid believer in the saying, " When Life Gives you lemons make lemonade out of it"

It was my hard work and perseverance that helped me thrive in the most disagreeable situation.

BCA, i.e., my course of choice, gave me the needed exposure to the technological advancements in today's world, and with this newly learnt propound knowledge I aspire to help Afghanistan achieve great heights and fetch laurels in the field of technological innovation, invention and genesis! I am forever indebted to the college faculty and venerable Principal, Rev. Dr. Simão R. Diniz for having emanated and inculcated a sense of discipline and conviction in each and every one of us!!! I would also like to extend my gratitude to my parents who have been with me through thick and thin and have encouraged me relentlessly!

And to all my fellow aspirants out there, "Dare, Dream, Do!!!".

Mehran Sadat
TY BCA(B)



Life Begins at the end of Your Comfort Zone

Once a precarious girl without any knowledge of the world, I fretted at the thought of studying in a different country. Soon enough I was exhorted to step into the shoes of my parents, shouldering responsibilities such as paying the rent and preparing meals for myself I was quick to overcome the ordeal with the help of sheer determination and hard work.

I felt like the little green man unaccustomed to the attitude, belief, language and cuisine of this place I was to call 'home' for a span of three years!!

As time passed, I was able to break out of my nutshell and interact with people of different ethnicities and beliefs thus gaining knowledge and insight on myriad issues.

I found solace in the pitter-patter of the torrential downpour, one of my treasured memories of Goa. Apart from the merciless heat this place never failed to spread a smile across my face!!!!

Yes there were days when I cried and days when I laughed but that wouldn't change the fact that my stay in Goa was one of the most exalting experiences of my life and I wouldn't trade it for the world!

Saina Alimi
TY BBA



A Chronicle Experientia of my Life in Goa

BOLLYWOOD! Elephant ride with bright bold colours splashed all over the place, that is the image that pops up in my head when "India" is mentioned to me, little did I know of the havoc that was to follow... Amidst the hustle and bustle of the city, I had an epiphany, I now knew that I was no longer in Seychelles. Soaring temperatures welcomed my mother and I with utmost vigour, our sole respite the cool breezy winds that accompanied us en route Navelim.

After a tough ordeal I started to take note of my surroundings, I loved how the sky was so vivid, contemporary structures added to the stupor of the city, with oddities like creepers entwined on street lamps what I witnessed was nothing short of a post-apocalyptic movie. The vibrant houses besmeared in shades I never expected to befuddled my senses. As my mother and the driver's candid conversation faded into the background of my thoughts, I drifted off wondering how I would survive the intense heat, what was I going to eat since I had less or no spice tolerance. At that moment I decided to divert my attention to the need of the hour... SLEEP! Sleep that I was bereft of for quite some time...

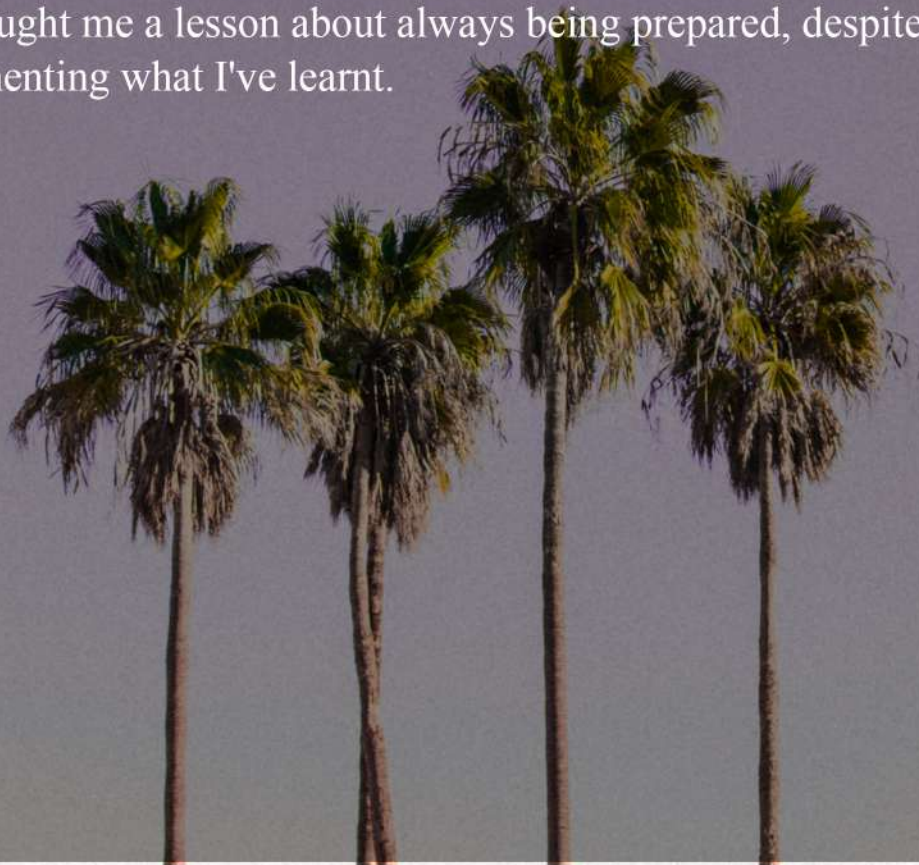
What many of you might not know is that completing my paperwork was an immensely taxing task. Applying for my classes was a three-pages long process on its own and don't even get me started on the FRRO and banking details. As an international student even getting something as simple as a sim card requires a lot of intrusive details, a lot of things are questioned, the only thing that they missed to ask for was my blood sample!

Throughout my first few days here I met a lot of interesting people, many who became my friends, family and people I knew I could count on during the tough times. Goa showed me what more it had to offer during my shopping trip to the North. The little-girl inside me squealed ecstatically at the variety of products that were available, Havanas' sandals being my absolute favourite.

All this excitement to my dismay lasted only for a fleeting moment and before I could realize I had a tryst with the less glorious side of Goa. Bear in mind that when preparing myself to start a new chapter of my life in a place unbeknownst to me, my mind was in a state of trance, I felt like a fish out of water, everyone seemed so alien, all this unfamiliarity and uneasiness was sure to give me a heart attack. The little faith and strength I had was all I needed to push me through the very long winded calls I had with Amazon deliver men before they got a hang of my address, one cannot begin to picture the bliss I get when I find a package waiting for me on my bed of late.

Not to mention the agony I went through when my Swiggy orders got cancelled over miscommunication, since I don't speak a word of Konkani and many people till this day fail to understand my Creole ascent.

Adapting to a different time-zone is yet another issue, when it comes to connecting with people back home. The random power cuts all day long have taught me a lesson about always being prepared, despite never really implementing what I've learnt.



Goa has been a very big culture shock to me, from the interaction with people, the lifestyle changes of walking and taking the bus everywhere after I got so used to driving myself back home.

Despite all the downers ranging from gawking strangers to exceedingly intrusive questions about my country I have actually grown to like Goa. I've grown to love the friends that I have made here. I am immensely grateful to my compeers as well as lecturers who were exceedingly welcoming, supportive and made me feel at home when I first arrived and they are still doing it up to date. And after my first term results, which surpassed my expectations, it's safe to say that only good things await me in the future!

-Sithra Soomery
FYBBA



Maldives

Whether you long for pampered nights in a 4-star resort or fish-filled days some 80 feet underwater, your tropical wishes are sure to come true on one of the 87 resort islands of the Maldives. Straddling the equator, the 1,102 islands that make up the Maldives form 26 atolls, or rings, of coral scattered over an area of land 510 miles long and 75 miles wide. The air of tranquility enveloping the archipelago makes the Maldives the ideal place to escape from the real world to a palm-fringed haze.

Resort and tour operators usually arrange transportation from the airport to the islands via powerboat or jet. Another way to travel the waterways snaking through Maldives is on a dhoni, or small waterbus.

Although the high season (December through April) attracts more crowds, this time of year offers the best weather and the longest days on the islands. A visit between May and November is more of a gamble, as this is the rainy season and humidity is high. The high season also provides the best weather for scuba diving. Temperatures during the high season remain a steady 30 to 32 degrees during the day and drop only to 25 to 26 degrees celsius at night.

If you crave a relaxing vacation that allows for some serious scuba diving, the Maldives will certainly not fail you. The water is among the best for diving clear and warm with temperatures hovering between 82 and 86 degrees. When Marco Polo referred to the Maldives as the "flower of the Indies," he might have been referring to the bouquets of fish that decorate the clear, turquoise lagoons.

If the water and beaches become an unlikely bore, wander into the city, a neighboring island, a different resort, or a local fishing village. The small size of the islands and their proximity to one another make day trips and most inter-island travel quite simple. Head to the capital of Malé to visit the mosques or hunt for bargains at the markets. For a more relaxed day, arrange a trip (either through a resort or a hired dhoni) to a local fishing village and catch a glimpse of native island life.

Strap on an oxygen tank, load up an underwater camera and swim with the reef sharks in the Shark Thila reef, or explore the Maldivian Victory wreck located near the airport island, Hulule.

Dance to the beat of a different drum -- the bodu beru, to be exact-at a culture night sponsored by a resort.

Visit the highest natural point in the Maldives, located on Farldhoo in the Northern Atolls. Climb to the top for striking views of this distribution of islands.

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International Students Day March 2019

