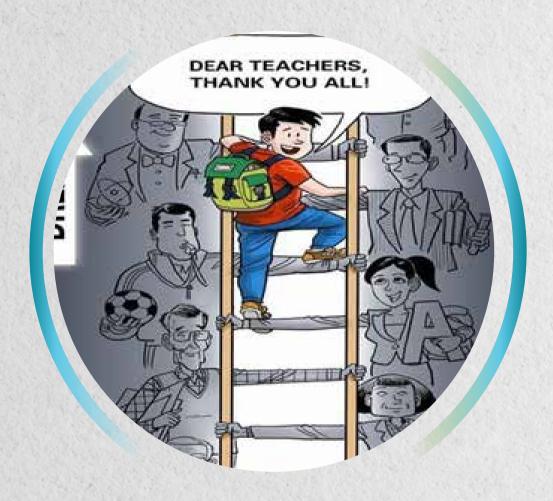




# Presents REFLECTIONS – THE NEWSLETTER

#### **CHALK AND CHALLENGES - THE FUTURE**

# SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER.



"September showed up right on schedule, and lasted a whole month."

- Jenny Wingfield

#### **DIRECTORS' MESSAGE**



Dr, Dinesh Nilkant,
Director, School of commerce,
Computer Science and Information
Technology



Teachers are the silent change-makers, who always play the role of a guide and a mentor. The kind of efforts teachers put in nurturing and educating the students is immeasurable. In India, a teacher is considered the first priority after parents. So, on this Teachers' Day I salute all my teachers, thank them for accepting this noble profession illuminating thousands of minds with their intellectual brilliance and wish them a happy Teachers' Day.

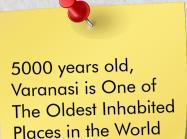
#### The Teacher

TEACHER A seven letter word that changes the life of another seven letter word called STUDENT. Never in my life have I ever written about teachers. When I sat down today to write about them I had lots of visions and thoughts about them clouded all over my head. I am lucky enough to have come across a lot of wonderful teachers from my kindergarten to my college. All these years a teacher's work was always considered little and a lot have failed to acknowledge a teacher's efforts in the upbringing of a good student/citizen who excels in the society. Like we say behind the success of every man there is a woman, we must also start saying that behind the success of every person there is always a teacher. Being a teacher is never easy because we would be subjected to constant stress, pressure, tension and what not. Apart from these negatives the beauty of being a teacher are those moments when they see their victories in their student's success. Some say teachers are our second parents because a teacher cherishes you like a mom & encourages you like a dad.

Some great teachers even prioritise their students than their own kids and family. Like Dronacharya for Arjuna or Anne Sullivan for Helen Keller we all do have a favourite teacher with whom we always share a very special bond. Unlike others this bond never fades by time, wherever in life we are, we would always remember them with a smile in our heart. Many say school life & school memories are the best but only some realise that it is not only because of their friends but also those moments where they are either praised or punished by their teachers. I guess most of the teachers now in the virtual classroom are missing the offline classes, using the blackboard and so on. Just like them we students too miss seeing them in the classroom with a chalk in hand. I believe that a teacher is not someone whom we celebrate for just a day in a year, a teacher is person whom we should celebrate every single day in the year. So to all those wonderful teachers who teach because it's their passion and not considering it a profession and celebrate being a teacher every single day, I wish you a very HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY!

- Nandhana.U (1 B.Com A Sec)

# Teachers Poll on what teaching means





Mr. Prateek Thodkar (Faculty of Commerce)

Teaching is a happy pill like a drug you take that makes you happy, lively and full of enthusiasm.



"Optimistic motivation to update myself"

Dr. Vidya Chandrasekar (Faculty of Commerce)

"Teaching makes me to grow"



Dr. Shree Vamsi (Faculty of BMS)



"A passionate journey for staying young forever"

Dr.Anjali Motwani (Faculty of Commerce)

"Giving the fullest to ignite the young minds"



Dr.Megha Garud (Faculty of Commerce)

# Chalk and Challenges – The Future

A teacher...well what could one describe them as? A friend, a guide, a mentor, a caretaker and an encyclopedia of sheer knowledge, they're all in one. Nobody ever taught us or told us that, that's you teacher you have to trust her, we all just did, that's the power and magic they hold. Its wonderful how we change our clases. schools and even colleges and universities but what remains constant is the belief that no matter where I go, my teacher will have my back. We as a nation have progressed due to this one pillar that we proudly call our teachers. When we're young and start our schooling we hate leaving our houses and stepping into a totally unknown environment, we refuse to leave our comfort zone but soon within days we make friends and start enjoying school. Once we're in our junior ages, we again refuse to accept the long time tables and the never ending days at the school but again every single day we step into our school, we forget about the tantrums we threw at our parents and everything seems to be worth it. When we're all teens and realsing the seriousness of life, we face a lot of challenges both mentally and physically. We sometimes hate school and sometimes it's our only escape. We start realising that our friends are now no less than a family and your teachers are now our friends too, even that boring period which you hated is somehow not so boring because the teacher taught it in a very friendly way. Soon we're all in our last year of schooling and somewhere the reality begins to hit that soon our time at this wonderful place that was now no less that a home is going to end. That first day at school till our last day everything becomes a beautiful memory which we treasure for the rest of our lives. Now that we're no longer at that "second home" we understand how much it truly meant to us. What we fail to understand is that the

journey of making a school from an unknown place to our home which we miss so much, was all possible because of our teachers. They gave us the best environment to explore and ourselves. They truly knitted us into one big family yet somehow we never realised that we were what we are today all because of this wonderful person called a Teacher. So this is an appreciation write-up for all my teachers who've moulded me into who I am.. Thank you for being a part of my life and Thank you for being my best friend when i needed you the most. I owe everything to your sacrifices and to your courage and your dedication. I would have never made those friends on my first day if u had'nt asked me to go ahead and talk to them. I would'nt have enjoyed the precious school days in my junior ages if you had never told us that our homework will be graded. I would have hated the attending school during my teens, if u had'nt convinced me that having pimple on your forehead does not make me ugly. I wouldn't have made those amazing senior class memeories if you had'nt been my friend and convinced me that I will one day miss these days.. I wouldn't be who I am if you had'nt me that extra push needed...Thank you for everything!

- Krittika Kashyap (1 B.Com I Sec)



# **Book Your Dates**

- ► Vaccine drive organized exclusively to the students and staffs on 17<sup>th</sup> September
- NSS Day Celebration Scheduled on 24th September
- 30<sup>th</sup> September Virtual International Conference on Redefining and Transforming the Role of Higher Education for Sustainable Development

#### **Future**



# Chalk and Challenges! The future....?

This pandemic has been a platform for various innovations, and the field of education isn't an exception either. I believe that deciding to hold the chalk for the rest of our life, is the first challenge we face. Amidst this pandemic, we almost forgot how holding chalk feels! Someone who had not even thought of solving a balance sheet, solving derivations, or even writing a formula in an excel sheet had to adjust and teach through technology! They conquered that challenge, didn't they?

As teachers, it becomes our paramount duty to prepare this generation for the future, the future we haven't the slightest clue of. This future is beyond our purview, yet we try to chalk it up into every possibility we can think of, hoping that the world will become a better place for everyone. Do we not struggle? Yes, we do! But all that fades away the minute we hear a student tell they took the first step towards their future! That joy on their face makes it worth all the chalk, churn and chore we've put in! Often, we are not remembered, but that doesn't matter. We move on to the next batch of those unpolished yet brilliant minds, hoping we can help them set and achieve their goals and soar higher than their predecessors.

However, it is easier said than done. Retaining attention throughout a lecture is the first challenge in this distant learning - the online era. Making sure that they're nourished the same way as others is another challenge. Also, handling these mischievous things on the internet, which sometimes becomes difficult both physically and mentally is the most painful of them all. But this is how the current circumstance of education is. The future can only be presumed to get more complicated. We can no longer go back to what we now call the olden day teaching. We no longer belong there. Even if the wheels of the world fall back in place and students start coming back to classrooms, the biggest question that we can't answer easily, due to all the technological developments and changes we've faced during the pandemic is that -

- Mr. Nikhil M S (Faculty)

Can we challenge the world? Would we hold the chalk again?

Shani Shingnapur is

Village Where the Houses Don't Have Doors!

#### Special Light on TEACHERS' DAY



Are you wondering about the significance of teachers' day? Do you know the significant features of the particular date? It is the birthday anniversary of a well-known person who is an educationist by heart. Yes, it is **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishanan.** 

The legend was the first vice president and the second president of India. He also decorated his position as a distinguished envoy, advocate of education, and all of the above a great teacher. In memory of his legacy, India started celebrating teacher's day from 5th September 1962.

Teaching is considered as one of the noblest professions as it contributes a greater educated population to the world. Teachers are the ones who choose their careers to spread knowledge and wisdom. Only educated workforces can up-bring the nation to the developed stage. For this one must be well-educated with proper guidance and visions. A teacher not merely teaches the students about lessons in the textbooks, but mold a child into a socially responsible person. They are role models for many and are respected by society as a whole. Do you know the **importance of teachers day?** And why do they deserve more recognition? Here are some of the reasons:

- They make learning creative so as to make their students understand and imbibe the knowledge quickly.
- Teachers are always an inspiration to students and give motivation to them in every step.
- So the students, teachers, or mentors are also equally stressed. So they need to be respected.
- Teachers are the best inspiring sources and the magicians too for the students.
- They have a greater tolerance for dealing with every type of student within a class.

These are some of the reasons why a teacher requires appreciation and recognition. There are countless reasons to hold an eminent position in every student's life.

#### **The Dream**

As a former school student, when I first hear/see the word 'chalk', I am reminded of all the memories I have from my second home - school. The phrase 'chalk and challenges' makes me think of all the problems which are faced by teachers, schools, and the education system.

The school system can be improved and one of the best ways to do it is by looking to Albert Einstein's quote which goes, "Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." Each student needs to be focused on and aid is to be provided to each to enhance their skills. Each one of them must be accepted the way they are and their improvement should not only be academic but also personal and co-curricular skills. The future of the schooling system

seems uncertain, and the best way to fix it is to stop seeing the students as a batch of kids and instead see them as many different individuals. The basic education provided until grade 10 is necessary for the student to have a base in each subject which will help him choose his career option. However, the value that is put on the exams diverts the attention of students from the core of education and while exams are important, they only test one section of education and that is what needs to be recognized.

Top companies such as Google, Apple, etc. have started recruiting employees on basis of skill regardless of educational qualification, which shadows the importance of these certifications. Jobs such as musicians, artists, influencers are also on the rise. Higher education doesn't hold the prestige it once did and so the weight being put on it by some institutes is questionable.

Education has come a long way from hitting students on the knuckles for getting a wrong answer to having a counsellor in each school but there is much that needs to be done. In these times, the NEP gives some hope to students. NEP has made coding compulsory from grade 6 and above and that shows that the system is ready to move with the times. A great example of progressive education is the school Ad Astra (Latin for 'To the Stars') opened by Elon Musk where kids are categorized by abilities instead of age and subjects are taught to the problem.

It is evident that while we have learned a lot about learning over many generations of human (and tech) evolution, we can still only grab at the education system of the future. Maybe soon, the word 'chalk' itself will no longer be associated with learning. That, in my opinion, is the biggest challenge of learning.

- Manas Poddar (1BCom A Sec)



# My Favourite Teacher

My first at School, I was clod & fool, You held my hands & took me to a room, Full of toys and many friends to enjoy.

I was worried and scared,
You kissed on my cheeks and showed you cared,
You have digged deeper in me,
Found the treasure blessed in me,
You are the heart of my school,
Because of which learning has become cool.

You are light to darkness, You are hope to hopeless, You are strength to weakness, You are path to roadless.

I am worthy of something because of you & I shall remain forever indebted to you.

The Real competitor of
For OLA is not Uber but
AutoRickshaw
For Coca – cola it is not
pepsi but water

- Sahariar Zaman (5 BCom Honors)

# **Chalk N Challenges**

Teachers are super beings tasked with the enormous responsibility of online teaching, conducting exams, correcting and grading students, researching new topics and methods to properly nurture students, and doing all of this they are also attempting to manage their personal lives and commitments. A teacher's job was never easy. It takes a lot of work, and they give it their all. Teachers face a wide range of difficulties and rewards. However, not every teacher's scenario is the same. Teaching is becoming increasingly complex for teachers. Chalk and challenges, in my opinion, refer to the challenges that a teacher faces.

#### TOO MANY ROLES:

Teachers are expected to take on multiple roles while teaching. He or she should be more than a teacher at times, acting as a caretaker, counselor, social worker, and more. Teachers, on the other hand, are willing to take on all of these responsibilities because they care more about their students than they do about themselves.

"Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges."

- Sarika Pothireddy (BCom Honors K Sec)

#### Who's a teacher? By Famous personalities





Teacher is one who shapes the character, calibre, and future of an individual

- Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam

# The Influence of the teacher extends beyond the class room, well into the future

- F. Sionil Jose

#### Ever thought a world without teachers!

Ever thought flowers bloom to fruit without root!

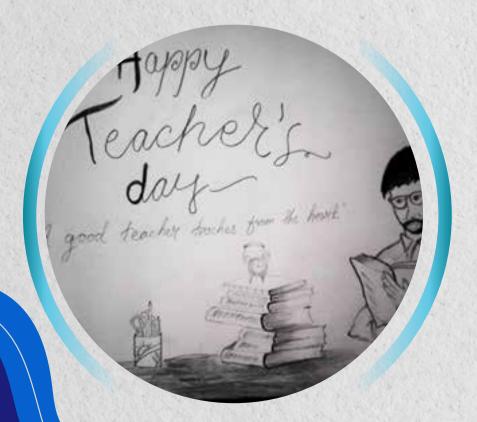
Ever thought a kite to fight without the support of a string!

Ever thought it is easy to breathe without the heart to bleed!

Ever thought to see the super hot sun without a Water filled eyes!

Ever thought a child's vision without a mother's mission!

- Mr. Nandan. R. Naresh





First to start E- Commerce:-Jeff Bezons because it was founded in 1994 by Jeff Bezos and was one of the first American ecommerce companies to sell products over the internet.

- Sahariar Zaman (5 BCom Honors)