

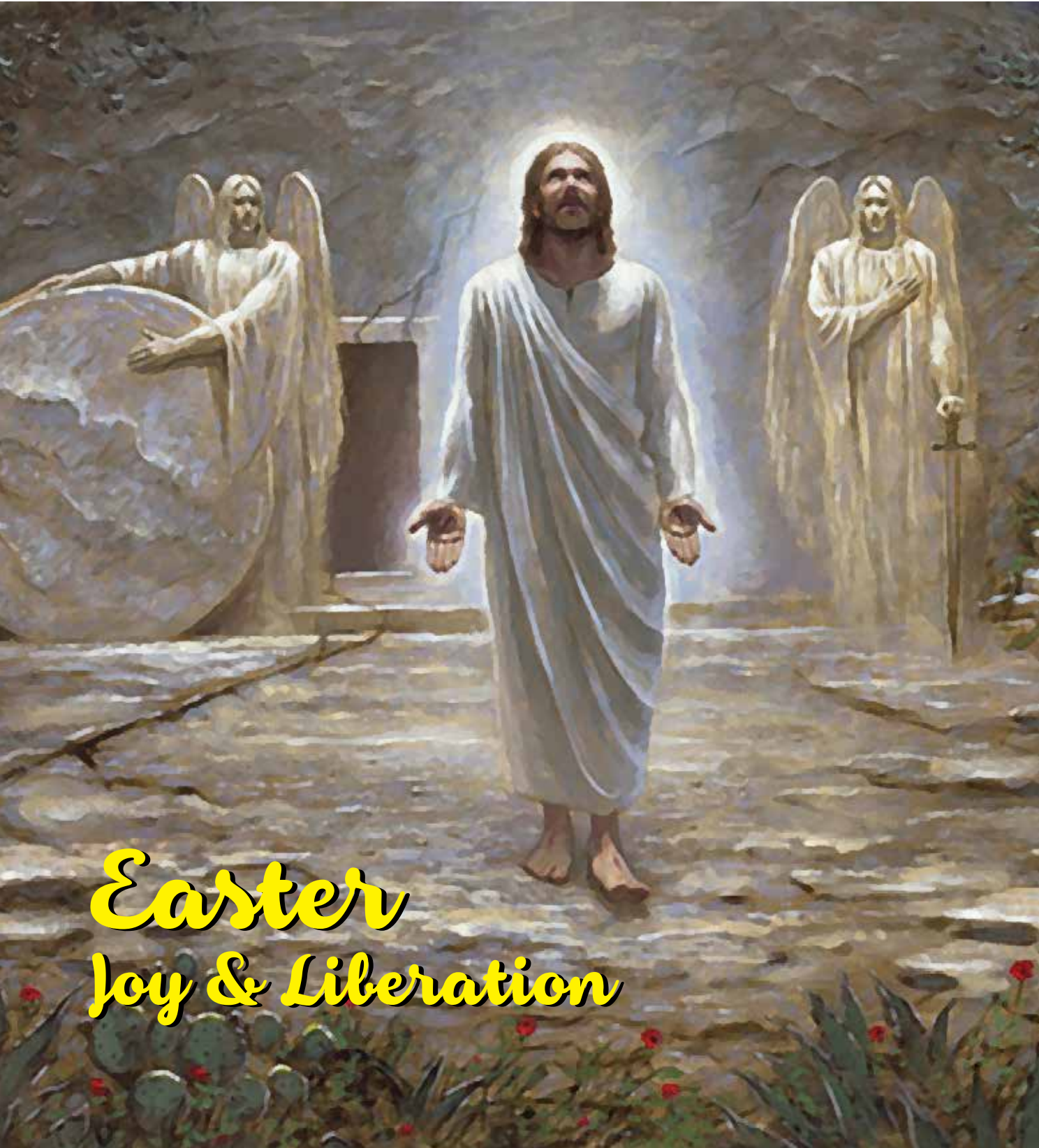


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A SLAVE BY CHOICE ?!?

but who? not I?

Human civilization is considered to have developed in the measure that human beings, men and women have attained freedom. Therefore as much as the industrial revolution, the steam engine and the motor car, have changed the world as we see it today, the end of slavery was the most potent change in the history of human development.

Human societies that in some form or the other, continue practices that allow slavery or similar treatment to fellow men and women, are considered as underdeveloped or primitive. The core indication of a developed society is that its members are free, free to think, free to talk and free to do what they want, provided of course that what they do does not adversely affect others.

Some of the world's greatest heroes are acclaimed for their relentless fight for freedom against domination, from Nelson Mandela to Martin Luther King, from Che Guevara to Fidel Castro, from Mahatma Gandhi to Bhagat Singh.

Control over people's lives always begins with silencing their thoughts. You can do it, by silencing a different view point or by presenting another view point apparently attractive that somehow distracts you, from seeking your own view point. In the colonial times, most people in the upper social ranks were comfortable with the dominators because they were living in relative comfort. Such tactics have been used in recent times for manipulating democratic elections and drawing peoples attention to fulfillment of their aspirations, that had little chance of being realized.

The other means of controlling people's minds is the fear factor where people who exercise their freedom are punished and silenced, thus sending a clear message to others and dissuade them from doing the same. In both the above cases of curtailing and manipulating people's freedom, the control of the mind is necessary.

In the pre-Gorbachov Russia and in the Mao Tse Tung 's China one of the most powerful weapons to control dissent was the whispering campaign that spread false news of people having been killed, people having disappeared. Although this would happen, the whispering campaign was far louder than the reality.

The modern form of slavery is however self imposed. Any factor real or imaginary that inhibits men and women from thinking properly, is primarily a curtailment of human freedom. Young people get very close and dependent on each other and do things that defy understanding, which is called infatuation or when stronger, obsession. Wilder forms lead to stalking, suicides, etc.

Any amount of mental dependency leads to loss of freedom. One loses freedom because the reality that you are entangled with, becomes so huge, that that it appears as a chimera, in your mind, and, forces you to factor it as all important element for any decision making. This happens in small or big forms, but clearly inhibits the freedom of thought.

One of the modern technology's most powerful inventions, that threw up limitless opportunities for communication and business is also an equally powerful mind inhibitor. Social media by any means, if one of mankind's finest innovations, that thrives on the core factor, that man and woman are primarily social beings in need of communication, acceptance and relationships. It has created through e-mails, skype, facebook, instagram and twitter unimaginable opportunities for communication, by facilitating exchange between distant individuals, cultures and events. There is no frontier one cannot cross to communicate with another.

Together with this is has also opened the floodgates of human aspirations for interpersonal communication and as a result, created a sure tool for seeking to chase one's

aspirations for fulfillment, self-esteem and acceptability. In the real world where people with flesh and bones see, feel and talk to each other, individuals and groups come with their own limitations, that cause likes and dislikes, hate and love, and the relationship is subject to criticality and as a result wane or break. Technology has removed the limitations of a real being, and intelligently given you a free ride to go to another world, virtual, which either does not exist, or exists in a manner that you can completely fabricate it, according to your choice, so that you are able to manipulate it or in turn, it ends up manipulating you. Social media restricts your freedom in two ways: it bombards you with the same idea, image, content that you like to see, hear or speak to, to such an extent that it becomes the deciding factor in your life. It does so in such a manner, that takes away your privacy, disables you.

How can you in your wildest dream want to decimate the joy of a nice meal or an evening spent somewhere with someone you love, to millions of others and suffer the shame of not having a like. Or why would you want to share your best intimate moments with the rest of the world?

Real men and women of flesh and bones in the cyber space are different from those of the real world. In a way, you possess them, and in your

mind you manipulate them to suit your fancies. On the other hand they too, manipulate you, and that is reason that social media were invented – to create manipulative images and situations where you remain hooked on your fantasy.

Why would you want to expose what you say and do in private, in your limited group, to the rest of the world and be subject to their scorn and ugly comments? Why would anyone do it? Why would anyone deprive himself or herself of company of men and women of flesh and bones and cherish the company of fleshless and boneless men and women who have been created to feed your fantasy and have no life to share or friendship to give you? All those social media controlled men and women who like to run to the net for uploading your photos or events – are you there by choice or are you a slave by choice?!?

Life is far more precious than virtuality, joy and friendship are far more real than likes and dislikes that you get, because they are playing the game of mutual gratification, and freedom is far more precious than what you think, when you pretend that you are free, by being able to say what you want in the social media. Do not be a slave by choice?!?

-Jose Alarico Carvalho

He! The Carpenter's Son

-Arthur D'Mello

Heavenly choirs chant musical overtures,
Angels beckon shepherds to scale pastures,
To pay respects to a babe so small,
Whom prophets foretold, would tower overall,
He! The carpenter's son

A bright star in the east lights the way,
For three kings of the orient to come and say,
We bow before you, O King of Kings,
Gold, frankincense, myrrh are just nothings,
He! The carpenter's son

The doctors of the law are taken aback,
To hear Him talk, despite maturity lack,
His parents chide Him for straying wide,
I'm doing what My Father did Me bide,
He! The carpenter's son

He's thirty strong, the time is ripe,
To bring home to all the truth, not hype,
Break the shackles that bind poor man,
Help him again to become God's fan,
He! The carpenter's son

He worked wonders & miracles galore,
Traversed the vale, the hill and the shore,
Not mincing words, God's work to spread,
Dumbfounded critics by raising the dead,
He! The carpenter's son

Pilate Him condemned to suffer a lot,
Carrying a cross, branded criminal & what not,
On Calvary, He asks His Father for clemency,
For acts transcending bounds of decency,
He! The carpenter's son

The Significance of Christ's Resurrection

- L.B.

Each spring, millions of people around the world acknowledge, in some fashion or another, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead some twenty centuries ago. Modern society calls it “Easter.”

The origin of this term is uncertain, though it is commonly thought to derive from Eastre, the name of a Teutonic spring goddess. The term “Easter,” in the King James Version of the Bible (Acts 12:4), is a mistranslation. The Greek word is pascha, correctly rendered “Passover” in later translations. In fact, though pascha is found twenty-nine times in the Greek New Testament, it is only rendered “Easter” once, even in the KJV.

Christians are not authorized to celebrate Easter as a special annual event acknowledging the resurrection of Christ. Faithful children of God reflect upon the Savior’s resurrection every Sunday (the resurrection day – cf. John 20:1ff) as they gather to worship God in the regular assembly of the Church (cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).

We ought to be glad, however, that multitudes—usually caught up in pursuits wholly materialistic—will take at least some time for reflection upon the event of the Savior’s resurrection. It is entirely appropriate that Christians take advantage of this circumstance; we should be both willing and able to explain to our friends—at least those who have some reverence for Christianity—the significance of the Lord’s resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian system (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14ff). If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is, the event of Jesus’ resurrection is incontrovertible. Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ’s resurrection from the dead is the “best-attested fact in human history” (1939, 2569). This being the case, just what is the significance of Jesus’ resurrection? Think about these matters.

First, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Paul affirmed that Christ is “declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4).

Second, Jesus’ resurrection represents an assurance that we can have forgiveness from our sins. Paul contended: “If Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of the apostle’s affirmation would be this: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: “I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore” (Revelation 1:17-18).

Fourth, Jesus’ resurrection proves that physical death is not the termination of human existence. God, who is the giver of life (1 Timothy 6:13), has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ’s triumph over the grave is Heaven’s pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the “first fruits of them that are asleep” (1 Corinthians 15 : 20,23).

Fifth, the Lord’s resurrection previewed the ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). This same Lord was “the lion of the tribe of Judah” that had overcome his foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb’s sacrifice and victory over death (cf. Revelation 12:11).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master’s victory over death—not once a year, but every week!

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Easter- the Feast of Perennial Hope

--Janina Gomes

We have had 40 days of preparation for Easter. We did not undertake acts of penitence, fasting and almsgiving to flog ourselves, but to discipline ourselves and our senses in preparation for Easter.

If it were not for the fact that after an ignominious death on the cross as a common criminal, Jesus had risen from the dead, our faith would be in vain. Jesus' death and resurrection tell us about the most important aspect of our lives- that like him we will not be defeated by death, but rise again.

The Easter Triduum consisting of Maundy Thursday, which is the feast of the institution of the Eucharist, Good Friday, when we commemorate his death and Holy Saturday, which is the prelude to the feast of Easter, encapsulate the three important mysteries of the Church- Jesus' self-giving to us in the form of bread and wine, the reminder that death remains an eternal mystery and Jesus' rising from the dead presages what will be our fate in the end.

The fact that a glorious life waits for us beyond the doors of death is our common faith and hope that life has meaning beyond the grave. That we were made for eternity and that our stay in this impermanent world is only a preparation and testing time for us when we with God's grace and help decide our ultimate destiny.

Easter eggs, bunnies and other accretions of Easter are traditional but only superficial celebrations of a great event. That is why the Easter vigil service is so solemn when we

welcome Jesus, the light of the world as the light in our own lives.

For those who feel lost and experience despair, Easter holds out the hope of a better tomorrow. It is a feast that promises to lift our burdens- the burdens of daily life and help us to experience a taste of the things to come.

Easter is the most significant feast of Christianity. Christianity would have no meaning without it. God in his redeeming love, sent his only Son to this earth to die for our sins and to reconcile us to God. That is why beyond the cross comes reconciliation and a bridging of the gap between God and man.

Jesus' disciples were among the first to experience firsthand the Easter mystery, when Jesus – the risen Lord appeared to them on the seashore, on the way to Emmaus, in the upper room.

The disciples looked at him with the eyes of faith. Easter invites us to see the resurrected Jesus manifest all around us with the eyes of faith. If we do, the quality of our lives will reflect our beliefs. If we are lukewarm and tepid, it means that our faith has not been activated fully. If we have a strong optimism and hope, then it means that the Easter mystery is working in some way in our lives.

Every Easter that comes and goes is a reminder that Easter is an everyday event. We relive it till we die, when we touch base with the eternal Easter.

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Conclusion

The Risen Lord is available to us today. Not only was it an event of history, happening in first century Palestine, but it also transcends time and space. As the Catechism remarks: Because the Risen Lord is working in and through the Church Catholic in the power of the Holy Spirit today, Easter faith must be linked to almost everything we believe and practice as Catholics.

To sum up: life, relationship, forgiveness, sanctification, the future, sanctity of the body. A whole philosophy, and entire world view, is wrapped up in the resurrection of Christ. Act as if your life depends on the resurrection of Christ – because it does!

He is risen! He is risen! That is the best news we can possibly tell a dying world!

Exsultet! Rejoice!

-Leon Bent

The stone was rolled away!

Matthew tells us that an angel from heaven came down in plain view of the soldiers who were guarding the sealed tomb. The soldiers watched in shock as the angel rolled away the stone from the tomb and sat on it.

If we were there we would have expected to see Jesus walk out into the morning light. There was just one problem. The tomb was already empty. Just as he could not be hindered from entering in a locked room, he could not be contained by the sealed tomb.

The stone was not rolled away, so that, Jesus could escape. It was rolled away, so that, you would know that the tomb was empty. With his resurrection Christ no longer lived with the limitations of his human body. Death and the restrictions of our flesh were conquered that Easter morning. As Paul said, "death had lost its sting"!

The angel of God opened an empty tomb for all to see. Jesus now moved about with the grace and power of a body not subject to the barriers and boundaries of earth. Jesus fulfilled the gospel promise made to Eve so long ago. The curse was broken (Gen. 3:14b).

One day, you and I will have a body like the one that left the sealed tomb. This is part of what Easter means. Death, sickness, and physical limitations will be no more. Just as our spirit has been freed from the ravages of sin, so too will our bodies.

This is what Easter means. It is not a mystical event or an elevation of consciousness. Easter transforms us totally: renewed, rejuvenated,

twice-born in spirit and in body. Good Friday has vanished into thin air! Bodily suffering is, now, momentary! The joy of our glorified bodies awaits us for all time to come!

The empty tomb let out glorious hurrahs of the exuberant, resurrected Jesus and the ecstatic delight of Mary Magdalene! The stone that was rolled away offered us great joy and brought hope of eternity with Christ!

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI notes: "I live and you will live also", says Jesus in Saint John's Gospel (14:19) to his disciples, that is, to us. We will live through our existential communion with him, through being taken up into him who is life itself. Eternal life, blessed immortality, we have not by ourselves or in ourselves, but through a relation - through existential communion with him who is Truth and Love and is therefore eternal: God himself. Simple indestructibility of the soul by itself could not give meaning to eternal life, it could not make it a true life. Life comes to us from being loved by him who is Life; it comes to us from living-with and loving-with him. I, but no longer I: this is the way of the Cross, the way that "crosses over" a life simply closed in on the I, thereby opening up the road towards true and lasting joy.

Thus, says the aging former Pontiff, we can sing full of joy, together with the Church, in the words of the Exsultet: "Sing, choirs of angels . . . rejoice, O earth!" The Resurrection is a cosmic event, which includes heaven and earth and links them together. In the words of the Exsultet once again, we can proclaim: "Christ . . . who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever". Amen!

*Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.*

-Helen Keller

Significance of Maundy Thursday

-P. A. D'Mello

Maundy Thursday also known as “Holy Thursday” is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday. Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples thereby instituted the Lord’s Supper also called Communion (Luke:22:19-20). During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover Sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb and teaches that every ordained Priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Some Christian Churches observe a special Communion Service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples.

Second, Jesus washed the disciples feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17). Many Churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus’

washing of the feet of the disciples. This foot-washing is a powerful reminder of how we are to live the Christian life (Philippians 2:1-11).

Around the world, Bishops and Priests come together at their local Cathedrals/Churches on Holy Thursday morning to celebrate and commemorate the institution of the priesthood. During the Mass, the bishop/priest blesses the Oil of Chrism that will be used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick or dying.

The Holy Thursday liturgy takes place marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the Sacred “Triduum” or three, of Holy Week. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church.

This Mass stresses the importance Jesus places on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism. Also emphasized are the critical importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ’s Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host.

Fr. Agnel Ashram - Bandra MASSES and NOVENAS ON SUNDAYS

MORNING			
TIME	MASS	TIME	NOVENA
07:00 a.m.	English	07:45 a.m.	English
08:00 a.m.	Konkani	08:45 a.m.	Konkani
09:30 a.m.	English	10:15 a.m.	English
TIME	NOVENA	TIME	MASS
10.30 a.m.	Tamil	11.00 a.m.	Tamil
EVENING			
TIME	NOVENA	TIME	MASS
03.00 p.m.	Gujarati & Marathi	03.30p.m.	Marathi
06:15 p.m.	English	06:30 p.m.	English
07:15 p.m.	English	07:30 p.m.	English

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AGNEL HAPPENINGS

TECHNOVATION - 2017, Verna, Goa

Agnel Polytechnic is a Government-aided Polytechnic under the control of the Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Goa. The Engineering programmes offered by our Institute are approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). We are one of the oldest Institutes in the Agnel Technical Education Complex. As a leading Polytechnic, in terms of quality technical education and intake capacity of students in Goa, the Institute ensures integrated development of a student through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, in addition to the focus on curricular activities of teaching Engineering theory and imparting technical skills.

As a students' initiative, the Department of Electronics Engineering organized TECHNOVATION 2017, an all-Goa Technical Projects' Exhibition and Competition on 9 March 2017. TECHNOVATION 2017 aimed at encouraging innovation in the field of Engineering to solve real world problems, keeping in mind constraints on material strength, automation, digitization, budget, environmental factors and more. Through healthy competition, we witnessed young minds developing practical and applicable outcomes to meet the needs of industry and society.

The Exhibition-cum-Competition was open from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. It was indeed a proud moment to have the inauguration done at the hands of Her Excellency, Smt. Mridula Sinha, the Governor of Goa, and Chief Guest for the inaugural function. "The role of a teacher is very similar to that of a pinch of salt in dal", said Her Excellency, a Hindi writer and an experienced School and College teacher in the past. Such a simple, yet effective, advice from her was encouraging for the audience present on the occasion.

Other dignitaries included Shri.Vivek Kamat -Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Goa, Fr. Frederico Rodrigues, General Councillor - Society

of Pilar, Goa, Fr. Victor Rebello- Superior and Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex, Goa and Fr. Sebastian Rodrigues - Asst. Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex, Goa, whose presence and words of wisdom were motivating to encourage more such events in future.

The event witnessed participation from around 350 students of all disciplines of Engineering from Goa Engineering College (GEC) Farmagudi, Padre Conceicao College of Engineering (PCCE) Verna, Don Bosco College of Engineering (DBCE) Margao, Agnel Institute of Technology and Design (AITD) Assagao, Government Polytechnic Panaji (GPP), Government Polytechnic Bicholim (GPB), Government Polytechnic Curchorem (GPC), Institute of Shipbuilding Technology (ISBT) Vasco and Agnel Polytechnic Verna (APV) Goa.

A total of 88 technical projects were on display, with 53 in the Electronics/Communication, 18 in Mechanical/Automobile, 13 in Software and four in Civil Engineering categories. Projects were separately judged for the four categories, by eminent persons from Industry, so as to maintain fair judgement. The three-hour-long questioning by the judges helped identify deserving winners from each field of Engineering. Cash prizes of Rs.4000, Rs.3000 and Rs.2000 respectively, were awarded to the first, second and third prize winning groups. In addition, each member of the winning team was awarded with trophies and participation certificates were awarded to all participants. The guests for the Valedictory function included ex-GCCI Chairman Shri Manguirish Pai Raiker and eminent personalities from Industry -Shri Deepak Chodankar & Shri Nilesh Fal Dessai- Managing Director, Department of Information Technology.

210 students from five neighbouring schools attended Career Guidance sessions, which were held on the occasion. They later visited the exhibition, an experience which helped create a

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Inaugurating the Competition-cum-Exhibition



Salute to the Nation



Project of School that got a National Award



CIBA funded



Balgram children with their welcome song



Education Complex, Verna, Goa Education 2017



Hon. Governor's Address



Presenting Hon. Governor with a Memento



project



Curious about a project



A Full House

better awareness and understanding of various Engineering fields. More than a 1000 people visited the exhibition cum competition. The event,

organized in association with the Centre for Incubation and Business Acceleration (CIBA), was covered by print and Television media.

The IEEE - WIE student branch of **Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra** organized TECHNOMANIA on 17th & 18th March 2017, which is a annual national level Technical Paper Presentation and Technical Project Competition . It was a 2-day event. This year we introduced a new event – ‘Technical Debate’ which received a huge success. The Technical Debate and the Technical Project Presentation was on the first day, while the Technical Paper Presentation was on the second day. The chief guest for Technomania was Mr. Anthony Lobo (IEEE Bombay Section Chair). The dignitaries for the day were Mr. Anthony Lobo (IEEE Bombay

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Section Chair), Dr. Srima Unnikrishnan(Principal FRCRCE), Prof. B.R Prabhu(Founder IEEE-CRCE) and Fr. Valerian Dsouza(Director of Fr Agnels). The dignitaries then shared their knowledge with the audience. We unveiled our annual technical magazine “Technobuzz”. Towards the end, we facilitated our ROBOCON team with a token of appreciation for achieving the highest rank since its inception. Technomania received a total of 40 teams participating in various events-Technical-Debate, Technical Paper Presentation and Project Competition .



Inauguration Ceremony



Technical Paper Presentation Winner



Technical Paper Presentation Winner



Chief Guest Mr. Antony Lobo Chairperson IEEE Bombay Section



Robocon Team Felicitation By Chief Guest Mr. Antony Lobo

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on 17th March 2017 with great enthusiasm. On this day students of I to V thanked the Almighty, Management, Teachers, Non teaching Staff and Ministers.

The programme started with welcoming the guests. A prayer service was held where students Prayed for all the elements related to the school. A PPT presentation showing the glimpses of the



Prayer service

Thanksgiving Day, Pune

year was presented. Our Director & Manager Rev. Fr. Tony Fernandes addressed the audience and declared the theme of the year 'Healthy values, happy life' closed. Certificates were given to the students for 'Girls You Can' activity and best class was awarded with a trophy. The Programme concluded with a vote of thanks and theme song.



Trophy awarded to the best Class.

FCRIT, Vashi

The month of February, every year, is devoted to a host of extra-curricular activities at FCRIT, Vashi. The college believes in providing students a platform to showcase their talents, while at the same time balancing their academics.

Here are some of the events that took place this month:

ETAMAX 2k17 was held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of February. This year our annual college techno-cultural fest did not only become bigger and better but also surpassed all benchmarks



Convocation



Samvaad

set by its previous editions. Spanning three very pleasant days the techfest was put together by a creative and hardworking team of individuals who worked tirelessly to see to it that the event turned out to be a success.

The highlight of the fest this year was the organization and discipline the student council brought to the registration process by bringing about the clever idea of developing an app and a website for registrations. The theme for this year's

ETAMAX was “Made in India-100% shudh”, which aimed at promoting Indian values and culture. There were a range of technical workshops and non-technical workshops that were not only informative in content but brought about a fun like atmosphere and encouraged each student to exhibit their talents in the technical and cultural domains. All kudos should be given to the creative team that worked tirelessly to beautify our college premises and brought about a fest like friendly atmosphere and truly lived up to its theme of “MADE IN INDIA”.

Technical events ranged from departmental seminars, Image processing, Labview, Basic circuit design along with technical competitions

Genesis

Next, the acting talents of first year students were on full display at the platform provided by Genesis, a cultural club for first year students, under the guidance of Ms.Tuhina Bose and Ms. Rakhi. Gup-chup was a mono-act competition in which students of the first year got to showcase their skills. The topics were Mona Lisa’s smile and Einstein in a cage. The first place of the mono-act was bagged by two participants Keyur Sangwai (mechanical 2) and Shantanu Mahakal (IT 2). There was also a performance by Ms. Tuhina Bose, faculty from the Humanities department.

Samvaad, the first edition of our very own



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ETAMAX



Genesis

like robomaze, roadrash and sumo. Non-technical events like graffiti, yoga, beat-boxing and zumba were ones that generated an atmosphere of hilarity and mirth as students participated in these events in large numbers. The much acclaimed events were Band Competition, aptly named “Jugal Bandhi”. Indeed it was a talent fiesta. Students got a chance to witness bands perform on a bollywood instrumental piece, their original composition and a regional song. Following the band event was the Marathi mandal that brought to light the cultural heritage of Maharashtra. Other events included singing competition group dance and traditional walk.

Bands performed music that was appealing to music lovers, group dances filled the audience with exhilaration, street plays made us question our very psyche and morals, the traditional fashion show brought out the model in each one of us and solo and duet singing performances left each one of us in a state of jolly. This is what made ETAMAX up its ante and set a benchmark at an all new high.

debate competition saw an oxford style debate. There were a variety of interesting topics that the participants were expected to speak on. This was an inter-college competition which had participants from institutes across Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The event was organized very well by the debate organizing committee, a part of the college magazine committee. It saw a lot of participation from many of our own college students who bagged some top prizes and were able to put up an amazing show of their speaking skills and reasoning ability.

No story is complete without the climax! The climax of the year 2016 was the convocation ceremony held on 18th February 2017, for the 2016 pass out batch. A team of dedicated faculties joined hands to put up this event under the guidance of FCRIIT Principal Dr.Khot and the convener of the event Neelashri. The event saw a participation of around 165 students who proudly received their certificates from Mr. Girish Dandige, the Chief Guest all dressed in the convocation robe. The event was graced by the presence of Rev.Fr.Saturnino Almeida, Rev. Fr. Ivon Almeida and all the HODs.

The Fr. Agnel Balbhuvan, Bandra, Mumbai is abuzz with music training ranging from Drums to Saxophones, Clarinets, Trumpets, Bugles, Flutes, Keyboards, Harmoniums and Guitars. And capping it all is the Violin, the queen of musical instruments.

Seven months ago the Fr. Agnel Balbhuvan had an encounter with the nascent music company called 'Troika', directed by Noah Chettri and Caroline Chettri – a brother-sister venture and, mentored by their father Mr. Pratap Chettri, coming all the way from lush green hills of Darjeeling. They enthralled the audience and especially our Balbhuvan children with their music, in the school hall. Thereafter began the story of committed relationship between Troika and Fr. Agnel Balbhuvan and the violin teaching-learning experience for our tiny tots.

The generous approach of the Chettris is indeed marvellous. It was rather their initiative



to teach violin to our children. Fr. Nazareth Fernandes, the Director of Balbhuvan wasted no time in responding to this gesture. He arranged necessary instruments through benefactors and some instruments were

String Musicians in the making

procured by the Chettris themselves from their affordable clients.

The weekly dedicated and committed teaching of violin to Balbhuvan children is much to be lauded. In so short a time and, given their methodical approach, perseverance and passionate teaching, the children picked up the most difficult instrument as easily as any other instrument. I should say the Chettris are great teachers in music.

26th February, 2017 was the day of reckoning for the string music students of Troika when they put a splendid performance on their maiden String Concert, held in Fr. Agnel School hall, Bandra. Nine of the Balbhuvan children played violin in the concert consisting of Piano,



violin and cellos. That concert set a strong foundation for Troika Company.

The Fr. Agnel Ashram is grateful to Troika for their selfless and dedicated music teaching to our Balbhuvan children.

Congratulations to Team Vaayushastra (CRCE, Bandra) for achievement in SAE Aero Design West 2016-17.

Fr. C. Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra, takes immense pride and pleasure in announcing the result of Team Vaayushastra which secured a 3rd position in the technical oral presentation round, a 6th place in technical design and an overall international 5th rank. Besides, they maintained their dominance in

the Asia-Pacific region as the best team in the Advanced Class.

We congratulate the Team captain Melchizedek Caleb and Faculty advisor Prof. Dipali Kisan Bhise and all team members for their effort and excellent performance.

Team Members:

Melchizedek Caleb(Captain), Reyon Dsouza (Vice Captain) , Arnav Prasad, Nigel Koli, Nihal Brarath, Ruth Peter, Melita Saldanha, Christine Tharian, Aditya Kelkar, Aditya Desu, Dwayne Dmello, Johny Xavier ,Shivani Vartak, Harsh Shah, Varun Kharkar, Vidhiksha Patel, Bharat Kumavat, Binny Joshua, Kartik Pavaskar, Divya Ramachandran, Rakesh Lode, Sritej Nair, Igor Monteiro, Rahul Pereira, Peter Braganza.

Competition details:

The SAE Aero Design Competition is organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and calls for various international teams to participate across 3 classes- Micro, Regular and Advanced. The team competes in the Advanced Class of this competition. The problem statement asks the teams to create an UAV which will fly at a height of no less than 100 ft and drop a humanitarian package



within a designated target area. This is ensured and executed using various sensors and the first-person-view camera on-board the UAV. A complex Data Acquisition System and User Interface designed by the students does the job of transmission and display of all the data on the ground station.

*Easter is meant to be a symbol of
hope, renewal, and new life.*

-Janine di Giovanni

*Wishing all our
Dear Benefactors
A Happy & Holy Easter*

Fr. Agnel Community & Balbhuvan Children



Fr. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

PASSED SSC WITH HIGH MARKS

Kerala : I am a firm devotee of Ven.Fr.Agnel since a long time. Ever since my daughter was promoted to 10th class, I had been praying to Fr.Agnel to have his hands of blessing over her. I am now extremely happy to inform you that through the heavenly intercession of Fr.Agnel my daughter passed SSC with 96% of marks and secured admission for higher studies in a very reputed college. My sincere thanks to Fr.Agnel with an offering of ₹.2,000 to the Ashram.

-Lara Sam

GRACEFUL YEARS

Borivali : I have received numerous favours and blessings through the powerful intercession of Ven.Fr.Agnel. No prayer of mine has ever been left unanswered. As a token of my profound gratitude and homage an offering of ₹.10,000 to the Ashram for its various charitable activities under the patronage of this saintly priest.

-Jayesh Tuscano

CURED WITHOUT OPERATION

Salcette-Goa : In the year 1988 I suffered from slip disc and since then I was under medication by a specialist. Fed up with, continued medication and clinical test, I turned to Fr.Agnel for his healing touch. I, tearfully prayed to Fr. Agnel for a perennial remedy from pain and treatment. I have now great pleasure to inform you that through the blessing of Fr. Agnel I am completely cured of slip disc and an operation was also averted. My heartfelt thanks to Fr.Agnel with an offering of ₹.1,500.

-Lawrenco M.L.Pereira

GIFT OF A SON AFTER 11 YEARS

Sion: We are blessed with a daughter and naturally we were longing for a son. We visited the Ashram and placed our petition at the relic of Ven.Fr.Agnel. We continued our prayers to Ven.Fr.Agnel and are now

happy to inform you that we have been blessed with a son. As a token of our profound gratitude we wish to sponsor a boy from your orphanage and accordingly send you our donation of ₹.6000.

-Edna Lobo

SUCCESS IN EXAMINATION

Malad: I am a firm devotee of Ven. Fr.Agnel from my childhood. I used to visit the Ashram almost everyday along with my parents and place my petition at his tomb. I am happy to inform you that by the grace of Ven. Fr. Agnel I have passed my S.S.C. (I.C.S.C. Board) with 92% marks. In thanksgiving I have placed my offering in the tomb box.

-Disha Pradeen Shah

RECOVERED FROM A BLOOD DEFICIENCY

Arossim -Goa: My daughter in London delivered a bonny child. Suddenly after two and a half months the boy fell very sick with a blood deficiency. The doctor advised a blood transfusion and told us to pray. The blood transfusion was done and within two months the blood count came to normal. I prayed with great faith to Ven.Fr.Agnel and I am grateful that he has heard my prayers. My grandson has now completed a year and is keeping good health. I pray that Ven. Fr.Agnel may get the honour of sainthood soon.

-Jesuina Martins

PASSED S.S.C. WITH 91%

Mulund: I am an ardent devotee of Ven. Fr.Agnel for many years. Ever since my son was promoted to the X standard I was praying to Ven.Fr.Agnel for him. By the grace of Ven.Fr.Agnel my son passed the S.S.C. exam with 91% and got admission for Commerce stream in a reputed College. Today we have come to the Ashram to make our thanks offering of ₹.501.

-Atul Shah

Out of Their Bounty

P. Srivastava	Mumbai	35000	D. Singh	Mumbai	2000	Lillykutty	Udaipur	1000
T. D'Souza	Mumbai	24000	R.R. Thakkar	Mumbai	2000	Alex Mathew	Kerala	1000
B. Fernandes	Delhi	20000	K. Fernandes	Mumbai	2000	E. Varghese	Kerla	1000
J. Raphael	Virar	12000	V. Bakshi	Mumbai	2000	L. Kurian	Kerala	1000
R.C. Agarwal	Mumbai	11000	F.E. Gonsalves	Vasai	2000	J. Jobai	T.N.	1000
G. Tauro	Mumbai	10000	Prof G. Varkey	Kerala	2000	T. Paul	Kerala	1000
K.S. Ketki	Mumbai	10000	P. Pinto	Karnataka	2000	F. Mortier	Pondicherry	1000
A. Fernandes	Bangalore	10000	Maj. Chemmanoor	Bangalore	1500	C. Pereira	Mangalore	1000
M. Magdalene	Chennai	10000	D. Hazarika	Chennai	1500	P. D. Sebastian	Kerala	1000
C. Rebello	Mumbai	9000	Joseph K.	Kerala	1500	V. S. Bilolikar	Mumbai	1000
R. Jaiswar	Mumbai	9000	L. Jose	Kerala	1500	L. Fernandes	Dahisar	900
A. Martins	Mumbai	9000	A. Jayasimhan	Mumbai	1500	B. Dabre	Nirmal	600
T. D'Souza	Mumbai	8000	Noel Vaz	Mumbai	1200	Sally Thomas	Kerala	600
N. Sunderam	Mumbai	8000	R.K. Michael	T.N.	1200	R.C. Mathew	Kerala	600
R. Cardoso	Punjab	7505	C. D. D'Souza	Pune	1200	R. Tijoriwala	Mumbai	501
B. Singh	Mumbai	7000	Khimasiya	Mumbai	1111	U. Sheth	Kenya	501
J. Menezes	Mangalore	6000	R. M. Dabre	Vasai	1100	D.R. Thakkar	Mumbai	501
P. Fernandes	Mumbai	6000	Meena M. Dabre	Vasai	1100	N. D'Souza	Mumbai	500
L. Fernandes	Vasai	5000	F. Mendonca	Mumbai	1100	O.D. Guhar	Vasai	500
V.F. Pereira	Vasai	5000	R.N. Soares	Virar	1005	N. Lopes	Vasai	500
P. Kajori	Mumbai	5000	N. Dandiwalla	Mumbai	1001	A.K.Chheda	Dombivali	500
M.V. Josephine	T.N.	5000	A.M. Josephraj	Mumbai	1001	M. Monteiro	Mumbai	500
H. Mathias	Udupi	5000	N.R. Mandvikar	Navi Mumbai	1000	N.A. Carvalho	Vasai	500
R. D'Souza	Goa	5000	S.B. Correia	Virar	1000	P. Rodrigues	Mumbai	500
S.Ambrose	Gujarat	5000	John D'Souza	Mumbai	1000	A.T. Jadhav	Mumbai	500
H. Patel	Mumbai	5000	Z. Shetty	Mumbai	1000	F.X. Cardoz	Mumbai	500
S.S. Rane	Nallasopara	5000	L. D'Mello	Vasai	1000	P.T.Machado	Vasai	500
A. D'Souza	Vasai	5000	S.S. Dabre	Vasai	1000	F.Kurian	Kerala	500
S.A. Sheikh	Mumbai	5000	J. Thevar	Mira Road	1000	G.W.B. Dias	Chennai	500
S.S. D'Costa	Vasai	5000	D. Patao	Mumbai	1000	A. Franklin	Chennai	500
A. Fernandes	Mumbai	4000	L. Augustine	Kerala	1000	S. C. Gandhi	Gujarat	500
Jose K.D.	Thane	4000	S. George	Kerala	1000	K. Karbhari	Mumbai	500
K. Kalyani	Mumbai	3000	J.P. Kedia	Asansol	1000	Joy K.V.	Kerala	500
A. Serrao	Mumbai	3000	M. Varghese	Kerala	1000	M. Kumble	Mumbai	500
A. Augustine	Bangalore	3000	Anil Macwan	Gujarat	1000	S.A.M. Chettiar	Mumbai	500
K.K. Sethna	Gujarat	3000	Joy O.S.	Kerala	1000	L.J Antony	Pune	500
M.P. Mathew	Kerala	3000	A.A. Raj	Chennai	1000	G.R. Rana	Thane	500
Jose T.P.	Kerala	3000	Amudha D.	Bangalore	1000	I.A. Jeyraj	T.N.	500
M. V. D'Mello	Vasai	3000	R.F. Carvalho	Bhuigaon	1000	P.Bhandarkar	Mumbai	500
M.J. Lam	Deolali	2200	K. Maneckji	Mumbai	1000	S. Lazar	Kerala	500
P. Satish	Mumbai	2000	J. Joseph	Keraa	1000	M. D'Souza	Pune	500
M. Mandani	Mumbai	2000	P.T. Joseph	Kerala	1000	P.K. Vijayan	Kerala	500
L. D'Souza	Mumbai	2000	Gee Thomas	Kerala	1000	S. John	Kerala	500
A. Nadar	Thane	2000	P. Oberoi	Delhi	1000	P.John	Kerala	500
C. D'Souza	Mangalore	2000	J. Joseph	Kerala	1000	A.Leena	Chennai	500
R. Louis	Mangalore	2000	M.J. Christie	Ahmedabad	1000	A.Catherine	T.N.	500
R.Commissariat	Mumbai	2000	R. D'Souza	Mumbai	1000	A.Dominic	Hyderabad	500
M.J. George	Kerala	2000	T. Devasia	Kerala	1000	V.J. Francis	Kerala	500
A.N. Menezes	Vasai	2000	P. Samuel	Kerala	1000	Joseph Mathew	Kerala	500
V. Sherigar	Thane	2000	P.W. Macwan	Gujarat	1000	S. Sebastian	Kerala	500
S.J.K. Valan	Chennai	2000	B.N. Sebastian	Kerala	1000	K.S. Rao	Mumbai	500
P. D'Abreo	Mumbai	2000	N.S. Hadkar	Dombivali	1000	Sophy Sebastian	Kerala	500
J.P. Jadhav	Ahmedabad	2000	N.N. Sawant	Mumbai	1000	C.A. Ross	Chennai	400
Annamma A.M.	Kerala	2000	Jose Alex	Kerala	1000	L. Joseph	Kerala	305
S. Joseph	Kerala	2000	Alphonse M.	T.N.	1000	C.K. Jose	Kerala	300
A.A. Lisboa	Palghar	2000	A. Mathew	Kerala	1000	C.Ferdinand	Kerala	300
			M. Fernandes	Kerala	1000			

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Technical Festival (TECHNOCRATZ)

To show their innovative, thinking and research mentality, a state level technical paper presentation competition and state level technical quiz competition was held in the month of September to commemorate 'Engineer Day'. More than 300 students participated from various institutes in the state and made a huge success.



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Paper Presentation



Quiz Competition Final Round



Prize Distribution

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Mock Dance



Group Dance

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Sports Festival (ZEST)

The annual inter department sports meet 'ZEST' was held in the month of December for the sport enthusiasts to display their talent. Tremendous response was seen with more than 400 students participating in the various events.



Inauguration Ceremony



Tug of war



Foot Ball



ZEST 2016 Winner (Mechanical Dept.)

Inter Institute Sport Festival

Inter institute sport festival was organised by Inter Engineering Diploma Students Sports Association (IEDSSA) in Jan-Feb 2017. Our students won many prizes at zonal level and state level.



Inauguration Ceremony



Zonal level Basketball winner



State level Athletics & Badminton Winners



State level Table tennis Winners