



AU REVOIR MY FRIEND ROQUEZINHO ...

JESUS MARIO FERNANDES (BABIT)

A pall of gloom descended over the village of Utorda in the early hours of the 8th of August, when cruel death snatched away one of its most conscientious citizens from his village and his family. Though Roque was suffering from an ailment for the last one and a half years, (which he fought bravely, without a murmur of protest) nonetheless, the end came without adequate warning. No one can determine the moment when we are called to leave our body behind to unite with our creator but it sure leaves a void, an emptiness however much you know about the impending and the inevitable denouement on the stage of life.

Roquezinho fondly called as Roque was a lovely person, unassuming, soft-spoken with an infectious, coy smile ever ready to lend his helping hand to one and all.

His physical frame, and his simple lifestyle belied the steely resolve of his goals and mission in life. Uppermost in his hierarchy of priorities was a social project which enveloped his love for his village and the land of his birth. His involvement or rather immersion in the activities of the club even in the last stages of his life is a vivid testimony of this unwavering dedication to its cause.

His unquestionable integrity, an impeccable sense of probity and elegant simplicity defined the man. Whatever he laid his hands on was executed with meticulousness and complete transparency. He was at the centre of everything that his beloved club, the United Club of Utorda did. Every project that he was associated with, bore his insignia of diligence, meticulousness and successful management. His concerns ran



deep. Perhaps the only reason why these did not surface in fuller and wider public view is because he had a somewhat 'introvert' personality with a calm demeanour, a smiling façade that betrayed his firm and resolute being.

His sense of concern for his fellow workers and mates plunged him into the Union activities at his workplace --The Majorda Beach resort—and was its secretary and the treasurer.

In any discussion, however heated and boisterous it may have been, his persuasive skills aided by his soft-spoken-ness would come as an antidote to soothe many a frayed temper. His purposeful quiet intervention would disarm the most ebullient.

When we learned about his dreaded sickness, all of us were quietly devastated, knowing the ferocity of that affliction. Yet many had hoped for a miracle, but God willed otherwise!

He suffered for nearly 18 months bearing the pain with fortitude and courage, defying our own assumptions, fighting it out till the very end of his life. The resilience was typical of the man. Until a few days before the end, he was actively participating in the club's activities. **He attended the installation ceremony and took oath to take responsibility as assistant Treasurer** and checked the financial reports, keeping his responsibilities in mind as the **treasurer** of the club.

Completely wedded to the club and its ideals, he rose through its ranks to be its President for the year 2001/2002 and 2004,2005. Through the years, he handled every responsibility having been elected to every post in the Executive committee. He played a key role in the GYM building at the ground

None could rival him for record-keeping. With a keen sense of history, he would recapitulate every event with the ease of a chronicler. He indeed was a treasure trove of the Club, with past photos and reports of events assiduously and meticulously preserved. He edited the club newsletter/magazine 'Utordechim Kirnnam' for many years.

He leaves behind his grieving mother, wife Flavia and three children. **Reuven, Sanya and Achelle**

Roquezinho our friend, that soft voice of yours may be stilled, but it will continue to reverberate in us.

We miss you. You have left us with wonderful memories, a legacy of hard work and above all, an unstinting love for your village and the land. We will cherish those memories

Till we meet again... Au revoir Ixtta!



Editorial

A Tribute to our past Editor



It is indeed a privilege to be the Editor of "Utordechim kirrnam", the oldest magazine founded in Utorda . The writings in this magazine has inspired many to fight social issues and injustices that Goa was plagued with in the decades of 80's and 90's. Infact, Utorda was the epicenter of one of the agitation that rocked Goa in 1990's and Utordekars then were rightly called as "Vanguards".

As I pen down, I would like to take a leaf from an inspirational quote by Mahatma Gandhi, "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. "

Which means that, the true core of a person is the part that is not selfish and which works for others.

If I turn the pages of history of Utordechim kirrnam, João Roque Noronha was one such personality who dedicated himself for the service of others. He was the longest served Editor and took out the highest number of issues than any other editor. He was our past President, Treasurer, Secretary and a Core member of our club.

Rocky's unexpected death has shocked the club fraternity and the community of Utorda. And this issue of "Utordechim Kirrnam" is rightfully dedicated to him. Utorda's residents expressed their thoughts on his passing through social media. Many are praying to his family, and others are noting how he has helped them over the course of his career of social service.

We offer our condolences to his wife, children and family.

We, at United club of Utorda, are totally committed to the service of the community and to the people of Utorda. we don't discriminate between poor and rich, we don't distinguish between caste, creed and religion. Our motto is to serve the community.

We conduct a variety of community activities covering sports, cultural, social, medical camps, blood donation drive, youth development programs. We also run a grassroot level football academy where over 70 young girls, boys are trained in football and a School of music where nearly 50 students are trained. The club also runs it's health facilitation center for the benefit of the villagers.

We look forward to working together with you and carrying forward our vision and mission in the years to come...

L Trindade Fernandes



President Diary

On 8th of August our friend and the Pillar of the Club Mr. Rocky Noronha left for his heavenly abode. We will miss him. We at the club rededicate ourselves to continue to work for the betterment of our village.

This year we in Goa had very good monsoons. Lots of places have been flooded. Torrential rains are still active in the country. Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala have witnessed unprecedented flooding.

On 5th August the Modi Govt at the Centre announced the Abrogation of article 370, that gave a special status to the state of Jammu and Kashmir. What is happening in Kashmir no body knows.

EPL kicked off on 10th of August 2019. Last year's champions. Mancity opened the defence of the title in the right fashion. EPL was closely followed by LIGUE I France, SERIE A Italy, LA LIGA, SPAIN & BUNDESLIGA GERMANY.

On the 15th of August 2019 our country celebrated its 73rd Independence Day. On this day we remember all our freedom fighters. But the question remains, are we really free? On the same day we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by keeping up the tradition of blessing first paddy corn and preparing Pattolies.

On 25th August 2019 P. V. Sindhu made India proud. She became the first Indian Shuttler to win badminton world championships gold.

Huge wildfires are ravaging the Amazon rainforest. If the fires are not controlled it will be an environmental disaster. Major part of Amazon is in Brazil. The other parts are in Blivia, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela. Pope Francis voiced concern and urged Catholics to pray for the fires to be extinguished quickly.

The 45th G7 summit was held from August 24th to 26th 2019 in BIARRITZ, FRANCE. The group of seven (G7) is an international governmental economic organization consisting of the seven largest IMF – described advanced economics in the world. France, United States, Italy, Canada, Germany, Japan and United Kingdom are member countries.

On 1st of September 2019, the club members visited all Hindu brethren families in our village on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturti.

On 8th September 2019 we celebrated the feast of Nativity of our blessed virgin Mary.

Host of projects are in the pipeline, Football tournament, Medical camp, youth development programme etc. Calling for support to make things click.

***Anthony L C Fernandes
President,***



Message of Parish Priest

I am happy to know that United Club of Utorda is releasing the souvenir 'Kirnnam'. 'Go and do likewise' is the new theme for this pastoral year (2019-2020). It is in fact continuation of the last year's theme "He has anointed me to give good news to the poor".

United Club of Utorda is engaged in doing lot of activities for the upliftment of the village, from sports activities to socio-cultural activities. All these activities are done keeping in mind, the values of Christ.

It is really great to see all the members of the club are working in unity. Unity is their strength as the name suggests.

I wish them all the best in the future endeavours especially towards the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden. There may be some economically weaker people, who need assistance. Hope they will support such people to come up in life.

Go and do likewise, inspires us to do likewise as the Good Samaritan did. May they be Good Samaritans in their approach.

MAY GOD BESS YOU

**Your Pastor in Utorda,
Fr. Santo Antonio Pereira**



Past President Tribute

It was a historic year in 1993 when three clubs in Utorda merged as per the will of the people to form a new entity to be known as The United Club of Utorda, and having first served as it's President in the year 1994-95, it has been a privilege and honour to have led the club as President for 5 years, more so from 2013 when we rose to great heights, when our membership rose to over 100 with the inclusion of a new women's wing, when we as a club focused on community development and development of our youth with the opening of our Music School and GFDC football centre, today we are ranked as a "A" category club by the Sports Authority of Goa and the Directorate of Sports, Government of Goa.

Today I pen a few lines on my experience and working as President for five years and I would definitely like to say that however strong a membership, however progressive a club, nothing believe me would be possible for the leadership without a President having his Core committee in place, this small group would be basically be the think tank, this small group would be basically the heart upon which any leadership would trust and take forward any and most decisions.

One such person who would always be in my Core and trust worthy committee was our beloved Late Rocky Noronha who served the club as President, Editor and more importantly a person who was entrusted with the club's finances for many years.

As a leader if you look forward to success, one must always have the ability and grace to Listen more than you talk, it is based on this principle that you create judgments acceptable to all, and hence I can definitely say that Rockys opinions, feedback and focus on the long term future of our club was so important for me personally and every decision I took whilst leading the club we're invaluable.

They say that no one person can be that important, they say that the working of the club will go on, they say that after sometime the person will be forgotten and life will go on BUT I would like to say that with the demise of our beloved Rocky there is a Vacuum created that will be hard to fill, there will be memories of his dedication and sincerity that will be missed, this pillar of strength of every core group would definitely weaken our working.

Good bye my dear friend, colleague and brother in the service of our club and village, you may be no more but I can assure you your legacy will always go on.

I wish his wife and children our heart felt sympathy and my condolences to the entire family.

Agnelo Pereira
Past President

SECRETARY REPORT

ULORICA SILVEIRA



United Club of Utorda had their 26th Governing board installation on the 21st of August 2018 at Island View restaurant located at Utorda beach.

In September 2018 the club took up their first project on the eve of Ganesh festival. We visited Hindu houses and exchanged gifts.

United club of Utorda had their school of music annual gathering on the 30th of September 2019 at church community hall.

Each student played one piece with their instruments.

Praxedes Fernandes(administrator) was the project coordinator. A noted musician and advisor of school of music Mr. Alvaro Pereira advised students to devote time to practicing music. Agnelo Pereira compered the entire gathering. President Remy Pereira welcomed the gathering in the presence of Trindade Fernandes, Emy Pereira, Ana Pacheco, Carmelina Pereira, Juliet Fernandes, Maria D Souza , Savio Pereira and Albino D Costa.

Mouven Fernandes and Elton Fernandes music teachers coordinated the event. Celso Soares spoke at the open session.

On the 10th of October 2018 GFDC in association with the United club of Utorda distributed about 70 football kits to young trainees. Agnelo Pereira was the chief guest. My sincere thanks to our hard working centre head Albino D Costa and coaches. Special thanks to Linnette Vaz who coached our women gfdc team.

Our GFDC centre has produced a number of top young footballers, notably among them are two young girls Viniska Fernandes and Vienna Coelho from our very own Utorda GFDC centre and were selected fonational level sub juniors at Cuttack. Clearance Fernandes was selected for U 15 India team. Besides this the grassroot academy of our club participated in various tournaments resulting in winners, runner up and getting many individuals awards. In 2018 our under 13 girls team was state runners-up.

On the 28th of October, 2018 United club of Utorda in association with Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Panjim , organised a one day seminar on women empowerment for the women at Island View restaurant Utorda at 8.30 am. Chief Guest Martha Mascarenhas spoke on the occasion, Lisette Camara(APEO) and Melba Vas e Leitao Principal of Basilio Andrade Higher Secondary Majorda cordinated.

Ketaki Gadekar spoke on handling emotions. Dr Jorson Fernandes covered women and health, while Caroline Stuart D'Silva covered women empowerment in a man's world.

About 120 youth, students, women from the neighbouring villages, Schools and Colleges participated. Trindade Fernandes, Emy Pereira, Ana Pacheco, Mario D Sousa, Carmelina Pereira, Tulsidas Borkar, Uddesh Borkar, Anthony Rodrigues, Francis Cardozo worked tirelessly for the success of the project.

United Club of Utorda in association with Goa Medical College Bambolim and blood bank organised the annual voluntary blood donation camp.

About 60 participated in the camp .Agnelo Pereira was the project Manager.

United club of Utorda organised a grand All Goa Inter-village football tournament. Finals of which were held on 18th November 2018.

United Club of Utorda in association with Fr Basilio Andrade memorial higher secondary school organised a workshop for students as a part of their Teacher's day celebration and youth development program. Initiated by United Club of Utorda for development of the youth. Caroline Steward a motivational speaker spoke on " Building confidence and self esteem" in the presence of Trindade

Fernandes, Vice President Savio Pereira , Principal Melba Vas e Leitao. In her welcome speech Mrs. Melba Vas e Leitao said that we must switch off from fun based activity and switch on to serious activity and vice versa, that is building character in life.

Faculty Caroline Steward spoke about various tools like positive affirmation, increasing one's knowledge, integrity etc to help in building one's confidence. The workshop was attended by 150 students.

United Club of Utorda organised Christmas week in grand style with variety of programs like Carol singing, Mando singing, Konkani skits, fashion show, individuals dancing at Utorda. The programs attracted huge crowds with local talent involved. Cultural Secretary Johnny Gomes, Carmelina Pereira, Praxedes Fernandes, Ulorica Silveira, Agnelo Pereira, Emy Pereira, Ana Pacheco , Maria D Sousa, Tony Vincent Fernandes , Savio Pereira, Nakash Borkar and Trindade Fernandes together coordinated the events. Anthony Pereira compered the shows.

United Club of Utorda held their annual get-together at the court room, Alua Restaurant Verna on 25th January 2019. President Remy Pereira welcomed the gathering. Future plans were unfolded in the field of Sports, culture, entertainment and on the social front. Every member expressed their views and contributed to the deliberations. Bruno Azaredo, Paxton Pereira gave talks on motivation.

Project managers Agnelo Pereira and Savio Pereira coordinated the event .

On the occasion of Carnival the following folk plays were staged near football ground Utorda. On 4th March and 5th March , the traditional khell tiatrs were staged

The above festival was promoted by Local MLA Wilfred D SA and coordinated by Johny Gomes and Agnelo Pereira as a part of the traditional cultural heritage in association with our club.

United club of Utorda conducted a ten days beautician course for the young women of Utorda as part of their women empowerment program and the program concluded on 4th may. Liberata Fernandes conducted the course and about 32 women participated .

On 1st may the club had a grand picnic at

farmhouse at Xeldem, a very rustic place, secluded, with a rugged muddy approach road amidst thick woods with wild berries, cashews, kokum, mango trees etc. unfortunately our big bus could not reach the destination and many had to walk more than a kilometer to a shady beautiful spot. In the bargain I would say it was a healthy walk indicating that all of us are healthy and hale.

Many thanks to Leslie Silvester for transporting the members to the picnic spot.

On 13th May was the birth anniversary of our club. A thanks giving mass was offered, followed by cake distribution at our lady of Lourdes church Utorda.

To conclude the year ,we had a night vigil at our Lady of Lourdes Church Utorda on 1st June 2018. Fr. Santo Antonio Pereira (Parish priest). Rev Fr Natalino Fernandes ,Fr Oliver Fernandes and team conducted the night vigil under the Theme: "Holy Spirit teaches you everything. The church was full to the capacity with devotees. Maria D Sousa, Emy Pereira, Ulorica Silveira and Ana Pacheco coordinated the service.

HEALTH FACILITATION CENTER OF UNITED CLUB OF UTORDA

Emergency Oxygen Center in Utorda

United Club of Utorda has a 24 hours emergency oxygen cylinder facilitation center at Utorda for the benefit of the general public of Utorda village and much beyond too. The club has 2 medical oxygen cylinders along with breathing accessories, three wheel chairs, water mattress, Hospital bed, nebuliser etc as part of their community service programs plus in case of blood requirements, the club provides blood donation cards which are available on priority basis.

Farmers Club of Utorda in association with United Club of Utorda has made tremendous success in the field of agriculture in the village. Krishi cards are made , seminars for farmers are organised and even pucca roads are built due to initiative of the United club of Utorda.

FROM THE CULTURAL SECRETARY'S DESK

JOHNNY GOMES



Utorda has been always a cradle of Cultural hub. We have many tiart artists, directors, play writers and some of them have got state level awards in solo singing and duet singing. Few of them have acted in Konkani films and United club of Utorda has always promoted such activities and offered platform for young children to nurture thier talents.

We organise various cultural events throughout the year including Christmas week celebrations with various cultural events like Mando, carol singing Konkani skits, Konkani one act plays, special cultural programmes. In the last few years The United club of Utorda in association with Directorate of Art and Culture Department, Panjim have showcased many cultural events. In May 2018 we organised a grand cultural event:- Gomantak paramparik lok Kala Sangam Kariavoll' where

various traditional Goan folk dances, Konkani skits, Konkani folk songs, deknni , fugdi, were performed. This year in the month of August 2019 SONGITACHI SANZ - Sanskruti Kariavoll" and a classical tiatr was sanctioned. All these programs were organised so as to harness the village talents. My sincere thanks to Art and Culture Department, Panjim for conducting such activities in the village.

My thanks goes to Trindade Fernandes for doing all the laisoning to get these programmes sanctioned in the village.

We look forward for more programs in future

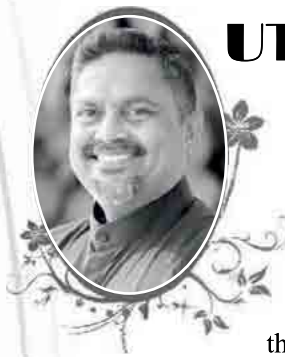
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UTORDA – MY FATHER'S VILLAGE

BY JOSEPH CANISIUS DIAS (JODI)



Growing up, I had the best of City and village life. Every Sunday, my father would take me for the Sunday Morning Shows at Vishant, Metropole, and Cine Lata theatres, where Wild Westerns used to be screened. In those days, children who sat in the lap of parents were not charged entry. The same applied when we would travel by bus to Utorda from Margao, soon after the movie. I loved to sit at the window and try to rip a few leaves from branches that would come close to the window. The bus conductor would scream, "Burgeonache hath bhitor ghalat!" (Keep your children's hands inside!). Buses would be extremely crowded and standing passengers would be allowed. My father would ensure that we would travel seated or else he would take the



next bus. Along the way, we would pass by green fields and ponds full of beautiful lotuses. There were white egrets too, strutting right beside the workers or perched on water buffaloes. As soon as we would alight a little ahead of 'Molar' (A road junction in Utorda, where my cousins and I would play carrom and eat tasty dal potato bhaji, at the REX Bar). In those days there was no road going inside 'Ollem Bhatt' (Big Property). We had to walk along a 'pâi-vatt'(beaten track) that commenced from a roadside cross, cross two small streams, and a coconut grove. There was no better joy than wading through cool waters and bending down to irritate the 'touch-me-nots' by making them close their leaves. It was a wonder of wonders then and I still do this when in Goa (even at age 53!!!). During the mango season, we would pass by the 'Sakrecho Ambo' (Sugar Mango) tree and if we were lucky, a squirrel would have thrown down a ripe, part-eaten mango, which we would wash and cut away the eaten part and gleefully consume it rind et al! A stop at João and Rosario's house was a must in those days. Their house was the closest to ours and my father would always carry a couple of potato-vadas for their elderly mother who was bed-ridden. She had no

teeth and no dentures either and loved the vadas tremendously since these were soft enough to chew on. As soon as Rosario would see me, he would get into his ritual of climbing a coconut tree and drop a few tender coconuts for our refreshment. In those days, although little, i could have the water of three coconuts plus the gelatinous insides! With stomachs distended, we would then walk towards my father's house. During one of those weekend trips,, i found my grandfather and Rosario inside a deep pit with water inside it! My grandfather had started digging a well with his own hands during the week, much to the chagrin of my grandmother who ranted on about he getting a cold from the wet mud. I was forbidden to watch them dig the well and so my father hooked up his two bamboo fishing rods and off we went to the 'fondaro' (Pond), which was in a field bordering our cute little 'shennachem ghor' (Cowdung coated house). Sometimes, if the tender coconut were not consumed before reaching grandmas' house, i would be treated to a couple of eggs, fried sunny side up in pure coconut oil. The tea

almost every time had black ants floating on top and granny taught us to have the tea with the ants saying, " Muioh dolleank boreo" (Ants are good for the eyes). Prior to proceeding to the pond, my father would fill a couple of 'kotteo' (Coconut shells) with earthworm-laden wet sand from beside the clothes washing stone. I learnt very early in life how to tie the fish-hook, bait it and pull the fish out when the float got pulled under water. Sometimes, when there was additional company, my father and his friend, would step into the pond with a large bamboo basket and dip it into the water just under the lotuses and reeds and pull out hundreds of small fish, which would be crisp-fried and eaten at lunch. There were times when my father and I would have more time on our hands and decide to cross the rail tracks to sit beside the 'nuim' (river) and fish. Most south Goans know of this river - River Sal, which flows all the way to Betul and joins the sea there. The walk to the river would take us a good forty minutes, through sandy tracks, which would divide the boundaries between the quaint mud houses of other 'mundkars' (Caretakers of property). The whole village knew my father by the name of 'Pedro Francisco' but when you heard it being pronounced by the villagers, it would come out as 'pidfransis'! The simplicity of these villagers have left on me a lasting warmth of their love and care and maybe, it is this feeling that makes me speak of my father's village with much love in my posts. Although I grew up in a city (Margao), almost every holiday was spent in Utorda. "Pidfransis ... amguer jevun vosai re!" (Peter Francis, come eat with us and go!) or, shouts of "Tuge oddlo cheddo kit' re?" (Is this your older boy or what?) were commonly heard, when we passed the houses. Further on our sojourn, we would walk through fields on the 'xetha bandh' (The raised, mud dividers forming the squares for planting). I remember, particularly during the watermelon season, we never carried drinking water since the growers knew my father and generous as they were, would shout out, "Pifransis ... ek puddo vor re!" (Peter Francis, take a small watermelon along with you!). My father and i would spend hours sitting by the river, staring at the thermocol float. He would sit with his longer stick and i with a special one prepared for my size! He had taught me how to tie the hook, thread the bait and pull the fish out at the opportune moment when the float would disappear underwater! For those who are anglers will know what ecstasy one feels when the pull on the cord is loaded with the weight of the fish! It is a joy that transcends all other! Once the fish was pulled out, my father would inspect it and teach me how to lightly step on it and pull out the hook from its lip, and to grab it. Sometime, an ugly 'fugo' (puffer fish) would be caught or worse still, a 'levannem' (watersnake)! These were times when I would leave it to my father to release them back in the water! Being a saltwater river, 'sangott' (Catfish) would also be caught at the river. My father taught me how to recognize this fish and taught me to be extra careful with the stinging spike. If one got pierced by the spike, I am told that the wound would always get infected and take very long to heal. If the spike broke inside the skin, apparently it would rot the flesh as it moved up the leg! I don't know how true this is but there was a guy who we knew, who was nicknamed 'sangttacantel' ('Catfish spike') who suffered from a bad infection in his leg after being struck by a catfish!

There were times when we returned home with loads of fish but then there were others when we would catch absolutely nothing! It was during these times, when my father would make me swear to secrecy, when the fish we would take home was actually bought from a vendor!

If we wanted the sweet 'suur' (toddy), there was no easy way out but to wake up early in the morning (5.30 am) and sit in the verandah holding a glass and a rupee in your hand, and lookout for the 'rendher' (Toddy-tapper) to pass by. As soon as we saw one, we would run out to him and ask for a glass of toddy. If the tapper was in a good mood and the request was for only one glass, he would not charge for it. If you have never tasted the early morning toddy then you will never know the real difference between this and the toddy sold in the market later in the morning; It would have surely gone sour with the fermentation! It is the fermented toddy that gives one a 'kick'! Children should not be allowed to drink this or else they will get drunk on it! A true Goan also knows the difference between 'san'nas' made

with 'fermented toddy' versus ones made with yeast. There is simply no comparison between the two! The 'surechim sannas' are simply out of this world! My absolute favourite ones are the ones with the 'maddanchem godd' (coconut jaggery) added to them! My 'grandmãe' (grandmom) made the best 'sannas' and in those days, tea-time snacks would almost always be 'holeh', 'Goddachim san'na' or 'bakor' (coarse groundrice and coconut flatbread on banana leaf, roasted on a hot 'tava').



Were you born during a time when your village had no electricity? During my childhood days, I spent a few holidays in my father's village - UTORDA. In those days, the village did not have electricity and I would like to pen a view of my recollections of that time, so that our children may know what it was like without electricity! When my grandfather ran away with my well-to-do grandmother and got married, they decided to settle down in Utorda. They found a 'bhattkar' (Landlord) who was kind enough to allow them to look after his

4000 sq.m of land on which he had planted scores of coconut trees with a few mango and cashew trees on the border. In other words, they became 'munddkars' (caretakers) on the land. With the help of a few good neighbours, and some savings, my grandfather managed to build a small two bedroom house on the land. My early recollection of that house is of a palm-thatched house, with walls and floors plastered with 'xenn' (cowdung). For lights, my grandfather had converted a few empty medicine bottles into kerosene lamps by drawing through the cap, a 'suthli' (coir rope), left long enough to coil down into the bottom of the kerosene, enough to pull out more as the wick got burnt out. In those days, kerosene was supplied by a man who would drag a small tank on small motorcycle wheels, which he would drag across the sandy paths via two handles and a wide strap that would circle his temple. "Gaslet, gaslet, gaslet" was a welcome cry when he would pass by each house in the village, once a week, supplying kerosene to the villagers. Sometimes, the man would be kind enough to even fill every lamp himself! We had a 'petromax' hanging from a hook in the middle of our living room which would be lit up every evening. It was quite a ritual to get it fired up! A lot of pumping had to be done until the flame on the fabric bulb disappeared only to leave an evenly lit center. Since there was no evening entertainment in the village except for the 'tiatre' (Play) during the 'festa' (Feast), our elders had to be very creative in keeping us entertained. Our grandmother was an interesting storyteller and would never run out of ghost stories. These would be told to us only after the family 'rosary' (A Catholic prayer prayed with the aid of beads). Just to get to the stories quickly, the speed of the 'Hail Mary/Holy Mary' would be a 100 km/hr! To add to the eeriness of the ghost stories, my grandfather would blow his conch two to three times to scare off the foxes! (There was a time when we found our pillows dragged far into the bushes and our grandmom swore the foxes were responsible! now I think it was the dogs!!!). One other great form of entertainment was the shadow play by my father, using his fingers to create birds, dogs, fish etc. via cast shadows on the walls. These were usually accompanied with lovely 'cock-and-bull- stories' created on the fly! Sometimes, he would fold paper and cut beautiful patterns in it, which he would hold, in front of the kerosene lamps and, project the patterns on the walls. They were beautiful days then but, the one thing i am yet to figure out to this day is whether the crying baby sounds from the 'ghaddko' (Valley) next to our house were made by cats or by some 'paranormal' activity in the area! (Anyone out there who wants to go on a ghost hunt next time I am down in Goa?)

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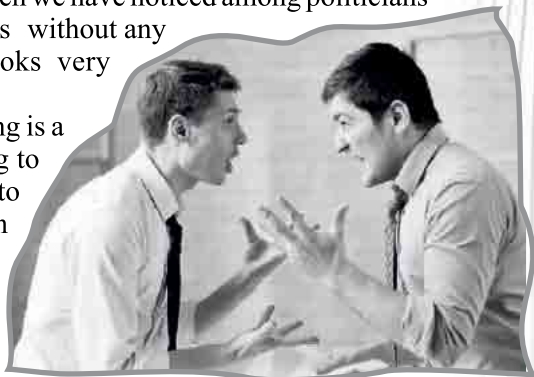
BY SYLVIA FURTADO SOARES



This article is inspired by the attitude of people around us in different situations, not necessarily all Goans or our fellow villagers.

It is said there is an inborn trait in human beings to win arguments and lose friends. People love to argue, and will go to any extent to prove a point, however frivolous it may be. Arguing becomes a habit, an automatic reaction of saying something contradictory to whatever is being said. We all do it sometimes. **We all know what it is to walk away after winning an argument with the mouth dry, head hot and spinning, and heart sick – wishing that it had never happened, deeply regretting the unkind words that were said.** Believe it or not, more homes are destroyed by arguments than by fires, floods or earthquakes. Even we have noticed among politicians too, unbelievable arguments takes place and at times without any solutions! When we face such situations, it looks very awkward.

We all know that arguing for the sake of arguing is a pointless waste of time. We have absolutely nothing to gain, and our time, energy and someone's friendship to lose. It's said the only people who really listen to an argument are **the neighbours and the people who are not in good books with you.** You try to get out as much as possible of an argument what you put into it – a lot of hot air. You may achieve a victory sometimes or may not. But it will be an **empty victory**, because you will never get your opponent's goodwill.



No one ever really **wins** an argument. You can shout and scream and argue until you're blue in the face, but people are not going to believe that you are right unless they want to believe it. And no amount of logic or argument will make people change their mind if they don't want to. Nine times out of ten, an argument ends with each side more firmly convinced than ever that she/he is absolutely right. A person convinced against will, is of the same opinion still. So which would you rather have? An academic, theoretical victory or a person's goodwill? You can't have both.

Overbearing people, may it be haughty men or women ought to realise that people can't be forced to agree. Showing love and consideration can make people change their minds far more easily. A fool utters immediately but a wise person keeps it in. The wise heart discerns time and judgement. **The one and the only way to get the best of an argument is to avoid it.** That is the wisest counsel not to lose friends, neighbours, relatives and people. I remember having read a book, let me quote herein – Chesterfield once said to his son, “Be wiser than other people, if you can. But do not tell them that you are.”

Strictly speaking, in our mad rush to do whatever it is we do; - are we forgetting that at the end of the day, **only upbringing and education matters** and that all the money in the world can never buy class. No doubt, every individual (person) has different mentality but there are also various ways to defend the criticism and argument - be sober and polite, avoid unpleasantness.

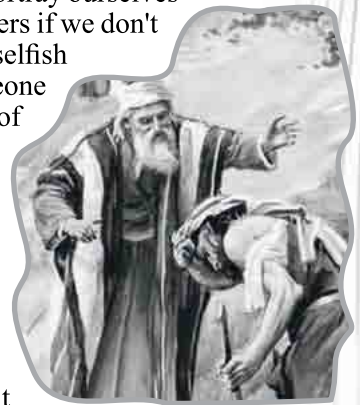


BE MERCIFUL TO OTHERS TO RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY

BY POLY PEREIRA

We offer prayers and dedicate holy masses for divine intervention to resolve our issues. We pray for good health and success of our children and grandchildren. We attend novena mass to seek personal favours. We celebrate feasts of various saints. All these practices are not bad if they're done with good intentions.

Indeed, it so happens that we seek GOD's mercy upon us when we ourselves hardly show any mercy towards our neighbours and enemies. We curse our neighbours and enemies with dirty words on daily basis. We try to portray ourselves as holy and GOD fearing when we are not. We hesitate to assist others if we don't benefit from it. To be a good Samaritan, one must forget their selfish personal gains or interest. Nowadays, there is a trend to assist someone only if that person can be useful at a later date. There is no sign of mercy in such a situation, but purely assistance for future utilization or we call them friends with benefits. Such kind of help is for pure greed and selfish interest.



Miracles do happen in every human's life notwithstanding their religious beliefs. There are still people in this world who are committed and dedicated to help others and normally use their savings and expertise for good use without expecting any returns or gratitude. Such people are the happiest amongst all. Happiness is not achieved through money, materialism and status. We need to revisit our approach towards our fellow human beings. We should not treat

GOD and Saints as contractors who will fulfil all our requirements as and when we want. True GOD's mercy shall be bestowed upon each and every human being if one is ready to show apathy and sympathy towards fellow human beings especially the poor, needy and vulnerable.

Daily prayers and taking part in the Eucharistic celebration without any constructive changes in our personal behaviour and attitude will not result in any goodness. We are fooling ourselves and not GOD. What we do unto others will definitely come back haunting us before we are gone from this earth. There is good karma and bad karma for every action we undertake while on earth. So better be careful with our words, thoughts, actions and deeds. Just being famous and wealthy without any good deeds to fellow human beings will never achieve salvation. We must make concrete efforts to practice charity and show mercy especially towards the unfortunate people of our society. We should not help to seek publicity and laurels, but instead be a silent donor. If we do such good deeds, many innumerable blessings shall come upon us and our families.

A true Christian must reach out to the poor and the needy in their bad times. The rich person will refund or return back your favours but the poor has nothing to give back apart from saying thank you and prayers. Don't forget that all our actions and deeds are watched and every person shall be answerable one day to GOD.

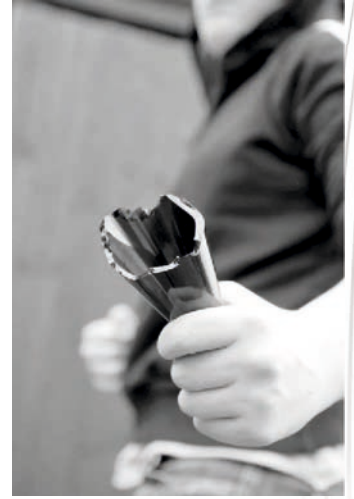
Finally, to lead happy and peaceful life without worries of tomorrow start practicing the art of giving without expecting anything in return. Definitely GOD's mercy shall be upon us and many great things shall take place in our personal and professional life.



KUTTUMBIK XIKXONN..... GORJECEM

NAKASH BORKER

Thodde dis fattim eka English disalleacher ek khobor aileli amkam vachunk mevleli. Eka Bar-ant 6 zann tornatte boson soro pitale. Gozali korun, mouza marun boro vell te sartale. Itean ek 33 vorsancho tornatto thoim bhitor sorta, ani apleak soro zai mhunn boball korta. Tacho vad-vivadh tea 6 zanna laguim zata ani tanchea modem vhoaddim zhogddim zatat. Ragachea bharan tea 6 zannam modlo eklo battli foddta ani tachea pottant ghalta. Porinnam?? tea 33 vorsanchea tornatteacho khun zata. Uprant te tachi meleli kudd kainch zaunk na zal'lea bhaxen, te vhoron eka pulachea sokol uddoitat. Te sogle 6 zann pollon bhonvtat, punn Police 6 zannam modlea 4 zannak, 4 disam bhitor dhorta. Tea 4 tornatanchi pirai 21, 22, 26 ani 34 vorsam. Ek khori ghoddni hi. Pun niall korpa sarki. Oxeo zaiteo gozali ami potramcher vachtat. Pun hem oxem kiteak ghoddta zait? Karnnam zaitim asonk xekta, punn bhurgueank bori rit-dekh ani favo tem Xikxonn na zatoch osleo ghoddneo amchea somazant odhik ghoddtat.



"Xikxonn" zonn ekleachea jivitant mahatvachem. Pun "Kuttumbik Xikxonn" zaun asa chodduch mahatvachem. Eka kuttumbant, Avoi-Bapui bhurgueancho poilo xikxok asta. Ek bhurguem zolmolea uprant, Avoi-Bapui tacho boro poramors korta, zata titlo aplo vell aplea bhurgueam vangdda sarta. Zoxem bhurguem vaddot veta, toxem tacho Avoi-Bapui taka kitem borem ani kitem vaitt tem xinkoita, bori rit-dekh dita, jivitache nem pallunk xinkoita. Bhurgueak somzonk zai titem guinean asona khorem, torui punn Avoi-Bapui taka porot porot sangta, somzaita, xinkoita ani taka sonvsaracho fuddo korunk toyar korta. Jedna tem bhurguem iskolak vochonk lagta, tedna taka bori somzikai asta. Konnacho fuddo korunk taka chodd avgodd lagona. Aplem xinkop purem zai meren taka tacho Avoi-Bapui purai toren sohokar ani margdorxon dita. Ek bhurguem somazant borem vo vaitt zaunk, Avoi-Bapui mohotvachi bhumika korta hatunt dubav na. Toxinch Iscolantle ani Collegintle xikxok tanchea xikxonantlean bhurgueanchea jivitak boro akar ditat ani tankam sonvsarant porzollpi dive kortat.

Kuttumbik xikxonant-lean, amchea bhurgueanchea **Kuddichem** (Physical), **Bhavnachem** (Emotional), **Samajik** (Social), ani **Naitik** (Moral) toren vikas zata. Kuttumbik xikxonn kuttumb kalyann (Welfare) vaddoita ani choddoita. Kuttumbacher

yevpi sonkoxttank ani addkhollink fuddo korpak Kuttumbik xixonn amkam adar korta. Oslem xixonn kuttumbantlea zonn ekleak samajik jivitachem mohotv zannoun dita. Kuttumbantlo zonn ek monis, dusreank resped diunk xinkta, dusreank mog ani moipas diunk xinkta, aplea ragacher tabo dourunk xinkta, vaitt vostum pasun pois ravonk xinkta ani somazant ek zababdaricho nagrik zaunk pavta. Jem xixonn lhanponnantlean kuttumbantlea zonn eka munxacho purnn toren vikas korta, takach Kuttumbik Xixonn mhuntat. Jedna Avoi-Bapui xiklelim, bore rit-dekhichim ani Dev bhirantechim astat tedna tankam aplea bhurgueank Kuttumbik Xixonn divunk sopem zata.

Bhurgueanchea jivitant Xixonn khub mohotvachem asta. Ghara Avoi-Bapui tankam Kuttumbik xixonn dita, zalear Iscolant ani Collegint tankam **Prathmik** (Primary), **Madhyamik** (High School) ani **Uch'ch Xixonn** (Higher Education) xixok ditat. **Veoktigat** (Personal), **Samajik** (Social) ani **Arthik** (Economic) vikas zauche pasot, amchea jivitant xixonn chodd gorjechem. Xixonn amchea jivitant Khuxalkai ani **Somrud'dhi** (Prosperity) haddta. Xixonn amchea monachim xokti vaddoita, borea vicharani bhorta ani amkam **sakarattmak** (Positive) zavunk adar dita. Xixonn amkam bore nirnnoi ghevunk xikoita. Xixonn amkam addkholli yetat tedna zhuzpak adar dita ani amkam jivitant sufoll korta. Borea xixonnak lagon aiz vhoddle vhoddle Dotor, Advogad, Veogyantik (Scientists), Udheogpati, adi adi zaleat. Tanni aplea xixonnacho upeog korun somazant ani sonvsarant sudarop haddlam. South Afrikacho Sorgest Rashrapati, Shree Nelson Mandela hannim mhuntlelem asa, **"Education is The Most Powerful Weapon, Which you can use to change the world"**

Amchea somazant sudarop haddunk Xixonnak mahatv diupachi chodd goroz asa. Amcho Bharat Desh sonvsarant Xixonnachea mollar anikui fuddem pavpachi goroz asa. Amchea bhurgueank xixonnachi goddsann ami lhan astanach diupachi goroz asa. Eka kuttumbant zor Avoi xikleli asot, tor ti Avoi aplea bhurgueank khub xixonn divun somazant boro nagrik korunk vavurta. Tea pasot ami Cheddeank ani Cheddvank, ontor korinastana ek sarkem xixonn diupachi goroz asa. Xiklelim bhurguim sonvsarachea khuimcheai konnxak nanv zoddtelim, nokri kortelim, dusreank aplem gyan ani xixonn vant'telim ani amcho somaz bodoltelim. Tea pasot ami nichev korum-ia ani amchea bhurgueank zata te bhaxen khub xixonn divunk proitn korum-ia. Amchim bhurguim xiklim zaleam amkamch vhoddponn melltolem.

Somazant sudarop haddtat tim sogllinch xiklelim astat oxem nhoim. Zaitem zannak favo tem xinkop mellona, torui punn tim somazant boro vavr korun zaitem nanv melloitat ani somaz bodoltat. Kiteak tankam tanchea Avoi-Bapain lhan astanach mullavem boream Kuttumbik Xixonn favo kelelem asta. Xiklelim zaum vo na xiklelim zaum, zankam boream Kuttumbik Xixonn mellona, tanchea jivitant sodanch unneponn dison yeta. Ami soglim, amchea Kallzant ani monant ekuch vichar zagrut dourum-ia, ki zor amchea bhurgueanchea jivitachi buniad okhondd korunk zai, zaleam ami amchea bhurgueank boream Kuttumbik Xixonn divunk zai.... Kiteak bhurgueankuch nhoim punn amkam sogleam **Kuttumbik Xixonn.... Gorjechem.**



AMKAM VELL NA....

NAKASH BORKER

Jivitant khuxalkai zaiti asa,
Hansonk- Nachonk amkam vell na,
Rath-Dis ami dhanvot asa,
Suseg ghevunk amkam vell na,

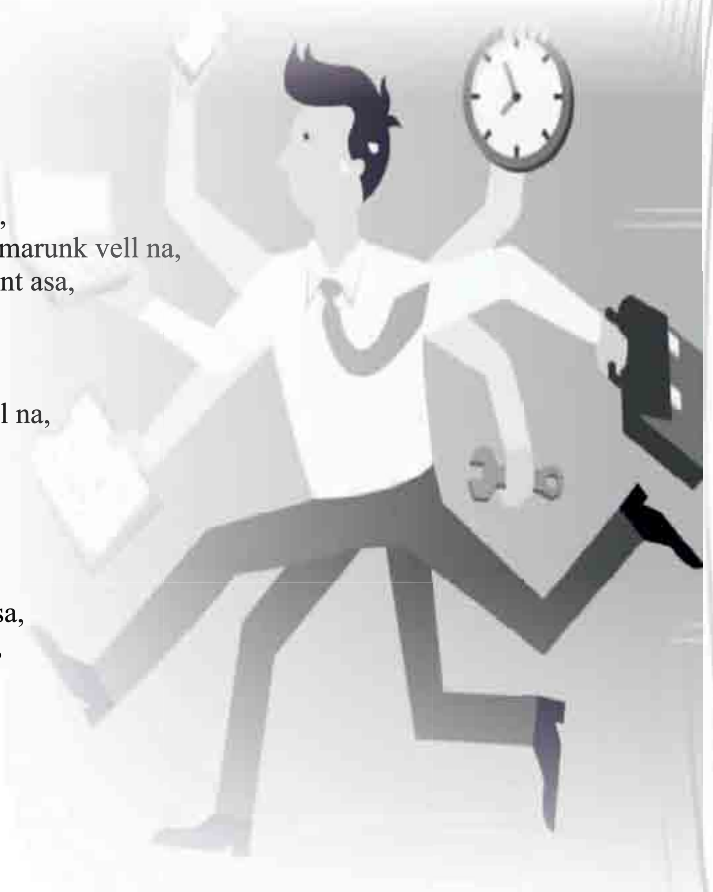
Mog Maim-cho kallzant asa,
"Maim" mhunn ulo amkam marunk vell na,
Ixttanchim Navam mobila-ant asa,
Ixttagotik amkam vell na

Porki munis laguim pavta,
Amche monxank divunk amkam vell na,
Dolleank amchea jhem yeta
Nidonk amkam vell na

Kallzant dukh zaitem asa,
Roddonk amkam vell na,
Duddu punzaunk dhanvot asa,
Jivit jiyeunk amkam vell na,

Ghott dhorun ravlo torui,
Soddun to veta tuka,
Ghoddial bondh poddlem torui,
Vell ravona tuka maka.

Kovita Tuvem Vachlea????
Kai Vachunk Tukai ...Vell Na?



INTERVIEW

CELEBRATE THE WOMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT

BY SYLVIA FURTADO SOARES



As we look back and remember that day 27 years ago when United Club of Utorda was formed on the 13th of May, 1993.....!

First and foremost, we are proud to state that **the United Club of Utorda** has grown to a large extent to cater the needs of the people of Village Utorda. Today, **United Club Of Utorda** proved to be an asset for the villagers. **It takes a goal and determination**, so that **changes and developments can be made possible if you aim and work** for it. The working committee members with present secretary and president along with the elected members, **present and past** really worked hard, ceaselessly to bring up this **very club**. The senior most retired teacher of this village Ms Filomena Soares was also associated with the united club of Utorda from the time this club was formed. She was the first secretary for the period 1992-93 .The **present President, Mr. Anthony L. C. Fernandes** earlier for a short tenure served the Club on and off along with ex-President **Savio Fernandes**. Besides, many outgoing Presidents and the Secretary as well as all the Executive Members have shown their **efforts and capacity** to bring up the Club which **stands today majestically**. Kudos to all of them.

At the same time, it is a pleasant surprise and honour for the United Club of Utorda as well as for the villagers to have a **lady Secretary Mrs. Ulorica Silveira** who is holding and serving consecutively for 4 years tenure. Women in the Indian society in present era has shown their importance in **the family as well as in the society**. Social issues like respecting a woman, gender quality and corresponding values should be an integral part. We all wish at some point in our lives that we could change and work to shape, develop and attain things about ourselves (women). **However, these are their valuable achievements in life**. It takes a goal but changing is possible which is seen from the very lady Secretary ULORICA who is capable of managing and working for the club.

Ulorica, born to Mrs. Joanita and Mr. **Domnic Silveira** of Village Utorda, married to Mr. Francis Fernandes, and mother of Farica and Felton. She is a qualified nurse of GMC cadre; working

in GMC since last twenty eight years. Presently, she is appointed as one of the member of Cofre De Nossa Senhora De Lourdes Da Igreja De Utorda. Earlier, she was also one of the member of Parish Pastoral Council of Our Lady of Lourdes. She is hard-working, passionate and thoroughly competent. Many people who know her believe her to be the most humble woman.

Mrs. Sylvia Furtado Soares caught up with this seasoned lady to know more about the changing trends in the present society and women activism in Utorda and around Goa, India. Let us welcome her.

Excerpts:

SYLVIA: **Hello Ulorica, nice to see you.**

ULORICA: I too feel very nice and proud to be with you.

SYLVIA: **First of all tell us, are you happy being a woman?**

ULORICA: Of course, why not? The women are the backbone of this society. From time immemorial, we read in our religious scriptures on Mother Mary as a superwoman, no doubt we cannot be compared with her. In our genes, we are caring mothers, daughters, sisters, wives and so on who shoulders all the responsibilities in life looking after each and every member of the families and at times around us.

SYLVIA: **Why does, then, the coverage of women issues get a raw deal?**

ULORICA: Higher ups at every nook and corner are still dominated by men. We are still in a male dominated society and hence women's issues get a raw deal.

SYLVIA: **What are the major problems of women face today?**

ULORICA: It is life; till this day the society treat women as weaker sex. Career wise I am a qualified nurse of Goa Medical College working since last twenty eight years. We face many problems including shifts and, odd working hours is the biggest hurdle. In my profession, (Professionally too, at times) the woman GMC female nurses (staff) are not discriminated from the male counterparts. But I came across at some places, professionally too, the women are not given due respect for their calibre. Another issue of women - is balancing of home and domestic work. Sometimes, mothers encourage the men folk and then these men are on the path of dominance, demonstrating their clout over women.

SYLVIA: **Why is violence against women often so misreported?**

ULORICA: One reason could be that it is a male dominated desk and in the new age, few women understand the issues beyond violence. Violence can be projected softly but that is not being done.

SYLVIA: **Do you feel society acknowledge our sacrifices?**

ULORICA: So far I have not come across any serious violence cases in our village. But I feel there are good men too in our society who **acknowledges and respects women's efforts**. No doubt, I have gone through News Papers and media/ TV and come across many cases of violence taking place against women at other places. Sometimes, many of my patients narrate their pathetic incidents of their own and at times I see patients admitted when brutally attacked by their men and in-laws.

SYLVIA: **Since you are a working women, how do you manage your family life?**

ULORICA: As mentioned above, I take care of my family with dedication. It is a known fact that I cannot devote more time but I do manage with utmost care and love by the help of my family members. Besides, I carry-on social work as and when time permits me because my well-wishers and family members always lends me helping hand.

SYLVIA: **You are the Secretary of United Club of Utorda who is elected consecutively for the fourth time tenure. What is the role of a women secretary in the Village**

- ULORICA:** **Club?**
On my part, I have played my role efficiently as a Club secretary attending the duties of the club as and when required. Rest depends with the **honourable club** personnel, members/bearers of the club to appreciate my work or not, but I am obliged to all of them.
- SYLVIA:** **What according to you are the changing trends required in developing more activities of the United Club of Utor da?**
- ULORICA:** It depends. We have plans to put up suggestions and new activities for changing trends to carry on successfully. Wait and watch.
- SYLVIA:** **Can you share a message for your villagers?**
- ULORICA:** I know our villagers are hard-working, so I want them to follow their old tradition and take-up cultivation and many other trades which our ancestors carried. Similarly, the **youth** must take keen interest in agriculture, and take challenges in every field. They must cultivate barren fields and grow rice, also vegetables and fruits. Nowadays, eating veg. and fruits from others states are mostly sprayed with pesticides which harms human beings and causes all sorts of diseases and cancer. **The young generation** must accept this humble advice and try to work on it.
- SYLVIA:** **Thank you, Ulorica. It is praiseworthy that the Club is doing well. My best compliments for the future endeavours of the United Club of Utor da.**
- ULORICA:** I also thank you very much Sylvia for showcasing our talents. On behalf of United Club of Utor da, I wish you all the best to carry on your dedicated work always and bring laurels to all of us. Thank you once again.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNITED CLUB OF UTORDA

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| Anthony L C Fernandes | — President, |
| Anthony Rodrigues | — Vice President. |
| Ulorica Fernandes | — Secretary. |
| Gomendes Gabino Azavedo | — Treasurer, |
| Remedios Monterio | — Sports secretary, |
| Tony Vincent Fernandes | — Assistant sports secretary. |
| Jhonny Gomes | — Cultural secretary, |
| Ana Pacheco | — Assistant Cultural secretary. |
| Anthony Pereira | — Social Secretary |
| Ulrique Rodrigues | — Asst Social Secretary |
| Trindade Fernandes | — Editor. |
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Inacinho Pereira, Jaime Carvalho,
Francis Cardozo,
Anthony Martins,
Remy Pereira | } Execuetive members |
| | — IPP |

FROM SPORTS SECRETARY DESK

BY REMEDIOS MONTEIRO



All Goa inter village football tournament United club of Utorda organised all Goa inter village football tournament at SAG ground Utorda . In all 16 top teams participated from various parts of Goa.

In the finals Cutorim gymkhana beat Betalbatim Sports club via sudden death by 8 -7. The tournament was organised by United club of Utorda in memory of Late Bernard Custodian D Souza at Utorda SAG grounds The finals were held on 18th Nov, Sunday on the occasion of feast of our lady of Lourdes in front of packed stands,

Both teams dished out good soccer in front of jammed football affiados. Betalbatim sports struck first goal in the 58th minute through the boots of Klusnar Pereira by beautiful cross pass . Cutorim gymkhana missed a golden opportunity at 62nd minute to equalize as Milagres Fernandes fumbled and it was of a assist by Josley Gomes. Betalbatim would have doubled the tally in the 68th as free kick taken by Klusnar Pereira hit the crossbar.



Josley Gomes equalized for Cutorim gymkhana at 78th minute by a deft placement .As both teams failed to break the deadlock, Tie breaker was applied.

Chief guest Churchill Alemao GFA president and Benaulim MLA spoke on the occasion in presence of guest of Honour Local MLA Wilfred D Sa (Babashan), Fr Santo Antonio Pereira ,ZP member Nelly Rodrigues, Joao Camilo D Sousa , Remedios Monterio.

Jhonny Gomes, Sarpanch Agnelo Pereira, Remy Pereira, President of UC Utorda welcomed. Asst Sport Secretary Remedios Monteiro coordinated the event. Ulorica Silviera proposed the vote of thanks while Anthony Pereira compered. My sincere thanks to Francis Moraes, Anthony Rodrigues, Anthony Martins, Inacinho Pereira, Jaime Carvalho, Custodio Fernandes, Minquel Fernandes, João Paul Fernandes. Cleophas, Tony Vincent Fernandes, Ulrique Rodrigues,...

The awards are as follows.

Best player of the final: Klusnar Pereira of Betalbatim sports club

First scorer of the final: Klusnar Pereira

Best goalkeeper of the final. Jhonson Bhagat of Cutorim gymkhana

Best half of the final: Ronaldo Cohelo of Betalbatim SC

Best discipline team of the tournament: Uguem Rising club Sanguem.

Best player of the tournament: Danny Fernandes of Gloria sports club Raia.

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

SCHOOL OF MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT



Before penning down the few lines on this magazine first and foremost I would like to thank Mr. Trindade Fernandes for proposing my name and support by the members of United Club of Utordea for the post of Administrator of the School of Music.

The Academic year of Music School started from 1st July 2018 to April 2019, in the last Academic year, we had the following activities:

On 30th September, we organised the **Annual Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes**



Church Hall for the Parents only. All the three faculties performed i.e. Guitar, Keyboard, and Violin. The Old and New batch together performed in Harmony and exhibited their Musical talent leaving the audience in Admiration. The Audience were spell bound with their budding and rising talents of the students.

In December 2018, The Trinity Collage of London conducted music exam in the state of Goa, two students namely **Miss Karissa Mendes, Verna** and **Master Joyd Peter Antao, Arossim**, gave exam for key board both bagged the **Merit Certificates** with the maximum points, we are very proud of them. Congratulation Miss Karissa Mendes and Master Joyd Antao and we wish both of them success for their future endeavour.



In April 2018, we conducted exams in our school premises in guitar, keyboard and violin. On 15th, 16th and 17th July 2019, the results were declared at the open house. All the students passed with flying colours. The enthusiastic students are being prepared for the forth coming exams, conducted by **The Trinity Collage of London**. We expect 28 students to appear for the theory and practical's in the forthcoming exam in November and December 2019.

The music instructor **Mr. Elton Fernandes**, in - charge of guitar, **Mr. Merwin Fernandes**, in - charge of keyboard and violin; both are contributing their marvellous efforts to bring our students to great heights. My sincere thanks to our advisor Alvaro Pereira .

Meanwhile our Annual music concert which we supposed to be held in September in this year. Now the same will be held in April 2020.

(Mr. Praxedes Fernandes)
Administrator

GFDC – UTORDA CENTRE

ALBINO DA COSTA

GFDC/ UTORDA CENTRE, Mr. Albino Da Costa, Reports from News Desk the activities performed during the year 2018-19.

The GFDC/Utorda Centre at present holds around 60 Trainees, both boys and girls.

On **28/01/2018**: Exhibition match played between U-13 boys GFDC/UTORDA v/s St. Jude. H.S Betalbatim; where Utorda Centre boys won the runners –up Trophy after losing on tie – breaker (3-2).

11/03/18: Utorda Centre U-13 girls, emerged State Runner-up of 5th edition of *Rising Stars* GFDC Football Tournament, conceding a solitary goal (through defensive lapse) defeat in a match dominated by our girls' team: Individual awards were awarded:

- 1) **Best Goal Keeper, Rina Karapurkar, Utorda, Centre.**
- 2) **Best Defender, Janet Mesquita, Utorda, Centre.**

27/09/ 18: It is a great honour and pride to inform that **Master Clarence Fernandes** of Utorda Centre, selected for the under 15, boys India Camp for selection at the **International S.A.F.F. Tournament**, besides, he started his football career at our clubs, GFDC Utorda centre, and has already represented Goa at the Junior level and thrice at the subroto Tournament for Holy spirit school (Margao) at Delhi.



Clarence Fernandes was selected to join the under 15 Indian Team to participate in the **Nations Tournament in Italy** as part of exposure- he is now presently joined the under 16 India camp – after retuning back he now joined for Dempo Academy.

On **11/10/2018**: GFDC/ Utorda celebrated the 3rd edition of football kit distribution to Utorda trainees at Utorda football ground. The centre also conducted small sided football games



for the trainees Mr Agnelo Pereira (Ex Sarpanch) of M.U.C was the chief guest at the function and distributed the football Kits to the Trainees, along with

Mr. Trindade Fernandes (Past President) the GFDC /Utorda Centre Head. Albino-Da-Costa proposed the vote of thanks.



07/06/2019: two under 13 girls **Miss Vinoshka Fernandes and Miss Vienna Coelho** both of Utorda centre represented **Goa State Sub-Junior Football Team** held in **Cuttack, Odisha**, recently.

On **01/06/2019:** GFDC/ Utorda, celebrated **Mini Football Tournament** for U- 10 boys & U- 13 Boys and Girls.

I would like to thank Mr. **Agnelo Pereira (Ex Sarpanch) M.U.C.**, for sparing his precious time gracing the occasion. He also spoke to the Trainees and wished them the best for the future endeavours. Prizes and Medals were awarded to the Winners & Runners- Up in the hands of Mr. A. Pereira. Appreciation and hard work put in goes to the **coaches Mr. Joaquim Fernandes and Remedios Vaz** and grounds person **Mrs. Belmira Soares**.

Albino Da Costa
(GFDC/Utorda center Head)

CLUB ACTIVITIES



United club of Utorda conducted a ten days beautician course for youth at Utorda as part of women empowerment program and the program concluded on 4th may. Liberata Fernandes conducted the course and about 32 youth participated .

GET TOGETHER



United Club of Utorda held their annual get-together at court room in January 2019.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CELEBRATION



Club members celebrating feast of our lady of Lourdes along with Fr Jose Dias

BLOOD DONATION CAMP



United Club of Utorda in association with Goa medical college Bambolim and blood bank organised annual voluntary blood donation camp at Utorda 28th Oct 2018

NIGHT VIGIL



United club of Utorda organised a night vigil at Utorda on 1st June at our lady of Lourdes church Utorda Fr Santo Antonio Pereira (Parish priest). Rev Fr Natalino Fernandes ,Fr Oliver Fernandes and team conducted under the Theme: "Holy Spirit teaches you everything. Savio Pereira, Emy Pereira, Maria D' Souza ,Ana Pacheco and Ulorica Silvieira coordinated.

CHRISTMAS WEEK PROGRAMS



United Club of Utorda, under the Presidentship of Remy Pereira organised Christmas week in grand style with variety of Programs like Carol singing, Mando singing, Konkani skits, fashion show, individuals dancing at Utorda.

WORKSHOPS



Workshop on Building confidence and self esteem held at Majorda.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR



United club of Utorda in association with Directorate of Sports and youth affairs Panjim organised a one day seminar on women empowerment for the youth at Island View Restaurant Utorda on 28th September 2018

GANESH FESTIVAL



The President Anthony L C Fernandes and Members of United Club of Utorda visited Hindu houses and exchanged gifts on the eve of Ganesh festival. The tradition is built up in the past years by UCU to visit and wish Hindu families in Utorda during Ganesh Chaturthi.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY



Governing board of United club of Utorda



Students of Felicitations & Club members United club of Utorda with Chief guest Menino Da Cruz and guest of honour Fatima Pereira



Students Felicitation



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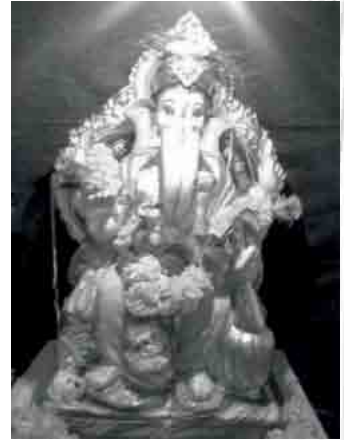


MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF GANESH FESTIVAL, TRADITIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

LOURENCO TRINDADE FERNANDES



Ganesh festival has always been a happy festival for my family and me . In Utorda, three large families of Kankat, Borker, Chari and others would have a grand celebration for Ganesh festival. However, for every Ganesh holidays I would relocate myself to Neura,(Christmas was celebrated at Utorda) where my father was running a century old family business of Bakery . It was a forked junction where our bakery was located and my ancestors choose location (Nako). As the Konkani saying (" Boro Nako zalear Boro Dhondo ")



Next to it lay Café Bappa's Ramesh hotel, which had a common wall with Pequeno Corria Bar on the other side. Opposite the road was a Barber shop owned by Rajan; further laid Shabu' soda manufacturing outlet cum store, the two big business houses ie Alvares Saw mill and timber agent and Kamat General Merchant and stockist, and numerous fishermen at Mansher(sluice gate) but my special love was for the grocery shop (Gado) across the road, which was run by a couple; Dharma and Goku. This couple's house was my favourite place to visit. I used to spend time at their house around the Tulsi Vrindavan, perhaps unintentionally apeing Dharma Dada with the Surya Namaskar early morning. Whenever I was reprimanded for mischiefs by my parents, I used to take solace in their house. Goku Aiyeer pampered me a lot and would fondly call me "BABU".

Today, I can recollect the making of traditional Matoli with Bamboo sticks few days before the festival .The material-wild fruits and vegetables were sourced from nearby green hills, although it was a tremendous task; but we enjoyed sourcing Betel nuts, coconuts,bhende, ghosalim, guavas, mauling, chiptam, bananas and various other herbs and vegetables. One of the first clay idol was placed below the Matoli. Few Rangolis were drawn.

On the second day, Dharma Dada used to source fresh paddy sheaves (Konoss) from verdant Khazan fields of Neura and offer it to Lord Ganesh as a token of appreciation for good crops and he called it as " NAVEM" (similar to Novidad).

Ganesh festival has always been a happy festival for me .

The sound of ghumots would reverberate from the temple with Bhajan, Aarti and

kirtans heralding the Ganesh festival at Neura. The immersions were carried with total devotion amidst burning of fireworks like Sursure, Girgire, Paus, Bhann. These bursting would raise the spirits. Those privileged would have a toy gun to burst the fogate or Gudi but underprivileged would burst by placing fugate inbetween the two nuts and a screwed to a bolt and unknowingly dropping from a height. Empathetically, I can vouch that decibel level of noise was much louder in screw bolt, so underprivileged children had better fun. and I belonged to the nut category.

The aroma of sweets like besan Laddos, Xira, Sweet pedas in addition to Channa Ross and Mugha ghat Bhaji engulfed the village and the Catholic brethrens would eagerly wait for the exchange of dishes by their Hindu neighbours. The most relished dish by the Catholics was Chana Ross. The Catholic exchanged sweets at Christmas. A perfect community living

Today whenever I pass Neura , I stop at Dharam Dada's House recollecting the good old sweet memories as How Dharma Dada was celebrating Litany in the Month of May at the cross opposite to thier house. Their old house still exists, the couple is no more but my memories are fresh. I gathered that their sons have moved elsewhere for better prospects and so are the other Hindu families who have moved in the cities. The Catholics rode on Portuguese passport to Europe. The once majestic lush green hills are landscaped for constructions, once verdant Khazan fields are fallow, once business hub of Neura is slowly taken by the businessman across the borders and those locals who still run are on a shaky ground. The vacuum is filled by neo citizens who migrated beyond border and I wonder if the celebrations of Ganesh will remain as before with zeal and enthusiasm.

And the last thing that came to my senses is that our century old family bakery stands still without any activity, abandoned, perhaps for prosperity, and time will take its toll thereby cutting my ties with village of Neura forever. A family traditional occupation lost forever.

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Please note - Excerpts are taken from Social media to compile the above.

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LIBERATA FERNANDES



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Longing again to see your love and trust
Day by day you move in and out
I beg touch me and clear your doubt*

*Thinking you will touch me but all in vain
Fooled myself not realizing the pain
Sitting in a corner thinking that I am main
My whole body aches and my spine is in pain*

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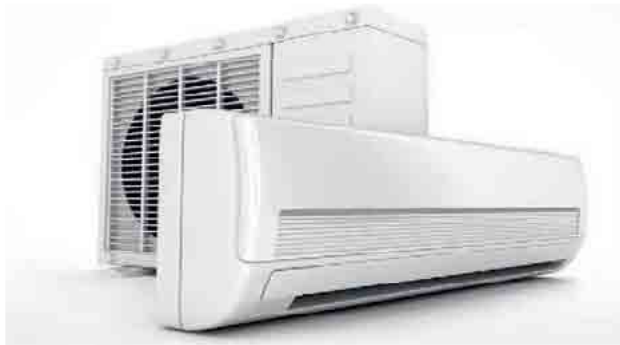
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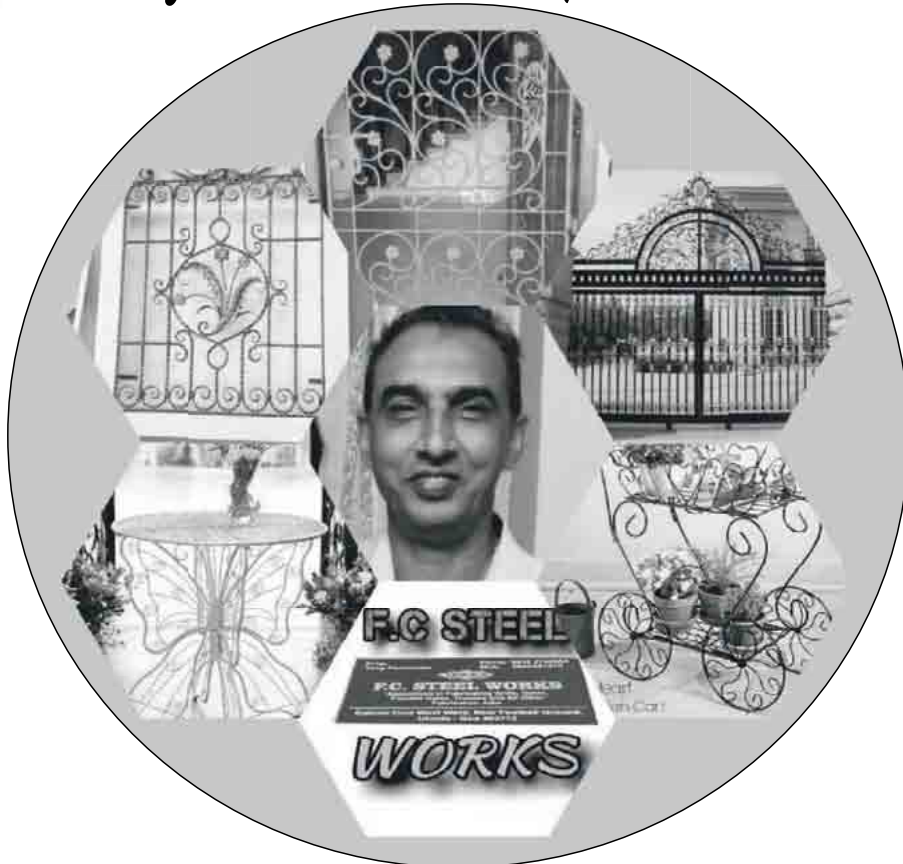
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