



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024- 2025

Name of Activity	Bhas-Sanvad
Date/ Duration	21 st February 2025/ 10:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Konkani
In collaboration with	Konkani Bhasha Mandal (KBM), Margao
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes
Stratum of Event	Collegiate
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Dr. Kiran Budkule, Mr. Tukaram Shet
Report	<p>The Konkani Department of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in collaboration with Konkani Bhasha Mandal (KBM), Margao, organized Bhas-Sanvad to commemorate International Mother Tongue Day on 21st February 2025. The event, held in the Seminar Hall of St. Xavier's College from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, aimed to promote the Konkani language and literature while recognizing academic excellence in Konkani studies. The program was financially supported by the Directorate of Official Language, Panjim.</p> <p>The event commenced with a welcome address by Fr. Tony Salema, Administrator of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Ms. Naman Dhawaskar, Executive Member of KBM, delivered the introductory speech, emphasizing the significance of the mother tongue in cultural identity and academic growth. The event was graced by two eminent Konkani literary figures—Mr. Tukaram Shet, a Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer, and Dr. Kiran Budkule, a renowned Konkani writer and critic. Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Vice Principal of the college and Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Head of the Konkani Department accompanied the chief guests. A key highlight of the event was an engaging interview of the chief guests by Mr. Rajat Hegde and Ms. Sujata Kambli, where discussions revolved around the evolution of Konkani literature, linguistic challenges, and the promotion of Konkani among the younger generation.</p>

	<p>Another major segment of the event was the presentation of Konkani academic awards and scholarships. Awards were conferred upon students who secured the highest marks in Konkani at various academic levels, including SSC, HSSC, B.A., and M.A. examinations, with sponsorships from various benefactors. Additionally, scholarships were awarded to first-year M.A. Konkani students, offering financial assistance and encouragement for their academic pursuits. The awardees represented institutions from across Goa.</p> <p>The event saw enthusiastic participation from 104 attendees, including students and faculty members from institutions such as St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa; Vidya Prabodhini College, Porvorim; Fr. Agnel College, Pilar; Goa College of Music, Panjim; Goa University, Taleigao; and Nirmala Institute of Education, Panjim. The event was efficiently coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, Assistant Professor in the Konkani Department, along with faculty members Mr. Silvester Vaz, Ms. Siddhi Gawas, and Ms. Ankita Zambaulikar. The function was compered by Ms. Devita Khule, an alumna of St. Xavier’s College.</p> <p>The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Palash Agni, Executive Member of KBM, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and sponsors. The program successfully fostered discussions on Konkani language and literature while encouraging young scholars to pursue linguistic excellence.</p>
Beneficiaries	104
Brochure/Poster	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Flyer-3.pdf
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Picture2-1.pdf
List of participants with signatures	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/List-of-Participants.pdf
Certificate	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Certificate-6.pdf

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