



## ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

### Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

<b>Name of Activity</b>	A multilingual book reading session of 'Varsal' a short story
<b>Date/Duration</b>	1/8/2024
<b>Venue</b>	The Goa University Seminar Hall
<b>Name of organizing Department/Cell</b>	The Department of English, Goa University
<b>In collaboration with</b>	The Shenoj Goembab School of Languages and Literature and affiliated colleges.
<b>Name/s of Faculty Coordinator</b>	Mr Aaron-Paul Fernandes
<b>Stratum of Event</b>	State Level
<b>Name &amp; details of Resource Person/s If any</b>	Dr. Prakash Parienker, Professor, Department of Konkani, Goa University.
<b>Report</b>	<p>A multilingual book reading session of 'Varsal' a short story by Dr. Prakash Parienker and the Pop-up Book Fair was organised by the Discipline of English, Shenoj Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University on 1st August 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Seminar Hall. Students and staff from colleges across Goa, including Goa University were present.</p> <p>Six students from SYBA Major II class, namely, Aloysha Fernandes, Chandana C.H., Kimberly Vales, Wena Oliveira, Shrutika Padte and Tavia De Souza along with a faculty member of the Department of English - Mr Aaron-Paul Fernandes attended this session. In the welcome address, The Dean of The Shenoj Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Prof. Anuradha Wagle, stressed the importance of inculcating the habit of reading. Dr. Prakash Parienkar, in his address, shed light on the themes portrayed in the story such as self-respect, the role of education in the upliftment of the lower castes and the treatment and injustice faced by the downtrodden castes.</p>

	<p>Through his intricately woven narratives, he sought to give a voice to those marginalized communities. This was followed by a reading of the short story in Konkani, Hindi, Marathi and English. Listening to a story told by the author himself transforms the experience into something magical. A discussion was further held where people expressed their opinions and asked questions. The programme ended with a Vote of Thanks. It was truly an educational and enlightening session. The programme was attended by about 120 students and staff. The programme ended at 12:30 p.m.</p>
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<b>Photographs</b>	<a href="https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Varsal-pics-2024.pdf">https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Varsal-pics-2024.pdf</a>
<b>List of participants With signatures</b>	<a href="https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/20240809_131517-scaled.jpg">https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/20240809_131517-scaled.jpg</a>
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