



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Name of Activity	'From News to Use: Handmade Newspaper Bags for a Greener Tomorrow'
Date/ Duration	18.02.2025
Venue	Mapusa market
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Economics
In collaboration with	Not applicable
Name/s of Faculty Co-ordinator	Ms. Ana Souza
Stratum of Event	Local (Mapusa Market)
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Not applicable
Report	<p>The Department of Economics engaged in a paper bag-making initiative to promote environmental sustainability on 18th February 2025.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote Eco-Friendly Alternatives – Encourage the use of newspaper bags as a sustainable replacement for plastic bags. 2. Reduce Waste and Reuse Materials – Utilize old newspapers to create useful products, minimizing paper waste. 3. Raise Environmental Awareness – Educate people about the harmful effects of plastic pollution and the importance of sustainable practices. 4. Foster Sustainable Habits – Inspire long-term environmental responsibility and encourage everyday eco-friendly choices. 5. Each of the 14 students was required to make 20 paper bags, which were later distributed to local shopkeepers. The goal was to encourage eco-friendly alternatives to plastic bags while fostering teamwork and social responsibility. <p>On 18th February 2025, all 14 students gathered at the college premises with their paper bags. The students were divided into five groups to ensure a systematic distribution process. They then proceeded to the Mapusa market, to distribute the paper bags to shopkeepers from different occupations, including stationery shops, cosmetic stores, general stores, and other small businesses. This approach helped spread awareness across a variety of businesses. Each student personally handed over their paper bags, explaining the importance of reducing plastic usage. The shopkeepers appreciated the</p>

	<p>initiative and welcomed the idea of using paper bags. This interaction allowed students to engage with the local business community and understand their perspectives on sustainability.</p> <p>The response from the shopkeepers was very positive. Many expressed gratitude for the thoughtful effort and recognized the importance of shifting to sustainable practices. They appreciated the students' work and showed interest in using paper bags in their businesses. Beyond promoting sustainability, the activity encouraged teamwork and collaboration among students. Working together to create and distribute paper bags strengthened their communication and organizational skills. It also provided practical exposure to real-world social responsibility, making the learning experience more impactful. At the end of the project, each group submitted a detailed report to the teacher, reflecting on their experiences. This initiative was not only educational but also rewarding, leaving a lasting impact on all participants. The success of this activity serves as inspiration for future projects that promote environmental awareness and community engagement.</p> <p>OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduced Plastic Usage – Increased adoption of newspaper bags as an alternative to plastic. 2. Waste Reduction – Effective reuse of old newspapers, minimizing paper waste. 3. Environmental Awareness – Greater public understanding of sustainability and eco-friendly practices. 4. Long-Term Impact – Encouragement of sustainable habits and continued eco-conscious behavior. <p>BENEFICIARIES: 15 vendors from Mapusa market</p>
Brochure/Poster	Not applicable
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/image-2.pdf
List of participants with signatures	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ATT.pdf
Certificate	Not Applicable