

## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

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

Name of Activity	"Biowizards: Potential unleashed" - State level Inter Higher Secondary School Event
Date/ Duration	February 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025, 8.30 AM – 4.30 PM
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Biotechnology
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co Ordinator	Ms. Swaroopa Naik
Stratum of Event	State level
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Mr. Sean D'Silva, Embedded Engineer in IoT & Automation at City Greens
Report	The Department of Biotechnology at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, successfully hosted the 8th annual Inter-Higher Secondary School Event - BIOWIZARDS 2025 - "Potential unleashed" on 6th February 2025 in the college's Seminar Hall. This prestigious interschool event brought together talented young minds from eight higher secondary institutions to compete in a series of intellectually stimulating and creative challenges.
	Event Highlights: The event commenced with registration at 8:30 AM, followed by an inaugural ceremony at 9:00 AM, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day. Ms. Jocelyn Fernandes, Course Coordinator welcomed the gathering. Mr. Sean D'Silva, the Chief Guest – an esteemed alumnus of our department and an Embedded Engineer in IoT & Automation at City Greens addressed the gathering with his inspiring words and motivated the participants to explore the limitless possibilities in the world of biotechnology and innovation!
	Participants showcased their expertise and creativity across multiple competitions designed to test their scientific knowledge, innovation, and artistic expression.

Key competitions included: BIOGENIUSES: Battle of the Brains – A thrilling quiz competition that tested participants' biology knowledge. BioCanvas – An artistic representation of the theme "Biotechnology Bridges: Connecting Nature and Technology" through painting. The Silent Stage – A charades-based event where students creatively conveyed biological concepts using gestures. Idea Arena - A Shark Tank-inspired pitch session where participants presented revolutionary biotech solutions for environmental challenges. VOGUESTA: Bio-Couture Fashion Show - A spectacular showcase of sustainable fashion under the theme "Innovative Fashion for a Sustainable Tomorrow." ReelGenix – An online reel-making competition exploring the role of biotechnology in everyday life. The event was filled with engaging performances, thought-provoking discussions, and outstanding displays of scientific curiosity. Students demonstrated remarkable innovation, teamwork, and a passion for biotechnology. The event was a testament to the limitless potential of the next generation of scientists. The day concluded with the Valedictory Function, where winners were recognized for their exceptional performances. The First place was bagged by Harmal Panchakroshi Higher Secondary School & Institute of Vocational Studies - Harmal, Second Place - St. Andrew's Higher Secondary School, Vadem and Third Place - St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Mapusa. Biowizards 2025 not only provided a platform for students to showcase their scientific prowess but also encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and innovation in biotechnology. The hard work and passion of the participants truly embodied the spirit of Biowizards! The Department of Biotechnology extends its gratitude to all participating schools, faculty coordinators, and students for making this event a grand success. https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Brochure-**Brochure/Poster** Biowizards-2025.pdf **Photographs** https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wpcontent/uploads/2025/04/IMG 0835.pdf https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/List-of-List of participants participants.pdf with signatures

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