



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Name of Activity	Educational Visit to Ela Farm, GIPARD (Old Goa) and Museum at Pilar
Date/ Duration	31.1.2025, full day
Venue	Ela Farm, GIPARD (Old Goa) and Museum at Pilar
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Economics
In collaboration with	Not applicable
Name/s of Faculty Co-ordinator	Professor (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas
Stratum of Event	Local
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Not applicable
Report	<p align="center">Educational Visit to Ela Farm, GIPARD (Old Goa) and Museum at Pilar</p> <p>On January 31, 2025, the Department of Economics at St. Xavier's College organized a field trip to Ela Farm, GIPARD, and the Pilar Museum. 62 Economics students from FYBA, SYBA and TYBA accompanied by the faculty members of the Department took part in the field trip</p> <p>The key objectives for the Educational Visit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand sustainable agricultural practices by exploring organic farming and soil conservation at Ela Farm (GIPARD). 2. To explore Goa's historical and cultural heritage through artifacts, manuscripts, and exhibits at Pilar Museum, gaining insights into the region's past. 3. To develop environmental awareness by observing biodiversity, eco-friendly farming methods, and rural development initiatives at Ela Farm.

	<p>4. To enhance experiential learning by engaging in interactive discussions, hands-on activities, and reflections on agriculture, history, and heritage</p> <p>At Ela Farm, students observed organic compost creation, a sustainable practice that utilizes natural materials to produce nutrient-rich soil. Following this, the students walked through the farm's sugarcane fields, gaining insight into the cultivation process and learned about sugarcane cultivation from Ms. Saloni Patil. They also visited a Soil Testing Laboratory to understand soil analysis methods that guide fertilizer use. The trip included insights into the Entomology Department's work with honeybees, specifically the <i>Apis cerana indica</i> species and also with beneficial and non-beneficial pests.</p> <p>At GIPARD, the Director outlined the key objectives and discussed the Centre's commitment to excellence and effective governance through training and development programs.</p> <p>The visit to the Pilar Museum which housed a diverse collection of artifacts, relics and exhibits showcased the region's history, art and culture. Overall, the field trip was a rich and valuable experiential learning experience that reinforced the importance of sustainable and environmentally conscious farming methods. Students departed with an enhanced appreciation of agriculture developments, their position in food security and career prospects in advanced farming methods.</p>
Brochure/Poster	Not applicable
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/1-4.pdf
List of participants with signatures	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/FIELD-TRIP-LIST-OF-PARTICIPANTS.pdf
Certificate	Not applicable