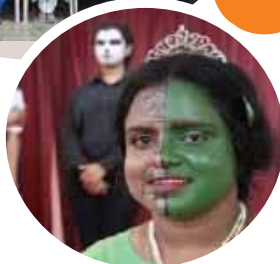


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## *Principal's Message*

I am indeed happy to learn that yet another issue of our College Biannual newsletter, 'XAVIERWRITE' is being released for the Academic Year 2019-2020.

This newsletter highlights activities conducted by the different departments as well as the programmes the students and the faculty have participated during the first half of the academic year. I would say it is a reflection of the fact that our college is a hub for knowledge, talents and enthusiasm.

I owe the laurels achieved to the Grace of Almighty, hardwork of the students, guidance of the teachers and support from parents and Management.

I express my warm greetings and congratulations to the editor Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes and the editorial team for their efforts in giving us this creative and valuable newsletter. I look forward to your feedback.

God Bless All Our Endeavours.

Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas  
PRINCIPAL



## *Administrator's Message*



St. Xavier's College has been surging ahead in the spheres of academics as well as co-curricular activities. Grateful thanks to the Almighty and our Patron St. Francis Xavier for keeping us secure under their heavenly mantle...

The Academic Year 2019-20 saw the College secure NAAC grading of 'A'.

Thanks to the former Principals and present Principal, whose efforts, planning and envisioning, coupled with our dedicated staff, and intellectual and exuberant students. This is indeed a big achievement for all the stakeholders.

I express my happiness on the release of this edition of **XAVIERWRITE** which highlights the activities and events organised by various departments of the College throughout the year at different levels

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank and appreciate the Principal, Vice Principals, all the staff members (teaching and non-teaching) and all those connected very closely with our institution of higher learning. Due to your continued efforts we are what we are today. Congratulations!

May St. Xavier's College flourish and continue to pursue successfully its journey of transformation of our youth.

May God bless us all!

(Fr. Zeferino D'Souza)  
Administrator - St. Xavier's College, Mapusa

## *Editor's Note*

It is with great excitement that the editorial team places before you this seventeenth issue of the biannual College newsletter *Xavierwrite*. This publication is a compilation of reports and photographs, documenting the various happenings on Campus from June to November 2019. We hope it will make for an interesting read.

Our year began with the announcement of the appointment of our Principal, Dr. Mrs. Blanche Mascarenhas. I congratulate her on her appointment and wish her all success. Many thanks to our out-going Officiating Principal, Dr. Fr. Jeronimo D'Silva.

As we place this issue of *Xavierwrite* on the table, I thank the Principal for her constant support, guidance and inputs. To the Administrator, my gratitude for his steady and continual support. To the editorial team, this publication is evidence of how well we work together. Thank you for that. My appreciation goes out to St. Joseph's Printing Press for the work put in to bring this issue to print.

May God Bless us all...

Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes



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## INAUGURAL OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

On the fifth of July, 2019, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa Goa marked the commencement of the new academic year 2019 -20 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Archbishop Patriarch, Felipe Neri Ferrao. The theme chosen for the Inaugural was "Making the world a better place through Mercy and Compassion." The Archbishop exhorted all to show mercy and compassion to all just like the Good Samaritan in the parable of Christ.

The cultural programme began on a meaningful note with a prayer dance titled 'Light of the World'. The administrator of the college, Rev. Fr. Zeferino D'Souza welcomed the august gathering. He congratulated and welcomed the new principal Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas and assured her of the college's complete support and cooperation. He also welcomed the staff and students and urged all to strive to work together to achieve the vision and mission of the institution.

The Principal of the college Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas thanked the Almighty for a new opportunity and said that she was elated to be heading St. Xavier's College. She expressed her gratitude to the Archbishop for gracing the occasion and being a source of constant support. She reminded all of the College being renowned for its infrastructure and achievements, and also as an abode of compassion, understanding and progress for all those who enter its portals.

An English skit titled 'We are one' had relevant themes that urged students and all to shun feelings of racism, xenophobia and prejudices. Dr. Eulalia Fernandes, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, delivered an insightful Lectio Brevis on the Topic - "Body image: change the way you see yourself". Her talk was based on the findings in her Ph.D study. She sought to send a message to young adults to challenge the misperceptions regarding body image and physical appearance. The Departments of Commerce (ComQuest), Psychology (Manovigyan) and





Chemistry (Catalyst) released their departmental newsletters at the hands of the Archbishop.

The Archbishop in his address to the audience expressed his happiness to be a part of the inaugural programme. He wished all the staff and students a fruitful academic year and congratulated the college on the results and achievements of the previous year. He also extended a warm welcome to the new principal Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas, and the newly recruited staff members who were beginning their careers. He thanked the former officiating Principal Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Souza. The current Principal and the former officiating Principal were both presented tokens of welcome and appreciation.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the overall programme coordinator Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Silva. He expressed his gratitude to all those who helped make the programme a success.



## REPORT OF THE CULTURAL INAUGURAL PROGRAMME 2019

St. Xavier's College formally inaugurated the cultural activities for the academic year 2019-2020 at its Cultural Inaugural Programme on 01st August 2019. Shri Gurudas P. Pilarnekar, Director, Directorate of Art and Culture and Member Secretary of Kala Academy, Govt. of Goa, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The dignitaries comprising the Chief Guest, the Administrator- Fr. Zeferino D'Souza, the Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas, the Vice Principals Ms. Urusla Barreto, Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Silva and the Cultural Co-ordinator Mr. Cajé Pinto marked the auspicious day with the ceremonials lighting of the lamp.

Rev. Fr. Zeferino D'Souza, the President of the Diocesan Society of Education and the Administrator of the college, welcomed the gathering. He stressed the importance of co-curricular activities by citing the popular adage 'all work and no play make Jack a dull boy'; and urged students to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities. The Administrator hoped that the faculty would nurture the talent of students who are a treasure trove of potential.

In her address, the Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas expressed that in addition to academics, the various cells, clubs and associations of St. Xavier's College play a vital role in the overall growth and development of the student. She added that we need to project a culture of love, respect and unity over hatred, jealousy and division. She expressed her gratitude and commended the efforts of the students and staff who contributed to the programme.

Ms. Charmaine Dias introduced the Chief Guest for the day Shri. Gurudas P. Pilarnekar. In keeping with tradition, this was followed by the presentation of a potted plant to the Chief Guest at the hands of Rev. Fr. Zeferino D'Souza.

The Chief Guest Shri Gurudas P. Pilarnekar, in his address, spoke of his love for the stage and his passion towards the development of art and upliftment of artists. He drew attention to India's rich and diverse heritage. Sharing his own interest in drumming and classical music, he exhorted students to study at least one cultural form. He observed that most artists live a long and healthy life which was likely due to the rejuvenating possibilities of the arts. He appreciated the talent of the students which was evident from the performances on display.

The programme which was put up by members of the various cells and associations of the college was an amalgam of acting, song and dance. The programme began with an invocation song 'Bhavartachem Daar',

presented by the student members of the AICUF and Youth Cell. The Cell for Visual Arts and Cell for Digital Literacy presented a thought provoking short film 'Sar Uthake', which highlighted that the right to education, the right to dream, to be informed and the right to live a respected life is a fundamental right for every child in India. The students of the Well Being Club and the SPARK (Science for Purpose, Education and Renewal of Knowledge) Club through a short skit in English, attempted to decode the logic behind some of the age-old practices and beliefs practiced in India by highlighting the scientific explanations behind such superstitions. An Indian Classical Dance performance was presented by the students of the Goenchi Asmitai and Bharthiya Sanskruti Manch. A Konkani skit titled 'Ami Dukham Lipoita' considered the problems behind people's smiles. This was put up by the Child, Women and Consumer Welfare Club and Centre for Performing Arts. The Go-Green initiatives Club presented a mime titled 'Save Water'. It reminded the audience to conserve water through the enactment of numerous instances wherein we use water indiscriminately. The Global Village Club and Community Care Club sang a group song titled 'Alleluia' in three languages Portuguese, French and English.

Dr. Eulalia Fernandes, Joint Cultural Co-ordinator, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was compered by Mr. Gajanand Kambli and Ms. Shalom Ferrao, students of the First Year. The programme concluded with the singing of the College Anthem. The Vice Principal, Ms. Sandra Fernandes, coordinated the event.



## **REPORT OF ELECTIONS OF THE STUDENTS COUNCIL 2019-20**

The Elections to the Student Council of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, for the academic year 2019-20 was conducted at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa on 3rd August 2019 from 12.45 p.m. at the Seminar Hall. The Cultural Committee consisting of Mr. Cajé Pinto (Cultural Coordinator), Dr. Eulalia Fernandes (Joint Cultural Coordinator), Ms. Sumina Da Costa, Ms. Maria A. D'Souza and Ms. Charmaine Dias (Assistant Coordinators) were responsible for the smooth conduct of the same. The elections were held in the presence of Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas (Principal), Fr. (Dr.) Jeronimo D'Silva (Vice Principal), Ms. Ursula Baretto (Vice Principal), Ms. Sandra Fernandes (Vice Principal) and the Cultural Committee members.

A total of 60 students were present for the elections. Mr. Cajé Pinto addressed the students by setting out the rules for the elections and urged the students to choose wisely and elect their General Secretary, Joint Secretary and Cultural Secretary.



**Induction Ceremony of Students' Council 2019-20**

The Principal, in her address, laid emphasis on the importance of the Council in contributing towards the growth of the institution by instilling discipline and good values. Vice Principal Fr. (Dr.) Jeronimo D'Silva asked the students to be proactive and work towards maintaining cleanliness in class and on campus.

The election procedure began by seeking nominations for the post of General Secretary. Mr. Joviano Fernandes from TYB Com (A) and Mr. Alexson Pinto from TYB Com(C) contested for the post. Each candidate delivered a speech stating reasons why he would be suitable for the post. Dr. Eulalia Fernandes, then, read out the names of the student members and each one cast their vote in the ballot box. Mr. Alexson Pinto was declared elected as General Secretary with 56 votes, while Mr. Joviano Fernandes bagged 4 votes.

Mr. Aryton Menezes from TYBBA and Ms. Nidhi Parmekar from TYBSC contested for the post of Joint Secretary. The candidates were given an opportunity to gather student support by delivering a speech. Mr. Aryton Menezes was elected Joint Secretary with 44 votes, while Ms. Nidhi Parmekar bagged 16 votes.

Ms. Aakansha Naik from SYBA was elected unopposed for the post of Cultural Secretary for the academic year. She showed her enthusiasm for the post and promised to deliver during her tenure.

The elected candidates thanked each and every one for their support and expressed their dedication in the new role. The Principal, Vice Principals and Cultural Committee members conveyed their best wishes to the elected brought the elections to a close.

The Students' Council, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, office bearers are:

General Secretary: Mr. Alexson Pinto (TYBCom)

Joint Secretary: Mr. Aryton Menezes (TYBBA)

Cultural Secretary: Ms. Aakansha Naik (SYBA)



STUDENTS' COUNCIL 2019-20



## VISIT OF THE NAAC PEER TEAM

St. Xavier's College has always been committed towards providing quality higher education to its students. As part of this endeavour, the Institution has regularly undertaken the NAAC accreditation process. Recently, it has undergone its fourth cycle of NAAC re-accreditation and has been awarded A Grade with CGPA of 3.12.

As part of the process, the duly-constituted NAAC Peer Team visited the Institution on 15th and 16th July 2019. The NAAC Peer Team comprised Prof. Shukla Mahanty (Vice Chancellor, Kolhan University, Jharkhand), Dr. Nesy Daniel (Former Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala) and Dr. Ramana Rao Kamaraju (Former Principal, Government Degree College, Ravulapalem, Telangana).

The Peer Team arrived in Goa on 14th July 2019 and were received by the faculty of the Institution. Later that evening, the Principal and the IQAC Co-ordinator had a formal meeting with the members of the Team where, inter alia, the Visit schedule was finalized.

The Peer Team was formally welcomed at the campus at 9:00 a.m. on 15th July 2019. The Visit officially commenced with a formal presentation by the Principal at her office. Later, the Peer Team visited the Commerce Department, Instrumentation Centre, Studio, Physics Laboratory, Chemistry Laboratory and Microbiology Laboratory. At each place, they viewed presentations by the H.O.D. and interacted with the faculty and staff. The Team also visited a couple of classrooms and interacted with the students. The members of the Team separately visited the Botany and Biotechnology Laboratories, Language Laboratory, Orchidarium, the N.C.C. (Boys and Girls) offices, Arts staffrooms, N.S.S. office and the Examination Centre.

This was followed by a luncheon meeting with representatives of the Management, State Government and Goa University. The Management was represented by Fr. Zeferino D'Souza, Fr. Jesus Rodrigues and Fr. Arnaldo Pinho; the Director of Higher Education Mr. Prasad Lolyekar represented the State Government while the Vice Chancellor Prof. Varun Sahni was present on behalf of the University.

Post-lunch, the Peer Team visited the Library where they interacted with the Librarian and the library staff. The Team also interacted with the M.A. Psychology Department which was followed by an hour-long meeting with the Internal Quality Assurance Committee at the IQAC office. The Peer Team then had closed-door interactions with students, alumni, parents and non-teaching staff.

The Peer Team was treated to a glimpse of the multi-faceted talents of the students at a well-organized Cultural Programme. In keeping with their desire for a short programme, there were only four items viz. Fusion Dance, Corridinho, Kalsi Fugddi and Mando. The Programme concluded with the rendition of the College Anthem.

After discussing and initiating the formulation of the Peer Team Report at



Angels Resort, Alto Porvorim, the Team arrived at the campus on 16th July 2019 and continued with document-verification and Report finalization at the Committee Room. Subsequently, the Peer Team visited the Gymnasium, Xavier's Ark, Rainwater Harvesting and composting facilities, canteen etc. They also reviewed 'Best Practices' (viz. Mentoring Programme and Value Education Programme), cited by the Institution in the Self Study Report, through interactions with Mr. Daryl Gonsalves and Fr. Luis Gomes (along with their teams).

Post-lunch, the Peer Team continued with their Report Writing activities. Later that evening, the Report was shared with the Principal who signed the same after affixation of the relevant institutional seals.

The Visit concluded with an Exit Meeting where, after a brief welcome address by the Principal, the NAAC Peer Team Chairperson (Prof. Shukla Mahanty) addressed the gathering. She expressed her happiness about the Visit. She had words of praise for the academic and co-curricular functioning of the Institution. She expressed the sentiments of the Peer Team vis-à-vis the Cultural Programme which she described as 'mind blowing'. After her address, the Peer Team Report was formally handed over, in a sealed cover, to the Principal. The IQAC Co-ordinator, Dr. Ubaldina Noronha, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Exit Meeting concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem.

The successful visit of the NAAC Peer Team was the result of painstaking efforts by the faculty and non-teaching staff, under the able guidance of Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Silva, Co-ordinator, NAAC Peer Team Visit.



### THIRD MENTOR MENTEE INTERACTION REPORT

The third Mentor-Mentee interaction of St. Xavier's College was held on 24th September 2019. The theme was 'Suicide Prevention'. As such the Rise Nation Foundation was invited to hold a workshop on suicide prevention for the students of all streams- Arts, Science, Commerce and the self-financed courses during their respective session timings. Dr. Varun Carvalho, the resource person was assisted by Mr. Saurabh Dhavale.

The first session with the Commerce students began with a brief inaugural programme. Ms. Sayed Rizwana P., Convenor of the Mentoring Committee, welcomed the gathering and introduced the resource person - Dr. Varun Carvalho, the founder of Rise Nation Foundation. The resource persons were welcomed with potted plants.

The workshop 'Get High on Life' focused on the importance of life. Dr. Carvalho related his personal experiences, highlighting the problems and confusion faced by youth. He discussed the presence and role of happy hormones such as Oxytoxin, Serotonin, Endomorphin, etc. in our lives. He proceeded to explain how these hormones influence our personal disposition and attitude towards life. He also showed how these can be produced without resorting to substance abuse. The entire session was interspersed with questions, music and lively interaction.

There were two other similar sessions for other students. Every session ended with Dr. Carvalho asking the students to Rise as One. He suggested that one must face life even in adversity and to never give up. He advised them to look for help if they needed it and never isolate themselves. He drove in the need to develop a positive attitude and enjoy every moment one has.

The interaction was a huge success and ended on a positive note. Ms Sayed Rizwana P. offered the vote of thanks. Students Ms. Fiona Fernandes and Mr. Alexson Pinto covered the event. Mentoring Committee members- Ms. Janesline Fernandes, Dr. Bosco Lawrence, Dr. D. M. Jakati and Ms Tricia Vaz e Borges, helped coordinate the programme under the guidance of the Vice-Principal, Ms. Ursula Baretto.



## *Department of Economics*

### **REPORT OF GUEST LECTURE ON 'START-UPS'**

A guest lecture was organized by the Department of Economics on 31st of August 2019 on the topic “*START-UP's*”. The resource person for the guest lecture was Mr. Sudip Faldessai, Project Officer, Goa State Innovation Council (GSIC), Government of Goa. The resource person was introduced and welcomed by Mr. Lindolf Colaco, an FYBA student of the College.

Mr. Sudip commenced the session by discussing about the problem of unemployment and how entrepreneurship is a solution for it. He discussed about innovations, decision making, status quo of products, about connections, possibilities and building up of creative ideas. The importance of various Government schemes was highlighted. The resource person informed the students about the Goa Start-Up policy supporting Student Start-Ups, Seed Capital Scheme, Salary Reimbursement Scheme, IPR Reimbursement Scheme, Reimbursement of Office Rental Expenses Scheme. The difference between entrepreneurship and start-ups was also discussed.

The resource person highlighted the Chief Minister's Rozgar Yojana and the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme. He informed the gathering of the eligibility conditions, activities covered, loan assistance, means of finance, rate of interest, subsidy, repayment, collateral security, implementing agencies, EDP training, application process, selection of beneficiaries, government subsidy, etc. for the same.

Mr. Sudip introduced the Goa State Innovation Council (GSIC) and its objective of encouraging young talent, providing opportunities for innovation, identifying and rewarding talent in innovation, organizing seminars and creation of state innovation portal. He informed the students about the Virtual Innovation Register and encouraged students to register their ideas and start up with the GSIC.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Julian Fernandes, an FYBA student of the College. This lecture was attended by the faculty of the Department of Economics and a total of 104 students.



## REPORT OF PANEL DISCUSSION COMPETITION

The College team consisting of 7 students participated in 'Panel Discussion' on the topic "Current State of Indian Economy- Is it headed for a crisis?" organized by the Department of Economics, Carmel College for Women, Nuvem, on 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

The panel discussion was headed by experts from the field of industry, commerce, journalism and economics. These experts were Dr. Arindham Das Gupta, Dr. Mridula Goel, Mr. Prabhakar Timble, Dr. Manoj Kamat, Mr. Blaise Costabir and Mr. Prakash Kamat. The College team of Ms. Fiona Fernandes, Mr. Jonathan Dos Santos, Mr. Joviano Fernandes, Mr. Gavin Carvalho, Ms. Dharvi Pednekar of T.Y.B.Com, Mr. Lindolf Colaco and Ms. Viveka Granjo of F.Y.B.A and Asst. Prof. Averyl Pires attended the panel discussion.



Mr. Prabhakar Timble highlighted the history of India from 1947, political issues and state of the Indian economy, current state of infrastructure, trade situation and role of reservations. He explained some major policy reforms of the Government and their implications. Dr. Manoj Kamat explained the situation of the Indian economy in terms of consumption, investment and government expenditure. Dr. Kamat explained the reasons for the low growth rates in the country in terms of structural and cyclical slowdown. Mr. Blaise Costabir discussed various current affairs and its implications, like mining in Goa, road infrastructure, GST and demonetization, manufacturing sector and MSME's, welfare schemes. Dr. Mridula Goel explained the macroeconomic indicators, reservations for women, development investment by research, role of CSR, Make in India programme and about the current boosters of the Indian economy. Mr. Prakash Kamat highlighted the various challenges faced by the Indian economy. He explained the importance of sustainable economy, NITI Aayog, role of CAG, RBI, per capita income, equitable growth, role of middle class and rural economy. Dr. Arindham Gupta expressed his views on poverty, economic inequalities, budget and about the GINI index.

This was followed by the student presentations competition. Ms. Fiona Fernandes represented the College for the student presentation. A total of 9 college teams participated. The first place was won by DM's College and Research Centre, Assagao and the second place was won by Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar. The panel discussion was informative and a good learning experience for the students.

### **Half-Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Economics**

- Organized a guest lecture on the topic “*START-UP's*” by Mr. Sudip Faldessai, Project Officer, Goa State Innovation Council (GSIC), Government of Goa on 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2019. A total of 104 students attended the lecture.
- Participated in 'Panel Discussion' on the topic “*Current State of Indian Economy- Is it headed for a crisis?*” organized by the Department of Economics, Carmel College for Women on 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2019. A total of 07 students attended the discussion. Teacher in-charge was Asst. Prof. Averyl Pires.

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## Department of English

### Report of Class Act 3.0- A Literature Festival of the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa

Class Act 3.0, a celebration of Literature, organised by the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. This year was the third edition and the theme was 'fantasy'. The students of first year, second year and third year literature classes turned up in full strength to showcase their own version of fantasy through the various events of the day. A day that started with the dark clouds looming over, soon turned into a day of great fun. There were thirteen teams that were part of the festival, with each team having around 15 members.

The day began with a prayer asking for the blessings of the almighty. In her address, the Principal of the College, Dr. Mrs. Blanche Mascarenhas, expressed her happiness at the enthusiasm and creativity that was visible in the students. She asked the students to always do what they do from the heart, and be true to oneself. She appreciated the initiative by the department which provided an opportunity to students to come together and hoped that this would encourage them to assist the other. The Vice-Principals of the College, Mrs. Ursula Baretto, Fr. Dr. Jeronimo D'Silva and Ms. Sandra Fernandes also



graced the occasion. The short inaugural programme ended with the vote of thanks delivered by the head of the department of English, Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes, in which she also stated the aim of the festival, which was, to give every student of Literature an opportunity to perform on stage. The inaugural was compered by Ms. Alice D'Cruz. The events of the day included Making a Bookmark, Fantasia, Fantastic Shipwreck, Fantasy Face Fun, Fantasy



Umbrella Décor and Verse Fantasies.

*Fantasia*, co-ordinated by Ms. Shirlene Palha Fernandes, had the students introducing themselves and their characters on stage in their teams



in costume, with their team name, flag and badges. Some of the teams were named The Addams Family, The Neverland Clan, Tyrion's Magic Beans, etc. The next event was *FantasticShipwreck*, co-ordinated by Dr. Prema Rocha and Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes, which saw characters like Harry Potter, Aslan, Alice, Bilbo Baggins, Charlie, Mad Hatter, Snape and Percy Jackson, fight for the single life jacket on the ship that would save them. *Fantasy Face Fun*, a face painting event, co-ordinated by Ms. Sunita Mesquita, had the students painting the face of their model with their own interpretation of fantasy. In *Fantasy Umbrella Décor*, the umbrella painting event, co-ordinated by Ms. Leanora Madeira, the students showcasing their version of fantasy on self-coloured umbrellas. *Verse Fantasies*, was the event where students had to present a poem of their choice on stage in song, dance or role play, and was co-ordinated by Ms. Alice D'Cruz.

The students also submitted a handmade bookmark while registering themselves for the event in the morning. They received a bookmark for themselves at the end of the programme from the bookmarks submitted. The programme of the day was co-ordinated by Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes. The registration of the students was handled by Ms. Leanora Madeira. Ms. Sunita Mesquita took charge of the refreshments. The sound requirements for the day were taken care of by Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes. The creative, fun and drama-packed day ended with sessions of photography and laughter.

### **Report of Epiphany 3.0**

Epiphany 3.0, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the State level student seminar and inter-collegiate research paper presentation competition was organized by the Department of English, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The theme for the paper presentation was *Popular Literature and New Media: A Teen Perspective*.



Anabelle D'Cunha of T.Y.B.A from St. Xavier's College participated and presented a paper titled *The Book or not the Book: Reading Habits of the Teen*. She secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition and received a trophy and certificate. Mr. Sandesh Prabhudesai was the chief guest and keynote speaker for the day who enlightened the crowd with his speech and brilliant take on the terms 'Literature' and 'new media'. He said that "Literature was once heard, then read, and today it is watched. It's not just limited to written content." Students from 13 colleges presented research papers on the theme.

Abstract:

### **The Book or not the Book: Reading Habits of the Teen**

It is no surprise that the advances in technology and the internet have exposed teenagers to various mediums of literature that include e-books, audio books, etc. Streaming websites also create a buzz and encourage adaptations of fiction in the form of movies and T.V series. Despite the advances in technology and new media, it is 'Popular Literature' more specifically 'Young Adult Fiction' that is the most successful genre of books in the market that teenagers reach out for. The attempt in the paper is to find out how popular fiction receives a boost through streaming services like NETFLIX etc. Popular series running on these streaming services generate interest among the teen reader, thereby generating an audience that is interested in reading the respective book titles. The paper also explores the reading preference of medium of the teen reader, eg. published book or e-book.

**Anabelle D'Cunha**

*St. Xavier's College, Mapusa*

## **Bangalore Literature Festival, 2019**

11 students from the English literature class of S.Y.B.A, accompanied by Ms. Alice D' Cruz from the Department of English. received the opportunity to attend the 8th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival held on 9th November 2019 and 10th November 2019, at the Lalit Ashok Hotel lawns, Bangalore. This acclaimed annual festival is sponsored by the people of Bangalore themselves and is a major event in its culturally vibrant city.



We prepared for the sojourn well in advance; plane tickets and accommodation were booked and we were prepped about the kinds of talks we would witness. We departed from Goa on the morning of 8th November, traveling via an IndiGo flight. After a smooth flight, we arrived at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bangalore. On arriving there, we booked two Uber vans and drove to the OYO hotel where we would stay for the next three days. We spent the day there, settling in and refreshing ourselves. The rooms at the hotel, while

small, were quite comfortable and contained all of the required amenities. We ate our meals at a South Indian restaurant on the ground floor of the hotel, where dishes such as idlis, dosas, vadas and a rice dish called pongal, as well as beverages such as ginger tea and coffee. We students thus had the chance to enjoy the simple, yet savory, ethnic dishes, which are rarities among those of our generation. We later gathered in the evening to discuss which talks each of us would attend; we focused on the talks which would be of significance to our field of study. After a good night's sleep, we awoke the next morning, 9th November, and prepared ourselves for a day filled with literary and cultural diversity. After enjoying a hearty breakfast at the restaurant, we started out at around 9:30 a.m., traveling by rickshaw to the venue, which was about 15 minutes away. While it took some time to find a sufficient number of rickshaws that could take all of us at reasonable rates, the journey itself was smooth and without hassle.



We arrived at the Lalit Ashok Hotel shortly before 10:00 a.m. The first sight that would catch one's eye was the elaborate and colorful décor at the venue – from the streamers at the entrance, to the large signs bearing the hashtag “#blrLitfest” across the lawns. As we entered the venue, we were each given a brochure containing the entire program for the next two days. The venue was divided into two areas: one hosting the main festival, where sessions were attended by people of all ages, and the other hosting the Children's Literature Festival, for children from the ages of 4 to 12 and above. The various sessions for the main festival were held simultaneously across 3 locations, namely, Tughlaq, Yayati, and The Red Couch. The former two stages were named after two prominent plays by the great Kannada writer Girish Karnad, who had passed away earlier during the year, and whose memory and works were commemorated



throughout the festival. We proceeded to attend the various discussions, either collectively or in batches. Lunch was made available at the venue; we bought and ate lunch in batches as there was no scheduled break.

The sessions for each day began at 10:00 a.m., and took place throughout the day, upto



8:00 p.m. The talks dealt with a wide variety of social, political, cultural and literary themes. One of the most interesting talks was “Colour Matters”, which witnessed human resource veteran and author Anuranjita Kumar, in conversation with Subodh Sankar, discussing various narratives centered around the prevalence of racism and skin-color prejudice. The life, works and ideas of the late Girish Karnad was honored in one of the major talks of the day: “Writer, Playwright, Humanist: The Life and Work of Girish Karnad”, with B Jayashree, Jayant Kaikini and K Marulasiddappa in conversation with Preethi Nagaraj. Another significant talk was “The Remains of Liberalism”, where journalist Ed Luce and historian Mukul Kesavan, in conversation with Manish Sabharwal, discussed the decline of liberalism in the modern world and the growth of “illiberal democracies” which lack the presence of strong independent institutions that challenge those in power. “A Death in The Himalayas” witnessed author Udayan



Mukherjee discussing various literary aspects of his who unit novel of the same name, with Aruna Nambiar, as well as his attempts to bring important socio political narratives into the novel. “Book Bunk - Restoring Public Libraries” saw Kenyan writer Wanjiru Koinangetalk to Vani Mahesh about her project “Book Bunk”, which seeks to restore neglected public libraries in and outside Nairobi, and convert them into spaces that preserve Kenya's artistic heritage and enable community learning. Manjari Chaturvedi, a leading exponent in Kathak dance, talked about her project, “The Courtesan Project”, which seeks to restore the culture and dance traditions of the “tawaifs”, women who were traditionally courtesans in the Mughal court, and who have been maligned both socially and in historical records.

A major highlight of the day was the session entitled “Masala Shakespeare”, where author Jonathan Gil Harris discussed Shakespeare as a popular playwright, as opposed to the more formal approach we generally take when studying Shakespeare, and placed his works in an Indianized context. With reference to the traditional meaning of the word “masala” (mixture), he drew comparisons between Shakespeare's works and the traditional Indian film, focusing on the intermixing of diverse cultures and languages in both cases. A session which served as an entertaining variation to the usual round of talks was “Rudiments of Music”, which witnessed excellent musical performances by Flute Bhutto and Rzhude David. There were also short sessions called “Verse Interruption”, where poets like Sanjukta Dasgupta and Mani Rao discussed and recited beautifully crafted poems from their anthologies of verse. We gained a great deal from these engaging sessions, and returned to our hotel, again by rickshaw, at around 8:00 p.m.

The next day, November 10th, we followed the same routine with regard to traveling to and from the venue, and our meals. Again, we attended the sessions for the

day in batches. One of the first talks we attended that day was “India 2047 – Many Indias Possible”, where author Ian McDonald discussed his science fiction novel “River of Gods” with Gautham Shenoy, and talked about the scope and various other aspects of writing science fiction, particularly in an Indian setting. One of the most interesting sessions was “Telling Stories, Erasing Them”, where authors Jerry Pinto and Arundhati Subramaniam discussed their creative experiences with regard to storytelling and incorporating different kinds of narratives in their work. There were a number of interesting panel discussions on this day. “Jill of all Trades” witnessed authors Milan Vohra, Minnie Vaid, Piya Bahadur and Sudha Menon discuss the creative processes behind the crafting of the female protagonists of their novels. During the discussion entitled “I’m OK, You’re OK – Exploring Mental Landscapes”, which was one of the highlights of the day, Anna Chandy, Gayathri Prabhu, Himanjali Sankar, Jerry Pinto, Roshan Ali, Dr. Shyam Bhatt and Amandeep Sandhu discussed narratives of mental illness in literature and the importance of these narratives. “Imagining (an)other – Men Writing Women” saw authors Amitabha Bagchi, Chandras Choudhury, Deepak Unnikrishnan and Mahesh Rao talk to Karthika Nair about their creative experiences as male writers when crafting female characters. One memorable session was “Jane Austen – The Lass With the Delicate Air”, a presentation on the life and works of Jane Austen by the Jagriti Theater. There were also some enthralling sessions of “Verse Interruption” by poets like Karthika Nair and Arundhati Subramaniam.

Besides attending the diverse sessions on both days, we also made it a point to visit the Atta Galatta bookstore at the festival. Here, books by the various authors and personalities present at the sessions, as well as works of fiction and non-fiction by world-renowned authors, and even books for children, were being sold. Each of us relished the experience of buying these books, particularly those by the authors present at the festival, as their sessions gave us a unique perspective on their works. In the bookstore, there was also an Author’s Desk, where the authors interacted with the people attending the festival and autographed copies of their books. Several of the students had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the authors, and also had copies of their books autographed.

We embarked on our return journey to Goa on 11th November. After having breakfast at the restaurant, we spent a few hours at the nearby Orion Mall, where we also had lunch. At around 2:30 p.m., we returned to the hotel, collected our luggage, and drove to the airport via Uber. Later in the evening, we boarded our return flight and returned safely to Goa, filled with new knowledge and fresh memories of the moments we spent amidst a flowering of literary vibrance.

For the students, the Bangalore Literature Festival was more than just a college educational tour – it was an experience of a lifetime. The main benefit of our attending the festival was the amount of exposure we gained – to a plethora of literature, across genres and cultures, and to numerous authors, activists and great personalities across different fields. The diversity in the types of sessions also gave us a greater understanding of the social, political, cultural and historical contexts of the literary texts we studied in college. An excellent example of this would be the “Masala Shakespeare” session, as we have studied Shakespeare’s plays, and it was interesting to revisit them, this time in a completely different light. The discussions of selected novels also provided an excellent

template for the in-depth study of a novel in the classroom. On the whole, the Bangalore Literature Festival strengthened our knowledge, expanded our outlook on the world, and gave us a deeper understanding of the works of literature that we routinely study in class, but usually do not know as well as we think.

#### **Half-Yearly Report of Activities of the Department of English**

- Department of English, in collaboration with C-SEE and Department of Sociology and North Goa District Legal Services Authority, Panaji-Goa, organised an Essay and Painting Competition on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.
- Mr. Julian A. Fernandes of FYBA won the First Consolation Prize at the All Goa Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition at DM's College & Research Centre, Assagao, sponsored by UCO Bank, Mapusa, Goa.
- Session on 'Art of Scholarly Research' for TYBA English Literature students on 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 by Ms. Leanora Madeira
- Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes attended a seminar on 'Reference Management Tools and Academic Integrity' on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019, at Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho-Panaji, Goa.
- Class Act 3.0 organised for all undergraduate students of English Literature of the College on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- Ms. Anabelle D'Cunha of T.Y.B.A participated and presented a paper titled *The Book or not the Book: Reading Habits of the Teen*, and secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Epiphany 3.0, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the State level student seminar and inter-collegiate research paper presentation competition organized by the Department of English, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- Dr. Prema Rocha and Ms. Sunita Mesquita attended a seminar on 'Writing for Scholarly Journals' organised by Department of English, Goa University, in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Goa University, on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes attended a seminar on 'Mental Health of College and University Students: Present Scenario and Way Forward' organised by Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, in collaboration with COOJ Mental Health Foundation at Sanskriti Bhavan, on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- 11 students of SYBA English Literature, accompanied by Ms. Alice D'Cruz from the Department of English, attended the Bangalore Literature Festival 2019 on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

#### **Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes**

*Associate Professor & Head,  
Department of English,  
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## Department of Hindi

### Premchand and Tulsidaas Jayanti

The department of Hindi organized Premchand and Tulsidaas Jayanti on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. On this occasion, the department screened the film namely 'Sadgati' directed by Satyajit Ray. This film is based on Premchand's famous story 'Sadgati'. Sixty students were present for the same occasion. Later, Dr. Ramita Gurav delivered a talk on the writings of Premchand and highlighted various aspects of the film. Mr. Salim, then, spoke of the writings of the medieval hindi poet, Tulsidas.



### Hindi Divas

The Department of hindi organized Hindi Divas on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. On this occasion the Department organized various competition for the students, namely: Kavita Prastutikaran, Elocution, Ghazal Gayan, Poster Competition, etc. The function was attended by more than hundred students. More than 30 students had participated in the various events.

The following students were the winners of various events:



- 1) Ms. Babynanda Shetkar
- 2) Mr. Ashish Yadav
- 3) Ms. Bhavana Chavan
- 4) Ms. Akshata Warang & Ms. Siddhi Shirodkar
- 5) Ms. Bhavana Chavan and Mr. Kunal
- 6) Mr. Ashish Yadav
- 7) Ms. Ankita Chari
- 8) Ms. Bhavana Chauhan
- 9) Ms. Ankita Gaddi
- 10) Ms. Siddhi Naik

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Kavita Prastutikaran
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Kavita Prastutikaran
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Kavita Prastutikaran
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Quiz Competition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Quiz Competition
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Elocution Competition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Elocution Competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Elocution Competition
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Ghazal Gayan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Ghazal Gayan

### Half Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Hindi

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- organized Hindi Divas on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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## *Department of Marathi*

### **Report of WORKSHOP ON SYLLABUS**

St. Xavier's College, Department of Marathi had organised a state level workshop on 14/08/2019, to discuss the new T.Y.B.A syllabus introduced from the academic year 2019-20. Dr. Vrunda Kelkar from the Department of Marathi spoke about the objectives of the workshop. Principal of our College, Dr. (Mrs). Blanche Mascarenhas, gave an encouraging speech on the workshop topic. Vice Principals Mrs. Ursula Barreto, Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Silva and Mrs. Sandra Fernandes were also present for the inaugural function.



Teachers from different colleges were invited as an experts, namely Mr. Vinayak Bapat (Dhempe College of Arts and Science), Dr. Sneha Mhambare (Govt. College, Sanquelim), Ms. Neeta Torne ( S.S.A. Govt College, Pernem), Mr. Deepak Chhatre (P.E.S. College, Farmagudi, Ponda), Sarika Advilkar (Govt. College, Quepem), Mr. Vishnu Vete ( S.S.A. Govt. College, Pernem) Dr. Vrunda Kelkar (St. Xavier's College), Dr. Geeta Yerlekar (St. Xavier's College).

Syllabus of the following papers were discussed by these experts.

MRC-105 History of Marathi Literature - Part -I

MRD-101 Cultural Study of Goan Marathi Literature

MRD- 103 Writing Skill of Media

MRC - 106 Marathi Grammar

MRC-107 Theory of Literature

MRD-102 Marathi Literature Post 1960's Period

The Workshop started at 10 am and ended with Vote of thanks addressed by Mr. Vinayak Bapat at 5 pm. All together 16 teachers participated in this workshop.

### **Talk on 'Krushna Vivar' by Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai**

Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai from the Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, delivered talk on 'Black hole theory' based on the 'Krushna Vivar' a story by Dr. Jayant Narlikar. She explained what universe is made up of and how small we human being are in this big universe. Our universe contains hundred

billion galaxies and each galaxy is made of 200 billion stars. She also explained how a black hole is made and what it is composed of. Every galaxy has a black hole in the centre. The talk was organised for the students of Marathi from the class FYBA on 26th September 2019 in the college.



#### **Half Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Marathi**

- Street play performance on 18th June. Students of St. Xavier's College performed street play in the college on 19th June 2019 to celebrate '18 June Goa Revolution Day'. It was organised by the Department of Marathi and students who participated in the street play were from various streams. The street play was performed under the guidance of Dr. Vrunda Kelkar from the Department of Marathi. organised a state level workshop on 14/08/2019, to discuss the new T.Y.B.A syllabus introduced from the academic year 2019-20.
- Participated in the 'Bharatiya Sanskruti Pariksha'. Vivekanand Kendra of Goa had organised Bharatiya Sanskruti Pariksha (Exam on Indian Culture) which was conducted in the month of July for the Youth of all over Goa. The students who participated from the Xavier's college were namely SiddheshKorgaonkar, PranitaRedkar, Prachi Sawant, Chayan Goankar, Tejal Sawant, Reena Varma, Harshada Raul, Rakshanda Naik and Gauravi Naik. The exam was based on the book called 'Swami Vivekanand - Ek Prernastrot'.
- Talk on 'Krushna Vivar' by Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai from the Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, delivered talk on 'Black hole theory' based on the 'Krushna Vivar' a story by Dr. Jayant Narlikar.

#### **Dr. Vrunda Kelkar**

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## *Department of Political Science*

### **POLITIKA - 2019 REPORT**

Students of department of Political Science of St. Xavier's college participated in the all Goa inter collegiate event - POLITIKA. The first edition of POLITIKA was organised by the Political Science Department of Dhempe college, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 on the theme "Gandhi @150" to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Subodh Kerkar, a noted artist and Gandhi scholar was the chief guest for the event. He spoke at length about his experience learning about Gandhi.



Multiple competitions were conducted under the aegis of 'POLITIKA-2019', including Quiz, elocution, essay writing, poster-making and street play. The students were



briefed about the agenda and rules of the event by the faculty of the department. A novel feature of placing a 'joker' on particular event was introduced. The joker concept was that if a college felt that they would perform best in a particular event, they could place the 'joker' on it and if the college was placed first in that event, their points from that particular event would get doubled. St. Xavier's team placed the joker on the quiz competition. The college was not only the first team to qualify for the finals, but they also won the event thus doubling their points

for the same. The team took part in all the events winning most of them and thus won Overall Winners Trophy. The individual prize winners received mementoes and participation certificates.

The following is the list of participants and winners.

- **Quiz competition**

Mr. Julian Fernandes (FYBA) and Ms. Shalom Ferrao (FYBA) won the First Place.

- **Elocution competition**

Mr. Benjamin Monserate (SYBA) won the First Place

- **Street Play - the college won the Third Place**

Mr. Pradosh Kansar (SYBA), Ms. Vaishnavi Ghosarwadkar (FYBA), Ms. Shruti Manjrekar (FYBA), Mr. Viraj Mandrekar (FYB.Com), Ms. Akshata Chatre (FYBA), Ms. Ashlesha Naik



(SYBA), Ms. Jhanvi Mandrekar (FYBA), Ms. Divyakerkar (FYBA)

- **Essay Writing**

Ms. Sanaida Fernandes (FYBA) won the Third Place.

- **Poster-Making.**

Mr. Ankush Kumar (FYBA) and Ms. Fiza Sayyad (FYBA)

### **Session on Traffic Discipline**



The Department of Political Science of St. Xavier's college organised a session on 'Traffic Discipline' on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Seminar Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. The students of First Year B.A, First Year B.Com, Second Year B.A and Third Year B.A were present for the session. A total of 115 students attended the session. The session was chaired by Mr. Ramkrishna Mangeshkar, the Police Sub Inspector of the Goa Police, Mapusa Traffic Cell.

Vice-Principals Dr. Fr. Jeronimo D'Silva and Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Head of the Political Science department Dr. Cajetan Raposo, and other faculty members including Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges, Mr. Prasad Naik and Ms. Priyanka Chandelkar were present for the welcome address. The session began with Mr. Julian Fernandes giving a welcome address to the

dignitaries and the students. He drew attention towards the necessity of the session on Traffic Discipline. Ms. Sybil Faleiro introduced the resource person to the gathering. A potted plant was presented to the Resource Person by Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges. With this the introductory session concluded.

The session began with the Resource Person addressing the Vice Principal, faculty and the students and expressed his gratitude for giving him an opportunity to conduct a session and welcomed the department of Political Science for organizing a session on this topic. He informed that Goa Police had dedicated the then week to Road Safety from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. He briefed on the necessity of discipline on roads and how it should be inculcated right from the school life for better road use. He focused on the need of traffic discipline just not for the individual but also for the commuters to make it hassle free and avoid mishaps.

The theme of the Traffic Safety Week for the year 2019 is, 'Be Safe'. He drew attention towards the meaning of different traffic signs and symbols for the better utilisation of the traffic rules and safeguards. Certain traffic preferences, he focused on were 'Pedestrians be given preference as well as giving way to emergency vehicles'. He discussed on the recent issues pertaining to the road safety and desired that through this platform more people would be sensitised towards the necessity of

traffic discipline, making roads commuter-friendly. Various videos were screened for better understanding of the traffic rules. He compared statistics of 2017-2018 to the corresponding months upto July 2019 of the number of persons killed in Road accidents and those injured. 95.82% accidents occurred due to rash and negligent driving, 35.87% on National roads while 75.43% were on state roads. He pointed out that it is the carefree attitude towards straight road which leads to speeding and end up in a sever accident. Overall two wheelers accounts for 40.57% and four wheelers accounts for 40% of accidents. Maximum road users who died were the two-wheeler riders that accounts for 69.46% and most of which were during the day time that is 2410 and 2299 at night time.

The traffic signals and symbols are basic needs not only for the riders and drivers but also for the pedestrians, he cautioned. He particularly stressed that everyone should follow the signals strictly. Symbols such as the zebra crossing should be particularly maintained for the pedestrians. He warned, failing to follow the mandatory rules would lead to penalty. He expressed his eagerness that people would follow the rules and regulations in accordance to the laws as they are meant for the betterment of the society. He also discussed about the lane markings, common driving mistakes that cause distractions and violations which could be fatal at times. Heavy fines to the extent of cancellation of license could also be inflicted if traffic rules not properly followed. He discussed about the need of driving safely and use of



head lights particularly during the monsoon. Assumptions shouldn't be made and one must always take precautions.

A number of videos were screened where the simple mistakes that lead to disasters were highlighted. The videos passed on the message of safe driving with the use of humour. He requested the gathering to follow the rules and regulations not for the sake of the fear of fines it imposes but for the well-being of themselves and their families. He concluded by urging the gathering to follow the rules and regulations and hoped that Goa would become a safe place for all road users.

The session was opened for interaction with the students wherein they questioned the Resource Person their doubts. Mr.Navin, Mr. Jonas enquired about





the new Motor vehicle act to which the Resource Person promptly answered.

Mr. Julian Fernandes thanked the resource person and gave assurance on behalf of the student community that they would adhere to the rules. Mr. Priyanka Chandelkar delivered the vote of thanks in which she extended her gratitude towards the Resource Person, Principal of the college, vice principal for their support and coordination. She also thanked the students for their participation and cooperation towards the session. With this the session was concluded for the day.

#### **Half Yearly Report of Activities of the Department of Political Science**

- **SESSION ON TRAFFIC DISCIPLINE** - organised a session on 'Traffic Discipline' on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the College Seminar Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. The students of First Year B.A, First Year B.Com, Second Year B.A and Third Year B.A were present for the session. A total of 115 students attended the session. The session was chaired by Mr. Ramkrishna Mangeshkar, the Police Sub Inspector of the Goa Police, Mapusa Traffic Cell. He through the session gave students a deep insight into seriousness and significance of traffic rules, responsible driving, traffic signals and symbols etc.
- **POLITIKA-2019** -participated in the all Goa inter collegiate event - POLITIKA. The first edition of POLITIKA was organised by the Political Science Department of Dhempecollege, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 on the theme “Gandhi @150” to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- **VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2019**- The Directorate of Vigilance, Govt. of Goa in association with the Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Goa, as part of observance of vigilance awareness week, organised a quiz competition for the students of colleges in Goa on 31/10/2019 at the seminar hall of the secretariat at Porvorim. St. Xavier's College-Goa was represented by Mr. Julian Fernandes from FYBA and Mr. Jonas Aaron Rodrigues from SYBA. They won the first place and were awarded a cash prize of Rs 4000/- and a trophy besides participation certificates.

*Dr. Cajetan Raposo*

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## *Department of Psychology*

### **Field visit to Central Jail, Colvale**



Ms Anuradha Kakodkar, Associate professor, Department of Psychology organised a field visit for the students of TYBA – Psychology (Honours) to the Central Jail, Colvale. The objective of the field trip was to provide exposure to the students of Criminal Psychology, to expose them to actual ground realities of prisons and also to sensitise them to the issues arising out of crimes for all stake holders- offenders, victims, police personnel, judiciary and the general community.

This was a rare opportunity given by the IGP (Prisons), Mr. Hemant Kumar, IAS, to the 28 students who participated in the trip. After a strict security check conducted by the security personnel of the prison, the IGP himself addressed the students and apprised them about prison conditions. He informed the group that the visitors would not have access to the cells. Thereafter, two police officers took the group around the prison premises, and showed them the art and crafts centre, carpentry workshop, the kitchen and bakery. The group was pleased to savour the lunch cooked by the inmates.

The students were delighted to be a part of the visit, as it changed their perception of a prison from a punitive organization, to that of a rehabilitative agency. The students were accompanied by Ms. Anuradha Kakodkar.

### **Workshop at SCERT(State Council of Education, Research and Training)**

Ms. Anuradha Kakodkar, Associate professor, Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College, was invited as resource person for the in-service program for Higher Secondary school teachers teaching Psychology organised by the SCERT, Porvorim, on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The topic for the workshop was “Defence mechanisms and intra psychic processes”.

The workshop was aimed at sensitising the teachers to intra psychic processes that influence our day to day behaviour both, as individuals and as teachers. The workshop began with an introduction to various levels of consciousness as conceptualised by Sigmund Freud. Thereafter, other relevant themes such as states of sleep and wakefulness, dream states and their impact on consciousness, our own reactions to conflicts and strengthening our inner selves were explained and enumerated upon. Short individual exercises were incorporated at various intervals during the three-hour session to keep up interest and maximize the involvement of the teachers.



#### **Talk on Parkinson's disease**

Ms. Shawna Nazareth, Psychologist at the Parkinson's Society, Goa, delivered a talk to the TYBA psychology (Honours) students of the college on 17th August 2019 at 10.45 am. The aim of the talk was to increase awareness and sensitization to Parkinson's disease and to present an opportunity to the students to enrol in the Volunteer Program of Parkinson's Society Goa.



Ms. Shawna traced the development of the organisation from its inception in the year 2016 as an NGO and support group for patients with Parkinson's disease and conveyed the current status and the future goals of the society. The students were given information about Parkinson's Disease with regard to diagnosis, the symptoms, causes. Since there is no cure, how patients can

effectively manage their symptoms.

Ms. Shawna also apprised the students of the associated psychological disturbances (mood disorders, sleep disturbances, cognitive impairment, etc) and emphasized the need for Psychologists and Counsellors to work with patients.

The volunteer program of the society was introduced. The students were presented with an opportunity to work for the society in any of the 5 support groups in Goa. Where they can benefit from observation and training and receive a work experience letter at the end of their service. The talk was organised by Ms. Anuradha Kakodkar, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology.

### **Half Yearly Report of Activities of the Department of Psychology**

- Dr. Eulalia Fernandes (Associate Professor & Head) organized an interactive session for the F.Y.B.A. students on the topic- *Your Conduct is your Identity*, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019 from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Resource person, Lt. Col. Dharmdutt Goel, a renowned, well-known, dynamic personality and author of the book- 'When people doubted my ability to walk I decided to fly', emphasized on the importance of believing in oneself and building up one's self-esteem.
- Dr. Janet Fernandes (Associate Professor) invited Mr. Zen Lobo (Assistant Professor) from the Department of Mathematics, St. Xavier's College to address the TYBA Psychology Honours students on *The importance of Statistics in psychology*, on 5th July, 2019.
- Ms. Vaibhavi Naik, an alumna of the Department of Psychology was invited to give an *Overview of Forensic Psychology*, to the T.Y.B.A. Honours students. The talk was held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., and was coordinated by Dr. Eulalia Fernandes (Associate Professor & Head). In addition to highlighting the nature and scope of Forensic Psychology, Ms. Naik enlightened the students about the various investigative techniques used, such as, Polygraph testing, EEG (Electroencephalogram), BEOS (Brain Electrical Oscillation Signature Profiling) and Narcoanalysis.
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- Ms Anuradha Kakodkar (Associate Professor) organised a field visit for the students of TYBA - Psychology (Honours) to the Central Jail, Colvale.

The objective of the field trip was to provide exposure to the students of Criminal Psychology to actual ground realities of prisons and also to sensitize them to the issues arising out of crimes for all stake holders - offenders, victims, police personnel, judiciary and the general community. 28 students visited the jail were delighted to have participated in the field trip, which changed their perception of a prison from a punitive organization to that of a rehabilitative agency.

- Two movies, namely- *Inside Out* and *The Talwars* were screened for the TYBA psychology students by Dr. Eulalia Fernandes and Ms. Anuradha Kakodkar, respectively. The screening of each film was followed by an active discussion. The aim of this activity was to transform students from passive audience to engaged viewers and thinkers.
- Besides, the psychology notice board *Pulse on Psychology* is being regularly updated with information about the latest in psychological research and trends.

**Dr. Eulalia Fernandes**

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## Department of History

### Commemoration of Goa Kranti Din

As per the directives of the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, St. Xavier's College commemorated the Goa Kranti Din or the Goa Revolution Day in collaboration with the Department of History and the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College. The function was attended by the Principal of the College, Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas, Dr. Fr. Jeronimo da Silva, Dr. VrundaKelekar, Dr. Sharmila Pais, Mr. Siddesh Menon and students of FYBA. Dr. Sharmila Pais delivered a talk on the occasion.



### Half Yearly Report of Activities of the Department of History

- As per the directives of the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, St. Xavier's College commemorated the Goa Kranti Din or the Goa Revolution Day in collaboration with the Department of History and the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College. Dr. Sharmila Pais delivered a talk on the occasion.
- Excursion: The Department of History, St. Xavier's College, organised their annual excursion for students of History on July 31, 2019. Around 40 students of the Department accompanied their faculty, Dr. Sharmila Pais, Ms. Pamela Fernandes, and Mr. Dominic Fernandes. The students left the College campus at 8.45am. The group's itinerary included visiting three places in Goa; Old Goa, Pilar Museum and the Museum at Goa Chitra. The excursion was a beautiful learning experience to the teachers and the students alike.
- Learning through Artistic Expression: the FYBA students were exposed to a new learning experience, *Learning through Artistic Expression*. Students were encouraged to make charts on the subject of Goan history and present their findings.
- As an endeavour of promoting an analytical mind, appreciate the oral traditions of the region and encourage reading skills, the students of SYBA learning the paper; *Appreciating the Indigenous Heritage of Goa, Theory and Practice* were encouraged to collect folk stories of Goa and evaluate their learning experiences in September 2019.
- The Department of History has initiated a maiden research venture to encourage a creative learning experience and love for inquiry among students. The Department aims to publish the first issue of its research journal, *Historia* in January 2020. Ten students have contributed research articles and the publication has reached the stage of Copyedit.

#### Dr. Sharmila Pais

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## *Department of Philosophy*

### **Talk on Travelling and Touring**

On the 24th of August 2019, Ms. Shefali Kale organised a talk for the Core Philosophy students of FYBA on Travelling and Touring. The speaker for the session was Ms Poonam Kamat, Assistant Professor, Dept. of BBA (Travel and Tourism), St. Xavier's College. Ms. Poonam shared with the students her wide travelling experience



and presented various pictures of quotes that encouraged the students to be adventurous. She said one must cultivate a strong desire to travel and explore the world, its different cultures and varied lifestyles. Highlighting the precautions one needs to take whilst travelling, she advised them to travel light. Travel is the only thing that we can buy that makes us richer in knowledge,



she reiterated.

### **Field trip to Bondla Zoo**

On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, Dept. of Philosophy organized a field trip to Bondla Zoo at Usgao and Tambdi Surla temple, Dharbandora. It was participated by 40 students of Philosophy of the First, Second and Third year respectively. The trip was aimed at appreciating nature and cultivating an understanding of the deeper connections between man and nature.

### **Half Yearly Report of Activities of the Department of History**

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## *Department of Konkani*

### **COMMEMORATION OF DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF RENOWNED KONKANIWRITER RAVINDRA KELEKAR**

In the memory of the Dynapith awardee Ravindra Kelekar, Bhartiya Sanskruti Manch in collaboration with Dept. of Konkani organized a program on 27th August 2019. Manch Convener, Mr. Silvester Vaz gave the introductory speech. The students were enlightened by the inspirational talk by Dr. Ramita Gurav. The screening of Documentaries prepared by students on Ravindra Kelekar were screened. Poster competition was also organized. Vote of thanks was given by Bhartiya Sanskruti Manch Secretary, Ms. Shefali Salgaonkar, and compering was done by Ms. Pranita Redkar

### **Half-Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Konkani**

- Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Mr. Silvester Vaz and Fr. Luis Gomes attended workshop on 'Research paper writing' at Dept. of Konkani, Goa University on 27th July 2019.
- Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Mr. Silvester Vaz and Fr. Luis Gomes attended Seminar on renowned Konkani writer Damodar Mauzo titled "Akshar Damodar" on 2nd & 3rd August 2019 at Ravindra Bhavan Margao.
- In the memory of the Dynapith awardee Ravindra Kelekar, Bhartiya Sanskruti Manch in collaboration with Dept. of Konkani organized a program on 27th August 2019.
- Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Mr. Silvester Vaz attended state level seminar titled 'Fr. Thomas Stephens ani Tanche Sahitik Yogdan' on 12th September 2019 at Thomas Stephens Kendra porvorim.
- Mr. Silvester Vaz presented a paper at the state level seminar on 'Konkani Literature by Christian Missionaries' at Govt. College, Khandola on 7th October 2019
- Fr. Luis Gomes attended the state level seminar on 'Konkani Literature by Christian Missionaries' at Govt. College, Khandola on 7th October 2019
- Fr. Luis Gomes Chaired a session on 'Tiatr: Kal, Aiz ani Falya' on 20th October 2019 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao.

### **Mr. Dharma Chodankar**

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## *Department of Chemistry*

### **Use of NLIST e-resources and Referencing tools**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019, the Department of Chemistry organized an Invited talk entitled "Use of NLIST e-resources and Referencing tools" by Dr. Keshav Dhuri, College Librarian. Dr. Teotone Vaz welcomed the gathering and introduced the guest speaker to the audience. Head, Department of Chemistry, Ms. Janesline Fernandes, highlighted the importance of adequate referencing of project topic to the students.

The speaker Dr. Keshav Dhuri briefed about the government scheme for libraries and INFLIBNET. He further explained about NLIST for accessing research journals, Shodhganga for Ph.D thesis, e-Book publishers such as Springer eBooks, Sage Publication eBooks, Taylor Francis eBooks, World eBooks Library, e-Newspapers, Cambridge University Press, My library-McGraw Hill, JSTOR, SWAYAM & End Note in MSWord for systematic bibliography. He explained about the e-access received under this facility for reputed international journals from Royal Society of Chemistry. He urged the students and teachers to register for NLIST and explore the e-access of research journals and books.

Dr. Hari Kadam proposed vote of Thanks. The talk was attended by 95 students of T.Y.B.Sc Chemistry along with faculty members of the Chemistry Department.

### **Report of Talk on Scientific Literature Search**

The Department of Chemistry organised a talk entitled "Scientific Literature Search" by Dr. Hari Kadam, Asst. Professor in the Chemistry department on 19th June 2019. The talk was attended by 61 students of T.Y.B. Sc Chemistry and the faculty members.

Dr. Hari opened the talk by highlighting the importance of Projects in the curriculum and the value of effective literature search to carry out any research work. He briefed the gathering on the differences in library and online search and focused on their respective advantages. Dr. Hari explained the efficient use of Google by pinpointing the importance of precise keywords and filters while using Google search. He then explained the use of Google scholar for technical search on any topic. It avoids all commercial and irrelevant website citations and focuses primarily on publisher websites, research journals, patents websites and relevant links for full texts. This also facilitated direct author search and related references. Dr. Hari also highlighted the use of professional research search engines such as Scopus and networks such as Research Gate. Using a few exemplary topics, Dr. Hari gave a practical demonstration of the search techniques he had spoken of.

The talk generated lot of interest and curiosity among students and students clarified their data search related questions with the speaker. Dr. TeotoneVaz, Head, Department of Chemistry proposed vote of thanks.

### **Green Chemistry for better sustainability**

Dr. Hari Kadam and Dr. Mira Parmekar along with 4 TYB Sc students participated at one day National Symposium on "Green Chemistry for Better Sustainability" organized by Department of Chemistry, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, in association with Syngenta Biosciences Pvt. Ltd., on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at DM's College, Assagao. Dr. Hari Kadam and Dr. Mira Parmekar presented a poster on the topic 'Nanocatalyst for Suzuki Coupling in aqueous medium'. Student participants presented a poster on "Need for Green Chemistry". The students were provided overall guidance by the





departmental team comprising of the Head, Department of Chemistry, Ms. Janesline Fernandes, Ms. Flavia Travasso, Dr. Hari Kadam and Dr. Mira Parmekar.

Ms. Siddhi Manjrekar and Ms. Samiksha Chodankar won the 1<sup>st</sup> place for the poster, and Ms. Komal Gaude and Ms. Sharon Fernandes won the Consolation prize.

#### **IYPT talk on Nanotechnology in Russia: Research and Education - by Prof. Sergey Dezhurov**

In the spirit of celebrating the International Year of Periodic table (IYPT - 2019), the Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa Goa, organised a talk on "Nanotechnology in Russia: Research and Education" by Prof. Sergey Dezhurov, a research scientist at Scientific research Institute of Applied Acoustics, Moscow Oblast, Russia, in the college seminar hall on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 10:30 am. It was followed by an interactive session with the student participants of S.Y.BSc and T.Y.BSc.

The compere for the programme was Dr. Mira Parmekar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, who also welcomed the gathering. Ms Milagrina D'Souza, a faculty



member, began with the invocation prayer. Dr. Sudarshana D. Mardolkar welcomed the guest speaker Dr. Sergey Dezhurov and Ms Shubhada Gawandi welcomed Dr. Svetlana, wife of the guest speaker with a flower.

Dr. Teotone Vaz, former head and Associate Professor at the Department of Chemistry introduced the resource person. He said that the world of nanotechnology is a smart world and that we are privileged to have the speaker, who is working in the same field.



Dr. Teotone Vaz also acknowledged the interest with which our students work in the field of nanochemistry for their laboratory projects in St. Xavier's College.

The guest speaker Dr. Sergey Dezhurov began his talk by briefing everyone on the topic nanotechnology, quantum dots and its various properties which make it different from organic fluorophores. The emphasis of his talk was on various applications both practical & biological of Quantum dots. He then introduced the various Universities in Russia and stressed on the ones which are helpful to our students if they wish to pursue their higher education in Russia.

A token of appreciation was presented to our guest by Ms. Kathleen Pinto and Dr. Teotone Vaz, both, Associate Professors at Chemistry department, St. Xavier's College. Dr. Andrew D'Souza, co-ordinator, thanked the guest for his valuable time enlightening the young minds of our students. He thanked the college Administrator Fr. Zeferino D'Souza and College Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas. He also thanked the Head of the Department of Chemistry Ms. Janesline Fernandes for her support for this programme.

### **Chemistry Students Visit CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT),Hyderabad**

The Department of Chemistry continuously strives to provide ample opportunities for an all-round academic growth of its students by organising various activities beyond their classrooms that help them grow in knowledge and provide an exposure to the



world of chemistry. In continuation with this practice, a study tour was organised by the department for its Third Year Chemistry students, wherein a group of 49 students and six faculty members embarked on a study tour to Hyderabad from 24th to 28th November 2019. The faculty members who accompanied the students for the study tour were Dr. Teotone Vaz, Dr. Tushar Anvekar, Ms. Flavia Travasso, Ms. Shivta Mhamal, Dr. Mira Parmekar and Dr. Andrew D'Souza.

During this study tour, a visit was organised to the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), a national-level research centre located in Hyderabad. It was a golden opportunity for the group to visit the institute which conducts research in basic and applied chemistry, biochemistry, bioinformatics, chemical engineering and provides science and technology inputs to the industrial and economic development of the country. The research and development programmes of IICT are related to the development of technologies for pesticides, drugs, organic intermediates, fine chemicals, catalysts, polymers and value-added products from vegetable oils. The IICT laboratories' tour arranged for the group by Dr. B. D. Sanjay, Senior Technician, IICT, included BEES, Synthetic Aviation Pilot Plant, Biodigester

Plant, Membrane Separation Plant, SemioChemicals, X-Ray, Mass Spectrometry, NMR, Water Harvesting, National Mol Bank and a few other laboratories. The group got to learn about the working of some sophisticated instruments and an opportunity to interact with some of the renowned scientists. Dr. Sanjay also guided the students on the research avenues available at IICT and encouraged them to take a step towards doing quality research.

Next, the group visited the Sudha Cars Museum, first and only handmade wacky cars museum in the world, a brain child of Guinness World Record holder, Mr. K. Sudhakar. At the museum, the group saw several of his designed cars on display like the Brinjal car, Computer car, Mug car, Sofa car, Dining Table car, Cricket Ball car, Helmet car, Ladies Handbag car, Burger car, Cage car, Lotus car, Suitcase car, Lipstick car, etc. A visit to the Golconda Fort, an outstanding example of brilliant engineering and magical architecture was also a part of the tour. The visit to this regal symbol of history was an impressive one, as it not only surprised all with its sturdy structure and highly advanced techniques that were used back then, but also with an outstanding view of the city from the top.

The next place of visit was the NTR Gardens, which offered a breathtaking view of the natural surroundings along with ample of entertaining activities. On route to the Lumbini Park, the group saw the famous massive standing statue of Lord Buddha in the middle of Hussain Sagar Lake, the largest artificial lake of Asia. The Musical fountain and the Laser show at the Lumbini Park were a scintillating display and an awesome attraction for everyone. Another place visited by the group was the Charminar, a monument and mosque known globally as a symbol of Hyderabad. While both historically and religiously significant, it is also known for the popular local markets surrounding the structure.

Lastly, the group got a wonderful opportunity to visit the Ramoji Film City, certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest studio complex in the world. The group enjoyed touring the mesmerising film city which is a popular tourism and recreation centre, containing natural and artificial attractions including an amusement park. The study tour ended with myriad memories of the

visit to IICT and the picturesque locations, which provided everyone with vast knowledge of Hyderabad's rich educational and historical heritage. The study tour was coordinated by Ms. Janesline Fernandes-Head of Department of Chemistry, Ms. Flavia Travasso, Ms. ShivtaMhamal and Dr. Andrew D'Souza.



### Half Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Chemistry

- Research Oriented talk entitled “Scientific Literature Search” was delivered by Dr. Hari Kadam, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Chemistry on 19th June 2019 at 09:30 in the Seminar Hall. for 61 students of T.Y.B.Sc Chemistry class along with faculty members.
- Invited talk titled “Use of NLIST e-resources and Referencing tools” by Dr. Keshav Dhuri, Librarian, St Xaviers College, was organised on 3rd August 2019 at 10:45a.m. The talk was coordinated by Dr. Hari Kadam and was attended by 95 students of T.Y.B.Sc Chemistry class along with faculty members of the Chemistry Department.
- Dr.Hari Kadam and Dr. Mira V. Parmekar participated and presented a research paper at the National Seminar on “Green Chemistry for Better Sustainability”, at DM's College, Assagao held on 27th September 2019. The paper title presented by Dr. Mira was “Robust magnetic Pd/CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst for low temperature aqueous Suzuki-Miyaura coupling- A greener alternative”.
- Dr.Vinod Mandrekar, participated and presented a Research Paper (Oral presentation) at the National Symposium on Solid State Nuclear Track Detectors and Applications (SSNTDs-2019) from October 18-20, 2019 organised in collaboration with Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and Allied Scientists (IANCAS) by Khalsa College, Amritsar, Punjab.
- Won 1<sup>st</sup> place and consolation prize by students participating in Poster Presentation at one day National Symposium on “Green Chemistry for Better Sustainability” organized by Department of Chemistry DnyanprassarakMandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao. Miss. Siddhi Manjrekar and Miss. Samiksha Chodankar won the 1stPLACE. And Miss Komal Gaude and Miss Sharon Fernandes won the Consolation prize.
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**Ms. Janesline Fernandes**

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## Department of Botany

### Report of programme on mushroom cultivation

A programme on mushroom cultivation was organized by the department of Botany for F.Y.B.Sc students. The resource person was Ms. Sabina Sales e Dias and was also assisted by Dr. Seema Fernandes. The programme was held on 19<sup>th</sup> (43 students), 20<sup>th</sup> (33 students) and 21<sup>st</sup> (52 students) September 2019. The inoculum (Spawn of Oyster mushroom) was procured from Ella farm, Old Goa and the students also prepared more



Bags kept for incubation

spawn using Jowar grains. They were first briefed on the technique of cultivation of Oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus sajorcaju*). The paddy straw was cut into pieces and soaked in hot water by the lab attendants. The students then filled the bags with the straw and the spawn. The bags were tied and kept for spawn running in the laboratory. After a week the students observed the bag and saw the growth of the mycelium. The bags were then opened and removed. It was watered everyday and kept for the growth of mushrooms. After a week small pinhead sized fruiting bodies were seen in various stages which then grew into large oyster shaped mushrooms.



filling of bags with paddy straw

### Certificate course in "Homemade Herbal Products"

The Department of Botany organized a Certificate course entitled "Homemade Herbal Products". The main objective of the course is to impart the various techniques of preparing herbal soaps making herbal teas, herbal oils, natural food colours, henna for hair and face packs from naturally available plant materials. The course was for seven days (30 hrs) from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 14 students from S.Y.B.Sc. attended the course. Ms. Sabina M. Sales e Dias and Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar were the resource persons.

### **Half Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Botany**

- Dr. Maria A. D'Souza, Department of Botany, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa participated in one day Capacity Building workshop titled "18<sup>th</sup> National Green Corps Eco-Teachers Workshop" on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji-Goa. the workshop was organized by the Goa State Council for Science & Technology and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- Ms. Sabina M. Sales e Dias, Associate Professor attended two day State level workshop on "Green Audit for College Campuses" held at Dnyan prassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre Assagao, Bardez in Association with Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
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- An Internship programme for students was organized by Ms. Sabina M. Sales e Dias for S.Y.B.Sc. students at Agriculture Farm, Duler from 18<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. 24 students participated in the programme.

#### **Ms. Sabina Sales**

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## *Department of Microbiology*

### **Explore and Understand the World of Microbiology 3.0**

As part of its extension activity, the Department of Microbiology invited students of XII Science of neighboring higher secondary schools, to explore and understand the world of microbiology on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2019. Students from St. Francis Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Siolim,, P.V.S S M Kushe Higher Secondary School, Assagao, our Lady of the Rosary Higher Secondary School,



Welcome address by Principal Dr. Blanch Mascarenhas



Participants at the Microbiology lab

Dona Paula and St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Mapusa, participated in the programme which provided hands on experience in basic techniques in microbiology and molecular biology.

The days programme began with a short prayer which was followed by a brief welcome to the workshop by the coordinator Ms. Ruella D'Souza. The Head of the Department Ms. Ursula Barreto then addressed the gathering and welcomed the students to the laboratory. Students of the Third Year then presented bookmarks to the guests as a welcome gesture. The Principal, Dr.

Mrs. Blanche Mascarenhas in her address encouraged the students to make the most of this opportunity presented.

The first session involved working through the steps of the gel electrophoresis technique and loading samples of DNA and RNA on a gel. The use of micropipettes was also demonstrated along with hands on pipetting by

each participant. The gel was then kept for its run and the students went on a short snack break.

Ms. Ursula Barreto, exposed them to role of antibiotics in medicine and diagnosis and their efficacy in the control and prevention of infections. The students understood the basic principle and technique of diffusion assays and were enthusiastic in using the cork borer to cut agar wells, ably guided and attended to by the Third Year student volunteers.

The third and final session of the day was handled by Dr. Valerie Gonsalves and her group of student volunteers. Here the students learnt the use of nichrome loop, petridish, oil immersion objective, preparation of various agar media and the principle and observed differently shaped bacteria. The students also viewed specimens through a trinocular microscope.

The participants then observed the various bands on the agarose gel using a UV trans illuminator and entered their observations in their worksheets, before settling down for the certificate distribution programme. After a brief feedback of the session from the participants, the Vice Principal, Mrs. Sandra Fernandes distributed the certificates.

## *Department of Computer Science*

### **Report on User experience Design**

The department of Computer Science organized a talk on “UX design” on 14th September 2019. The resource person for the talk was Mr. YeshSurve, UX Designer, ScreenRoot Technologies Pvt. Ltd. The talk started with a brief introduction of the resource person. The resource person Mr. YeshSurve, reflected his profound knowledge on the topic and highlighted the importance of UX design.

An in-depth explanation was given on how UX design is used to create products that provide meaningful and relevant experience to users, this triggered the minds of the students into thinking innovative ways to design a product and explore the world of Design. The talk was attended by the second year and third year students of Computer Science. The talk ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the head of the Computer Science Department.



Participants of User Experience design work

## *Department of Commerce*

### **'BEST COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AWARD'**

The Department of Commerce, recipient of the 'The Best College Award' of Commerce from the Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Goa, had the award ceremony on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, in the St. Xavier's College seminar hall from 11 a.m. onwards. It was attended by members of the Department of Commerce as well as the students. The ceremony was organised by Mr Sunil Kumar, President of the Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



The event commenced with the President felicitating the dignitaries with a shawl and bouquet on stage. The dignitaries present were, the Administrator, Rev. Fr. Zeferino D'Souza; the Principal, Dr. Mrs. Blanche Mascarenhas; the Vice Principals, Dr. Fr. Jeronimo D'Silva, Ms. Ursula Barreto and Ms. Sandra Fernandes; Head, Department of Commerce, Mrs. Sumina Dias; and, Former Head, Department of Commerce, Mrs. Difa Fernandes. This was followed by the lighting of the lamp by all those present on stage. Mrs. Difa Fernandes presented Mr Sunil Kumar with a potted

plant after which Rev. Fr. Zeferino felicitated the performers for the event with a shawl and certificate.

The President of the Youth Chamber Commerce spoke about the qualities of the college that paved the way for its winning, which were, a ragging-free and eco-friendly campus with exceptional staff and a stellar record of fantastic results. The Management was awarded the Best College of Commerce award by the President of Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The administrator recognized the effort of the students and staff and congratulated them on this great achievement through his speech.

After the award ceremony, Indian classical dancers from across the country enthralled the audience with their elegant, expressive and graceful performances. The programme ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Sumina Dias and the college anthem.

#### **FIELD TRIP TO ACGL HONDA- 20th September 2019**

A Field trip was organised for students of TYBCOM Div D on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to ACGL Honda. A total of 39 students accompanied by two Faculty members, Dr. Mrs Yasmin Z. Shaikh and Miss Karen Fernandes went for the field visit to ACGL Honda. At the unit, all were provided with head gears (helmets) to ensure the safety of the students.

AUTOMOBILE CORPORATION OF GOA LIMITED (ACGL) is the first chief engineering unit, established in the year 1980 at Goa, with excellent production facility. Automobile Corporation of Goa Limited is engaged in the manufacture of pressed parts, components, sub-assemblies for various range of automobiles and manufacture of bus bodies and component parts thereof. The Company operates through two segments: Pressing Division and Bus body Building Division. The Pressing Division segment is engaged in the manufacture of pressed parts, components, sub-assemblies and assemblies. The Bus body Building Division segment is engaged in the manufacturing of bus bodies and component parts for bus bodies at its factories situated at Honda & Buimpal, Goa. The company is in operation since 1982 and is a major supplier of pressings and assemblies to Tata Motors. The Company's products include staff transport buses, luxury buses, city buses, defence buses, airport buses, school buses, sleeper buses, special application vehicles and sheet metal products

Mr. Umesh who was the guide, walked the group through the entire unit and helped them see and understand the working of the company. The process of the unit is carried out in three steps:

- 1) Shell (body of the bus)
- 2) Trim (interior fitting)
- 3) Paint

At the Production Shell and Trimline, there were several stations of the assembling process.

STATION 1 and 2 - Frame/Skeleton



First the skeleton of the bus is assembled. The employees work on 1 bus at a time. After the frame/ skeleton of the bus is done, it is moved to the next station.

#### STATION 3 - Closure of bus

At this station the roof is attached to the skeleton and the sides of the bus is closed.

#### STATION 4 - Fixture

The door, baggage boxes, steps, battery box, windows etc. Are fixed at this station. Also the flooring is done.

#### STATION 5 - Shell completion

Here the shell of the bus is completed and is moved to the paint shop.

Buses take a day to get completely dried. If a bus is painted in the morning then by the end of the day it is dried. However, the paint may get damaged in the later stages. The Shell line is completed at this stage. The students were then taken for a shower testing of the bus which was done to check if there were any leakages. After all these stages the buses are again sent for final painting.

Mr Umesh then briefed the group about the hybrid line, and explained the difference between the hybrid and normal buses. The visit ended with Mr. Umesh answering the queries of the students.

#### **'MOTIVATIONAL TALK' BY ALUMNUS**

The students of FY B.com Div D attended a session on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 conducted by Mr. Yohann Santos, a former student of St. Xavier's, former General Secretary, and former Mr. Xavier. Mr. Santos spoke about learning from one's mistake and how it helps in personal growth of an individual. Mr. Santos went on with the session by asking the students about their future career plans and which educational degree they would pursue after graduation. He acknowledged the different stages in a student's life, the child ego stage, parent ego stage and adult ego stage. The students were advised to utilize their vacation by doing an internship in an organization, which would help them to learn how an organization works and help to gain experience. The students were then asked about their hobbies and what they are good at doing. Mr. Santos encouraged the students to do something they are good at and that it is not always important to take up conventional professions. Mr. Santos shared his experience of his interviews with the students and gave insights. He advised the students to believe in themselves and work towards achieving their goals and to be focused on what one desires to become.

#### **Workshop on Resumé Writing and Interview Facing Skills**

A workshop was conducted on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019 on the Resumé Writing and Interview Facing Skills for students of TYBCom A, B, C & D divisions respectively, by resource person, Ms Loretta Dias of The Inspirational Desk, Panjim.

The session began with Ms Loretta telling students of the difference between a CV, Resumé and Bio data, and what are the requirements of each document. She gave them several tips on what Recruiters like and do not like in a Resumé and also spoke about the importance of us having LinkedIn profile.

In the Interview Facing Skills section of the workshop, she gave them various pointers on how to present themselves during an interview and what should be done before and after an interview. She also had a practical demonstration of an interview for the students.

Ms. Loretta Dias ended the session with asking students to create their CV's and to email it to her along with a SWOT analysis of themselves. The vote of thanks for each day was delivered by Ms. Infancy Pereira, Ms. Varsha Thakur, Ms. Keziah D Lima and Ms. Seena Dias, respectively. The session was very interactive and students were extremely grateful for this opportunity.

### **Half Yearly Report of Activities of Department of Commerce**

- The Department of Commerce, recipient of the 'The Best College Award' of Commerce from the Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Goa, had the award ceremony on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, in the St. Xavier's College seminar hall
- Field trip was organised for students of TYBCOM Div D on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to ACGL Honda. A total of 39 students accompanied by two Faculty members, Dr. Mrs Yasmin Z. Shaikh and Miss Karen Fernandes went for the field visit to ACGL Honda.
- students of FY B.com Div D attended a session on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 conducted by Mr. Yohann Santos, a former student of St. Xavier's, former General Secretary, and former Mr. Xavier.
- workshop was conducted on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019 on the Resumé Writing and Interview Facing Skills for students of TYBCom A, B, C & D divisions respectively, by resource person, Ms Loretta Dias of The Inspirational Desk, Panjim.

#### **Ms. Sumina Dias**

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## *Department of BBA (T&T)*

### **X'plorateur 2019**

On 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October, the BBA (Travel and Tourism) Department **organised** organized a two-day 'World Tourism Day' national-level event at the Seminar Hall with the theme on 'Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all'. There were a total of six participating colleges, two colleges being from outside Goa.

The main rounds conducted were Human Resource, Best Manager, Finance, Marketing and sales, Entrepreneurship and Operations. Each of the rounds consisted of multiple sub rounds for which the participants business skills and stress management skills were tested to the maximum.

The following are the list of winners for the event both overall as well as for the respective rounds:

S No.	Round Name	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
1	HR	Dempo College	Goa University	Saraswat College
2	Best Manager	KLE'S College	Dempo College	Saraswat College
3	Finance	Dempo College	KLE'S College	Goa University
4	Marketing & Sales	KLE'S College	Goa University	Saraswat College
5	Entreneurship	KLE'S College	Dempo College	Goa University
6	Operations	Dempo College	Saraswat College	DMC College
<b>OVERALL</b>		<b>KLE'S College</b>	<b>Dempo College</b>	<b>Goa University</b>

### **Entrada 2019**

"Entrada.. Everything counts" was an event held by Rosary College on the 14th of September 2019. This event is held by the BBA (Travel and Tourism) department of Rosary College. It is a one day national level inter-collegiate event with the theme: "Tourism and Jobs: A better futureforall". During the event different teams are tested on various aspects required to run a business. They were put in stressful situations and were judged on how well they were able to manage it. Their creative aspects were also checked out. St. Xavier's college got the 2nd place in 4 rounds (Plan de Site, Promotion and Demotion,

Extremplore and Business GenX) and the 1st place in one round (Creation Litteraire). Over-all they came third.

#### **Department of BBA (Travel & Tourism) Field Trip**

The Department of BBA (Travel & Tourism) organized a field trip for the students of TY BBA (T&T) at Pirna as a part of their curriculum. The subject being **Photography** taught by Mr. Savio Fernandes. The total number of students participated in the field trip were 19 and were accompanied by two faculty members Mrs. Sarita Mahale Camulkar (Mentor) and Mr. Savio Fernandes (External).

The field trip was held to enhance the student's photography skills and learn the techniques of framing photographs and how to handle a DSLR camera, set ISO, Aperture and Exposure. The students were taught to click photographs in natural day light and capture the moments within a time frame of 8 am to 9am, analyze and appreciate the changes that occurred. The students were also acquainted to the use of a tripod to capture the perfect sceneries of landscapes present there.

## *Department of Biotechnology*

### **Field trip to Unichem Laboratories**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 16 aspiring biotechnologists ventured on a trip that would help them to discern their future plans as a biotechnologist. Sixteen of the TY Biotech students of St. Xavier's College along with Mrs. Anabel Alphonso travelled to the industrial estate of Pilerne and visited the renowned Unichem Laboratories. The aura emanating from Unichem was filled with innovation and knowledge. Unichem has three blocks; namely the Biosciences block, R&D section and the QC (Quality Control) block. As students, we were allowed only in the QC block which dealt with product management.



The tour of the premises began at around 2:40pm with the HR Managers Mr. SagarKunde, Mr Rama Mavlankar welcoming us with warm smiles and friendly attitudes. We were guided into the building where we were briefed on the rules and regulations to be maintained around the Unichem campus and were made to sign a guideline form before entering the QC department which was located at another site in the campus.

Mr. Sagar Kunde accompanied us to the main QC lab and talked to us about the number of employees and the different blocks around the QC department. There were 3-4 assembly points in case of a fire or any emergency located outside the building. To enter the labs we wore sterile lab coats and shoe covers. The HOD of the QC section gave us some brief information on the working of the lab, its employees and the functioning of the instruments that were used. The major instruments used were Chromatography instruments like Gas chromatography, Liquid Chromatography, High Pressure Liquid Chromatography and Density measuring instruments like Colorimeter, ICP Mass spectrometry, Differential colorimeter, Polarimeter and Viscometer were present, all of which are high- end machinery with high costs.

He spoke about the working of each instrument and told us on what basis the equipment are handled, with regards to logging in of the employers details to evaluate the work done by each individual. After speaking about the instruments in the instrumentation room we were taken towards the Balance room where all the necessary materials were measured. Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) were the main point of emphasis at Unichem and all the employees had to conduct their experiments following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) provided to them. Later we went to the storage room where all the products were stored and maintained at fixed temperatures and relative humidity. The study of the effects of the product at prolonged time of temperature and humidity is an important aspect and was studied by the respective personnel in charge of the department.

The HOD cleared all our doubts with ease and answered our questions put forth in a very simple yet informative manner. We thanked the management once again and left the premises at 4:30pm. Our overall experience was not only that of joy and happiness but it also brought about a deep sense of satisfaction within ourselves to know that the path of Biotechnology that we have chosen can lead us to great heights. We commemorated the day with a group picture at the entrance of the campus.



## *Departments of Mass Communication & Journalism*

### **Field visit of the Departments of Journalism & Mass Communication**

Field visit is an integral feature of the Departments of Journalism & Mass Communication. The field visits act a bridge between academic's and industry. Hence the second year students of journalism & mass communication studying Audio Production paper visited Big FM 92.7 radio station and Trinity Music House.

At Big FM the students were greeted by RJ Uday Chari, a well known Radio Jockey of 13 years who believes that his career is his hobby and not his job as he is driven by passion for it. He spent 9 of those years in All India radio and the remaining at Big FM.

Mr. Chari, educated the students on the process of setting up an online radio schedule for the day, and that, that very schedule can be set for 10 years down the line in advance. He explained that radio promos and advertisements are sent to Surat, their main station for the North of India, so as to acquire confirmation to air on radio Channels. When asked about the qualities needed by one to be a well carried RJ, Mr Chari stated that he or she must build a "best friend" persona with their audience. The students were inspired by the inner workings of an RJ in an FM studio, and found the trip worthwhile, as Mr. Chari humanized the career, stating that "stumbling is human, so it's okay to make mistakes."

At Trinity Music House Mr. Lancelot Rosario not just welcomed and explained the student the working of a professional recording studio but also gave a live demo recording session. In a short span of time students displayed their musical talent to put together a snippet of a song.

Besides the students were given an insight into the complexities of the recording and editing process that goes into producing a song, as well as the level of professionalism that those in the business bring to their work. The students put forward various questions and experienced the inner workings of a professional recording studio.

### **Non-stop learning- An Interaction with Sir Mark Tully**

On September 11, 2019, students of the Departments of Journalism and Mass Communication attended an interaction with Sir Mark Tully organised by the International Centre of Goa (ICG). As part of its 'Patrakar' series, a forum for journalists, Dr Pushkar, director of ICG, and senior journalist Sujay Gupta conversed with the former bureau chief of the BBC in New Delhi. During his time and travels in India, Mark Tully as also authored several books like Non-Stop India, India in Slow Motion and India's Unending Journey.

Having covered major events like the Emergency, Indo-Pakistan wars, the assassinations of Indira and Rajiv Gandhi, as well as the demolition of Babri Masjid, Sir Mark has a wealth of knowledge on India and its people as well as its administration. The students made the most of a dedicated slot for them by asking Sir Mark various questions on the field of journalism. Citing the high incidence of government and corporate interference in the media today, students asked about the safety of journalists and the freedom of the media. The students were able to gain insight into the life and travails of a seasoned journalist through this enlightening interaction.

### **Consultancy services rendered to Publishing Next**

The Departments of Mass Communication and Journalism of St. Xavier's College,

Mapusa, Goa rendered consultancy services in videography to Publishing Next, the annual conference on the future of publishing, organized by Cinnamon Teal Publishing from September 19-22, 2019 at the Goa Science Centre.

The sessions revisited the basic tenets of publishing, including masterclasses on editing, book production and the marketing of books; open mic sessions on the author-editor relationship, and on book reviews; and panel discussions on book retail, and on collaborations between publishers. Some of the speakers included Jerry Pinto; Ravi Singh; Indu Chandrasekhar; Ritu Menon; Radhika Menon; Shireen Quadri, and Manisha Chaudhry.



#### **Learning photography with Rosario Estebeiro**

The Department of Journalism, of St. Xavier's College, organised a workshop on Photojournalism with Mr. Rosario Estebeiro for the students of TYBA Journalism, recently.

Mr. Rosario kept the class engaged by asking questions to the students and demonstrating varied concepts related to photography in the studio. He also displayed tips and tricks on how to use flash and what are the different situations where a flash is required to be used. The importance of light in photography, eliminating shadows while clicking pictures, placements of light to make the picture look more natural, were some of the major aspects discussed during the workshop.



He enlightened the students with the ethics in photojournalism, the different angles, how to avoid unwanted space. He further demonstrated product photography. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Pearl Nazare.

## Media Study tour to the National Capital- New Delhi

Ronnan DaCunha, TYBA

The Departments of Journalism and Mass Communication scaled up North India, to the national capital, New Delhi as part of the annual media study tour organized for the final year students. The tour was aimed at healthy interaction with professionals from the field which enables students to get better insights and understanding, and help go beyond the classroom experience to learn more.

The week long tour from November 17th to 23rd, 2019 enabled the final year students to open up to a cornucopia of ideas and opportunities for one to pursue in the near future. On the first day, a visit to the Parliament of India aided the students to understand better the legislative structure of the country, and also how elected representatives carry out



business, while representing the public's concerns.



The following day, a very interactive session was held with The Quint-News portal, where a team led by Jaskirat Singh Bawa, senior editor, explained to the students about the functioning of their digital news portal, and how they use this digital tool to get to their audience.

Aishwarya S. Iyer, a reporter at The Quint, also shared details of her journey into the field of journalism, and directed students to be alert when looking out for story ideas. 'WebQoof' –

The Quint's fake news and fact checking initiative was also highlighted, and how Google reverse image search verification can enable us to debug fake news. Something creative that caught the student's eye was The Quint's Lab, which is a micro-site that hosts special projects on different occasions.

A Visit to Republic TV had a different atmosphere, where the digital studio set-up and high-end production control rooms opened up a profusion of chances for students wanting to pursue future lines in production. During the visit students also witnessed how the news channel broadcasts live news and produces a panel discussion.

On the final day of the media tour, students visited the A.J. Kidwai Mass Communication Research Centre at the Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi. Here, studio lightings, editing techniques, set-up and



productions, along with the community radio station at the University were explained.

This was followed by a visit to the NDTV Studio, which presented to the students how professional national news channels function. A visit to the production control room, along with the NDTV desk was a part of the visit.

The Delhi-NCR region is rich with Indian history, and holds significant value to the way our country has shaped forward. The students visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Museum and the Indira Gandhi Memorial, which had on display different pieces of history associated with the Nehru and the Gandhi families. Besides this, Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, and India Gate were also some locations covered during the tour.



## *Department of BBA*

The dept. conducted an orientation program for the first year students about the course structure the credits and the evaluation system. Internship seminars were conducted for the students of S. Y. BBA and T. Y. BBA and results declared of T. Y. BBA batch 2018-19.

The BBA dept. conducted a series of talks for students the topics ranging from digital marketing programs where the resource person communicated about the various marketing opportunities available to the students for a career in digital marketing and the various skills needed in the industry. Students were also introduced to career counselling and were being made aware of the different entrance exams post -graduation, how to approach these exams and the various exams to appear for depending on the individual goals. Entrepreneurs from the industry were invited for interactions with the students. The students were given opportunities to actively participate in the BBA events that were held at the state level which gave them opportunities to test their business skills in the field of marketing, human resources, finance and entrepreneurship, our students qualified for the final round and a student secured second place in the entrepreneur event. The students of T. Y. BBA were introduced to writing of C.V's and how to appear for interviews in the jobs.

The dept. planned a series of educational field visit in the various subjects to acquaint the students with a practical approach to business.

The BBA system follows a trimester based system hence the dept conducted the term 1, term 5, term 9 semester end exam and declared the results. The new term timetables were planned for the term 2, term 6 & term 10 and are being implemented.



## Sports Report June 2019-Oct 2019

Physical Fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activities. The Department of Physical Education St. Xavier's College has been performing marvellously in the field of sports. To begin the year of sports at St. Xavier's, the Department of Sports brings together some of its outstanding students to serve the college as a sports committee for the Year. Along with the Committee, there is the Sports Council. They see to the success of the college in all the events organized and participated.

### Sports Council:

Dr. (Mrs) Blanche Mascarenhas	(Ex-Officio Chairman)
Ms. Joslyn D'Souza	Director of Physical Education
Mr. Pradeep Morajkar	Member
Dr. Teotone Vaz	Member
Mr. Conceicao De Souza	Member
Mr. Parmanand Mandrekar	Member
Ms. Sandra Fernandes	Member
Ms. Rosaline Lobo	Member
Rev fr. Zeferino D'Souza	Invitee

### Sports Committee:

Ms. Vinela Dias	Sports Secretary
Mr. Arvind V.	Asst. Sports Secretary
Ms. Annika Coelho	Member
Mr. Drawin Mandrekar	Member
Mr. Akshat Hadkonkar	Member
Ms. Aslesha Naik	Member
Mr. Sanketh Harmalkar	Member



It has been a very eventful phase in the sports arena for the college sports council and for all the students of our college. There was an increase in the students participation in the Inter class competitions held throughout the first semester. Students had ample opportunities to display their talent and skills in their encounters with the other classes.

St Xavier's has always tried to keep up to their rich tradition of winning at the Inter-collegiate sports organized by Goa University. Our College students have worked very hard and excelled in all the events in the first half of the academic year 2019-2020.

The College finished as Winners in table tennis for women, and Swimming in the Men section. Our students were excellent in the other games as well when pitted against higher skilled opponents.

Our students marked their presence at the National level too. The following was our participation at the National Level:



- Mr. Riyaz Kambli, Mr. Shubham Sharma, Mr. Mahesh Pawar, Mr. Vishnu Chawan, Mr. Sushas Kambli, and Mr. Ankush Kumar represented Goa University for the **West Zone Hockey Championship** held at Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior.
- Ms. Ashlesha Naik represented Goa for the **16<sup>th</sup> Senior South Zone National Softball Championship** held at Andhra Pradesh.
- Ms. Ashlesha Naik represented Goa for the **South Zone Senior Nationals** held at Cuncolim, Goa.
- Ms. Kaisiya Fernandes represented Goa for the **West Zone Junior National Athletics Championship 2019** held at Alwar, Rajasthan.
- Mr. Bavish Bijoy represented Goa for the **National Basketball Championship** held at Bihar.
- Ms. Ashika Gadekar and Ms. Sushmita Jadhav represented Goa for the **Senior Women's Football Championship** held at Arunachal Pradesh.



**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA-GOA**

**REPORT OF THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (June 2019 to October 2019)**

- Mr. Alexson Pinto and Ms. Niddhi Parmekar attended the Leadership Training Camp on 1st and 2nd July 2019 at S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Bambolim.
- Ms. Pradnya Majik and Ms. Aakansha Naik won the **1<sup>st</sup>Place** at the quiz on Life and Time of the poet Late Bakibab B.B. Borkar on 30th July 2019 organised by Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji. The other participants were Mr. Siddhesh Korganokar and Aniket Sonawale.
- Mr. Joviano Fernandes and Gavin Carvalho, Ms. Adhiti Bhat and Fiona Fernandes presented a Paper on Income Tax.
- Ms. Cheryl Elsa Albuquerque and Ms. Kushboo Shirvankar, Mr. Sudip Rajendra Naik and Mr. Mayuresh Chari participated in the 2nd Edition of Green Thinkers Quiz Competition on 30th August 2019 organised by Yi Goa Chapter.
- BBA (T & T) students participated in Entrada 19 on 30th August 2019 organized by Rosary College, Navelim.
- Ms. Namita Tupkar won **1st place** in All Goa Essay writing Competition organised by P.S. Ramani Medical Foundation. The other participants were Ms. Devashri S. Kamat, Ms. Jaya Makkimane, Ms. Khushboo Shirvankar, Ms. Rutika Parab, Ms. Cheryl Elsa Albuquerque, Ms. Shalom Ferrao, Ms. Saloni Chavan.
- Mr. Pratik Kinlekar and Mr. Anson Dias, Ms. Shalom Ferrao and Ms. Sanaida Fernandes participated in All Goa Quiz for Inter College students on Mahatma Gandhi on 26th August 2019 organised by Department of Information and Publicity, Government of Goa.
- Participated in the Intercollegiate 'Ghumat Aarti' competition on 26th August 2019 organized by Rotaract Club of Ponda and secured 1<sup>st</sup> Consolation prize. Mr. Shailesh Harmalkar won special prize as a 'Best Ghumat Vadak'.
- Participated in the Intercollegiate 'Ghumat Aarti' competition on 28th August 2019, organised by Dnyanprassark Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao.
- Mr. Jonas Rodrigues, Mr. Julian Fernandes and Ms. Kimberly Corte participated in Spell bee Competition on 28th September 2019 at S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Bambolim.
- Mr. Rameshwar Singh Rathore participated in Orator 2019 on 28th September 2019 organised by Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar.

## NSS HALF YEARLY REPORT (JUNE 2019-NOVEMBER 2019)

### **1) Celebration of Goa Revolution Day on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

As per the directives of the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College in collaboration with the Department of History, commemorated the Goa Kranti Din on the Goa Revolution day on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. It was attended by the Principal of the College, Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas, Fr. (Dr.) Jeronimo D'Silva, Dr. VrundaKelekar, NSS Chief Programme Officer, Mr. Siddhesh Menon and students of FYBA. The Principal of the Institution, Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas, welcomed the students and highlighted the importance of this day. Dr. Sharmila Pais, faculty from the Department of History delivered a talk on Goa Revolution Day. The students were acquainted with the terminology of revolution and the reason why this day qualified to be called so.

### **2) Celebration of Yoga Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**

International Yoga Day programme was held in the college on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. The programme was attended by the Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Blanche Mascarenhas, NCC Boys Coordinator, Major Dr. Tushar Anvekar, NCC Girls Coordinator, Ms. Mumtaz Mendonca and NSS Chief Programme Officer, Mr. Siddhesh Menon along with the student participants. Major Dr. Tushar Anvekar welcomed the students and faculty members present for the event at the college seminar Hall. The Principal then addressed the gathering and urged the students to practice yoga asanas on a regular basis for a healthy living. The demonstration of yoga asanas was conducted by Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai and Mr. Manoj Salgaonkar, Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College. Yoga rally at Miramar on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

### **3) Library Project started on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

NSS volunteers started working in St Xavier's College library under the library project from 19<sup>th</sup> July. The project was co-ordinated by programme officer, Mr Salim Gaded.

### **4) Documentary screening on Tiger Awareness on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The NSS unit of St. Xaviers College Mapusa- Goa screened a documentary based on "Life of tigers with a bid to create awareness" to commemorate International Tiger Day or Global Tiger Day. The main message about the Documentary screened of "Truth About Tigers" was "FOR THE TIGER WE MUST UNITE SO THEY DON'T FADE OUT OF SIGHT".

### **5) Celebration of Independence Day 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

NSS volunteers celebrated 15<sup>th</sup> August by participating in the flag hoisting, singing a patriotic song and marching in a volunteers contingent.

### **6) Swachh Bharat activity of campus cleaning on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Around 177 NSS volunteers cleaned the college campus under the program of Swachh Bharat on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

### **7) Poster making on HIV/AIDS on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019**

A poster making competition was organized by the Red Ribbon Club of the N.S.S Unit of St. Xavier's College. Students prepared various posters on awareness related to HIV/ AIDS and submitted them on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019, the N.S.S office of the college. Around 20 students made colorful posters depicting and educating their peers on HIV/ AIDS. To encourage the efforts

put in by the students, 3 best posters were selected. The programme was co-ordinated by programme officer Mr Zen Lobo.

**8) Students attended Quiz competition organized by Goa State**

Two NSS students participated in The Goa State AIDS control society with Institute Menezes Braganza had organised and all Goa Quiz Competition on the topic HIV AIDS - Awareness on the 5th of August 2019. The programme was co-ordinated by programme officer Mr Zen Lobo. Paper bags were also distributed on 19<sup>th</sup> August under this programme.

**9) NSS Inaugural on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

The N.S.S. unit of St. Xavier's College Mapusa Goa had successfully organized the cultural inaugural function on the 16th August 2019. The chief guest for the event was Fr. Maverick Fernandes. He addressed the gathering in a way which brought the attention of the crowd towards him. "If you want to see a change in the society than be that change", were the inspiring words of the chief guest.

**10) Talk by Indian Air force attended by students on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

In August 2019 NSS volunteers attended an orientation program / awareness campaign by the Indian Air Force Recruitment. Wing Commander Mr. Fernando D'Costa was the chief guest and the resources person for the event. He gave a very inspiring talk to the students about the Indian Air Force. He informed them of different air force fighters, for example, the MIG, and gave the best light combat air force fighter, that is the TEJAS.

**11) Talk on Paper and Cloth Bag on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

A workshop on 'Making Paper Bags' was held on 24th August 2019 by Ms Vanessa Futardo. More than 100 NSS volunteers participated in the workshop in making paper bags of different shapes and sizes. The purpose of the activity was to reduce the use of plastics and to use biodegradable products. This was a small effort to bring about a change in volunteers to make them aware of the hazards in the environment caused by overuse of plastic materials and to save nature in their own small ways. NSS Programme officer Ms Swizel Alphonso was the coordinator.

**12) Back to Childhood under Fit India Initiative on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

The NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College organised a fun filled activity termed "Back to Childhood" on Saturday under the Fit India Movement on 31st August 2019. The one of a kind activity aimed at letting the NSS volunteers relive the memories of their childhood by playing some long-lost and forgotten games. While NSS represents responsibility towards social service and wellbeing, this activity sought to bring its volunteers together by teaching teamwork through merriment. Mr Gajanan Parab was the coordinator of this event.

**13) Documentary screening on AIDS awareness on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019**

A documentary on the awareness of HIV-AIDS on 23 August 2019. The documentary focused on how the HIV virus enters the body and how it affects our immune system, followed by the symptoms that are shown by a person suffering from AIDS, the ways in which the virus is spread and how we can prevent being a prey of it. Mr Zen Lobo was the coordinator of the session.



**14) Teacher's Day cards on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

To celebrate Teacher's day NSS volunteers prepared handmade cards and distributed to all the teaching staff of the college.

**15) Rangoli on Life of Gandhi on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

Under the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi celebrations a rangoli competition was organized depicting the situations in the life of Gandhi. The programme officer in charge was Dr James D'Souza.

**16) Poster making on "Poshan" and "Say No to Plastic" on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

A poster making competition was organized on the themes of Poshan, Abhiyan and Swacch Bharat. The programme officer in charge was Ms Freda Tavares.

**17) Documentary screening on Gandhi's life on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

On occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a documentary was screened titled 'Mahatma Gandhi: The Pilgrim of Peace' for the NSS volunteers on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It highlighted many important instances of Mahatma Gandhi's life and his varied activities. The programme officer in charge was Dr James D'Souza.

**18) Badminton tournament on 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

Under Fit India Initiative, 30 NSS volunteers participated in a friendly badminton match, emphasizing the importance of fitness and coordination. The programme officer in charge was Mr Gajanan Parab.

**19) Documentary on Poshan Abhiyan**

In the month of September, Poshan Abhiyan was celebrated by showing documentaries and screening of TED talks to students on importance of proper nutrition and adopting healthy lifestyle. The programme officer in charge was Mr Rahul Naik.

**20) Jal Shakti Oath 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

Around 50 NSS volunteers took Jal Shakti oath to conserve water and encourage others to do so. The programme officer in charge was Ms Freda Tavares.

**21) Beach cleaning on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

Miramar beach cleaning drive in association with Don Bosco Oratory, Panjim was held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Around 80 volunteers participated in the event along with programme officers Ms Shefali Kamat and Mr Salim Gaded.

**22) Fit India Plogging on 2<sup>nd</sup> October (Walk and Jog)**

NSS Unit organized a Plogging event, i.e., jogging combined with picking plastic on the path. Volunteers jogged from College to Mapusa Court and walking from therein to Alankar Theater, Old Aldona Bus stand, Collectorate and Mapusa Bus Stand on 2nd Oct 2019. They picked plastic as they walked, displaying placards on importance of no plastic use, Gandhi's words of wisdom, plastic free clean environment. Plastic was also picked from Collectorate, Mapusa and Mapusa Bus Stand. 95 NSS volunteers participated in the same.

**23) Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Around 15 NSS volunteers took the pledge of integrity as a part of the of Birth Anniversary

commemoration of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019.

#### 24) Annual Special Camp

The Annual N.S.S Special Camp 2019-202 was held at Sacred Heart High School, Verla-Canca from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The camp was attended by 37 students, 28 girls and 09 boys along with 8 NSS program officers. The theme of the camp was swacchata and service to the senior citizens. The activities conducted week wise at the camp were as follows

- 1) 4<sup>th</sup> November - Inaugural function,
- 2) 5<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive
- 3) 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November - Survey and Paper bag distribution in the village
- 4) 9<sup>th</sup> November - Valedictory and camp fire

The survey focused on factors as school drop-out rate, women's health, digital literacy of senior citizens, unemployment rate and garbage disposal methods of the villagers of Verla-Canca. The volunteers daily cleaned the premises of the school and carried out effectively tasks entrusted to them by the school management.

The following sessions were held for the students, on 5<sup>th</sup> November, lecture on 'Space and Future' and session on star gazing by Dr Reshma Raut Dessai, Dept of Physics, St Xavier's College. 6<sup>th</sup> November was “Emerging Survivors” by Ms Alia Agha, Dept. of Commerce, St Xavier's College and “Mental health of Adolescents” by Dr Peter Castellino. Documentary on Water Conservation was screened on 7<sup>th</sup> November.



**NATIONAL CADET CORPS - GIRLS**  
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The NCC Girls Unit of our college is under 1 Goa Girls BN, headed by Commanding Officer Col. Sukhman Singh with a total authorised strength of 56 cadets. 21 new cadets were enrolled in first year of NCC for the academic year 2019-2020.

The unit has conducted various activities this academic year 2019-2020.

- International Yoga Day was celebrated in the College on 21st June 2019 spreading the idea of healthy life.
- Anti Plastic Drive was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 16 cadets participated in the same. Paper bags were made by the cadets and were distributed to vendors in the Mapusa Market to spread an idea of reducing the use of plastics.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated in remembrance of the Martydrom of our soldiers on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Activities conducted were Poster Making and Essay Writing Competition. 15 new Saplings were planted at the Unit, a Rally was organised from St. Xavier's College to Dattawadi Nagar in which 46 cadets participated.
- 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day was commemorated in the College with a Marching contingent of 52 Girl Cadets commanded by SCUO Shalaka Gauns. NCC girls conducted a cleanliness drive in college premises after the programme came to an end.
- As a social Project the Cadets of St. Xaviers College Adopted a Slum area, Fukat Wado near Housing Board, cleaned the area, planted few saplings and are looking after the area on regular visits.
- In view of Gandhi Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 poster making competition was organised. 38 cadets participated in Beach Cleaning drive at Calangute Beach on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.





Our cadets attended various camps which trained them in military skills and knowledge.

4 cadets (cdt. Saisha Palyekar, cdt. Vrunda Kandolkar, Sgt Deanne D'Souza, cdt. Babynanda Shetkar,) attended Thal Sainik Camp in June 2019 at Belgaum. The cadets got an experience of things like obstacle training, map reading, firing, tent pitching and health and hygiene. Cdt. Babynanda Shetkar was further selected for IGC at Tumkur.

6 cadets (Sgt Anisa Dias, Sgt Deanne D'Souza, cdt. Babynanda Shetkar, cdt. PreshaKerkar, cdt. Mansi Gaokar, cdt. DinishaMardolkar) participated in Group RDC Camp held at Belgaum. Sgt Anisa Dias and Sgt Deanne D'Souza have been selected for Pre RDC camp at Bangalore.

SUO SanchanaMandrekar represented India as a delegate of Youth Exchange Programme at Kazakhstan on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.



**NATIONAL CADET CORPS - BOYS**  
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This year College has enrolled 52 cadets in N.C.C. Boys unit. The first N.C.C. Parade was held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. This year first time the weekly parade day was changed to Thursday from Sunday. Company Commander Major (Dr.) Tushar S. Anvekar welcomed the new Cadets and told them about the Aims, Objectives and Motto of NCC. He explained the importance of NCC in day today's life. He also explained them the duties and the discipline in the organization. He gave them the idea of the NCC organizational set up.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 our Cadets celebrated the 'International Yoga Day'. The training was given by a qualified Yoga Teacher Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai. Altogether 19 Cadets took part in International Yoga day celebration.

Two of our cadets Sgt. Rakesh Naik and Sgt. Manjunath Lohar, who represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate at Republic Day Parade 2019 at New Delhi were given the ranks of SCUO by Major (Dr.) Tushar S. Anvekar.

Besides regular parades on Sundays, in which we have conducted classes on Drill, weapon training, field craft, battle craft, first aid etc, Cadets carried out the following activities:

1. Cadet Aniket Shetgaonkar and cadet Suraj Kumar Nadi attended Basic Leadership Camp at Mysuru, Karnataka from 5 JUNE to 14 JUNE 2019.
2. Cadet Mohamad Afnan attended Basic Leadership Camp at Hubli, Karnataka from 12 JUL 2019 to 21 JULY 2019
3. Cadet ShivnathSangodkar, Cadet Suraj Kumar Nadi, Cadet Sandeep Honkhande and Cadet ChandrappaHarijan attended CATC II/IUC/GP TSC I camp at Belgavi from 1 JULY 2019 to 10 JULY 2019.
4. Cadet ShivnathSangodkar, Cadet Suraj Kumar Nadi, Cadet Sandeep Honkhande and Cadet ChandrappaHarijan attended CATC III GP TSC II camp at Belgavi from 23 JULY 2019 to 1 AUG 2019.
5. Cadet ShivnathSangodkar, Cadet Suraj Nadi and Cadet Sandeep Honkhande attended CATC III GP TSC II camp at Belgavi from 2 AUG 2019 to 11 AUG 2019.
6. Cadet ShivnathSangodkar Cadet Suraj Nadi and Cadet Sandeep Honkhande attended IGC TSC I camp at Bangalore from 12 AUG 2019 to 21 AUG 2019.
7. Cadet MylenD'souza, Cadet TanveshKolhapurkar, Cadet Ashutosh Kushnaji and Cadet GovindaFadte attended CATC VI/IUC/GP RDC I at Belgavi from 26 SEPT 2019 to 5 OCT 2019.
8. Cadet Mylen D'souza and Cadet Tanvesh Kolhapurkar, attended CATC VI GPRDC II at Belgavi from 12 OCT 2019 to 21 OCT 2019
9. Cadet MylenD'souza and Cadet TanveshKolhapurkar, attended CATC VII GPRDC III at Belgavi from 22 OCT 2019 to 31 OCT 2019.
10. Cadet MylenD'souza and Cadet TanveshKolhapurkar, attended IGC RDC at Bangalore from 01 NOV 2019 to 10 NOV 2019.



11. Cadet Bansidhar Jha and Cadet Akash Sonar attended Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat camp at Mysuru, Karnataka from 5 Nov 2019 to 16 Nov 2019.
12. Cadets attended orientation programme/awareness campaign for the Indian Air Force Recruitment Rally on 24 Aug 2019 at 10.00 am in the College.
13. Cadets participated in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan activity in which cadets took part in cleaning the College campus on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
14. Cadets participated in a rally to make public aware of single use plastic and importance of cleanliness in Mapusa town on 21 SEPT 2019
15. Our cadets attended Independence Day parade on 15<sup>th</sup> AUG 2015, in our college.
16. Cycle expedition: Cadet Bansidhar Jha and Sarang took part in the cycle expenditure to generate awareness on importance of Swachhta from Miramar to Patradevi, Maharashtra on 10/08/2019

#### **Talk on Indian Air force Rally**

St. Xavier's college, Mapusa organised a talk on Indian Air force Rally that on 27 August 2019 from 9:30 am to 11:30 pm at the College Seminar hall. The speaker for the day was Wing commander Fernando Da Costa. The talk started with a warm welcome address by Principal Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas Followed by the introduction of the speaker by Mr Anthony Ferrao coordinator of the programme for DHE, Porvorim. The speech was given by him on Air force rally was in detail. Students were present from all the streams of St. Xavier's college and from NCC Army wing. The vote of thanks was given by Major Tushar Anvekar and the compere for the Programme was done by Mr. Vinayak Prabhu.

## WELL BEING CLUB

### Cooking Competition- "Healthy bhi Tasty bhi"

The Well Being Club of St. Xavier's College organized a Cooking Competition- "Healthy bhi Tasty bhi" on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 11:45 am in the College Lobby.



A total of 11 students from different streams participated with tasty as well as healthy dishes. The competition was judged by Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Silva, Ms. Ursula Barreto and Dr. Carmelita D'Mello. The winners of the Cooking Competition- "Healthy Bhi Tasty Bhi" were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ms. Aafreen Khan (MA -Part -I)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ms. Mrunal Parab (F.Y.B.Com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mr. Aditya Chindarkar (S.Y.B.Sc)

Medals and trophies were awarded to the winners at the hands of the Vice Principal, Ms. Sandra Fernandes.

## GO GREEN INITIATIVES

The Go Green Initiatives club of St.Xavier's College conducted an essay competition for the students on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019, on the topic "GREEN GOA SAFE GOA". In all 7 students participated in the competition. The essays were evaluated by three Judges, namely Dr. Prema Rocha (Dept.of English), Dr. D.M. Jakati (Dept.of Geography) and Dr. KeshavDhuri (Librarian). Ms.Sanjana Prabhudessai(T.Y.B.Sc), Ms.Vaishnavi Pawar(S.Y.B.Sc) and Ms.DevashriKamat (T.Y.B.A) secured First, Second and Third prize respectively.

The Co-Convenor of the Green Initiatives, Dr.B.C. Nair coordinated the event.

## COMMUNITY CARE CLUB

The convener together with the faculty members of the club organized a membership drive and office bearers for the academic year 2019-20 were nominated. The office bearers are: President-Ms. Chenessa De Souza (SYBCA), Secretary-Ms. Princy Phadte(FYBA), Treasurer-Ms. Dale Pereira (TYBSc).

The Community care club organized an 'Altar Server's Day' for the year 2019 on the 5th of September 2019 at St. Xavier's Ark. Altar Servers from 18 parishes of North Goa attended the day long sessions. The sessions included 'Being an Altar server' by Fr. Ramiro Luis, 'How to grow as a good Altar server in the Church's mission' by Fr. Romano Gonsalves and Mr. Worrel D'Souza. The sessions were animated with action songs. The volunteers of the community care club of St. Xavier's College and the Parish Youth of Mapusa helped in set up of the event. The event was co-ordinated by Fr. Ramiro Luis.

### **SPARK CLUB**

#### **Report of Scientific Game Designing Competition 'Sci-G'**

The Science for a Purpose, Application and Renewal of Knowledge (SPARK) Club of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa - Goa, organised a Scientific Game Designing Competition 'Sci-G', on 26th September 2019 in the college seminar hall. This competition was open to all students of the college irrespective of the stream. The participants had to design a game based on any principle of Science.

A total of 9 teams participated in the competition wherein they presented their creatively designed games based on the principle of magnetism, trajectory motion, mathematical theorem, surface tension, electric charge, etc. The various games put up by the participants were named as Suppa, Rubber Catapult, Simple Circuit, Bridges of Riverland, Hydraulic Maze, Magnetic Touch, Basketball, Game of Life and Charge Loop. The scientific game designing competition was judged by Dr. (Fr.) Jeronimo D'Silva, Ms. Ursula Baretto and Ms. Sandra Fernandes.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Place- Ms. Saiely Shirvankar, Ms. Tejaswini Jelugadekar and Mohammed Akhil Khan for their game 'Suppa'.

2nd Place- Mr. Sushant Majalikar, Mr. Anirudh Bhobe and Mr. Golan Fernandes for their game 'Simple Circuit'.

3rd Place- Mr. Miuccan D'Souza and Mr. Jatin Harmalkar for their game 'Bridges of Riverland'.

The winners were awarded shiny medals, trophies and Certificates.

The competition indeed provided a platform for the students to showcase their talent and creativity in designing games which was a fun filled learning experience.

### **BHARTIYA SANSKRUTI MANCH RANGOLI COMPETITION**

On the eve of the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi Bhartiya Sanskriti Manch organized Rangoli Competition on the topic "Matoli" on 29th August 2019 at 1.45 p.m. in the college lobby. The competition witnessed 10 talented teams, each comprising of 3 participants, across the streams exhibiting their art skills. The task of judging was aptly handled by Ms. Chaitali Koli, Mr. Yuvankur Karpe and Ms. Tanvi Sirsat

The Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place- Ms. Sweta Jha, Ms. Rasika Chavan, Ms. Sukhada Salkar.

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Ms. Siddhi Manjrekar, Ms. Sindhuja Porob, Ms. Alisha Kerkar

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ms. Nikita Naik, Ms. Akshata Naik, Ms. Sarvangi Dessai

The Competition Was conducted under the guidance of the convenor Mr. Silvester Vaz.

### **BHARTIYA SANSKRUTI MANCH COMMEMORATION OF DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF RAVINDRA KELEKAR**

In the memory of the Dynapith awardee Ravindra Kelekar Bhartiya Sanskriti Manch in collaboration with Dept. of Konkani organized a program on 27th August 2019. Manch Convener Mr. Silvester Vaz gave the introductory speech. The students were enlightened by the inspirational talk by Dr. Ramita Gurav. The screening of Documentaries prepared by students on Ravindra Kelekar were screened. Poster competition was also organized. Vote of thanks given by Bhartiya Sanskriti Manch Secretary Ms. Shefali Salgaonkar and Comparing was done by Ms. Pranita Redkar

### **DIGITAL LITERACY CLUB**

The cell for digital literacy conducted a session for students of the IT literacy club of St.Xavier's College on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in classroom number 316 .

Ms. Aquilla Afonso, Assistant Professor of the BCA Department introduced the session objectives. The topic covered was Microsoft word and its applications. The elements covered were the home, insert, view and page layout tabs. Concepts of alignment of text, inserting images, designing a page with shapes and various format elements. At the end of the session a task to create a design page was given to the students.

### **CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS**

The Centre for Performing Arts organised XAVIER'S GOT TALENT which included dance, singing and monologue competitions on 22nd, 23rd and 24th August 2019. Around 150 students participated in these competitions. The judges for the above competitions were as follows:

#### **Dance competition:**

Ms. Eweny Fernandes  
Ms. Purna Palyekar  
Mr. Salim Gaded

#### **Singing competition:**

Mr. Worrel D'Souza  
Mr. Stalin D'Sa  
Dr. Ramita Gurav

#### **Monologue competition:**

Mr. Silvester Vaz  
Ms. Pranjal Marathe  
Mr. Pradeep Morajkar

#### **Following students were declared the winners:**

##### **Dance competition:**

Ms. Chrisly Carvalho  
Ms. Santoshi Harmalkar and team  
Ms. Sarvangi Desai

##### **Monologue competition:**

Ms. Tejaswa Naik  
Mr. Nathaniel D'Mello

##### **Singing Competition: Western Category:**

Mr. Jaden Mascarenhas  
Mr. Jayden Monserrate

##### **Indian Category:**

Ms. Kerryanne Albuquerque  
Ms. Taneesha Maujekar

### **Certificate Course on 'Computerized Accounting'**

A Certificate Course on 'Computerized Accounting' was conducted in December 2019, at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in association with Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, for the clerical staff of St. Xavier's College. These included the Accountant, the Superintendent, the Head clerk, the UDC, the LDC, etc. The interested multi-tasking staff (MTS) who wished to attend the same, were also allowed. The Course consisted of a total of 30 sessions. The participants were imparted the knowledge of principles and framework of accounting in higher educational institutions. They developed skills through practice of accounting using software applications. The course stressed upon the need to upgrade the knowledge of individuals. The workshop was attended by 25 participants.



### **CONDOLENCE**

The Principal, Administrator, Staff,  
and Management deeply mourn  
the passing away of

#### **MR. JOSE MARIA FERNANDES**

**Ex-Laboratory Attendant**  
*St. Xavier's College, Mapusa*



He passed away on 14th January 2020. He retired a few years back after a long service at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. We convey our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and children. May his soul rest in peace.





**Winners Table Tennis (Women)**



**Winners Swimming (Men)**



‘One child, one teacher, one pen  
and one book can change the world.’

*-Malala Yousufzai  
(2014 Nobel Peace Prize Winner)*

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