



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Name of Activity	Mission Drug-Free Campus Session
Date/Duration	24th March 2025
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Psychology
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Elvira Pereira, Asst. Professor Department of Psychology Prof. Afonso Bothelo, Department of Sociology
Stratum of Event	Department Level
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	Mr. Manguesh Pednekar, Inspector, Narcotics Control Bureau
Report	<p>A special awareness session under the initiative "Mission Drug-Free Campus" was held on 24th March at 9:30 AM in the college seminar hall. The resource person for the session was Mr. Manguesh Pednekar, Inspector, Narcotics Control Bureau, under the Government of India.</p> <p>The objective of the session was to educate students about the growing menace of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free lifestyle among the youth. Mr. Pednekar, drawing on his extensive field experience, spoke about the dangers of substance abuse, its legal consequences, and the critical role young individuals play in fostering a healthy, drug-free community.</p> <p>Mr. Pednekar shared real-life cases, insights into the psychological and social impacts of drug addiction, and emphasized the importance of early awareness and peer support. He also guided students on how to identify signs of substance abuse and how to intervene responsibly.</p> <p>A total of 150 students from various academic streams attended the session. The active participation, questions, and reflections from the students made the session highly interactive and impactful.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the session, all attendees took a pledge to remain drug-free and contribute to creating a safe, healthy, and supportive campus environment.</p> <p>The session was coordinated by Ms. Elvira Pereira, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, and Prof. Afonso Bothelo, Department of Sociology, who worked collaboratively to ensure its</p>

	smooth conduct and student engagement.
Brochure/Poster	NA
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/WhatsApp-Image-2025-03-24-at-1.37.54-PM.pdf
List of participants With signatures	NA
Certificate	NA