



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Nature of Activity	World Coconut Day
Date/Duration	18 th - Sept 2024 9:00 am -1pm
Venue	Seminar Hall -Program Lobby – Exhibition and competition
Name of Organizing Department/Cell	Botany Department
In Collaboration with	NA
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. Wendy Francisca Xavier Martins
Stratum of Event	College level
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Dr. V. Arunachalam
Report	<p>Objective: Celebration and awareness of the Coconut</p> <p>Brief description: The Department of Botany celebrated 'World Coconut Day' on 18th September, 2024 under the DBT Star College scheme. On this occasion, a lecture by Dr. V. Arunachalam on "Coconut for Circular Economy, building partnerships: Sharing Experiences and Coconut management Practices" was held. Various competitions for the students were organized, too.</p> <p>The program began with a prayer followed by the watering of the plant- a symbolic gesture to convey the message of preserving and protecting the environment. The dignitaries on the dais included the Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto, the Administrator Fr. Antonio Salema, Vice Principal Ms. Sandra Fernandes, the chief guest Dr. Arunachalam and the Head of the Department Dr. Wendy Martins.</p> <p>The Principal Ms. Barreto in her welcome address appreciated the initiative of the Department of Botany and spoke on the coconut tree as 'The Kalpa Vruksha'</p> <p>Dr. V. Arunachalam, Principal scientist from ICAR, Old Goa spoke on coconut plantation practices, intercrop for coconuts and the diseases affecting coconuts. He also mentioned about various apps namely Coconut Expert System which could help the farmers. Dr. Arunachalam also gave the names and brief idea on coconut entrepreneurs who could help in mentoring those interested in coconut plantations and entrepreneurship. He also explained 'circular economy' where materials never become waste and nature is regenerated.</p> <p>After the lecture/talk a short documentary titled 'Coco Film' was</p>

	<p>shown to the audience by Dr. Maria Augusta D’Souza. A well-presented dance “Kotteo Fuggdeo” was performed by the students and coordinated by Dr. Seema Fernandes</p> <p>Various competitions like poster competition titled ‘Coconut Tree- A Gift to Humanity’, a ‘Coco Art’- Wealth out of Waste’ and ‘Cocolicious Food’ evoked excellent responses from students. Few students had also set up stalls to sell dishes made from coconut.</p> <p>An exhibition on coconut and various artefacts made from the coconut tree was showcased.</p> <p>The program ended with a prize distribution for the winners of the various competitions and vote of thanks by the Head of the Department, Dr. Wendy Martins.</p> <p>Registration for the program was done by Ms. Sabina Dias. The documentary titled ‘Coco Film’ was done by Dr. Maria Augusta D’Souza. The compere for the day and writing of the report was done by Ms. Maria Beatriz D’Souza. The dance performance ‘Kotteo Fuggdeo’ was coordinated by Dr. Seema Fernandes. Dr. Harshala Shetgaonkar was the in charge for the poster competition. Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar was the in charge for cocolicious dishes. The in charge for coco art was Dr. Seema Dessai. The exhibition was conducted by Prof. Maria Fonseca and Mr. Conceicao De Souza. Flyers and certificates were made by Dr. James D’ Souza, Dr. Wendy Martins and Ms. Patricia Fernandes. In charge for the photography was Ms. Patricia Fernandes. The event was coordinated by Dr. Wendy Martins and helped by Ms. Siya Kandolkar, Mr. Manuel Cruz and Mr. Regi Rodrigues.</p> <p>Outcome: The day raises awareness about the many benefits of coconuts, including their nutritional value, cultural significance, and role in sustainable agriculture.</p> <p>Number of Beneficiaries: Poster Making Competition: 14 Students Participants for Coco Art’- Wealth out of Waste: 23 students Participants for Cocolicious Food: 22 students</p> <p>Total Number of Participants for the talk: 163 students</p>
<p>Brochure/Poster</p>	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/BROCHURE.pdf</p>
<p>Photographs</p>	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Photo-2.pdf</p>
<p>List of participants with signatures.</p>	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/List-of-Participants-2.pdf</p>
<p>Certificate</p>	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Certificate-2.pdf</p>

