



Principal's Message

When we watch news on television or read newspaper the number of bad news sometimes overwhelms us. There are countries torn apart by civil wars, many suffering due to famine, many dying due to terrorism, some due to natural calamities and for months together all of us have been traumatized due to Covid-19. Given the current reality of our world we have every reason to be anxious, worried and even more than a little afraid.

“It is not the strongest of the species that survive nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change” – Charles Darwin.



With the lockdown lasting more than four months, there is a possibility of school closure for an undefined time all could hear ‘learning – crisis’ bell ringing loud and clear. At this juncture as a part of new normal, the management and staff of St Agnes PU College adapted virtual class platform to ensure learning and engage students at their homes. Appreciation flogged in from every side for the quick move taken gradually we felt the need to have extracurricular activities to boost the talents of students, towards this innovative competitions were organized in which most of the students participated whole heartedly. Truly staff and students’ creativity is praiseworthy.

Dear all you will find in this E-magazine the variety of activities and the unique experience penned by the students during lockdown period.

Let us believe that blessings poured on us from on high will surely enable our growth for a fresh beginning.

LOCKDOWN FOR ME



On 24th March 2020, the Union Government ordered a nationwide lockdown for 21 days, limiting the movement of people in India as a preventive measure against the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then the lockdown has been extended many times with gradual lifting of restrictions.

When I first heard the news about lockdown, I was not happy as my vacations were going on. I had few plans in mind and I had to cancel them. But being a homebody, I didn't mind being locked up inside the four walls of my house. I now had ample time to do things I loved and had been previously overlooked because of college work. I spent my time watching all those movies and dramas which I had on my list for a long time. I read quite a few novels which gave me large doses of entertainment. But I mostly spent time consuming media and not doing anything productive. This was the first month of the lockdown.

In the second month, reality started to sink in. The number of confirmed corona virus cases and deaths due to it kept increasing simultaneously. I realized staying-in was going to be our new normal. So I decided to adapt to the new status quo more suitably. First, I created a daily routine. During the lockdown, my screen time had shot up. I had also neglected my fitness and diet and its result was obvious on the scale. I restructured my workout routine and added some elements of yoga and calisthenics. I decided to use the electronic gadgets only during certain times of the day and give my eyes the rest which they deserve. I always wanted to learn Spanish. And this period was perfect to begin it. I sought out various sources to learn the language - culture alley and duo lingo proved to be the most helpful ones. I dedicated one hour a day for learning and repetition of the words. By the end of the month, I could understand quite a few sentences! Lastly, I spent my time bonding with my family. For the first time in a long time, my parents and I were together round-the-clock. We played games and did the chores together. All this free time gave us a much needed break to just relax and to get to know each other better. We also spent time praying together for all the various issues that were affecting the world.

The lockdown has been an eye opener for me. I realized how naive I had been in taking social interactions in person for granted. Even for someone like me, who doesn't like going out often, there is - I have come to learn - no substitute for physical human presence. I really missed the simple, mundane realities of pre-COVID-19 world.

My online classes started in June and it could not have come at a better time! I was beginning to forget the basics but the mere announcement of online classes was sufficient for me to get back to studying. It was during this time that my contact (online) with teachers and classmates had re-ignited. I felt more and more productive and happier as the days went by.

All in all, I feel that my time in the lockdown has been productive (except the first month), and I have a new outlook on the value of life, of time and being productive



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This lockdown is the first such experience to most of us. The moment I heard about lockdown, I felt happy because I wouldn't have to go to college.

On the first day I played some outdoor games like Ludo and badminton with my cousins and few of my neighbourhood friends. When I realised the number of corona patients is increasing day by day I stopped playing outdoors. As days passed everyone including me started taking more precautions to remain safe from the disease then I started watching TV and playing some interesting Indoor games like Ludo and word games with my siblings I had so much fun playing and interacting with them. I also spent an amazing time with my family. I have created so much beautiful memories with them in the lockdown. I enjoyed the delicious food which my mother cooked and I also motivated her to try out new recipes while I helped her in cooking and cleaning the house. Spending amazing time with them I realised their role and importance in my life.

As days passed I noticed that the lockdown was a good opportunity to try new things. So I have tried some interesting recipes with the help of my mother and I enjoyed trying it. I also spent my time painting, gardening and watching some fascinating videos on YouTube and I have also worked on my hobbies. I tried my level best to keep myself active and motivated during these lockdown days.

Due to this corona pandemic we are unable to attend our classes at the college. So my college has taken initiative to conduct online classes by the teachers who teach efficiently and clear doubts whenever required. These online classes are very much beneficial for me as my teacher shows videos and presentation which are very interesting and also makes the concept more clear. As the classes continued I was able to have the same experiences and same live discussions online which we had in the real classroom. I am enjoying the whole new virtual class experience. I also appreciate my teachers' efforts in making this online session amazing. I am waiting for the lockdown to be lifted so that I can go back to my regular classes meet my teachers and my friends.

Although this lockdown forced me to stay at home I felt happy to be with my family for such a long period and continue my studies online.



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INDIA WITH TECHNOLOGY IN 2020

India ranks third among the most attractive investment destination for technological transactions in the world. In 2020, the pandemic has made all over India to be more involved in the latest technology. Because of the pandemic, people were asked not to go out but stay at home. From children to the old ones, each of us spent most of the time on Technology. India may not be the early adopters of Technology in education sector, with access to high speed broadband Internet yet, there has been a growth in the use of technology in India these days. The Union Cabinet approved the New Education Policy with an aim to introduce several changes in the Indian Education system from the school to college level.

Indian states used the covid-19 opportunity to further spread the use of Technology, whether it may be the use of collaborative robots by the government in the Eastern states of Jharkhand or Municipal Corporation of Bengaluru, using drones to spray disinfectants, survey areas, monitor containment zones and make public announcements.



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"It has become appallingly obvious that our Technology has exceeded our humanity."

Albert Einstein



SUNDAYS WITH MY FAMILY



One cannot emphasize enough on the importance of family. It is rightly said that “families are the compasses that guide us”. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we falter.” They play a great role in our lives especially in challenging times like these where our lives are wired to devices and almost all kinds of activity has been paused. We are left with enough time with our family, but many of us don’t make the most of it and prefer to spend time on social media confined within the walls of our rooms rather than spending time with our family. During these pressing times of need, the initiative of St. Agnes PU College provides its students a platform for not only paving a path to enhance our knowledge about spiritual life but also for teaching us the importance and need of family values.

“Sundays with my family” has been a great learning ground available in Konkani and English to the students. These sessions are held via Google meet on Sundays where both students and parents can listen to the enlightening words by the resource persons. The first session was held on 26 July 2020 with Mrs. Blossom Rego as the resource person. She briefed us about the importance of family and threw light on how members of family should live and how important a family is to nurture the character of a person. We also learned a lot about how a strong family bond can help us lead a happy and successful life. On 2 August 2020 we had our second session with Dr Caroline. She spoke about the significance of mental health and how mental health, depression and anxiety play a major role in our lives, especially in difficult times like these where there is no or very little interaction with the world. Dr. Caroline also cited some health tips to help students cope with anxiety, stress and insomnia especially during the exam period.

As a student I found these sessions very useful and interesting. I feel that there is a pressing need to have more sessions like these as adolescents and young adults neglect their relation and attitude towards their family. I would say that the college has been successful in imparting knowledge not only regarding family bonds but also mental health as teenagers are more inclined to have problems regarding stress and also have to carry the burden of deciding about their future. I loved the sessions and I am looking forward for many more sessions.



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Everything happens for a reason. That reason causes change. Sometimes it hurts. Sometimes it's hard but in the end it's all for the best. Never stop trusting God and believing in his plans. At this time of pandemic our college St. Agnes PU college has organized a session to all the Catholic students and their families to get together and attend on Sundays. It is called 'Time with my family' which emphasizes on alternative ways to help the students and their families to continue to grow in faith. The lockdown for the COVID-19 pandemic has closed schools, colleges and other educational institutions. Teachers and students have entered a new world of virtual lectures. With the growing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 and the changes necessary to involve families in the faith formation, this time away from classes we got is a rich opportunity to develop spiritual aspect at home. The initiative taken by my college helped me to understand the importance of God in my life.

During these sessions I and my family got an opportunity to interact with famous personalities and gain necessary guidance to lead our life at this time of pandemic. The speakers shared their theological as well as personal life experiences. The hardships they came across was unbearable but rather than losing hope and giving up, they chose to pick themselves up and continue moving with the hope towards achieving their dreams. If we want to achieve something in life we need to work hard. These sessions really helped me to understand that during this difficult time we have an opportunity to fulfill the second of the greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Many of us have suffered the loss of family members and friends. This is a time for healing and our Lord is here to help us through it. Let us not forget, we can find Him in prayer. Prayer is a meeting with God through a conversation. COVID-19 has made me realize that we are all God's children in this world. This virus does not know border, race, sex or any other name which we use to divide ourselves into categories. I Riya D'souza from PCBH batch give thanks to the institution for arranging such inspirational sessions. May this challenging time we are facing be a moment of grace for everyone of us to grow closer to one another and our God!



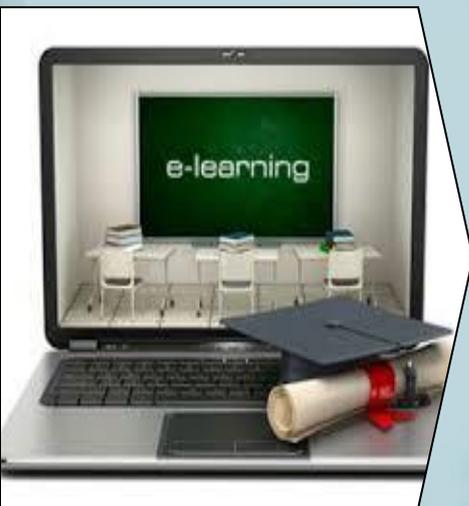
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ONLINE CLASSES



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Online classes have commenced a little over two months and they have already become an important part of our lives. The fact that online classes provide education right at home, is a precautionary measure of teaching and learning wherein everybody (both teachers and students) can make and get productive use of education. In the present pandemic situation, online class is a blessing in disguise wherein education can be attained safely from the comfort of our homes. Online class offers the comfort of home to every student which is not there in a traditional style of learning. Online class has its own disadvantages as well. It is not as effective as offline classes. As online classes try to provide interactive classes, the proximity with students is missed. Online learning poses a challenge to students over technology and access. It keeps us busy with assignments. Online classes don't have an instructor hounding students to stay on track. It gives us more freedom to relax. Students would focus less on the topic. The electronic device we are using can be very distracting and makes us less concentrated. Online courses require students to be responsible for their own learning and makes it easier to procrastinate, it can delay the process.



At this particular situation that we are going through that is COVID-19, online education offers a help as students can continue their education at their own places. Online education offers many positive benefits and negative effects of learning. The positive benefits of online classes are: online classes are convenient. That is the instructors are available for twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Online courses bring education right to our home. Many students are not comfortable to ask questions to their instructors as they are afraid in front of other students in a traditional classroom. The online education eliminates this fear. Before one lockdown all of us were used to learn in a traditional way. But at the present situation, there is a change in our learning environment.

As some parents are very poor, unable to fulfill the basic needs of their children, during this lockdown crisis, they cannot afford a smart phone to their children. Sometimes students tend to misuse their smart phones for other reasons like playing of video games, chatting with their friends etc. Students who live in rural places are not able to attend online classes due to network problems.

Through online education we students learn to become responsible for our own education with information available at our fingertips. It's a new experience for all students. It's a time when we interact with our teachers just by audio and chats. It's a weird experience for us all as we, as a student never expected about such a pandemic.



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ONLINE COMPETITIONS

I was the one who was hesitant to participate in any co-curricular events as it was the first year in the college and not being so known in the college was another problem of course !! But due to this pandemic , online competitions began and just giving a try was all a thought, what I had in my mind. As most of us are jobless sitting at home except online classes,"yeah just give it a try" that's what I can say to you during this huge unexpected vacation. Talking about online competitions , there were variety of them in which I could participate but being confident is the most important thing and I think as a good speaker I was confident about elocution competition and I did participate. Confidence is the way which leads you to the winning point . I always expect the best and trust me if u win, have faith that u were good among others but never be overconfident as well !!



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Love your passion and let your heart decide whether you want to do this or not and trust me you gonna rock the stage just by your performance no matter online or offline.



The era of technology it is the 21 century ,where technology takes over man, where shopping cars to poultry and fish and even studying has become online. Online is the new way of living. People live their life online posting day to day updates, sending snaps of food prepared even before they are eaten. Students study online , do their homework, even answer tests and examination. It has been much easier and helpful in many ways such as saving alot of money from transportation and being safe staying in our homes. But, online activities have very less face to face interaction. Will this hamper the skills of the future generation? How can co curricular activities and competitions be conducted online? Will this be possible? Yes, just as classes are taken up online competitions and co curricular activities can also be conducted online. Organising and taking part in competitions online are much easier as it can be much faster with network online. It also reduces stage fear of many and helps them express their talents. Online competition enhances the interest and credibility of each individual taking part in it. It can also bring out active participation of many students than regular competitions would. Online competitions have demerits too.! People who have no proper access to stable network are exempted to take part in these competitions. As time moves, things change, online competitions are the new way of opportunities.



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SECOND PUC SCIENCE TOPPER

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SALUTE YOU - MY ALMA MATER



“The only thing that should make leaving college bearable is the hope against hope that you are taking the best part of it with you” -Elizabeth Coleman

Indeed, this quote became true in my life as I stepped out of my college after completing my 2ndPUC. My memory goes back to the day of my admission to this well-known institution. I strongly feel that it was obviously not possible all by myself. Along with my sincerity and hard work, my college, management and all the lectures have played a very important role in my success. I can say that St. Agnes PU College is one of the best things that happened in my life. I feel blessed and proud to be a part of the Agnesian family. When I joined this college I was filled with fear, anxiety and doubts about what would be doing during these two years, how will I be going to build myself and so on. Still deep down within me there was a hope that this college would do something great for me. With positive outlook I began my journey of learning at the end of it honestly, I say “St. Agnes PU College, my alma mater is far beyond my expectations”.

The Principal, Vice Principal with their smiling countenance and motivating words have inspired me to work with yet more zeal and dedication. The experienced faculty is very friendly, helpful, co-operative and well trained. Their tips and guidance have made my studies easier and enjoyable. ‘They are the roots of my knowledge and their support has led me to enjoy the fruit of success’. According to the motto of the college- “God is my strength”, the college stands for its spirituality. It focuses on spiritual growth of every student which infact becomes a power source for everyone to embark into the path of challenges. Along with the studies the college provides an atmosphere for all – round development of a student. A number of competitions and events are conducted throughout the years makes the students feel relaxed and creative. This made my study lighter even though there was a lot to study. The college is also disciplined with rules and regulations it has for the welfare of the students which indeed serves as a means to each one of us to fulfil our dreams which we have dreamt. It not only provides quality education but also provides ample space for learning, to bring out one creativity, freedom of expression and self - discipline. These two years that I spent in this college has added colour to the book of my life. I feel so grateful and happy for what I have received here. I am confident about myself and the goal of my life. And I am sure that every student who enters this college will feel the same with me. My words are insufficient to admire this great and renowned institution and therefore I humbly owe my gratitude and say..... “SALUTE YOU - MY ALMA MATER”.

SECOND PUC COMMERCE TOPPER



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It is a matter of pride to be an Agnesian. To study in one of the top PU colleges in Mangalore is a matter of delight to me. I joined St. Agnes PU college for my pre-university course and my initial days were full of surprises as all students engaged themselves in various activities while they managed their class-time equally well. I was blank being intimidated by the multi-talents possessed by the students here. But as days passed, I couldn't resist myself from being a part of all the things that took place in the college campus. I took an active part in almost all competitions that were conducted by management, staff and students(cabinet). My days here were magical as I unwrapped myself. I discovered several talents of mine in these 2 years. I was given unending opportunities, through which I realized I can do many more things than I had thought and had restricted myself. I sang, I anchored, I wrote, I was a part of the editorial board and many more such things. But my success in academics which went on well along my interests is because I was given time and support from the lecturers to develop, understand and build myself. They supported me throughout even though I missed classes. They believed in me, that I could do things that they expected out of me. And I am sure that it is one of the fundamental reasons that I emerged successful in my academics by topping the college and I also became a better person.

I am extremely grateful to all lectures who taught me and all other lecturers of the college who gave me enough and more opportunities to shine and all others who supported me throughout. We as Agnesians are taught “DEUS FORTITUDO MEA” which means “God is our strength”. I will take this lesson for the rest of my life because it's true that with god we can achieve everything. I hope to do many more things in life to make St. Agnes PU college proud as an alumna of the college. Good luck to all students of the college.



Two Indelible Years of My Life

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end”, said Semisonic, an American rock band.

I can't believe that my life at St. Agnes PU College has come to an end. These two years have passed in a blink of an eye but have taught me things for a lifetime. I chose St. Agnes to pursue my pre-university as I was interested in taking up Humanities and not many colleges offered that. Out of the very few that did, St Agnes, with its long and glorious history of achievements, good infrastructure, and scholarly teaching staff, was undoubtedly the best option. Pre-university is the first experience of college life and St. Agnes was an amazing journey filled the beautiful moments. The institution has evolved me not only as a better student but also as a better person. I have honed my skills and potential may it be in academics or extra-curricular activities, and have also discovered my real self and what I am truly capable of achieving. I have always got an opportunity to express myself and display my talents through intra and inter-college competitions. I have learnt to juggle the seemingly impossible task of excelling at studies while simultaneously taking part in cultural activities and other competitions. The college instilled in me a sense of responsibility and dedication to realise my goals and priorities in life as a student. It taught me the important and essential lesson of working as a team and respecting the diversity among us while also celebrating it, and practise in true form equality and 'unity in diversity'. Everyday posed a challenge to me to work better, study hard, and become a more efficient student who excelled in all spheres of college life. The college truly inspired me and motivated me to keep putting in my efforts and channelize my energy in the right direction to achieve my goal. Every achievement, however big or small, was recognised and appreciated which really boosted the competitive spirit among the students. Nothing would have been possible without the support and guidance of my wonderful lecturers. The entire teaching staff, including the teachers of other streams, have always been there at every step of my journey helping me to accomplish my dreams.

I have always dreamt of joining the Civil Services of India and for that I wished to pursue Humanities. There is a lot of stigma surrounding Humanities and negative perspective about choosing it as a potential career option. My wish to do something different and something that would inspire others to view Humanities in a better light was achieved at St. Agnes. I am happy to have studied here at this great institution as it has made me develop an analytical and critical thinking pattern and a creative mentality. As I reminisce my journey at St. Agnes, I feel a slight pang in my chest as I realise that I will no longer be a part of the institution. The college and my life associated with it for two years have so many unforgettable moments of achievements, fun, work, and participation may it be at college events or at inter-collegiate events. I am truly amazed as to how can such a short journey bring so many memories to be cherished forever and how can it hold such an important place in my heart. St Agnes PU College has stepped into its hundredth year towards excellence and I am sure this is just the beginning of an incredible and laudable journey towards educating girls and empowering them, and enabling them to prove their mettle to the world as responsible citizens, and strong and talented individuals. I deem it my true honour and privilege to be a part of the institution and contribute to its monumental journey in my own little ways. I will always carry St. Agnes PU College and my wonderful memories associated with it and my beloved teachers in my heart all through my life and I wish the institution all the best for the future.

FIRST PUC SCIENCE TOPPER



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First of all, I would like to thank God for always being there with me at every step of my life. My parents and my sister were of immense help. My lecturers were really the best who always clarified all our doubts. From the beginning of the academic year I had my target of getting good marks but I did not expect to top the final exams. A healthy environment both at home and school, time management and a positive mindset helped me to achieve this feat. A student should fix a goal and should work hard to achieve it, value time, make their studies a priority, work honestly and stay focused. The Principal, Vice Principal, lecturers and non - teaching staff are very helpful and friendly. Equal importance is given to studies and extra - curricular activities. The one thing that I like about St. Agnes PU college is the hard work, dedication and the effort of the Principal, Vice Principal and the lecturers to make their students successful. The healthy and free environment and the helpful lecturers in St. Agnes PU college have been instrumental in helping me to become a topper.

FIRST PUC COMMERCE TOPPER



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My aim was to be one among the toppers but I never expected that I'll top the college in commerce stream in I PUC. For this achievement I would like to give credit to my teachers and parents for supporting me and always being there for me. I was able to achieve this feat by working hard. I think it is very important to start studying from the very start to reduce the load towards the end of the year. According to me, hardwork and time management is very important in order to achieve success. St Agnes PU College has been instrumental in helping me become a topper as all my teachers have been very supportive and helped me to understand each and every concept thoroughly. St Agnes PU College is different from other PU colleges as the quality of education and teaching is very remarkable.



FIRST PUC ARTS TOPPER



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“Mindset is what separates the best from the rest.”

From the very beginning I've always focused on my methods of learning. No, I did not expect to top the exams but I've always been satisfied with my performance. The regular tests and revisions by the college instilled a sense of confidence in me and due to this I felt that the final exams were a lot easier than I expected them to be. Firstly, I would like to thank my family for providing a nurturing environment. Secondly, my lecturers have helped me in every possible way either by telling me where I have made mistakes or by telling me where I can further improve. The group studies with my classmates gave me the opportunity to learn from them and I'm thankful to them as well.

I personally feel setting many short-term goals rather than a single long-term goal is the key. My aim has always been to perform better than my previous tests. Concentrating in class, taking effective notes and clearing all the doubts by the end of the day really helps in the long run. For one to be successful, he or she should show immense interests towards their subjects. We will often face minute failures, but we should always remember that there is room for improvement. Helping others understand the concept will in turn help us understand and retain it even better. A healthy student-lecturer relationship is also necessary to boost our performance. St Agnes PU College has taught me that college isn't only about academics. They take up various initiatives and encourage us to take part in them as well. The lecturers make sure that each and every student understands the concepts clearly. The wide variety of books and updated study material in the college library lends a helping hand to every single student. A distinctive feature of St Agnes PU College is that they recognize and support real talent - be it academics, cultural or in the field of sports - they motivate us to give our best. The cultural programs give us an opportunity to bond with our seniors and lecturers. The interactions with the resource persons are a real eye opener. All in all, St Agnes PU College provides a constructive environment and helps us grow. “Motivation is what gets you started but commitment is what keeps you going”

ONLINE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn and you will.”

I do agree with the above quote since I have acquired victory by learning online techniques to reach my students. Learning techniques were indeed exciting and challenging for me. When I was guided to take general topics for first PUC I was very excited since this was my long dream of providing vast knowledge of current affairs to my students. During the course of the year even though I wanted to impart knowledge, syllabus completion was the top priority. Finally, the day dawned where I was eagerly waiting to see the new faces of first PUC students. I admitted each student with warmth of smile conveying to them that each one is precious to me.

With words of welcome and self introduction I started the first online class to students of first PUC. Without much wastage of time I led the students to the world of curiosity with the topic of, why RBI cannot print more currency notes. It was indeed a memorable class for me to remember in the future. Students were supportive, bubbling with enthusiasm to acquire and learn new knowledge. During the class I could see a few messages, “ma’am class is interesting,” “informative,” “gained superb knowledge,” “ma’am you are excellent.” These comments from the new batch of first PUC students took me to heights of glory and instilled in me sense of joy which no one could steal from me. I am proud to say that students were fortunate to learn about cashless economy, tips to face interview, why GDP of India is low, mergers of nationalised banks, relationship between prices of gold, oil and dollar, etc.

The discussion of multidimensional topics gave me a sense of fulfilment in my teaching career. Even though I was not able to meet the students face-to-face, through activities and slides I was able to conquer the hearts and minds of the present generation of students.

I would like to conclude with the following words:

Learning gives creativity
Creativity leads to thinking
Thinking provides knowledge
Knowledge makes you great

May the above words be true in the life of every first PUC student who seeks admission within the portals of this great institution. Long live St Agnes PU College.



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ONLINE TEACHING



Online teaching will be the new norm and will revolutionize the education sector. It has been the go-to medium for most national level coaching centres. Professional colleges also rely heavily on online teaching to assess the performance of students by way of assignments, quizzes and tests. Today the education industry all over the world is using this mode to keep up with the process of teaching and learning so that children do not lose out. Financial benefits arise for students from the lessened need for high fees, housing away from home and travel costs such as fuel and parking at campuses. Some of these benefits are however, offset by the increased need for a personal computer/mobile or other device to be purchased, internet access at home, paper and print cartridges. Despite these benefits, there are also some serious detriments to the use of online teaching. There is possible dehumanisation from continued use of online teaching as the repetitive nature of connecting to the Internet to do work can lead to people being seen more as automatons than human beings. The lack of face-to-face contact that occurs with the increase in users of online teaching can be seen as leading to a deficiency of in-group experiences. Other drawbacks of online teaching relate directly to the technological aspects, lack of contact, lack of interaction etc. Difficulty in teaching practical subjects, restrictions in evaluation of performance, lack of strong networks & sufficient data along with the impossibility of reliance on classroom theatrics to get ideas across are some of the issues teachers face in this medium. However, the biggest downside could be that online teaching is suited for only those who have a genuine interest in learning a topic. At lower levels, where teachers have to literally browbeat students to elicit some standard of performance from them, this medium will not sustain.

Despite the problems associated with online teaching, it is here to stay. The future of the education system will depend upon, to a large extent, on the adaption of remote learning at all levels. With the emergence of the blueprint for the New Education Policy 2020, it becomes clear that technology will take a decisive role in the way education is imparted in the future.



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LOCKDOWN IN PARENTS' VIEW

Recent times have been so hectic. A tiny virus has completely changed the way we live in just a small span of time. As hard it is for the younger generation, it has been humongously cumbersome journey for the elders. Everyday there is a new obstacle to overcome. Anxiety and stress has filled our lives. And parents....they have their children to COMPLIMENT it. As much lively and fun-filled they are, equally are they troublesome. Keeping them in a confined space is such a tough job. The feeling of getting more and more isolated, we realize more than ever how meaningful our every life was. With the jobs in danger and adopting to newer technologies and ways of living it has been a rollercoaster. Keeping yourself positive (not with the disease) is so important to keep your kids uplifted. And the news has just become nerve-wracking as ever.

Physical hygiene is something that is exaggerated the most. From adopting to a new way of keeping yourself healthy to boosting the immunity of the whole family was something of value. Any health issues and the heart would skip a beat. People rather than being "health-conscious" have become more "Covid—conscious" which is kind of bitter-sweet. Concerns about the health of the elderly in the family is something noticeable.

With the economy declining and jobs vanishing, a financial distress has come into being. Every penny has become time (precious). Building on, came online classes, which again screamed financial support. It ordered for gadgets like mobiles, laptops and tabs as necessities for kids to get education. Also, internet connectivity just became an important aspect in life. Even after that, getting the children to concentrate was another wall in the way. With minds free as birds, it's pretty hard to concentrate on a screen with so many other cool things to watch around them and making them feel like in classroom. DISCIPLINE has just gotten over the hill.

But with all bad things come good things as well. The lockdown did bring the marching families to sit together. With more time to spare, prayer got stronger. It provided vast opportunities to learn something new and amazing, may it be an instrument, an art, cooking etc. Family time just made a comeback. Lockdown also introduced us to aspects of life we weren't even aware about like technology, social distancing etc. And it would be fair to say we actually learned some new words. It taught us that hope, courage and a little hygiene can actually make our living more meaningful and fruitful. "These are the times we need to trust more than doubt, care more than anger" Fighting!!!



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The world is witnessing something that we did not prefer and prepare for. Corona virus pandemic has brought the entire world to a stand still including our country India. To avoid the rapid spreading of this virus and protect the people of our nation, our Prime Minister announced the lockdown system. This lock down is a first experience to most of us and has brought many lessons - both positive and negative.

If we see the negative side of the lockdown first, the sudden announcement of lockdown resulted in panic exodus of many people, right from those working in MNCs to migrant laborers back to their hometowns, facing multiple problems at their workplaces with partial or no income and unavailability of basic needs. Many suffered without food and shelter and had sleepless nights. The pandemic also had a dire impact on domestic workers around the world. Many people lost their jobs having serious implications on their savings. The other major consequence of the pandemic is on the education as most of the educational institutions shut down without any preparation which affected the academic activities at various levels, including the postponement of board exams, college exams and even entrance exams. This uncertain shutdown has lead to change of classroom teaching mode to online mode where the children are required to be provided with the electronic gadgets at the young age. Also there is a biggest fear in the parents as to how to monitor the young minds from inappropriate usage and getting addicted to these gadgets.

On the other hand if we see the positive side, the pandemic brought a paradigm shift in the personal lives of people in every part of the world. One of the best observations is that the lockdown brought the family together as work from home system gave the opportunity for the members to be with their family. Parents have more time to enjoy with their children, teach them their experiences, playing board games, experiences in cooking etc. Both parents and children learnt the importance of cleanliness in their daily life and also the importance of social distancing.

The sudden lockdown also has prompted many people to show their generosity towards less fortunate. Educational institutions have found online teaching as a mode that helps to overcome the immensely challenging series of academic events. The drastic reduction of pollution helped us to breathe fresh air. The reduction of noise and pollution caused due to vehicles and factories has helped many species of animals, marine life and birds to return to their natural habitats. People realized the importance of medicinal plants for boosting their immunity. Hence Covid 19 not only brought fear in the people but also brought lessons to live in a sarcastic situation.



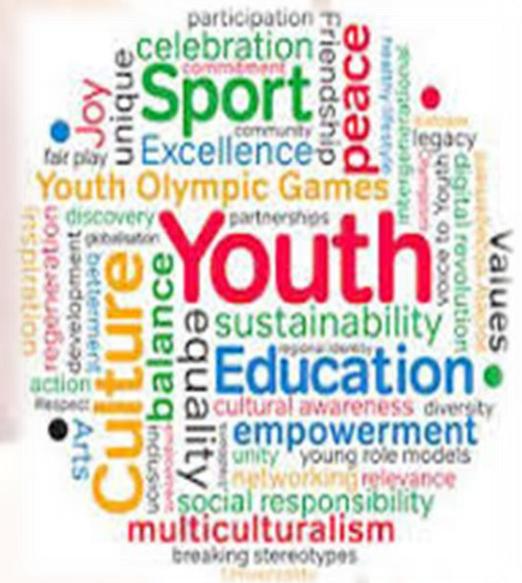
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TEA TIME WITH TEACHERS

The corona virus pandemic isn't just a public health story. It's also an education story; with most of the nation's public and private schools now closed, education reporters are on the front lines of crisis coverage. News outlets around the country are a crucial source of information for communities. Because of this pandemic students were not allowed to go to schools and colleges. So, Schools and Colleges took the initiative of starting online classes for students. When students heard about this, they had their own opinion. When my college announced about online classes many of us were scared and nervous but a few were excited. But after attending online classes many students came to a conclusion that its hectic. We get distracted fast and can't focus on the topics as we could do in regular classes. Students face technical issues and difficulty in adapting to unfamiliar technology. Lack of in-person interaction.



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After knowing all our opinion about online classes my college and faculty decided to start a 'Tea-Time' session for students to enrich our lives. When they announced about this, we had no idea what this "tea time" was. We were very excited. After attending this session, we, students who were always busy with our online classes got a chance to be free. We had a nice chit chat time with our classmates and teachers during the Tea time. It was totally different from our regular online classes. We had nothing to read or write during this time. It was fun and we enjoyed a lot. We really felt the atmosphere of a regular classroom when we all interacted with each other. Apart from all these things, in this difficult time we students need to stay motivated. During this session we not only enjoyed but our teachers motivated us and gave some suggestions regarding life values. I thank my college and faculty for starting this 'Tea -Time' sessions understanding our problems makes us happy. We really enjoy Tea time with our Teachers.