

GOA UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH WINS PEGASUS 2020

Goa University students bagged the top slot at Pegasus 2020, organised on 13th and 14th January by Parvatibai Chowgule College, Margao. Pegasus is an amalgamation of various events surrounding language and literature. The theme of Pegasus 2020 was Apocalypse. This is the sixth time Goa University has won the event, and the fourth consecutive year.

Goa University chose the character of Effie Trinket from *The Hunger Games* as their mascot. She was played by Tefencia Barretto, who won the 2nd place among the mascots. . Laureate was a triathlon event which was part of Pegasus 2020, and Swinburne Fernandes who represented Goa University was the 2nd runner up.

Goa University students bagged the 1st place in the following events: Game Changer (Feliza); Slammit (Lester); The Booker (Feliza and Twizel); Montage (Vruksha); The Roast (Lester); and Bohemian Euphony (Lester, Odele, and Chelsea).

The events in which Goa University students came in 2nd were: Janus (Sahila); and Literary Snakes & Ladders (Archana Kumar). The team won the 3rd place for Promo (Lester and Tefencia).

The host college also organised Cosfest Goa 2020, in which Goa University won the 1st place in the Group Category. Cosfest is a kind of performance art where participants dress up as characters from anime, cartoons, comic books, manga, television series, video games, etc. The Cosfest participants were: Swizel Crasto (Katniss from *The Hunger Games*); Cynara Gonsalves (Catwoman based on the DC Comics); Avner Fernandes (the eponymous character from *V for Vendetta*); Chelsea Fernandes (June Offred, the protagonist from *The Handmaid's Tale*); and Odele Azavedo (Hermoine Granger from the *Harry Potter* series).

Austin Dias and Archana Kumar were the coordinators for the University team. The faculty member who guided and accompanied the team was Miss. Nafisa Oliveira, Asst. Prof. of English. The team participants were:

1. Tefencia Barretto
2. Archana Kumar
3. Swinburne Fernandes
4. Lester D'souza
5. Feliza Goes
6. Siffonia D'mello
7. Cynara Gonsalves
8. Sahila Shaikh
9. Preethi D'souza
10. Vruksha Karmali
11. Odele Azavedo
12. Chelsea Fernandes
13. Chelsea Furtado
14. Austin Dias
15. Avner Fernandes
16. Twizel Coutinho
17. Vindie Lopes

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