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## WHAT'S BUZZING AT NCS GOA THIS WEEK?



**Dear Students and Parents of NCS Goa,**

**Here's what is buzzing at NCS, Goa this week.**

**2nd January to 8th January 2023**

### Events and Happenings

Students of classes X and XII have been immersed in studies this week as they face their pre board examinations. Classes VI to IX students have been busy writing their Periodic Tests II, while the primary school students are attempting Assessment III. Five students of classes I to X won prizes in the Hindi Rajbhasha Pratiyogita Pariksha 2022-23 organised by Mahatma Gandhi Rajbhasha Hindi Prachar Sanstha, Pune. A total of 282 students from the school had participated in the competition and got medals and certificates. 41 students of grade XI attended the Global Universities Fair 2022-23 hosted by Mount Litera Zee School, Goa. Dignitaries from various national and international universities gave valuable information about the courses offered and placement opportunities available at their respective universities. The students also got an opportunity to ask questions to resolve their queries. Two primary school teachers attended a three-day offline Faculty Development Programme at Kochi, organised by Navy Children School, Kochi.





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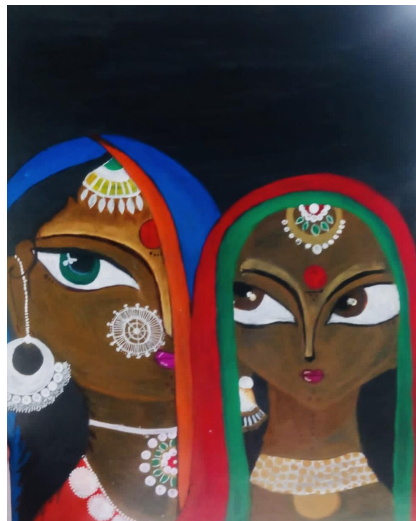
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## MY EXPRESSIONS FROM STUDENTS OF NCS, GOA

Imanveer Singh  
IID



M. Medhashri  
XC



Rajshekar Harijan  
XC



Ruchita R. Kubal  
XC



### A WALK IN THE WINTER MORNING

Vihaan Kulkarni  
VB

The morning atmosphere is very pleasant. At that time, freshness and agility settles in the mind. Therefore, it is considered good for every work. When the sun's rays fall on the earth in the morning, everything on the earth becomes bright and shiny. Birds are seen flying from their nests. The sound of the bells of temples and the azaan coming from mosques brings positive vibes to the surroundings.

At this pleasant time of the morning, a man should leave his laziness and take advantage of the natural freshness and cheerfulness and go for a walk. A morning walk is an easy and inexpensive way to exercise. The open road along a lot of greenery may be chosen for the walk or an open-air walk by the river is so amazing that it soothes the heart and calms the mind.

The sound of birds chirping, the fragrance of flowers and the pearly drops of dew on the green grass make for a magical experience. It is useful to visit a garden, park or an orchard early in the morning before the sunrise. An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.

### INTERESTING FACTS!!

Medhashri  
XC

- Internet is not connected by satellites but is connected by undersea cables.
- 30 feet underwater there is no light, so blood appears green.
- The colour which we see when we close our eyes is called eigengrau which is different from black.
- The line that separates the day and night sides of the earth is called as terminator
- In some cases, lightning can go upward into space.

The Taj Mahal was disguised during World War II.

- Art used to be an Olympic event.
- Zebra stripes act as a natural bug repellent.

### IMPACT OF INTERNET ON SOCIETY

Iraj Mathur  
VB

The Internet has altered society in many ways, from cultural exchange to social and economic development. It has rewritten many rules of engagement, and the Internet has enabled many new ways of thinking and connecting. It has enabled us to access an almost infinite source of information, from news sites to local news sources. The internet has a vital impact on student academic outcomes as it helps students access journals and articles that otherwise are not made available in the libraries. The study concluded that an increase in internet use was very useful in improving learning outcomes. The Internet has also changed the way we interact with our family, friends, and life partners. Now everyone is connected to everyone else in a simpler, more accessible, and more immediate way; we can conduct part of our personal relationships using our laptops, smart phones, and tablets.



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### SARAH'S LITTLE THOUGHTS

Sarah Saji John  
VB

I am Thumbi (my pet name). I have a story to tell you. After a long time of longing and waiting, we went for a trip to Manali. The journey from Goa to Delhi was very pleasant and comfortable. From Delhi to Dharamshala, we travelled by bus. I was a little afraid of travelling in the bus because I have a vomiting sensation while travelling in the bus. But the bus ride was not as rough as expected and was very comfortable. We boarded the bus from Delhi late at night. By the time the journey went a little further, the severity of the cold had increased. But we had woollen blankets and sweaters to beat the cold. So, I covered myself with the blankets and went to sleep.

When I woke up in the morning, the sight I saw was very awe-inspiring. As the bus passed by, the snow-covered mountains seemed to be coming closer to us. I felt snow mountains touching the sky. I did not know that I had reached the destination. There, the driver of the resort was waiting for us. From the bus stop, we went straight to the resort. When you think of a resort, you might think of big buildings and stuff around, but it was nothing like that. There were mostly tent houses and the ambience was so natural. There were no walls around the resort; instead, we could see snowy mountains. I didn't see any artificial things there.

There, I saw a sight that surprised me a lot. I observed a group of people herding a few goats and crossing the very huge iceberg. They were doing the same thing in the morning and in the evening. From small babies to very old people, they climb and descend those snowy mountains with heavy loads. I didn't think it would be that much of an easy task. They would have to struggle a lot to survive the frost in such a cold place. They can't wear good clothes, can't eat good food and always must keep water warm. When talking to them, I realised that many of them had never seen the sea.

When I saw their lives, I realised how lucky we all are. After seeing it, I was able to experience a little of their way of life. I thanked my parents a lot for taking me to such a beautiful place and showing me all of it. I still have a lot to write, and I will continue that in my next article. We need to learn more about the village people of Manali. I started writing about Manali but only reached Dharamshala.

### IT'S TIME FOR QUIZ!

Afiya Ishak  
XC

- Q1. Developed in Germany in 1959, the soft drink Fanta Klare Zitronen (Clear Lemon Fanta) is now known by what one-word name?
- Q2. What comic-book character possesses superhuman strength and hangs around with Asterix?
- Q3. In 2017, the Louvre opened a museum in which Middle Eastern city?
- Q4. What's missing from the titles of these musicals: Mamma Mia; Hello, Dolly; Oklahoma and Oliver?
- Q5. A city in the Southern Hemisphere had hosted the Olympic Winter Games. True or False?
- Q6. What is the J.R.R. short for in J.R.R. Tolkien?
- Q7. The world has several countries with no permanently running rivers. By area, which is the largest of these dry lands?
- Q8. Kevin Costner claims he nearly convinced Princess Diana to act in a sequel to what movie?
- Q9. Which country's flag is called the Sang Saka Merah Putih (Lofty Red and White)?
- Q10. Which impressionist painted the Cup of Tea, The Child's Bath, and Lydia Reading the Morning Paper?
- Q11. The Unemployed Philosophers Guild sells a plush toy depicting Vincent van Gogh, with what detachable part connected by Velcro?
- Q12. Lions Gate Entertainment trademarked the sound of a human whistling a G, B-flat, A and then D in the key of G minor. It appears in what movie series?
- Q13. Sammy Davis Jr. Drive, Frank Sinatra Drive and Dean Martin Drive all met at an intersection in which city?
- Q14. Who was the first person to win Oscars for both acting and screenwriting?
- Q15. What's the main food source for most butterflies?

#### ANSWERS:

1. Sprite
2. Obelix
3. Abu Dhabi
4. Exclamation marks
5. False
6. John Ronald Reuel
7. Saudi Arabia
8. The Bodyguard
9. Indonesia
10. Mary Cassatt
11. His Ear
12. The Hunger Games
13. Las Vegas
14. Emma Thompson, for *Howards End* (in 1993) and *Sense and Sensibility* (in 1996)
15. Nectar from flowers



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### MY MEMORABLE TOM CAT ...

Medha Chauhan  
VB

One fine morning, while my sister was coming from school with my mother, she saw a little Tom cat crying at the main gate of our building. My sister ran in the house and called "Medha Medha look such a cute Tom cat". My dad and I saw the Tom cat crying. Dad gave him milk and bread. He ate it. He also opened the gate of our building and picked him up in his hands and got him into our house. We gave him food to eat. After sometime, he slept and when he woke up it was evening time. We took him into the compound and played with him. He was goofy, so we lovingly called him "Billo Raja." He always used to follow us. Our neighbor's aunty gave him fish and rice everyday.

In November, my family and I had to go to Delhi. I was confident that our next-door neighbor's aunt would keep Billo safe. We thanked her and left for Delhi. I waved my hand to Billo, but he wanted to come with us. What could I do? When we came from Delhi, I saw him under a car. We came in the afternoon and ate noodles. I shared mine with Billo. Days passed, and Billo grew up. One evening, my mother was coming from the office, where she saw a cat lying dead. She was shocked! She looked at it carefully. It was Billo. She called my dad. My mother kept this as a secret for me and my sister. I couldn't find Billo for several days. At last, my dad informed us that Billo is no more. I was shocked and I started crying. "I will always keep Billo in my memories..."



### MY DIVINE VISIT TO SABARIMALA

(A Midnight Trekking Experience)

Avantika Ajith  
VB

The 14th of May 2022 was the most auspicious day in my life. By undertaking many days of strict 'Ayyappa Deeksha' my mind and body had been fit for the lifetime experience. On the day, we arranged 'Annadanam' (a sacred offering of food to all) at my home in Kerala. In the evening, we went to the nearby temple and prepared 'Irumudikkettu' (offerings made to Lord Ayyappa, which are packed in a cotton bag with two pockets that is placed on our head). After taking blessings from elders, my father and I started our journey from our home town temple at 19.30 hrs. We travelled by car till the base station Pampa, which is 90 KM from my house.

From Pampa we have to trek 5 KM bare foot through dense forest by climbing steep hills. We took a dip in holy river of Pampa before trekking started. We started our trekking from Pampa at 23.00 hrs. No sooner had we started trekking, it began to rain heavily. From the slopes covered with rocks and mud, water started draining out. The pathway was quite steep, and most of the time I held my father's hand so that I wouldn't slip. Halfway through my trekking, I started shivering from cold because I was drenched from head to foot in the rain. There were some sheds made for pilgrims to use as pit stops. That's where we used to warm ourselves up. My father squeezed out water from my clothes, that's what we did in every shed. At last, we reached the waiting area on top of the hill at 2.30 AM. I started shivering again, as I was already drenched and a cold wind was blowing. When one of the pilgrims saw this, he gave me a dry cloth to cover myself with so that I could stay warm. Suddenly an announcement came, the temple would only open at 5.00 AM. We had no other choice but to wait.

At around 04.45 AM we were guided near the Sacred 18 Golden Steps. The best thing that happened was that no sooner had I kept my right leg on the first step, the bell began to ring and the Sanctum Sanctorum was opened. There was so much crowd, that the pilgrims were pushing and pulling others to see Lord Ayyappa for a glance. At last we reached the Sanctum Sanctorum and I was lucky enough to see and pray to Lord Ayyappa very well by standing in front. We also took blessings from the Chief Priest of the Temple.

On seeing Lord Ayyappa, the amount of happiness and satisfaction I experienced cannot be measured. The heavenly experience once visiting Sabarimala is unexplainable. Even though I had to trek back the whole way, my mind was still stuck at the temple. I want to come again and again, but I have to wait till I am 56 years old.