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From the Editor's Desk

Students and faculties are an integral part of the college network. Their mutual interaction contributes to the holistic development of the education and social system.

This interaction has taken a severe toll since 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire interactive platform has now been shifted to the virtual mode. Classroom interaction, which served as the backbone to the education system, has now been forced to an "on-line" mode. All other communications among faculties and college officials too, are now being held through various on-line applications.

Thus, with the changing global scenario, we all have had to readjust ourselves to cope with the situation. And it is with this spirit in mind that the concept of having a departmental e-newsletter was proposed by our Head of the Department, Dr. Santanu Niyogi. All the faculty members of

the department unanimously agreed to his proposal.

Now we all know that a newsletter is an essential aspect of any communication strategy. It serves as a great tool for interacting not only with the students but also with the people outside the campus who may be interested in knowing what is happening in the college. Thus, by offering a newsletter to an extended audience, the department can also reach a larger section of the society who might in future be our potential partner or prospective students.

Once this idea of a departmental newsletter was finalised, students were involved in the process of contributing for the newsletter. The next brainstorming session was for selecting the title of the newsletter. Several names were suggested with some having the potential of justifying the idea of the newsletter. But, ultimately, the name *EPSILON*, was unanimously selected due to its classical lineage (it is the 5th letter of the Greek alphabet) and mainly due to its inherent meaning of having “an arbitrarily small positive quantity”. Though Epsilon has a broader use in the field of mathematics, it is the inherent meaning of the word of having ‘a small positive quantity’ that rhymed with the positive enthusiasm of the students and the faculties of the department have in this difficult situation.

The newsletter, releasing on 23rd April 2021, on the birthday of the

Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare, will henceforth be published quarterly in on-line mode and through this platform we hope to maintain a positive interaction with all the stakeholders and the community at large.



A Short Travel Experience

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India, the seventh largest country in the world, is famous for its exquisite locations, and exploring each part of the country can give one some great experiences and memories. Although I do not have much experience of traveling, the place worth a mention is Vellore in the state of Tamil Nadu. This visit to Vellore was meant for my mother's treatment but the exotic beauty of the place just blew away my mind.

We started our journey from Asansol station where we boarded our train. It took almost a day and a half to reach Katpadi station. I was accompanied by my parents, my grandma, and my maternal uncle. The beauty of the place is commendable. As I am a great lover of nature, the place has left a lasting impression on my mind. The area is full of palm trees and harvesting fields. People dwelling in small mud houses breathing the fresh air and offering great hospitality to their guests with

food, music and everything is truly a treat to the eyes and the ears. In keeping with their unique culture, people dress up traditionally there. They retain their old values but at the same time embrace the modern ones. I loved their South Indian dishes such as idli, dosa which are the specialties. But people having sweet teeth should stay away from sweets as they are costly and will not satisfy the taste buds. From the locals we came to know that the weather of the place is quite warm. But when we visited the place, it kept raining almost all the time. One evening I started exploring the market near the place where we were residing and found it to be full of varieties. Most of the local vendors and shopkeepers did not have proficiency in English. So it was difficult for me to communicate with them.

The place has many beautiful sites to visit and in spite of our packed schedule we had the chance to visit two very famous temples- Sripuram Golden Temple and Tirupati Temple.

Both the places are overcrowded but too beautiful for any visitor to miss. The places provide a soothing and peaceful ambience which is enough to refresh our mood. And one should not forget to have the laddoo Prasad distributed at the Tirupati temple as it is heavenly. Another place we visited is the Vellore fort. The place is one of great historical importance and it took almost two hours to explore every part of it.

It is hard to explain the astonishing charm and beauty of the place in words but I must admit that it is one of the most favourite places I have ever visited. No doubt, it is going to hold a very special place in my memory for a long, long time.



Just a Reminder

Erum Afroz

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You are beautiful, you are beautiful the way you are. So, stop torturing yourself to achieve that so-called standard of beauty. Whether you are fat, thin, black, white, tall or short, it does not matter at all. You do not have to worry about that. The only thing you have to worry about is being you, is loving you, and being a good human with a pure heart and a beautiful soul. Purify your inner self, be kind to people, start spreading positivity. Do not judge people very easily; try to understand them because everyone has his or her own stories...right?

Do not worry about losing friends. It is okay to lose people. It is okay to be alone. You do not need anyone to make you feel happy; you can feel happiness on your own. Stop begging

people to stay with you. If they want to leave, let them leave. Like anyone else you ,too, have your choices. If they are leaving, it does not mean you are not good enough. NO! You are

one of the finest creatures of the Creator. So, stop hating yourself; stop thinking that you are not good enough. Stop thinking that you are inadequately capable because you are not.

You are different, you are unique, you are beautiful, you are lovely. So stop bothering yourself and **START LOVING YOURSELF.**



Rumpa Bauri, English (Honours),
Semester IV



My Heart and This World don't fit each other

Shaffaf Tarab

English (Honours), Semester VI

We outgrew each other,
my colourful heart and this
dark world.

A naive human
in a deceptive place
with too much effort
to fill the wrong space.
Realization slowly dawned
that I only serve as a pawn
and there is no place
for a heart so big
in a world so abase.



Ayushi Padha, English (Honours),
Semester IV



Ode to Summer

Anushree Chattaraj

English(Honours), Semester IV

Oh summer! Thou art bright
You provide us bright sun
light.

You give us thirst,
Like our dream what we want just.
You give us your juicy fruit mango,
And suggest us that if life is calling,
then go.

The bright life of thine,
Gives us power to shine.
Just as you are the first in Bengali
calendar,
You suggest us, be the first, never
surrender.



News Alert

The Government of India has announced a liberalised and accelerated Phase 3 Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccination. From **1st May 2021**, every Indian above the age of 18 years will be eligible for taking the Covid-19 vaccine.

Everyone is urged to get themselves vaccinated.

STAY HOME. STAY SAFE.



Sathi Barik, English (Honours),
Semester VI



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