



## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

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

<b>Name of Activity</b>	Guest lecture on “Bio-entrepreneurship: Blending Science, Passion and Innovation, as part of Alumni lecture series.
<b>Date/ Duration</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 11:45 am
<b>Venue</b>	Classroom 401
<b>Name of organizing Department/Cell</b>	Department of Biotechnology
<b>In collaboration with</b>	
<b>Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator</b>	Ms. Jenica Rangel & Ms. Emma Fernandes
<b>Stratum of Event</b>	College
<b>Name &amp; details of Resource Person/s if any</b>	Mr. Donovan Rodrigues, Founder of MyOwnBrews
<b>Report</b>	<p>The Biotechnology Department of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, hosted a guest lecture by Donovan Rodrigues, an alumnus and founder of MyOwnBrews. The session provided an inspiring insight into Bio-entrepreneurship, where Donovan shared his journey of blending science with innovation to create a successful business in fermented beverages.</p> <p>He reminisced about his college days and how his passion for fermentation technology led him to explore natural, locally inspired drinks. His startup, MyOwnBrews, specializes in producing baggies for winemaking and other artisanal fermented products. He emphasized how Biotechnology played a key role in developing these scientifically crafted beverages.</p> <p>Donovan also discussed the challenges he faced, including funding, market demand, and business regulations. He highlighted the importance of persistence, creativity, and adaptability in overcoming these hurdles. He encouraged students to think beyond conventional career paths and explore opportunities in Biotechnology-based entrepreneurship.</p> <p>He stressed the role of research, experimentation, and consumer awareness in building a successful business. The session was both engaging and educational, leaving students with a broader perspective on applying Biotechnology beyond laboratories.</p> <p>A total of 51 First and Second-Year Biotechnology students benefited from the session, gaining valuable insights into turning scientific expertise into innovative ventures.</p>

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