



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024- 2025

Name of Activity	Konknni Kadomborint Romi Kadomborichi Vattchal
Date/ Duration	10 th March 2025/ 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Konkani
In collaboration with	Dalgado Konkani Academy, Panjim
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes
Stratum of Event	Collegiate
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Mr. Willy Goes Ms. Glinis Dias Mr. Valley Quadros Mr. Darshan Kandolkar Fr. Jose Silveira Fr. Roman Rodrigues
Report	<p>St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in collaboration with Dalgado Konknni Akademi (DKA), Panjim, successfully organized a National Seminar on Konkani Novels at the college hall. The seminar brought together distinguished scholars, writers, and literary enthusiasts to explore the rich heritage of Konkani novels, focusing on the theme "Konkani Novels: The Journey of Romi Konkani Novels."</p> <p>The inaugural function was graced by Mr. Valley Quadros, a renowned Konkani promoter, novelist, and short story writer, as the Chief Guest. The dignitaries on the dais included Prof. Filipe Rodrigues e Melo, Acting Principal of St. Xavier's College; Fr. Antonio Salema, Administrator; Associate Prof. Dharma Chodankar, Head of the Konkani Department; Mr.Celso Fernandes, President of DKA; Mr.Tomazinho Cardozo, the keynote speaker; and Fr. Myron J. Barreto, Secretary of DKA. In his inaugural address, Mr. Valley Quadros commended the efforts of Dalgado Konknni Akademi and St. Xavier's College in promoting Konkani literature. He encouraged participants to actively contribute to the Konkani literary landscape through the novel genre, emphasizing its role in preserving and promoting the language.</p>

	<p>Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo provided a comprehensive overview of the history and evolution of Romi Konkani novels. He highlighted significant milestones in Konkani literature, including the publication of the first Konkani novel, the release of the first Konkani film, and the establishment of the first Konkani newspaper. He underscored the importance of Romi Konkani in shaping Konkani literature and urged participants to actively promote and preserve Romi Konkani literature for future generations.</p> <p>The first technical session focused on novels written in Romi Konkani, Devanagari, and Kannada scripts, and was moderated by Prof. Cosma Fernandes from M.E.S. College, Zuarinagar. Mr. Willy Goes, Principal of Goa College of Art, Panjim, opened the session with an insightful presentation on the evolution and growth of Romi Konkani novels. Asst. Prof. Glynis Dias from Government College, Quepem, followed with an analytical perspective on Devanagari Konkani novels. The session concluded with Mr. Valley Quadros, representing Ashawadi Prakashan, Mumbai, who provided an in-depth discussion on Kannada Konkani novels.</p> <p>The second session, moderated by Associate Prof. Dharma Chodankar, Head of the Konkani Department at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, featured critical analyses of notable Konkani novels. Asst. Prof. Darshan Kandolkar from Vidya Prabodhini College, Porvorim, presented an in-depth study of Edward J. B. D'Souza's novel "Kristanv Ghorabo". Fr. Jose Silveira from Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr, Porvorim, examined Reginaldo Fernandes' novel "Vonvaxi Put", highlighting its literary significance. Asst. Prof. Fr. Roman Rodrigues from Rosary College, Navelim, concluded the session with a thought-provoking analysis of Willy Goes' novel "Kotrin".</p> <p>The seminar highlighted the rich contributions of Romi Konkani novels to the broader landscape of Konkani literature. The engaging discussions and scholarly presentations provided valuable insights into the historical and contemporary significance of Konkani novels. The event was skillfully compered by Megan D'Souza, Reia Sequeira, and Nigel Pereira. It was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes and Mr. Silvester Vaz, faculty members of the Konkani Department, with assistance from Ms. Siddhi Gawas and Ms. Ankita Zambaulikar. With over 107 students registering for the event, the seminar witnessed an enthusiastic turnout, reflecting a strong academic and cultural interest in Konkani literature and its novel tradition.</p>
Beneficiaries	107
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