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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.
13th March to 26th March 2023
Events and Happenings

The students of classes I to IX & XI were busy with common final exams from 24th February to 15th March 2023. They viewed their corrected answer scripts as per the schedule formulated for all classes last week. The class I admission procedure began with teachers interacting with children as part of the 'Meet & Greet' process. Green initiative and sustainable development practice was initiated by teachers along with student volunteers of Eco-Club. Every Wednesday empty milk packets are deposited by students of classes VI to VIII, staff members and school canteen, which are then sent for recycling. This initiative is in coordination with Ms. Shraddha Rangnekar, founder of Foundation for Environment Research and Conservation. More than 600 empty milk packets were sent for recycling under this initiative in the month of February. Textbook donation drive has been initiated by the school wherein students of all classes are dropping their textbooks in school for the benefit of the next batch students. Two students, Aviva Dixit of class II E and Bhavesh Suryavanshi of class III D won the best player awards in the U 8 and U 10 category respectively. They were awarded medals in the concluding function of the Little Gaur League 2022-23 organised by Forca Goa Foundation at Panchayat Ground Chicalim. Three students from class VII C, Kanhya, Hrishikesh Suresh and Ayush Kumar participated in a football tournament organised by Goa Football Association.





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In the same tournament, Nathan Neto of class IV C won the best player award in the U 11 category. These students were selected through trials by the Rising Star Sports Club. The team won in the Mormugao Zone for the first time in the U 13 league. The team will now participate in the playoffs between north and south Goa zone. Arya Joshi of class IX B won the first prize in an essay writing competition and B Sriram of class VIII C won a consolation prize in a poster making competition organised by the Metrological Department of INS Hansa on the occasion World Metrological Day. A group of 20 students of class IX and X accompanied by Ms Neera Singh visited BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus to participate in the celebration of Founder's Day and Science Day as Open Day.

Students also participated in the Quark School Bag 2023 organised by BITS Pilani. They participated in activities like Quiz, Debate, Enigmatica and Science Exhibition. The quiz team won the third prize, the debate team won the best team prize with Tejal Gahoi bagging the best speaker award. In Enigmatica both first and second prizes were won by the NCS teams. In science Fair the second place was also bagged by our school. Mr D Dhanraj and Ms Ana Pinto attended a half day training session on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions at Hospicio, South Goa District Hospital, Margao. Ms Soma Dutta, Ms Kalyani Roy and Ms Namrata Pande attended the Maths Faculty Development Programme organised by Navy Children School, Mumbai. Chemistry Department of Navy Children School, Goa organised and hosted online the Faculty Development Programme for the chemistry teachers of other Navy Children Schools. Mrs Anupama Mehra, our school principal won the All-Goa Oratory Challenge, conducted by Government of Goa and SCERT. She was one of the 15 finalists selected out of 70 participants to compete in the finals. Ms Neelima Gupta was felicitated by Mr Mauvin Godniho, Minister of Transport, Panchayat and Protocol - Govt of Goa, on the occasion of International Women's Day as a high achieving woman.





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MY NEEMO

Evaan Saji John
III C

My story begins here!

My sister wrote an article about our Manali trip, and it appeared in our NCS Goa times weekly. My mother asked me if there was no such thing in my class? As usual, I gave an excuse to my mother and escaped. I somehow escaped from my mother and went to the class the next day. Surprisingly, my beloved teacher also asked me the same question "Evaan your sister wrote a good article in the school newspaper. What about you? Tomorrow when you come to school, bring a nice article" and I said to Ma'am that "I will", to show that I am a good and obedient boy.

I was thinking about it, all the way sitting in the bus, on my way back home. What will I write about? Finally, I got my topic: I decided to write about 'MY NEEMO' (my pet turtle).

I love to take care of pets, but my father won't let me have a pet. I waited and continuously tried to convince my parents. At last, after a lot of bothering, my mother brought a small little turtle home as a gift on my birthday. I was so excited and jumped with joy. Me and my sister named him "Neemo", our small little slow and lazy boy.

He is a very small turtle. Its dark green and brownish yellow. That species name is red eared slider turtle. When we had brought him home, I felt that I had some luck coming my way. We kept a particular day for celebrating his birthday, me and my sister made small dresses, separate bed, napkins, plates, toys, small garden inside my home, mini pond etc. We tried to give him all the company and happiness. We fed him on time, bathed him, made his bed, and did everything we could. Despite all this, we realised that our Neemo was not that happy. I thought it was because we didn't take him out on any trip. So, we decided to take him to our native place during summer vacation. I thought he would be so happy to go in the train. Our school closed, and it was time to go to our hometown. We arranged a box and a bed for Neemo and took him along to Kerala. I could see Neemo was happier there in our village than in our flat in Goa, maybe because he got a lot of space to roam around. There is a small paddy field near my grandmother's house. I go there whenever I go to my granny's house. This time I took him too. There were very beautiful small streams flowing, a pond, small fishes, and soiled weeds. When I saw the streams, I put Neemo nicely down on the ground. Slowly, he crawled to the edge of the stream, my father told me that Neemo wants to go there, and he would be happier in that pond and field than living with us in a tumbler. I felt sad when I heard it suddenly. After thinking for some time, I felt it is true. So, I left him there, though with bit of pain. Slowly moved forward, after going some distance, I looked back. By that time, he was already in the water and gone far....

I couldn't bear to see him going far away from me. I ran to my mother and cried for a while. I was worried for a few days but now I am happy. It's all about freedom. Happiness comes with freedom. I am sure he is enjoying his free life, with many friends, where he is supposed to live. This is my Neemo's story...I still remember him whenever my birthday comes. Miss you Neemo. Wish to see you again sometime as a happier and stronger boy.



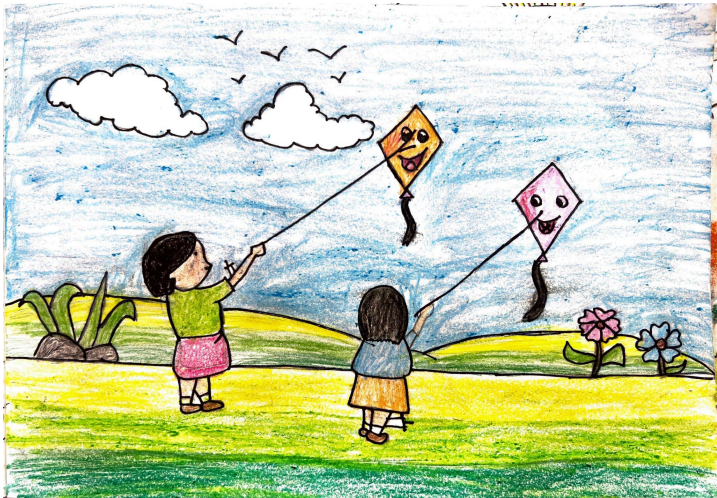


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Sargun Singh
IV A



Ronaldo Jackson
III B



Prakhar Singh
III B

MY TRIP TO DELHI

Srinath Sundari Sairam
III C

I had been to Delhi with my mother in November 2022. I went by Vistara Airplane. Delhi was a beautiful place except that there was too much of pollution. On the first day, I visited the Lotus temple and the Red Fort. The Lotus temple is for people of all religions. I sat and meditated inside the temple. The Red Fort was colossal, with our Indian flag hoisted. It has many monuments where Mughal emperors ruled.

On the second day of my visit, I went to the Qutub Minar and the Great Mughal emperor, Humayun's tomb. I learnt that the tall Qutub Minar was constructed by Qutub Ud-din Aibak, a soldier of the Sultan named Ghorri. Humayun's tomb looked like the Taj Mahal and had several tombs for the family members and soldiers.

We drove to Agra on the express way on the third day. The drive was awesome! We visited the Taj Mahal, built by the Emperor Shah Jahan for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. We took several photos in front of the magnificent monument made of white marble. Opposite to the white Taj, behind the river Yamuna I could see the foundation of the Black Taj. I learnt that before the black Taj could be built, Aurangzeb captured his father Shah Jahan. I bought a miniature Taj Mahal for myself.

On the fourth day, we visited the Agra fort and then Akbar's tomb. The Agra fort had the house of Emperor Jahangir, his son Shah Jahan and Jahangir's grandson, Aurangzeb. The house of Akbar was destroyed by the Britishers. I could see the beautiful view of Taj Mahal from Shah Jahan's house. Sikandara, Akbar's tomb, was a silent calm place.

We then visited Fatehpur Sikri where we saw the houses of Akbar's three wives – Jodha Bai (Hindu wife), Mariam (Christian wife) and Sultan Begum (Muslim wife). I heard the story of Akbar's prayers to Saint Salim Chisti for a son. He got a son (called Salim or Jahangir) after praying to Saint Salim Chisti. Akbar followed and respected all religions. I finally saw Buland Darwaza, a huge gate that took me to the Dargah of Saint Salim Chisti.

Through this trip, I could very easily learn about the Mughal Dynasty. I really enjoyed the trip and got to taste different kinds of foods. I really loved walking through those huge monuments.

HERO OR VILLAIN?

Krish Madkaikar
XI C

When we were young, we were asked whether we would prefer to be the hero or the villain. The answer back then seemed quite simple. Everyone wanted to be a hero or a good person. If you would ask me that question now, I wouldn't have an answer. Everyone has different answers to different questions. Different solutions to problems So, I ask myself every time the same question: "Was that the right thing to do?"

When we grow up, we learn that our decisions have consequences. Some are good, some are bad. What may be right for me may be wrong for another person. For example, while playing a chess game, you realize that you have to sacrifice a certain piece to win the game. The simple thing would be to sacrifice the piece to win the game, but now imagine that every piece on the chess board had feelings and emotions. Would you then sacrifice that piece to win? Even if you chose to sacrifice the piece to win, you would always have the guilt of sacrificing that piece. I apologize for being so philosophical. The point is that in real life, sometimes you have to choose between sacrificing someone else's happiness for your own happiness or sacrificing your own happiness for someone else's happiness. Knowing that I could have done something to help someone else but didn't because that would sacrifice my happiness is the worst feeling ever. In conclusion, I would like you to ask yourself whether you would prefer getting hurt by others or hurting others.



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ARTICLE ON INDIAN DEFENCE IN THE PAST 10 YEARS

Arvind Lamani
XI C

In the past decade, India's defence capabilities have undergone significant changes, with the government taking several measures to modernize its defence systems and enhance its operational readiness. The country has invested heavily in defence infrastructure and launched several initiatives to boost its indigenous defence production capabilities.

One of the most significant developments in India's defence sector in the past decade has been the successful test-firing of the Agni V missile, which has a range of over 5000 km, making it one of the most potent intercontinental ballistic missiles in the world. India has also successfully tested a range of other missiles, including the BrahMos cruise missile, which was jointly developed with Russia.

In addition, the Indian government has been actively promoting defence manufacturing under the Make in India initiative. The government has launched several policies and schemes to encourage domestic defence production and reduce dependence on imports. Several private companies have also entered the defence sector, and there has been a surge in the number of joint ventures between Indian and foreign defence companies.

India has also strengthened its defence ties with other countries in the past decade. The country has signed several defence agreements with countries like the United States, France, and Russia. India has also participated in several joint military exercises with other countries, including the Malabar Exercise with the United States and Japan. In recent years, India has faced several security challenges, particularly on its borders with China and Pakistan. The Indian Armed Forces have responded with valour and bravery in defending the country's borders. The government has also taken several steps to enhance the operational readiness of the defence forces and ensure their preparedness for any eventuality.

In conclusion, India's defence capabilities have undergone significant changes in the past decade, with the government focusing on modernizing its defence systems, boosting indigenous defence production, and strengthening defence ties with other countries. With a strong defence capability, India can ensure its security and well-being and protect its sovereignty.

IS PURSUING TO BECOME RICH ACTUALLY WORTH IT?

Abbas Aashiq
XI C

From a young age, we're taught that success means becoming rich. We're told that if we work hard enough and make smart choices, we can achieve financial security and live a comfortable life. But is pursuing wealth really worth it?

On one hand, the pursuit of wealth can provide a sense of accomplishment and personal growth. By striving for financial success, we learn new skills, learn how to work hard, provide for ourselves and our loved ones, and have the opportunity to live a comfortable lifestyle.

However, there's a darker side to the pursuit of wealth. Many people become obsessed with money, always seeking more and more without ever feeling satisfied. This can lead to unethical behaviour, including shady business practices and a willingness to exploit others in order to achieve financial gain.

Moreover, the pursuit of wealth can come at the cost of neglecting other important aspects of life. We may focus so much on our careers and financial success that we neglect our health and relationships. While financial security can provide a sense of satisfaction, true happiness and fulfilment come from a sense of purpose, meaning, and contribution to the world.

In the end, the decision to pursue wealth is a personal one that should be made with careful consideration of our values and priorities. If we're able to maintain self-control and set boundaries in our pursuit of money, we can enjoy the benefits of financial success without becoming consumed by greed. Ultimately, true happiness comes not from the accumulation of wealth but from a sense of purpose and contribution to the world around us.



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Shivendra Singh Chaudhary
IIC



Shiksha harijan
III B



Sera
III B

THE FUTURE HOLDS

Marika Ann Tabitha Leitao
XI B

The future holds
I wonder
if it would've been better,
to choose the wrong
than to have to battle between
the two right paths before me
to bring myself lower
than to be on a pedestal
if I only knew how to choose the right
for now I find myself
stuck, afraid, helpless
trying my best to survive
but moments come and go
this is one down in a lifetime of ups
so look to the sky
for the future holds
some that I wish to have
and some that I won't.

PERFECT IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD

Eshaan Choudhary
XI C

"Perfect is the Enemy of Good" - Voltaire

Perfectionism is that feeling when you think you have to do everything flawlessly the first time. When we take perfectionism too seriously, we can derail our efforts and motivation. Progress can't be made if we're too focused on creating the perfect work. We will just keep on procrastinating, waiting for the perfect time, or worse keep ameliorating our work. You are never done because nothing is ever complete.

Instead of waiting for the perfect time and the perfect conditions, if you just give yourself permission to start working right away without the pressure of making your perfect work, you will make progress. Let your work be just good enough. Pressure from society makes us feel like we have to work in certain ways. The perfectionist mindset says that I can learn everything and put out something amazing and perfect the first time. In reality, even after a thousand attempts, nothing is perfect. Trying to achieve perfectionism is the same as missing the forest for the trees. We waste a lot of energy and time thinking about inconsequential things. Each time we mess up, we learn something useful. As Thomas Edison used to say, **"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."**

Perfection as a concept may exist on paper, but that is not the case in reality. Any work may be perfect for one and completely flawed for another. Any conclusion we reach is then by definition imperfect as the judgement is completely subjective.

If we really think about it, perfectionism is not about wanting things to be perfect; it's about the fear of failure. You adopt a mindset that it is futile to even try to achieve something unless it's absolutely flawless.

So now we know that perfectionism is bad but what can we do about it? The most common method to deal with perfectionism is to follow something known as the Pareto's Principle or the 80/20 rule. It means that in most cases, 80% of the effect is derived from just 20% of the cause. Direct your focus towards the 20% of work that will help you achieve 80% of results. Here's an example of the Pareto Principle in daily life: we wear 20% of the clothes 80% of the time. Just open your closet and see. There are some clothes that you wear more than once a week, while there are some others that you haven't worn in over a year.

Making it perfect doesn't matter, what matters is finishing it. Striving for perfectionism helps you achieve excellence. But you will be waiting for eternity if you wait till you reach perfection. Faulty or imperfect things are sometimes the ideal. **"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection" —Mark Twain**



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MAGIC IS IN THE AIR

Krish Morisson Prasad
XI A

In the small town of Euphoria, it was the fifth unsolved case of the so-called "Green Light Murderer". Detective Picard was leading the investigation and had no leads apart from knowing that when someone was killed, there would be a flash of dark green light observed by witnesses. But there were no traces of the murderer at all at the murder scene. The most gruesome fact was that the victim's eyes would be missing. Picard wanted to solve this case as soon as possible because he was retiring in a week. The case would then be handed over to the Feds who certainly wouldn't be keen on letting a retired town sheriff interfere in on the investigation. The whole station was giving it their all to look for clues or even a tiny bit of evidence which would help but it was of no avail. The murderer was like a magician- one moment he was there and in the next, gone.

Richard Starbright, Picard's partner on the case was someone he trusted with his life. He and Richard had grown up together in Euphoria and had always been the best of mates. Richard stood out compared to everyone else on the force because he excelled in every field. This was the first time a case baffled him. The first four victims of the case were all women in their mid-thirties, with no connections found between them. They all had normal jobs- a lawyer, a doctor and two real estate agents.

But the latest victim was different- and the worst. Damon, a high school kid about to join the national football league. They had found his body alone at his home, with his parents out of town on a business trip. The most peculiar thing about these five cases was that the medical examiner was not able to figure out what caused their deaths because there were no signs of harm on the body, not even so much as a scratch. The bodies would just lie unharmed with no signs of assault, with no toxins detected in the blood. With the first two cases it seemed like a coincidence. But it was impossible for five victims to die of a heart attack over a span of five days in the same town, especially when there was always a flash of green light observed by witnesses nearby. While inspecting the fifth victim, Picard thought it would be the same as the other cases, with no clues or hints - another unsolved murder on his watch.

But this time they found two sets of fingerprints of Damon's door knob. It could be anyone, but Picard was sure one of them was the killer's because he had to have become negligent as they weren't able to catch up to him yet. He sent the prints to the forensics lab and the whole station eagerly waited for the result. When the results came back, one of them was of Damon's and the other belonged to a 'Cedric Diggory'. Picard asked one of the officers to run his prints through the system but it didn't show any record of charges or arrests against him. All they knew was that he was in his forties and lived two miles away from the station.

Although it wasn't anything solid, it was the first hard lead they had and was worth checking out. So, Picard and Richard headed over to Diggory's house. They knocked twice but got no response. They broke down the door and entered armed with their guns. It was pitch dark, but luckily the switch board was at the entrance allowing Picard to turn the power on.

They took a round around the house and nobody seemed to be home. Both of them then saw stairs leading to the basement. When they entered, they found 10 transparent glass test tubes with eyes in them and Richard noticed one instantly, it was Damon's eyes. Dark blue in colour and they knew instantly that Cedric was the killer.

Just as Richard was going to call for backup, they saw Cedric standing on the stairs with a sinister look on his face. Richard was fast to act and aimed the gun at Cedric but at the exact same moment Cedric pointed something at Richard and yelled "Avada Kedavra". A shimmer of green light shot out towards Richard and the next second, he was on the floor motionless.

Picard jumped out of the way as another green flash flew his way. He felt his heart thudding from behind a column, as he heard Cedric slowly come down the stairs. Picard listened to identify Cedric's position, relying on his honed senses from years of experience. Steeling himself, he turned around and fired three shots into where Cedric would be.

But he hit nothing. Instead, Picard froze as he heard something shift close behind him. A cold, damp hand put an iron grip on his neck and Picard's felt himself involuntarily shiver at the touch. An inhuman rasp left what must be Diggory's mouth as Picard seemed to hear the unnatural voice in his head rather than in his ears. "Well, Detective", the voice said teasingly. "Shall we play?"

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THE TOOTH TALE

Dhruti Paruvella
VI D

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Anna. It was a winter night and a cold wind was blowing. Anna sat on the balcony chair when her mother, Maya, called her for dinner. After eating her dinner, she went to brush her teeth. When she started brushing, she screamed very loudly. Her tooth fell from her jaw for the first time. She was crying badly. She was going to throw away the tooth in the dustbin. Her mother said, "Hey, don't, it's very precious. Put it under your pillow and sleep. Goodnight." Anna was confused but she wanted to try. She did as her mother told her. Next day, when she woke up, she found a gold coin. Then, after that day, Anna wanted to find out where this gold coin had come from. She asked her mother, but she did not tell Anna anything. She asked more questions and her mother said that the gold coin came from magic. Anna was not satisfied, and her father told her that her mother had put it there. When she asked her mother, she told the truth, apologized and they lived a happy life ever after.

Moral: We should never lie to our children.

SQUIRREL AND THE MONKEY

Sara Kossambe
VI B

Once upon a time there was a squirrel and a monkey. They both were good friends. They both lived on the same tree. They both used to play and enjoy eating fruits together. They wished to have one more friend. One day they saw a bird sitting lonely on the branch of a tree. The two friends thought of making this bird their friend. The monkey and the squirrel invited the bird for lunch and they became friends. The bird had a habit of gossiping. The bird started gossiping about the squirrel with the monkey and it would also gossip about the monkey with the squirrel. This created misunderstanding between the squirrel and the monkey. Now the monkey and the squirrel were seldom seen together.

Therefore, two is company and three is a crowd.