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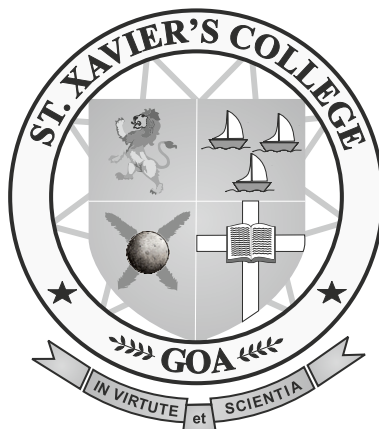
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and Vinay Harji (TYBA) awarded Best Sportsman 2023-24,
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Principal's Message

I am delighted to pen down a few lines on the release of the XXXVI issue of our College newsletter *Xavierwrite*, which showcases the academic accomplishments, success stories, campus events and experiences of our college community. The activities reflect our commitment to holistic formation.



My sincere appreciation to the faculty and staff for their dedication and hard work; students for their enthusiasm and engagement; and the Management for their continued support. Special thanks to our Administrator, the Former Principal and the Vice Principal.

As we continue to strive for excellence, I urge students to explore new opportunities, engage in research activities, pursue internships, and initiate sustainable practices. To the Faculty, looking forward to developing innovative curricula and collaborations and to the Staff to enhance campus services and operations.

Together we move ahead aiming to scale higher.

Congratulations to the Editorial Team under the leadership of Dr. Claudette Gomes for making this Issue an interesting read for all.

God bless!

Ms. Ursula Pinto Barreto

Principal (Acting)

St. Xavier's College

Administrator's Message

It is with great pleasure that we put into the hands of the well-wishers, friends, staff and students of this College this issue of 'Xavierwrite' a bi-annual newsletter of this College. Its pages will take the readers on an informative journey of the activities undertaken by the various departments and their achievements during the six months, covering December 2023 to May 2024.



Besides giving a boost to the students, this bi-annual newsletter can be a source of inspiration to other students, especially the students of the First Year, across the streams, to be joyfully engaged in the activities of their respective departments and clubs/cells. Such involvement is very important, because it helps in the development of their talents and skills, leading to a wider vision of life and greater academic success.

I congratulate the staff and the students for working together for attaining higher goals of life as St. Paul says in his letter to the Colossians, 3,2-4 'seek things that are above', in other words seeking to create around us through all these activities a community that is led by high ideals of truth, justice and brotherhood.

Fr Tony Salema

Administrator

Editor's Note

The Xavierwrite 2023-24 team, with great happiness present before you all this issue of the newsletter that encapsulates all the happenings and events at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa for the second half of the academic year 2023-24. This Issue No. XXXVI has included events from December 2023 to May 2024. The activities undertaken by all our departments, our clubs, cells, associations and fora, and the College events have been documented here for our perusal. A special mention has to be made of the pride and joy we had acknowledging our sports stars shining bright, and our College teams winning awards and honours at various intercollegiate festivals and competitions.

We would like to express our thanks to all our contributors for contributing to this issue. Our gratitude goes out to our Administrator, Rev. Fr. Tony Salema for being our constant source of support. Our wholehearted thanks to our Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto for guiding us and shaping the issue. We would also like to acknowledge and thank our former Principal, Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas, for sustaining our enthusiasm and encouraging us. We also express our thanks to New Age Printers, Fr. Myron Barreto and his team, for helping us in bringing this issue to fruition.

Best wishes...

Team 'Xavierwrite 2023-24'

COLLEGE FEAST DAY & SOCIALS 2023



St. Xavier's celebrates feast...And hosts Socials '23!

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Patron of the College, on the 9th of December, 2023. The joyous celebrations began with an Eucharistic Celebration at 9.30 am at the College Seminar Hall. The Main Celebrant was Rev Fr. Lucio Dias

while the Co-celebrants were Rev Fr. Tony Salema, Fr. Ramiro Luis and Fr. Luis Gomes.

To make the Eucharistic celebration more meaningful, the theme chosen this year was 'Like St Francis Xavier, Let Us Do What Jesus Did'. The main celebrant during the homily emphasised that Jesus came as a simple humble man, without the trappings of royalty and greatness to save the world and further the Kingdom of God. Similarly, St. Francis Xavier put aside his worldly aspirations for greatness in order to follow God. After Mass, Fr. Ramiro thanked the main celebrant and all those involved in the liturgy, choir and other arrangements.

The college Magazine 'Halcyon' and 'Eloquence', an e-version of the newsletter of the English Department, was released by Rev Fr. Lucio Dias, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas, along with Vice Principals Ursula Barreto and Sandra Fernandes.

The auspicious day also marked the return of the St. Xavier's College dance – Socials '23', an event the students had been planning over the past few weeks. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas and Administrator Fr. Antonio Salema, along with Rev Fr. Lucio Dias, kickstarted the event with the cutting of a ribbon. Students and teachers bonded over a dance, which was a special part of the day's programme.



Attendees stomped their feet to the beats of the College band and DJ Hyper Traxx. Post lunch, a delightful flash mob entertained the crowd. The literal crowning moment came with the announcement of Mr. Xavier: Mr. Mark Nathan Cordeiro (TYBBA) and Ms. Xavier: Ms. Janice Noronha of TYBA. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas crowned the duo with intricate crowns made of crochet. The memorable evening drew to a close with a slow set by DJ Hyper Traxx.

58TH ANNUAL DAY PROGRAMME: A REPORT

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa celebrated its 58th Annual Day and showcased the Variety Entertainment Programme on 29th January 2024 with a display of grandiosity and fervour. The august occasion was graced by the distinguished presence of Mr. Sanjit Rodrigues, IAS, Secretary (Protocol), Government of Goa as the Chief Guest. The event commenced at 9.30. am at the Xavier's Ark. The Chief Guest was welcomed at the Institution by the Administrator of the College Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, Principal Prof. (Dr). Blanche Mascarenhas, Vice Principals Mrs. Ursula Barreto and Mrs. Sandra Fernandes, Chairperson of the PTA Mrs. Patricia D'Souza and the General Secretary of the Students Council Mr. Anuj Naik.

Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, the Administrator of the College, in his opening remarks extended gracious salutations from the 'Xaverian Family' to the Chief Guest, while acknowledging the presence of staff, students and other invitees. Mr. Sanjit Rodrigues's illustrious career, as an amazing successful leader, with a blend of humility and simplicity were highlighted. Fr. Salema also appreciated the collective efforts of the staff and students to weave a beautiful programme on this occasion.



Principal Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas delivered a detailed overview of the institution's accomplishments during the meticulously planned annual report. The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the college were placed on record, while acknowledging the hand of the Almighty and St. Francis Xavier in achieving this great feat. The audience were informed about the exceptional performance of students in University Examinations. The accolades won by the students in numerous inter-collegiate cultural and sports events were highlighted. The Principal provided insights into the numerous events organized by different departments of the College to enhance both academic and non-academic aspects of student performance. Meritorious students of the Academic Year, 2022-2023 were honoured for their outstanding academic performance at the hands of the distinguished Chief Guest. Prizes instituted by academicians of the College and well-wishers were awarded to deserving students.

Addressing the gathering on this occasion, the Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjit Rodrigues called upon students to uphold certain values that would hold them in good stead during challenging moments. The importance of honesty, integrity, patience and tolerance for individual growth was stressed by Mr. Rodrigues. Further, the distinguished guest laid stress on the integration of fundamental human values with patience to avoid frustration in their lives. Meditation and a

calm disposition were considered as requisites for success. Mr. Sanjit Rodrigues also laid emphasis on the value of empathy to understand the distress faced by individuals in a society. Mr. Anuj Naik, the General Secretary of the Student's Council proposed the Vote of Thanks which was followed by the College Anthem to mark the end of the formal function.

The ceremonial function was followed by a spectacular display of cultural performances by students. The comperes, Janice Noronha and Joseph James set the tone for the cultural fiesta with their opening remarks 'where talent and passion come alive on stage'. The opening act was a well-choreographed prayer dance. This was followed by a well-sequenced mime, the traditional Goan Dekhni, an English skit - 'Poetry of The Earth' which used the style of Greek chorus to sing of the praises of the Earth, a western dance and Goan Mando. The college band deserved an applause as the mood setters, making the audience groove to their catchy musical compositions. The curtains came down on a day well-spent with the singing of the National Anthem.

58TH ANNUAL SPORTS MEET CELEBRATED AT ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE

St. Xavier's College had its 58th Annual Sports meet for the academic year 2023-24 on Saturday, the 24th of February 2024 on the College Football ground. The Chief Guest for the event was an alumnus of the College, Mr. Tushar Lotlikar, Police Inspector, Ponda Police Station, Goa. Upon his arrival the Chief Guest was welcomed by the Principal, Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas; the Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema; the Vice Principals, Ms. Ursula Barreto and Ms. Sandra Fernandes; the Director of Physical Education of the College, Ms. Joslyn D'Souza, the Instructors in Physical Education, Ms. Astrid Pereira and Mr. Roger Fernandes, and the esteemed members of the faculty. The Chairperson of the St. Xavier's College PTA, Ms. Patricia D'Souza was also present at the Meet.



In his welcome address, the Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema expressed great joy at having Chief Guest, Ponda PS PI Tushar Lotlikar, to his alma mater. Fr Antonio highlighted the fact that the college has excelled and emerged victorious in sports under the guidance of Ms. Joslyn D'Souza, ably aided by the sports instructors Ms. Astrid Pereira and Mr. Roger Fernandes. He stated that the sports meet was a time to celebrate achievements, wins and losses, joys and tears, and knowing that participation has not only brought laurels but also boosted health and promoted camaraderie among sportspersons. In her address, Principal Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas underlined that education is not merely academics, but wholistic development of a student. While many find it difficult to balance academics and sports, Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas pointed out that the Chief Guest excelled at both academics and sports, while he was a student, and has become a valuable government official in public administration.

This was followed by an impressive marching display by the students of the College. The Chief

Guest and the Principal took the salute. The Parade Commander of the march past was Senior Under Officer, Mr. Shresth Fadte, an NCC Cadet who has always shown exceptional dedication, and devotion in leadership, discipline and community service at NCC, besides having been a member of the marching contingent at the 2024 Republic Day Parade at Rajpath, New Delhi.



The march past was followed by the torch relay. The torchbearers for the day were our sportspersons Ms. Keona Rajani, an SYBA student, a Kiteboarding gold winner at the national level; Ms. Doris Goves, an FYBSc student, a gold medal winning sportsperson at athletics and other sports; Ms. Sukanya Naik, an SYBCom student, a bronze medallist at Lagori; and Ms. Chanel Crizzle, an FYBA Mass Comm student, a member of the Indian Rugby contingent. They all carried the torch onto the sports ground and handed it to the Chief Guest and later lit the Games

torch. The sportsman's oath was then recited by Mr. Harsh Bhagat (SYBSc), followed by the sportsman's prayer recited by Ms. Richa Gawade (SYBA). At this juncture, the Chief Guest formally declared the 58th Annual Sports Meet open. The opening of the sports meet was also marked with a release of balloons in the colours of the national flag.

Speaking of the impressive achievements of the College sportspersons, the Director of Physical Education of the College, Ms. Joslyn D'Souza, in her Sports report, informed the gathering that St. Xavier's college was awarded the best college in sports for the year 2022-23 and that the College remains on course to take the coveted award yet again, for the current academic year, as the college has bagged the first place in women's table tennis, women's volleyball, women's basketball, men's handball, hockey in both categories and men's powerlifting. The women's football team, women's swimming team, men's basketball team and women's basketball team finished second this year, while the women's bagged third place in athletics, and the men's swimming team also finished in the same position. Listing out the moments of glory, Ms. Joslyn D'Souza read out the list of the sports stars that have won accolades at the international and national level.

The Chief Guest, Ponda PI Mr. Tushar Lotlikar, expressed his pleasure at being present as a chief guest at his alma mater. PI Mr. Tushar reminisced about his days as a sports person at Xavier's HSS and College where he excelled in athletics and football. He thanked the sports directors of that era as well as the teachers for supporting sportspersons. PI Tushar also offered pearls of wisdom to the students in attendance, "I would like to remind the students that sports is not only about winning or losing, but participation is more important. With sports, you become fitter, you become more healthier, and you become leaders in the future."

The student sportspersons from the College who participated in the National Games 2023 were felicitated at the hands of the Principal. The management prizes were then presented at the hands of the Chief Guest. The late P.V. Tharakan award given to an all-rounder in different modalities of sports was given to Mr. Nathan D'Souza (TYBCA). The Mr. Clyde Dias Sports Prizes given to students with best performance in sports was secured by Mr. Kaushik Sakhalkar (TYBA), Mr. Sohit Naik (TYBCom) and Ms. Chrisann Noronha (TYBCA). The Best Sportsman 2023-24

award went to Mr. Sohan Naik (TYBCom) and the Best Sportswoman 2023-24 award was won by Ms. Anoshka D'Souza (TYBCom). The Best Athlete (Men) was won by Mr. Maven Santiago (SYBA) and Best Athlete (Women) was secured by Ms. Chanel Crizzle (FYBA Mass Comm). Students who participated in various national level competitions were also felicitated.

The Sports Meet saw various sprint events, drills and cheering squads performing for the benefit of all. The Vote of Thanks was given by the Sports Secretary Mr. Fluino Carvalho. The College Sports Flag was then lowered by the NCC Cadets. It was folded by them and handed over to the Principal. The Principal, then, handed it over to the Sports Director for safekeeping, till the next College Sports meet. The event concluded with the singing of the national anthem.



TY FAREWELL

The farewell ceremony for final year students at St. Xavier's College, held on 10th April 2024, was a touching event aimed at bidding farewell to graduating students while imparting blessings and encouragement for their future endeavors. Led by Rev Fr. Saturnino Colaco, the Eucharistic Celebration emphasized walking in the light of the risen Lord. Fr. Colaco's sermon highlighted the importance of God's love and guidance in life's journey. Student presentations, including a poem by TYBA student Claire and a dance medley by SYBA students, added vibrancy to the occasion. Principal Prof. Blanche Mascarenhas addressed the outgoing students, emphasizing the college's mission to equip them with essential values. Vice Principal Sandra Fernandes delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all contributors. The ceremony concluded as a poignant and memorable event, reminding students of the enduring support and values received at St. Xavier's College.



FACULTY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – Goa, organized a one-day Faculty Enrichment Programme (FEP) on 2nd March 2024, at Pastoral Institute, Old Goa. The topic for the Faculty Enrichment Program was Group Dynamics. The Resource person for the day was Fr. Felix D'Silva, Society of Jesus.

The Faculty Enrichment Program was attended by 174 Faculty members, 126 were from the teaching faculty and 48 were from the non-teaching faculty of St. Xavier's College.

The Faculty Enrichment Program began by invoking the Almighty's blessing. The Inaugural function proceeded with the welcome address by the Administrator of St. Xavier's College, Fr. Antonio Salema, who welcomed the faculty and introduced the Resource person Fr. Felix D'Silva. The Vice-Principal, Ms. Ursula Baretto welcomed Fr. Felix D'Silva with a potted plant. This was followed by release of the St. Xavier's College Biannual newsletter, *Xavierwrite*, at the hands of Fr. Felix D'Silva.



Session 1 dealt with Group Dynamics and was delivered by Fr. Felix D'Silva. In his very dynamic way Fr. explained how group dynamics refers to the interactions, relationships, and processes that occur within a group of individuals. Understanding group dynamics is essential in various contexts, including our college workplace and our classrooms. Session 2 on Group Dynamics dealt with understanding group dynamics in various contexts. Fr. Felix explored a few concepts, theories, and factors that influence group dynamics. Effective communication is crucial for group cohesion and productivity.



Leadership dynamics in the classroom influence functioning and gaining respect from the students in the classroom. The third session was an energizing ice-breaker group activity. 20 Groups were made for the fun interactive game session. The Interactive Group dynamics game dealt with the student teacher relationship and played a crucial role in better understanding of interactions, relationships, and factors that shape healthy student teacher relationships. Managing conflicts constructively is vital for maintaining group harmony and achieving common objectives.



DBT STAR COLLEGE EVENTS

3rd REVIEW MEETING OF THE DBT TASK FORCE AT COIMBATORE

The Coordinator Meet cum 3rd Review meeting of the Task Force for Colleges supported under the DBT Star College Scheme held at Rathnavel Subramaniam College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore from 7th to 9th February, 2024 was attended by The Vice Principal of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Ms. Ursula Barreto and The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Trelita de Sousa.

Dr. Trelita de Sousa presented the progress of all the activities conducted by St. Xavier's College under the DBT Star College Scheme during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The progress of the college was highly applauded. St. Xavier's received an A+ Grade with a "Very Good" remark for its progress from the Task Force.



AGLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE AT BITS PILANI

All the science departments of St. Xavier's College organised an inter-departmental field trip to BITS Pilani, Goa Campus, on 8th February, 2024 to familiarise students with various aspects of interdisciplinary studies.



A total of 32 students across all science departments were taken on visits to various departments where they interacted with several faculty members and resource persons. The students were accompanied by Mr. Clarence Rodrigues and Ms. Shraddha Pilgaonkar. The students were made aware of the various opportunities available to them for higher studies, and the benefits of

newer approaches and better instrumental technologies for contributing towards the advancement of science.

XAVIER'S OPEN LAB DAY



As part of the National Science Day celebrations, the Science Faculty of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, organised "Xavier's Open Lab Day" on 28th February, 2024 under the DBT STAR College Scheme to promote scientific curiosity among school students. A brief inaugural ceremony was held at the Science Block of the College wherein the event was declared open by the Administrator Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, in the presence of the Vice Principal & Convenor of the Programme Ms Ursula Barreto, the Coordinator of the Star College Scheme Dr. Trelita de Sousa, faculty members and

students of the college. The event witnessed an impressive turnout, with over 400 school students from across Goa visiting the campus. Several activities including quiz, scientific games, experiments, models, and exhibits were arranged by each of the 8 science departments of the college covering topics of different interests in the field of science.

School students were seen engrossed in lab activities and were most excited to learn about the experiments on display like, Newtons rings, Surface Tension of water and soap solution by Capillary rise method, Demonstration of waveforms using CRO, Fizzy Potions, Changing Water to



Wine, Golden rain, Electronic Dice, Vehicle parking system using RFID, Intruder Alarm, Exploration of plant life such as Seaweeds, Biodiversity and conservation efforts, Plant Tissue culture, Advances in Biotechnology, Fingerprint Analysis, Blood grouping, Microorganisms on the human body, Effect of antibiotics on bacteria, Fermented drink – Kanji, Voice recognition using ML and AI, Visual guardian App for visually impaired persons using ML and NLP, Line Follower robot, Puzzle solving and card games, Mathematics involved in tricks, and Mathematics in everyday life.



The Xavier's Open Lab Day, provided a dynamic platform for students to immerse themselves in the fascinating world of science and technology. The event successfully fostered a

spirit of curiosity, innovation, and collaboration among participants, reaffirming the college's commitment to promoting scientific literacy and excellence in education.

One of the highlights of the event was the Science "Super-Hero" Competition, wherein students of the college from each department showcased their creativity by designing mascots representing their respective fields of study. The competition not only encouraged artistic expression but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among participants as they worked collaboratively to bring their ideas to life.

As part of the National Science Day celebrations, the science departments also hosted several other competitions for college students, like rangoli, poster-making, hand-painting, pebble stone painting, and interdepartmental skit competition, all of which were based on the theme "Science for a Sustainable Future".



ARTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

ECOFIESTA 2.0



Eco Fiesta 2.0 was organized by the Department of Economics on 15 March, 2024. Ecofiesta 2.0 comprised of 4 competitions.

1. Model Making Event: Students showcased their meticulously crafted models representing various economic events and concepts. They also had to explain their creations to the judging panel comprising Mr. Carmelito, Ms. Kimberly, and Dr. Carmelita.

2. Reel Making Competition: Students promoted eco-friendly products through compelling advertisements within a minute. Judges, Fr. Dr. Ramiro, Mr. Vipul, and Mr. Stalin, evaluated the entries, encouraging creativity and innovation among participants.

3. Tagline Competition: Students presented catchy taglines on the theme of Digital India. Participants showcased their creativity on chart papers, with Ms. Gwendolyn, Mr. Prasad, and Mr. Worrel evaluating the submissions.

4. Quiz Competition: It focused on Indian agriculture and industry. Ms. Devashri Kamat and Ms. Ashwini Naik were the

quiz masters. The intense competition spanned four rounds, with FYBCOM emerging victorious after a challenging battle of wits. The event culminated in a rapid-fire round, adding an element of excitement to the proceedings.

TYBCOM emerged as the overall winners of Eco Fiesta 2.0, with FYBCOM securing the runners-up position, underscoring the spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie prevalent throughout the event. The event concluded on a high note with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the HOD, Gema Ataide, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters for their unwavering dedication and enthusiasm. EcoFiesta 2.0 proved to be a resounding success, fostering a spirit of environmental consciousness and economic awareness among students while providing a platform for creativity, innovation, and healthy competition.

RESEARCH COFFEE SERIES

1. **AARISH- NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR A HEALTHY LIFE** The presentation on 'AARISH- Natural products for a healthy life' was done by Ms. Aanchal Parwar and Ms. Rishwa Divker from Syba, on the 8th of Jan 2024. AARISH natural products are made up of 100 percent natural ingredients without the use of any artificial chemical products. The source of the products are plants or vegetables, and it is traditionally made at home. The products



are a catalyst for a thriving community that embraces the magic of simplicity and mother nature. The students explained the procedure of making two products - Lip balm and Hair oil. The students also explained the multiple uses of the papaya fruit, particularly its impact on the skin.

2. NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Ms. Devyani Kudnekar and Ms. Rudraksha Raul both from SYBA delivered a comprehensive presentation on the New National Education Policy on February 12, 2024. The presentation aimed to elucidate the key features, implications, and conclusions of the NEP.

Key Features were:

1. Introduction of the NEP and its significance in the Indian education landscape.
2. Structural reforms proposed under the NEP, with emphasis on early childhood care and education, foundational literacy, and numeracy.
3. Highlighting the flexibility and multidisciplinary approach promoted by the NEP.
4. Integration of technology and digital resources in education.
5. Strategies for improving the quality of teachers and teaching methods.
6. Emphasis on vocational education, skill development, and lifelong learning.



The presentation concluded with a call to action, urging stakeholders to actively participate in the implementation of the NEP and contribute towards shaping the future of education in India. Devyani Kudnekar and Rudraksha Raul emphasized the need for collaboration among policymakers, educators, parents, and students to realize the vision outlined in the NEP.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

1. CACULO'S QUIZ FEST 2024: Ms. Lubina Mendes and Ms. Jeevani Fernandes clinched the third place at the one day intercollegiate 'Caculo's Quiz Fest Competition' on the Indian Economy on 29th January 2024 organized by Department of Economics of SES's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa.



2. INTERCOLLEGIATE QUIZ AND POWERPOINT PRESENTATION COMPETITION:

Ms. Lubina Mendes and Ms. Jeevani Fernandes won the Third place for the Quiz at the Intercollegiate "Quiz and PowerPoint Presentation" competition on 3rd February 2024 organised by the Department of Economics of Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao. Ms. Naomi Fernandes participated in the Powerpoint presentation competition.

3. FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT: INSIGHTS FROM THE CIBA WORKSHOP: Students from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, accompanied by faculty Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza participated in an Entrepreneurial Workshop held at the Center for Incubation and Business Acceleration (CIBA), on the 19th of February 2024 for. The Guest Speaker Mr. Sanjay Mulie, a distinguished expert in business strategies, spoke on the

importance of innovation and adaptability in the ever-evolving business landscape. The workshop provided a platform for participants to delve into various business topics, ranging from discussions on the marine industry to the success story of telecommunications giant Jio and the burgeoning food industry represented by Wow Momos. One of the most memorable aspects of the workshop was the exploration of entrepreneurial examples from the popular television series “Shark Tank.”



4. INTER-COLLEGE QUIZ EVENT AT ROSARY COLLEGE: Jeevani Fernandes and Lubina Mendes from TYBCom, showcased their intellectual prowess and secured the third-place at the Inter-College Quiz Event organized by Rosary College of Commerce and Arts,

Navelim, on 29th February 2024, which focused on navigating environmental issues.



5. ECOFEST: St. Xavier's College emerged overall winners of Ecofest 2024, an inter collegiate event organised by the Department of Economics, M.E.S College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar on 15.03.2024. The team of 7 students from St. Xavier's College was led by Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza. Ms. Poonam Palyekar, Ms Gargi Bale and Ms. Astrid D Mello bagged the First place for Model making; Ms. Falida Fernandes and Ms Delaiah Mendonca, Second Place for Pot Painting; Ms Tessica Campos, Second Place for Pitch competition; and Ms. Ciana Gonsalves, Second Place for paper presentation.

6. INTER-COLLEGIATE QUIZ COMPETITION

Ms. Lubina Mendes and Ms. Jeevani Fernandes participated in the Inter-collegiate Quiz competition on 'Viksit Bharat' on 26th March 2024 organised by the Department of Economics, Government College, Quepem.

7. UNLOCKING ENTREPRENEURIAL POTENTIAL AMONG YOUTH

"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." - Steve Jobs

Ms. Jessica Rodrigues, Mr. Joseph Fernandes, Ms. Delaiah Mendonca and Ms. Delizia Carrasco, along with faculty, Ms. Devashri Kamat, actively participated in the two-day state-level workshop titled "Entrepreneurship Launchpad: Unlocking the Entrepreneurial Potential Among the Youth in Goa" which served as a beacon of empowerment and innovation, bringing together aspiring entrepreneurs from across the region. Held on February 28th and 29th, 2024, at the Government College of Arts, Science, and Commerce in Khandola-Marcela, Goa, the event aimed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge required to thrive in the world of entrepreneurship.



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

WORDSUP 5.0

Awakened from a slumber of four years, the Department of English of St. Xavier's College was back with WordsUp 5.0 and Writers' Corner, which were held from the 8th-10th of February 2024. Diving into the realm of Fairytales, dreamy fiction and folklore frolic, the theme this year was Once Upon A Time: May thine be the happily ever after. 13 colleges from across Goa participated in the event and each team consisted of around 15 to 35 participants.

The Writers Corner, a customary precursor to WordsUp, marked the start of WordsUp 5.0 on 8th February 2024. Ms. Shirlene Fernandes organised this curtain raiser and notable personalities from the literary world of Goa and literature enthusiasts graced it with their presence.

Somewhere between colourful streamers at the entry points and posters on the lookout for fictional thieves, the campus came alive. It seemed magical and full of vibrant colour. Four years of anticipation was finally realised as 9th February saw the inauguration of WordsUp 5.0 with renewed vigour, excitement and liveliness. The song "A Whole New World" was performed in acapella by our own students, giving the event a melodious start. The dignitaries for the day included Fr. Antonio Salema, the Administrator of St. Xavier's College, Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Vice Principal, Dr. Prema Rocha, Head of the Department of English, and Ms Alice D'Cruz, co-ordinator of WordsUp 5.0. In his address, Fr. Antonio shared thoughts of motivation, the importance of learning and its correlation to extracurricular activities. He also urged the students to work towards their goal and opt for courses which may help them in the long run, no matter how hard they initially seem. He commended the efforts of the students and faculty of the English department and the work they had put in to host the event. Dr. Prema Rocha earlier delivered the welcome address and Ms. Alice D'Cruz proposed the vote of thanks. The event officially commenced with the grand unrolling of the scroll and unveiling of the shining, shimmering and splendid plaques and medals, at the hands of the dignitaries present.

As the age old saying goes "Teamwork makes the Dream work" and the success of WordsUp 5.0 holds this statement to be true. What you see is the result of the ideas and hard work of the many people engaged behind the scenes. WordsUp has had a strength of approximately 250 volunteers who work incessantly during and way after college hours, along with a capable core team to oversee preparations. WordsUp involved 26 events being held which correspond to the 26 letters in the English alphabet; spanning over the course of two days, at choice venues across the college campus. Budding entrepreneurs showcased their wares at a pop-up bazaar that lined one end of the entrance, offering an assortment of food stalls to keep the crowd energised and satiated. A book stall with a wonderful selection of books from local authors was also put up.

The line-up of events stretched across various genres and forms of media; be it showcasing video logs shot on campus or coming up with fantastical and witty one-liners. Events such as Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Bee (spelling bee), Peter Pan's Pirate Pursuit (letter writing), Wiz Quiz,

Aladdin's Lamp of Jam (just a minute) and Lilliputian Chronicles (story writing with a twist) tested the participants on their knowledge of words, fairytales, pop culture and their creative writing abilities. Some events like A Fairytale to Rhyme (performance poetry), The Enchanted Escapades (Musical theatre), Laughapalooza (Stand-Up Comedy), Enchanting Echoes (Singing) and Rap- Time stories (Rap-battle) challenged the participants to bring the world of dreams to life and showcase their theatrical, musical and comedic prowess through plays and the like.

From The Genius and the Hare (triathlon) testing their physical endurance and team spirit and The Yummiest of them All (Cooking) their culinary skills to the March to the Midnight Ball presenting a wondrous parade, WordsUp 5.0 brought out the competitive streak among all the promising young contenders through events; both new and old. Judges for the events included the faculty and alumni of St. Xavier's College, and household names in the field of comedy, music and more.

There exists no banquet in the world that does not come to an end and so, following two days filled with cheers and buzzing energy, WordsUp 5.0 concluded with the valedictory function. The student co-ordinators for the event Ms. Samidha Walke and Ms. Janice Noronha expressed gratitude and the bittersweet emotions that hosting their first and last WordsUp event brought out. The faculty of the English Department, Ms. Alice D'Cruz, Dr. Prema Rocha, Ms. Sunita Mesquita, Dr. Claudette Gomes, and Dr. Leanora Madeira gave away the prizes and certificates to the winners of individual events. WordsUp was created by and is the brainchild of Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes who thanked everyone for playing their part in making WordsUp 5.0 a success and gave away the awards to the top three winners of the fest. Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science and MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce won the title of 1st and 2nd runners up, respectively. Sealing the win and claiming the overall championship of WordsUp 5.0, Nirmala Institute of Education emerged champions.

And so, the curtains came down on a memorable WordsUp 5.0.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

Inter-Collegiate Event Winners from Dept of English

18 & 19 January 24 - Winners at the 14th edition of **Pegasus 2024** organised by Department of English, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) Faculty-in-charge Sir Aaron-Paul Fernandes.



17 February 24- Anisha Mendonça (paper titled 'Earth is calling,



are we listening?: Analysing the connection between climate fiction and popular culture') participated along with Amber Freitas (paper titled 'No price tag on nature: Understanding our environment through literature and culture') presented their research papers. Ms. Amber Freitas bagged the second place at **Epiphany 6.0** Inter-Collegiate Students' Research Paper Presentation Competition on the theme 'Nurturing Ecological Consciousness through Literature and Popular culture: A Teen Perspective' at DMC. Faculty in-charge: Ms. Sunita Mesquita.

15 March 24- Mr. Christie Fernandes (SYBA) and Ms. Anisha Mendonça (TYBA) bagged the first place at **Lit Star 2.0** the Inter-Collegiate Quiz organized by Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim. Faculty- in-charge. Dr. Prema Rocha and Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes.



DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

1. Study Tour 26th December – 29th December 2023

Department of Hindi organised a study tour to Dharwad, Hubballi and Dandeli (Karnataka) from 26th December to 29th December 2023. Places visited were Dharwad University, Hubballi and Government First Grade College, Dandeli. 4 teachers from the department of Hindi, namely Mr. Salim Gaded, Ms. Siddhi Gawas, Ms. Pritam Salgaonkar, Ms. Priyanka Jaiswal, along with 41 students of FYBA, SYBA and TYBA successfully completed this tour.



2. Talk on 'Medieval Poetry' on 19th January 2024

A talk on medieval poetry was organized on 19th January 2024 at the studio of St. Xavier's College Mapusa from 11.00 am to 12 noon. Dr. Imre Bangha (Faculty of Oxford University) was the guest speaker for the same. He spoke to around 20 students, along with 6 teachers, on Kabir and his Poetry.

3. Workshop on Translation

Hindi Department attended the workshop organised by Department of Konkani on Translation on 1st February 2024. This workshop was attended by the students of Hindi department along with one faculty member.



4. Field trip 13th March 2024

The Department of Hindi organised a field trip for the students of FYBA, SYBA & TYBA on 13th March 2024. 75 students were accompanied by three teachers, namely, Mr. Salim Gaded, Ms. Pritam Salgaonkar and Ms. Priyanka Jaiswal. The places visited were Zuem fort, Adilshahi Masjid and Dargah, Cudnem's 15th century Jain temple, Bhoja era's Harvalem caves and waterfall, and lastly, Kadamba era Tambdi Surla's Mahadev temple.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

1. Guest Lecture

Dr. Magdalene D'souza delivered a lecture on "Giligadu Upanyaas mein Vruddha Jeevan" at Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola on 10th January 2024 on the occasion of 'Vishwa Hindi Diwas'.



2. Guest lecture of Novelist Abdul Bismisllah

TYBA Honours student of St. Xavier's college along with one teacher attended the guest lecture of the renowned Hindi novelist Mr. Abdul Bismillah on 2nd February 2024 organised by Department of Hindi of Shenoi Goembab School at Goa University.

3. Guest Lecture

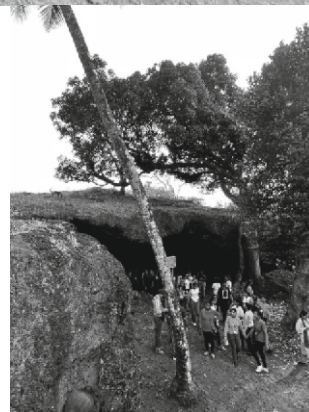
Assistant Professor Mr. Salim Gaded from St. Xavier's College was Appointed as a resource person to deliver a lecture on 'स्वातंत्र्योत्तर हिंदी उपन्यास' at Government College Quepem on 9th March 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Study Tour

The Department of History organised a study tour on 4th January 2024 for a group of 60 students accompanied by three faculty. Dr. Sharmila Pais, Mr. Dominic Fernandes, and Ms. Gwendolene Nobbay visited heritage sites in South Goa. The first stop was the Usgalimol Petroglyphs near Rivona in Sanguem taluka situated on the banks of the river Kushawati. On a rocky laterite bed, students could view an archive of human and animal figures like the humped Zebu bull, antelopes, deer, fox, a deer and a bull locking horns, animal hoofs, a female figure, probably a mother goddess symbol of the fertility cult, and another human figure etched in a dancing pose. The trail of Netravali through the lush-green Netravali Wild Life Sanctuary provided an enriching experience of tangible and intangible heritage through a mud track road and scenic pathway. Students and teachers were entertained by the sounds of birds and buzzing bees. The cascading Sawari Waterfall, nestled in the Sanctuary helped everyone to spend some leisurely moments in its cool waters. The Sati stones of Cotombi helped the viewers to connect with the medieval rituals practiced in Goa. Likewise, the Rivona Caves or the rock-hewn caves located in the lush green village of Rivona in South Goa were a reminder of the Buddhist influence in the region.



Shivaji Jayanti Celebrations

Tributes were paid to the valour and legacy of the Maratha warrior, Shivaji Maharaj, on his birth anniversary on 19th February 2024. The programme was conducted in accordance with the guidelines set by the Department of Information and Publicity, Government of Goa. The event was held in the Seminar Hall with the distinguished presence of the Principal of the Institution, Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas, the Vice Principal, Ms. Sandra Fernandes, the Cultural Coordinator, Ms. Sunita Misquita and faculty from the Department of History along with a large gathering of students in attendance from 10.45 am to 11.45 am. Students and faculty across streams, from the college witnessed the hour-long function. The SYBA students



from the Department of History enacted a meaningful play, **Shivaji Maharaj and Hirkani the Milkmaid**. Shivaji Maharaj's compassionate and judicious nature was portrayed through the presentation. The play was performed by Ms. Swara Dharwadkar, Mr. Shoonor Shaikh, Ms. Filianta Gomes, Mr. Niraj Zantye and Mr. Chandrakant Parulekar. A quiz and spot prizes made the event thought-provoking and educational. Students were tested on the knowledge of the Maratha King. Prizes were given by the Principal, the Vice-Principal and faculty present.

Building Bonds: TYBA (History) Student-Teacher Gathering at St. Xavier's College

The Department of History organized an informal gathering on April 8, 2024, to bid farewell to its graduating students. Miss Giann Fernandes, an alumna of the Department and current Assistant Professor in the Department of English, was the Chief Guest. The History Personality for the Year 2023-2024 was awarded to Miss Amber Freitas. Sharing the limelight were Ms. Daniella Miriam De Souza and Ms. Anisha Mendonca who jointly secured the second place. Ms. Annrose D'Cunha was honoured with the third place. These students portrayed noteworthy historical characters and captivated the attention of their peers. Ms. Fenisia Fernandes, Ms. Anisha Mendonca and Mr. Valencio D'Souza shared their memorable experiences in the Department. All students wearing golden sashes added charm to the event.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

Inter-State Quiz Competition

Ms. Anisha Mendonca and Ms. Amber Freitas representing the Department of History secured the first place in the State-Level Quiz Competition organised by the Youth Hostels Association of India. The Quiz focused on the life and the contributions of the great Indian patriot Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. The quiz was held at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. The competition attracted participants from various institutions across the state.



DEPARTMENT OF KONKANI

1. State Level Seminar titled “Trends of Konkani Literature in the 21st Century”

The Department of Konkani at St. Xavier's College Mapusa, in collaboration with the Goa Konkani Academy, organized a one-day state-level seminar titled "Trends of Konkani Literature in the 21st Century" on 21st February 2024. The event aimed to delve into the evolving landscape of Konkani literature in the modern era and explore its various dimensions. Mr. Satish Bhute, former faculty member of the Konkani

Department, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Prakash Vazrikar from Government College of Arts & Science, Khandola, who provided valuable insights into the trends shaping Konkani literature in the 21st century, setting the stage for the subsequent discussions.

The seminar comprised two insightful sessions.

First Session: Trends of Konkani Poetry in the 21st Century

Chaired by Ex-Associate Professor at Rosary College Navelim Mr. Balchandra Gaonkar, the session witnessed presentations from Dr. Hanumant Chopdekar, Ms. Glynis Dias, and Mr. Darshan Kandolkar. Ms. Dias provided an analysis

of the trends observed in Konkani poetry during the first decade. while Dr. Chopdekar delved into the intricacies of Konkani poetry during the second decade of the 21st century Mr. Kandolkar's presentation focused on elucidating the trends showcased in "Sanvar" the poetry book authored by the late Nagesh Karmali.



Second Session: Trends of Konkani Short Stories in the 21st Century

Chaired by Mr. Tukaram Shet, a distinguished Konkani short story writer, this session featured presentations from Dr. Reshma Kholkar, Mr. Sushant Naik, and Ms. Siddhi Gawas. Dr. Kholkar presented a comprehensive analysis of the trends observed in Konkani short stories during the first decade of the 21st century. Mr. Naik offered valuable perspectives on the evolution of Konkani short stories, while Ms. Gawas contributed an insightful analysis of "Varsal," the Sahitya Academy winning short story book authored by Dr. Prakash Parienkar.

A total of 60 students from various esteemed institutions including Goa University, Government College Sankhali, Dhempe College Panjim, and St. Xavier's College Mapusa, along with faculty members from these institutions, actively participated in the seminar, enriching the discussions with their diverse viewpoints and scholarly contributions.

2. Translation Workshop :

On February 1, 2024, the Konkani Department of St. Xavier's College Mapusa, in collaboration with Bardez Konkani Asmitai Kendra and Goa Konkani Academy, hosted a full-day workshop at the Seminar Hall of St. Xavier's College Mapusa. The event aimed to foster the art and skill of translation, with the participation of students from various educational institutions. Ms. Kusum Agarwal, President of Bardez Konkani Asmitai Kendra,



elucidated the purpose of the translation workshop, emphasizing its significance in bridging linguistic and cultural gaps.

The workshop featured three sessions, each led by distinguished resource persons. Dr. Narayan Desai, a seasoned translator and educationist, addressed the problems and challenges inherent in the art of translation. Dr. Palia Pandit, Assistant Professor at Dempe College, Miramar, focused on the theories and techniques of translation. Mr. Seby Fernandes, a Senior Translator at the Department of Official Language, Panjim, delved into the complexities of technical glossaries, presenting both problems and solutions.

A total of 53 students from St. Xavier's College Mapusa, Vidyaprobodini College Porvorim, and Ganpat Parsekar College of Education actively participated in the workshop. The Translation Workshop served as a platform for aspiring linguists and translators to delve into the intricacies of translation. The collaboration between educational institutions and cultural organizations underscored the commitment to promoting language and cultural understanding. The event was not only an academic endeavor but also a celebration of linguistic diversity and the importance of effective communication in today's globalized world.



3. Translation Workshop:

The Konkani department of St. Xavier's College Mapusa, in collaboration with YIN Gomantak, organized a workshop on the topic "Importance of Translation" on the 9th of January 2024 at the Seminar Hall of St. Xavier's College Mapusa. The workshop featured Prof. Prashanti Talpankar, a distinguished translator, as the resource person. Prof. Talpankar addressed the students, emphasizing the crucial role and extensive scope of translation in various contexts. Her expertise and valuable insights contributed significantly to the students' understanding of the subject. 80 students participated thus enhancing the workshop's reach and impact.



The workshop on the "Importance of Translation" proved to be an enriching experience for the students at St. Xavier's College Mapusa. The collaboration between the Konkani department and YIN Gomantak brought together experts in the field, providing valuable insights that will undoubtedly benefit the students in their academic and professional pursuits.

4. Workshop:

The Konkani Department of St. Xavier's College, in partnership with KBM, Directorate

of Official Languages, and S.C.E.R.T., successfully conducted a two-day workshop on 11th and 12th December 2023 at St. Xavier's College Seminal Hall. The workshop focused on innovative teaching methods, emphasizing creativity in education through stories, dramas, painting, and animation. Resource persons included Ms. Nayana Aradkar and others, who provided practical insights. The event drew 130 government teachers from North Goa, fostering lively discussions and interactive learning experiences.

The workshop, an outcome of the MoU between St. Xavier's College Mapusa and KBM, reflects the commitment to advancing education and preserving Konkani language heritage. In conclusion, the event significantly empowered government teachers with innovative teaching methods, highlighting the importance of collaboration in education and language preservation.



5. Study Trip :

The Konkani Department of St. Xavier's College Mapusa, in collaboration with the Goa Konkani Academy, orchestrated a study trip named "Vidhearathi Lekhokanche Bhettek" on 31st January 2024. The objective of the trip was to interact with noted Konkani authors and gain insights into the functioning of prominent Konkani cultural institutions.

Notable Konkani authors, Mr. Vincy Quadros and Mr. Vasant Bhagwant Sawant, were graciously met by the participating students. Two students, Dipti Agarwadekar and Meloksha, had the honor of interviewing these esteemed authors, capturing valuable perspectives and experiences.



Sahitya Academy Winner Mr. Vincy Quadros advised aspiring writers to embrace their unique voices, drawing inspiration from personal experiences and culture. He emphasized the significance of perseverance, urging students to persist in their creative pursuits despite challenges. Esteemed Konkani author Mr. Vasant B. Sawant shared practical advice, stressing the importance of disciplined craftsmanship in writing. He encouraged students to be voracious readers, emphasizing the role of passion and dedication in honing writing skills. Sawant underscored the idea that writing is not just an art but a

disciplined craft that evolves with continuous effort.

The journey continued with a visit to the Goa Konkani Academy (GKA), where Ms. Meghna Shetgaokar, the secretary, addressed the students, providing a comprehensive overview of GKA's functions and initiatives. The students then proceeded to the Dalgado Konkani Academy (DKA), where President Mr. Celso Fernandes and Treasurer Mr. Afonso Braganza shared insights into the academy's functioning and various schemes. A visit to the Tiatr Academy of Goa (TAG) followed, where Member Secretary Mr. Suresh Divkar gave a brief history of TAG, enhancing the students' understanding of the rich cultural heritage associated with Tiatr.

The afternoon session included a visit to Lokutsav, an event showcasing cultural exchanges from various states of India. This provided students with a broader perspective on the diversity of Indian cultures.

In total, 50 students actively participated in the events throughout the day, demonstrating their enthusiasm for cultural exploration and literary engagement. The study trip concluded at 4:00 pm, leaving the participants with a wealth of knowledge, cultural experiences, and a deeper appreciation for Konkani literature and arts.

6. National Seminar :

St. Xavier's College Mapusa, in collaboration with Dalgado Konknni Akademi (DKA) Panjim, Goa, organized a national seminar on the topic "Romi Kav'ya Ovixkar" on 15th March 2024 at the Seminar hall of St. Xavier's College. The seminar aimed to delve into the realm of Romi poetry, exploring its various forms and significance in Konkani literature.

In his address, Mr. Valley Quadros, the chief guest, expressed his delight at the initiative taken by St. Xavier's College and DKA in exploring the nuances of Romi poetry. He emphasized the rich heritage of Konkani literature and encouraged scholars to delve deeper into Romi Kav'ya Ovixkar, stating, "Romi poetry is not just a literary form; it is a reflection of our cultural ethos, and it is imperative to delve into its intricacies to preserve our linguistic heritage."

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Minguel Braganza, a fervent admirer of Konkani literature. He underscored the necessity of comprehensive research on Romi Kav'ya Ovixkar, shedding light on the contributions of numerous Konkani authors.

The seminar comprised two sessions focusing on different aspects of Romi poetry. The first session, chaired by Mr. Valley Quadros, centered on Romi poems. Dr. Chandralekha D'Souza presented a paper on the evolution of Romi Poetry over time. Ms. Rajeshree Sail highlighted the distinctiveness of Romi Poetry, while Ms. Queenie Viegas analyzed the poetic works of Cyril Fernandes.

The second session, chaired by Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo, delved into Mando-Dulpodam. Prof. Cosma Fernandes explored Mando and Dulpodam as literary forms,

while Fr. Kelwin Monteiro provided insights into the Mando festival through a case study. Fr. Roman Rodrigues offered an analysis of Mando and Dulpodam.

The seminar provided a platform for scholars and enthusiasts to engage in scholarly discourse, furthering the understanding and appreciation of Romi poetry within the Konkani literary landscape.



DEPARTMENT OF MARATHI

Educational Field Trip to Cabo de Rama fort, Canacona:

Department of Marathi of St. Xavier's College organised an educational field trip to Birla Temple, Mahalasa Narayani Temple & Cabo-de-Rama Fort, Canacona on 4th February 2024. This study trip was organised to enlighten the students of Marathi on Goan culture, history & heritage. 30 students from SYBA and TYBA attended the same. Dr. Prachi Joshi and Ms. Veena Kerikar from the Department of Marathi accompanied the students.



World Marathi Day Celebration: World Marathi Day was celebrated by Department of Marathi of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa on 29th February 2024. The Chief guest for the function was the well-known resource person in Goan Marathi Folk Literature, Ms. Poornima Kerkar, from Keri Sattari Goa. Various competitions were held, i.e., monologue, solo & group dance, solo singing competition, rangoli competition, elocution competition, poetry recitation competition, essay writing competition and reel making competition etc.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

First place at Inter-Collegiate Competition: Miss. Prachi Manerikar, Miss. Gayatri Sakhalkar, Miss. Deeplakshmi Neswankar, Miss. Amisha Gadekar from the TYBA Marathi class of St. Xavier's College participated in the Inter collegiate competitions on the occasion of Marathi day organised by Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal Panchkroshi on 27th February 2024. The students secured First place in group dance. Miss Deeplakshmi Neswankar secured 2nd place in Fancy dress competition. Miss. Prachi Manerikar secured 2nd place in Solo singing. The students were accompanied by Dr. Prachi Joshi, Assistant Professor from Department of Marathi.



National Conference on Translation Practices in Administration, Media and Literature:

Students of FYBA Marathi attended the Two days National conference organised by Department of English, Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar, on the topic **Translation Practices in Administration, Media and Literature** on 16th and 17th January 2024 at Goa Science Centre, Miramar Panaji Goa, along with Assistant Professor Dr. Apurva Betkekar from Department of Marathi.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

1) Field Trip

A Field Trip was conducted for the FYBA, SYBA and TYBA students of Philosophy, on 18th February, 2024 to religious places as the Lairai temple in Shirgao, Brahma Karmali temple in Valpoi, the Dargah in Old Goa, St. Francis Assisi Church, the Se Cathedral and the St. Augustinian tower Goa and the Gurudwara in Betim. The students got a opportunity to delve into the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Goa. The trip was instrumental in instilling a sense of respect and appreciation for the multitude of beliefs that contribute to the cultural tapestry of Goan society.

2) Session by Counsellors

Organized a **session** on 16th March 2024, for the students of FYBA on 'Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning' by college counsellors, Ms Zaneta D'Mello and Mr Cipriano Fernandes.

3) 'Philofest'

Philofest which is an acronym of 'Festival of Philosophy' was held on 11th March, 2024 to commemorate the World Philosophy Day, which is an international day proclaimed by UNESCO. The theme 'Celebrating Difference' sought to promote and foster one's unique personality and thereby aid in bringing about a state of eudaemonia in each person. The programme showcased the talent of students of Philosophy through artistic performances such as dance, singing, reciting poetry. The second part of the celebration was a display by students of rare collections of stamps, books and handmade crafts.



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1. Exhibition on 75th Republic Day

The Department of Political Science organized an exhibition on the theme '75th Republic Day: Achievements & Challenges' on January 26, 2024. The event aimed to foster a deeper connection with constitutional values and highlight the responsibilities of citizens in contributing to a better India. Students from FYBA and FYBSc actively participated in the event, contributing to the exhibition through various creative formats such as posters, poetry, and essays.



2. Study Field Trip to Goa State Legislative Assembly

The department of Political Science organized a field trip to the Goa State Legislative Assembly on 5th February 2024 to watch the live proceedings of day 2 of the Sixth Session of the Assembly. The students watched the 'Question Hour'. It gave them insights into the working of the state legislature. 100 students attended the Assembly session accompanied by the faculty members from the department.



3. Study Tour

On 8th March 2024, the Department of Political Science organized an enriching one-day study tour for students. The tour aimed to provide practical insights into political history and governance structures. A total of 97 students, accompanied by four faculty members, participated in the study tour. The students visited the Goa State Museum, housed in the Old

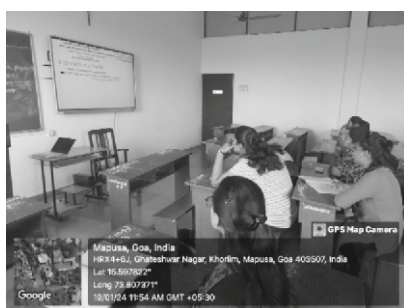


Secretariat building, Panaji, the Raj Bhavan, the official residence of the Governor of Goa, Dona Paula, and the historic Reis Magos fort at Verem.



4. Public Lecture on Citizen-Centric Administration

On March 28, 2024, a public lecture on 'Citizen-Centric Administration' was held at the St. Xavier's College Seminar Hall, organized by the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy, Goa University under the aegis of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance, in collaboration with St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. The event aimed to explore the nuances of citizen-centric approaches in governance. Renowned scholar Professor Jeevan Kumar, an expert in Development Politics and Administration, Indian Government and Politics, and Gandhian Studies, delivered the lecture. The lecture was attended by over 100 undergraduate and postgraduate students from various disciplines of St. Xavier's College, along with faculty members. The Coordinator was Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges, HOD, Department of Political Science and Co- coordinator was Dr. Sharmila Pais e Martins, HOD, Department of History, St. Xavier's College.



5. A) Coffee Series: The Citizenship (Amendment) Act in India-a paper by Harrison Akins

On January 19, 2024, as part of the Coffee Series, Ms. Richa Kajoli delivered a presentation on "The Citizenship (Amendment) Act in India." a paper, authored by Harrison Akins, a policy analyst aimed to examine the provisions of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and its implications on India. The presentation was held for the FYBA Minor students.

B) Coffee Series: Understanding the awareness of Human Rights among Goan Youth and Influence of Patriarchy And Gender Biases on the Political Participation of Women

Under the guidance of Mr. Prasad Naik, faculty of the Department, a discussion on the TYBA projects were taken up on 11th March 2024 in the TYBA Indian Administration class. The

students made submissions on the project research, 'Understanding the awareness of Human Rights among Goan Youth' and 'Influence of Patriarchy And Gender Biases on the Political Participation of Women'. A fruitful discussion followed.

C) Coffee Series: 'General Elections-2024

As part of the research discussions, 'Coffee Series,' the Department of Political Science convened an



insightful session on the forthcoming 'General Elections-2024,' for the TYBA Honours (Political Science) students on 8 April 2024. Led by the HOD, Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges, the discussion delved into nuanced observations on the upcoming elections, emphasizing the pivotal roles of the Election Commission and various political entities.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

1. All Goa Youth Gram Sabha Competition and All Goa Quiz Competition, 2023

St. Xavier's College participated in the first All Goa Youth Gram Sabha Competition, 2023 held on 18th December 2023, and the All Goa Quiz Competition, 2023 held on 21st December 2023 at the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD), Old Goa.



2. Politika- 2024



St. Xavier's College participated in the Intercollegiate Competition, Politika 2024, organised by Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar, Panaji on 13th January 2024. Ms. Diksha Sanju Tupkar (SYBA) bagged the First place in Essay Writing Competition while, Ms. Mansi Prabhu Bhat Gaonkar (TYBA) secured the Second place in the Elocution Competition. Overall, St. Xavier's College won the Runners-Up Trophy at Politika, 2024.

3. Students' Parliament Competition, 2024

The Students of St. Xavier's College participated in the Students' Parliament Competition 2024 organised by the Goa Legislature Secretariat on 12/2/2024. The students enacted the Legislative Assembly 'Sitting' for 90 minutes in which various legislative business items were taken up like Question hour, Zero Hour, Passing of a Bill, Private Member Resolution, Calling Attention Motion, Obituary and Congratulatory



References. Twenty-nine students participated in the competition. They were trained by the faculty of Department of Political Science.

4. Two-Day National Workshop

Ms. Advika Fadte and Ms. Saumya Shirgaonkar from SYBA participated in a two-day national workshop "Mahila Sabhas & Bal Sabhas: A Platform for Inclusion of Vulnerable Communities."



on the 5th and 6th March, 2024, organised by the Department of Political Science at Government College, Khandola, Marcela in collaboration with the Western Regional Centre (WRC) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Media and Psychology in Action

On February 27, 2024, the Department of Psychology at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, hosted an event titled "My Product, My Service," organized by Fr. Dr. Ramiro Luis. This event featured second-year students from the generic elective course, who presented brochures advertising imaginative products or services. Designed using psychological principles, these brochures showcased the students' innovative approaches to entrepreneurship through the integration of media and psychology. The event, held in the college's conference hall, highlighted the practical application of Media and Psychology.

An Experience-Filled Talk

On February 29, 2024, the Department hosted a session for Human Resource Management students with alumni Ms. Sameera Khan, VP at InFeedo. Ms. Khan, a 2013 graduate of St.



Xavier's College and Master's degree holder in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Wadia College of Arts and Science, Pune, shared career advice on leveraging extracurricular activities, internships, and networking. Emphasizing stepping out of comfort zones and exploring opportunities beyond academics and Goa, she addressed student concerns

submitted via a Google link. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and a token presentation, coordinated by Dr. Ubaldina Noronha, and attended by around 45 students.

Field Trip to Verna

On March 3, 2024, Fr. Dr. Ramiro Luis organized a field trip for Environmental Psychology students of the FY MC class, in collaboration with the Centre for Responsible Tourism of GOA CARITAS, led by Fr. Freddy Braganza. The trip offered students an opportunity to explore Verna village, experiencing its rich culture and natural beauty. Students visited village springs, explored nearly extinct local occupations, enjoyed local food, and participated in the local Kunbi dance. This enriching experience deepened their appreciation for the region's natural and cultural heritage.

PSYNERGY

The Department of Psychology organized its Annual Psychology Festival titled '**PSYNERGY**' on March 18, 2024. The festival featured events such as Affective Elegance (Dance), Cognitive Inquiry (Quiz), Psychoemotive Captures (Photography), Emotive Artistry (Painting), Psych Quest (Treasure Hunt), Emotional Extravaganza (Fashion Show), and Mr. and Ms. Psynergy. The event showcased the talents of psychology students, bringing theory into action. Principal Prof. Blanche Mascarenhas emphasized the importance of applying theoretical knowledge in practical settings. Mr. Psynergy was awarded to Shanoor Shaikh, and Ms. Psynergy to Claire Athena Gomes. The event was coordinated by Elysia Luis, with co-coordinators Desiree Fernandes and Ashaando Mendes.



Summer Internship Programme

The Summer Internship Programme at Kripa Foundation, Anjuna, held from May 18 to June 18, 2023, provided 32 Psychology students with practical exposure to drug de-addiction. Coordinated by Elvira Pereira, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology, the program offered hands-on experience in detoxification, counseling, and behavioral therapies. Students observed the medical detoxification process, attended counseling sessions, and learned about Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI). They also participated in group sharing sessions, facilitated discussions, and engaged in complementary activities like yoga, meditation, and seminars on addiction and mental health. The program significantly enriched students' personal and professional growth, providing valuable real-world experience.



Departmental Meetings

To ensure the common shared goals of the department and enhance the teaching-learning experience for students, departmental meetings are held regularly. These meetings facilitate coordination, planning, and the continuous improvement of educational strategies within the Department of Psychology.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Field Trip

The Department of Sociology organised a **field trip** on 4th February 2024 to three spots of socio-cultural significance. Sixty students visited the Usgalimol Petroglyphs on the banks of river Kushavati in Rivona, Sanguem taluka. The Petroglyphs are considered to be approximately 10,000 years old depicting figures of various animals, carved animal footprints, probably Mother Goddess symbols, fertility symbols – the petroglyphs gave the students a glimpse into millennia old human activity. Pantaleao Fernandes, an avid photographer, author and ethnographer, accompanied the group as a resource person. He threw light on the possible meanings of the petroglyphs, their time-line and the history of their discovery.



The students visited two Sati stones next. Sati stones are found across the state and mark the patriarchal practise of widows requiring them to immolate themselves on their husband's funeral pyre. The next stop was at the Buddhist caves in Rivona where the students learned of the Buddhist presence in the region. The students were accompanied by Prof. Afonso

Botelho, Head of Department of Sociology and Asst. Prof. Freda Tavares.

Debate

Ms Elizabeth Bara organised a **debate on the topic 'Should Marital Rape be Criminalised?'** The SYBA students who had opted for this paper on 'Gender and Violence' participated in the same which was held in March 2024.

Public Speaking Skills Workshop

The students of SYBA who were offered the paper titled Corporate Interpersonal Skills were provided an opportunity to enhance their **public speaking** skills through an activity which required them to speak on various topics for a duration of one minute. The same students were also involved in a group activity wherein they were provided different scenarios at workplace. They were required to discern the type of discrimination and its impact on the individual and society.

Gender and Society: Some Emerging Issues

The TYBA students of '**Gender and Society: Some Emerging Issues**' analysed advertisements appearing in different print and broadcast media to understand the gender stereotypes prevalent in the society and consequent forms of violence caused by such portrayal. A movie 'Provoked' was also screened and watched jointly by SY and TY students which made the students aware of the types and intensity of violence against women. 'Admitted', a biopic on transgender individual was screened to help the students understand their struggles and violence they face due to their identity.

Prof. Afonso Botelho, Professor and HOD, availed of the Sabbatical Leave available to the teachers of the Colleges and did research on the village of Betalbatim. At the end of the year-long Leave he published a book on '**Emigration, Tourism, In-migration and Occupational Diversification in Betalbatim, Goa.**

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

The students Sociology were declared Runners-up at the one-day state level inter-collegiate event '**Sociofiesta**' on 16th February 2024. The theme was 'Rethinking Tomorrow: Crisis of the 21st Century and the Way Forward,' which helped the students to analyze, discuss, and express views on contemporary issues. The students were accompanied by Prof. Afonso Botelho.



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

A fieldtrip was conducted on 27 February 2024 by the Department of Geography under the guidance of Dr. DadapirJakatfor the students of S.Y.B.A ,GE-Geography students in coordination with the Forest Department of Goa.Consent forms were signed by every student attending the fieldtrip. A student committee was formed totake care of snacks and beverages , discipline and to keep a head count of every individual. The students were asked to assemble at theGandhi Circle – Mapusa Bus Stand at 8.00 a.m. The journey began at 8.30 a.m. The places visited are as follows:-

Khandepar Pandava Caves

Situated on the banks of river Khandepar in Goa , KhandeparCaves are a group of free standing caves cut with rocks. These rock cut caves are dated back to 10th and 11th century , when it's constructional style was just structural. One of the finest rock cut sanctuaries in Goa , Khandepar Caves boast of three exquisite cave structures which are similar in



pattern and carved from a single block. These are among the oldest treasures of Goa which was rediscovered in 1970.

Shree Kapileshwar Daevasthan

The main temple of Ponda, Kapileshwar Temple is dedicated to “the destroyer” from the Hindu holy trinity -Lord Rudra / Shiva. This temple was built in the 18th century. This place has a peaceful aura. The prominent feature of its courtyard is the small alter adorned with Tulsi plant (basil) which is considered very auspicious in the Hindi scriptures. On one side of the courtyard steps lead to a water tank whose still green waters speak of the history that has been witnessed. Legends say this is the birthplace of sage Kapila who was an acclaimed sage in the Hindu Mythology.



Safa Masjid

Built by Ibrahim Ali Adil Shah in 1560 A.D. Safa Masjid is situated in Ponda Taluka. It is rectangular in shape and consists of a water tank in the south. The water tank has natural springs. It consists of six flights of stairs all around it. The mosque is built of locally available laterite stone. It has a triple arched façade. Externally it has arches on all the four sides. The mosque is relatively small and consists of a single prayer hall with no columns. At present the tank is used for ablution as well as a community well and a resting space.



Mollem National Park and Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary

This area was initially known as the Mollem Game Sanctuary and later in 1969, it came to be referred as a Wildlife Sanctuary while the core region of this park came to be addressed as the Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary. This core area covers 107 kms of area and the whole area along with other circle of the park, combined to be known as the Mollem national Park in the year 1978. With a huge area replete with lush greenery, the Park houses a variety of plants, trees, bushes and flowers, some of which are highly popular and also have remedial or medicinal qualities. It is actually a Tropical Evergreen forest of the West Coast of India and has some Moist Deciduous plants as well. The region homes a variety of mammals, birds, a



huge variety of colorful and bright butterflies and some dangerous reptiles as well. The area also has a beautiful waterfall referred to as “Dudhsagar Falls,” meaning the Sea of Milk. The waterfall got its name from the foamy white water that falls as a result of the force of the height.

The students visited all the places and were given a break of one hour to have lunch and rest followed by a small trek at the Mollem National Park where they were accompanied by two guides from the Forest Department of Goa.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Educational Field Trips

The SEC Botany students visited Mr. Farmer Nursery at Guirim, Mapusa in Semester I. Ms. Sabina Dias, Dr. Harshala Shetgaokar, Dr. James D' Souza, Dr. Maria D'Souza, Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar and Ms. Sukhada accompanied the students. And in semester II the students visited Cazcar Distillery, Nanora Goa. Students were accompanied by Ms. Sabina Dias, Dr. Harshala Shetgaokar and Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar. The MC Botany students visited Kuddem Kabderam farm. They were accompanied Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar and Ms. Sukhada Salkar.

Field trip to Mollem Biodiversity Park, was organized for B.Sc. (Botany Major) students in the first and second semester. Dr. Wendy Martins, Dr. Seema Fernandes and Ms. Sukhada Salkar accompanied the students in the first semester and Dr. Wendy Martins, Dr. James D'Souza and Ms. Reeta Mandrekar in the second semester.

Field trip was conducted to the hills and plateau of Camurlim, Bardez and to Jogger's Park, Althino Panjim by Dr. Harshala Shetgaokar and Ms. Maria de souza respectively.

Courses Conducted

A certificate course on microfungi was organized titled “Collection, Isolation and Identification of Microfungi” The course was conducted by Dr. Maria A. D'Souza.

Observance of Days

On the occasion of the 'World Habitat Day' a photography competition titled 'Plant Habitat' was organised. The students had to submit a soft copy as well as a hard copy of post card size. Mr. Conceicao De souza, Dr. Harshala Shetgaokar and Dr. James D'souza were the judges. The first place was won by Destiny D'souza (FYBA) and the second place was shared by Merlyn Fernandes (SYBSc.) and Kinosha (SYBSc.). The program was coordinated by Dr. Wendy Martins. On the occasion of National Science Day, an event termed "Xavier's Open Lab Day" under DBT STAR college scheme was organized. The event was organized to promote science and technology for the school students and also to make them aware of the various courses available in the science field. This activity was co-ordinated by Dr. James D` Souza and helped by Dr. Wendy Martins, Mr Conceicao De souza and Dr. Maria D` Souza.

Best Practises

The department displays a plant - 'Plant of the Week' so that the students are aware of the plants and their uses. This activity was co-ordinated by Dr. Seema D. Fernandes.

Preparation of compost from bio degradable waste of the department, prepared and maintained by our department.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

Our students did us proud by securing the first place in the **intercollegiate** event “BOTANICA” organized by Botany Department of Goa University. Dr. Seema D. Fernandes was the teacher in-charge.

Two students of T.Y.B.Sc Botany, Ms. Alima Fernandes and Ms. Canriya Coelho of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa Goa participated in “The 31st Annual Festival of Plant and Flowers in the year 2023”, Organized by Green Heritage Eco Club of ST. Francis Xavier's High School, Siolim Bardez Goa Dr. Seema D. Fernandes was the teacher in-charge.



DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Intercollegiate Oral Quiz Competition on the topic “Green Chemistry and Laboratory safety for better sustainability”

On 11th December 2023, Our T.Y. BSc Chemistry students Mr.Swarajya Patil and Ms. Saniya Kovthankar accompanied by Dr. Mira Parmekar from the Department of Chemistry, participated in an Intercollegiate Oral Quiz Competition on the topic “Green Chemistry and Laboratory safety for better sustainability” Organized by Green Club, Department



of Chemistry Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao. The two-student team participated in the quiz where altogether 06 teams from different Science colleges also took part. Mr. Swarajya Patil and Ms. Saniya Kovthankar emerged as the Winners of the Intercollegiate Competition. The students were mentored by faculties Dr. Mira Parmekar and Dr. Rheane Da Silva who teach the T.Y.BSc. Green Chemistry paper. Departmental In-Charge Ms. Edwina Periera. played a key role in encouraging and motivating the students to participate in the Quiz.

Interactive talk for FYBSc ,SYBSc and TYBSc Chemistry Students on "Soft Core Vs Hard Core Chemistry in the light of Education Foresight"

The Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College -Mapusa, Goa in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India under the DBT Star College Scheme organized a Interactive talk for FYBSc ,SYBSc and TYBSc Chemistry Students on "Soft Core Vs Hard Core Chemistry in the light of Education Foresight" on 13 January 2024 at the Conference Hall Post Graduate Block of St Xavier's College. The Resource Persons for the session were Ms Havana Kay Carmel Menezes Research Scholar Wageningen University & Research Centre Netherlands and Mr Leo Francisco Blaise D'Souza Research Scholar School of Chemical Sciences Goa University. Ms Havana Kay Carmel Menezes discoursed on educational foresight studying in the Netherlands and abroad. She also shared her educational experiences during her Master's program at Wageningen University & Research Centre Netherlands, Research Thesis in Dubai where she did soil analysis for salinity levels under date palm trees. Mr Leo Francisco Blaise D'Souza delivered a inspiring talk on Core Chemistry in our everyday life. Alchemists who endeavoured to transform "base metals" such as lead into "noble metals" like gold, and to create elixirs to cure disease and extend life. The talk was Co-ordinated by Dr. Andrew D'Souza and HoD Department of Chemistry, Ms. Kathleen Pinto.

State Level 3-Day workshop: "Hands-on Training on Sophisticated Analytical Instruments; Infrared spectroscopy, UV-Vis spectroscopy, High-performance liquid chromatography, Gas chromatography, X-Ray diffraction analysis and Cyclic voltametry"

A State Level 3-Day workshop: "Hands-on Training on Sophisticated Analytical Instruments; Infrared spectroscopy, UV-Vis spectroscopy, High-performance liquid chromatography, Gas chromatography, X-Ray diffraction analysis and Cyclic voltametry" was organized from 5th-7th February 2024 at St. Xavier's College, Post Graduate Block. This event was funded by the Directorate of Higher Education Government of Goa. In total 6 Colleges from across Goa, Carmel College of Arts, Science and



Commerce for Women, Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Goa College of Agriculture, P.E.S's R.S.N College of Arts & Science, St. Joseph Vaz College and Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science registered for the Hands-on Training on Sophisticated Analytical Instruments. 54 participants of whom 8 students were from the undergraduate level, 39 students were from the Post Graduate level and 7 faculty members attended the Hands-on Training. The Workshop was Co-ordinated by Dr. Andrew D'Souza and HoD, Ms. Kathleen Pinto

8th Annual 'Festival of Innovation: Goa's Young Innovators'

The 8th Annual 'Festival of Innovation: Goa's Young Innovators', a State Level Workshop for School, Higher Secondary School and College students, funded by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, was organized on 15th February 2024. This workshop witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 28 institutions from across Goa, bringing with them their innovative models, to share their technological ideas and scientific innovations. The event was coordinated by Ms. Flavia Travasso, Ms. Sheryl D'Cruz and Ms. Shivta Mhamal, Assistant Professors, under the guidance of Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Head, Department of Chemistry. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Vaibhav Chhabra, Co-Founder, Makers Asylum, who also delivered the Keynote address on innovations. The judges for the Goa's Young Innovators competition were: Dr. Anjani Nagvenkar, Assistant Professor, SCS, Goa University; Ms. Samidha Narvekar & Mr. Leo D'Souza, Research Scholars, SCS, Goa University; Mr. Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Alumnus, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa and Mr. Keegan Pinto, Ex- General Manager Maintenance, Rajdeep Builders.

'Open Lab Day' celebrations

As part of the National Science Day 2024 'Open Lab Day' celebrations, the Dept. of Chemistry



welcomed approximately 450 school students from schools across Goa including Holy Cross HS, Siolim; Holy Cross HS, Bastora; SFX HS, Mapusa; St. Anne's HS, Thivim, Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao, St. Alloysius HS, Benaulim, Our Lady of Rosary HS, Mandrem; New Goa HS, Mapusa; Sacred Heart HS, Parra; SFX HS, Mapusa and SFX HS, Siolim. Several





exhibits, demonstrations and an interactive session based on chemistry concepts were designed and creatively presented to awaken scientific temper and foster the spirit of enquiry among young minds. Mr. Mahesh Nair, Assistant Professor co-ordinated the Lab Day in the Department of Chemistry.

“Rangoli Competition”

To inculcate the spirit of scientific temper and to showcase the creativity of our students, the Department of Chemistry of St.

Xavier's College, organized a splash of colours in the form of “Rangoli Competition” on the theme: 'Science in Day to Day Life', on 28th February 2024. A total of 6 teams comprising of two members each, participated in the same. The competition commenced at 09:30 am. The participants created their unique artform on 90 x 90cm area in two hours duration using sand based rangoli colours and had even made use of flowers & different leaves to enhance its aesthetic look.



“Educational Visit to Amsarveda, Amsar, Colvale Industrial estate”

The Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College -Mapusa, Goa organised an "Educational Visit to Amsarveda, Amsar, Colvale Industrial estate" on 12th March 2024. The educational visit was a part of learning the pedagogy of the Skill Enhancement Course, FY-UG NEP Programme "Chemistry of Cosmetics and Perfumes". The visit to this cosmeceutical facility offered the students a fascinating insight into the intersection of cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Cosmeceuticals are cosmetic products that claim to have medicinal or drug-like benefits due to their active ingredients. At the facility, the students on arrival were welcomed by Dr. Supriya Hyam, R & D Manager and then taken inside the storage warehouse to show the raw material storage and weighing. Later they were sectioned into groups and taken inside the processing unit where the tablet formulation was shown. Following that the students were taken to the QC labs where first in the chemistry section the students were demonstrated the essential oil extraction on small scale using fractional distillatory. Further in the Biology section they were demonstrated and explained the process of identification of the purity and quality of the extracted essential oil using HPTLC and matching it with the data in Ayurvedic pharmacopeia. The Visit was Co-ordinated by HoD Ms. Kathleen Pinto and Dr. Mira Parmekar. Ms. Milagrina accompanied the students.



Annual Third Year Chemistry Students Quiz

The Annual Third Year Chemistry Students Quiz was held on 16th March 2024 in the TYBSc Chemistry Classroom. In all 50 students appeared for this intra-class written quiz co-ordinated by Dr. Mira Parmekar and Ms. Milagrina D'Souza. The purpose of the quiz was to increase the aptitude of the students towards the core subject knowledge. The following students were the top scorers. First place Sania Kovthankar, second place Ms. Saloni Mandrekar. Third place, Ms.

Sanisha Pereira, fourth place Ms. Swezel Mendes and fifth place was shared by Ms. Amisha Kumari and Mr. Swarajya Patil. The students were thrilled to answer the quiz which would prepare them for their future job prospects. Dr. Johnross Albuquerque and HoD, Ms. Kathleen Pinto supported in the smooth conduct of the Quiz.

Industrial Visit to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Colvale Goa

On 23rd March 2024, an Industrial Visit to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Colvale Goa was



organized for T.Y.BSc. and S.Y.BSc. students. Dr. Johnross Albuquerque and Mr. Clarence Rodrigues accompanied the students. The trip was coordinated by Mr Clarence, under the guidance of Ms. Kathleen Pinto, HoD Chemistry Department. The students got the opportunity to see the QC and QA departments, interact with the Chemists and see both wet labs as well as the various instruments like HPLC, IR etc.



Career Opportunities in Chemistry was conducted for the SYBSc students

An insightful session on Career Opportunities in Chemistry was conducted for the SYBSc students on 23rd March 2024.

The session aimed to provide students with valuable insights into both industrial and academic career paths within the field of chemistry. The resource persons were Alumni Ms. Yekshita Parab, a Process Development Scientist at Deccan Fine Chemicals Pvt Ltd, and Ms. Mamta



Prabhugaonkar, Assistant Professor at the PG section of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa. Ms. Parab elaborated on her journey as a process development scientist, offering students a glimpse into the practical applications of chemistry in real-world scenarios. Later, Ms. Prabhugaonkar emphasized that teaching extends beyond school and higher secondary levels, encompassing roles in colleges and universities, thereby highlighting the diverse career paths available in academia. This talk was Co-ordinated by HoD, Ms. Kathleen Pinto and Dr. Rheane Da Silva

Interactive session for T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry students

An interactive session for T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry students was conducted by the College Counselors, Ms. Zaneta D'Mello and Mr. Cipriano Fernandes on the topic 'Stress Management and Life Skills'. This session was held on 30th March 2024 wherein students were given insights

on social skills, thinking skills and emotional skills. The students got an opportunity to understand these skills through role plays, puzzle solving and case studies. The Counselors also highlighted the need for stress management and taught the students to take a meditative approach towards coping with stress. The session was coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Head, Dept. of Chemistry and Ms. Flavia Travasso, Assistant Professor.

Internship Programme for students



In order to encourage our students to explore and acquaint them with work culture in real work environment, the Department of Chemistry, organised an internship programme for students of S.Y.BSc and T.Y.BSc Chemistry. Under this collaboration 23 students were placed in various pharma industries to learn and study the best technologies employed in today's industries and to understand the latest instrumentation techniques used in chemical analysis. This experience also enables them to learn about latest norms in FDA regulations throughout the world, and help sharpen their skills, while also helping them relate with topic they learn in their course. The period of internship varied from one month to ten days. The programme was co-ordinated by MS. Kathleen Pinto (HoD of Chemistry) and Mr. Clarence Rodrigues.



Educational tour to Kerala

The Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa organised an Educational Tour to Kerala for its Third Year B.Sc. Chemistry students from 7th May to 11th May 2024. This educational tour was coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Pinto, H.o.D, Ms. Shivta Mhamal and Ms. Flavia Travasso, Assistant Professors, Department of Chemistry. Thirty two students accompanied by three faculty members embarked on this educational tour to enhance their knowledge in the practical and research field. The group visited the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi wherein they visited the Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology. Dr. Prasanth Raghavan, H.o.D warmly welcomed the



group for this educational visit. During the visit, Ms. Sitara gave an explanation on the various instruments used in the research process at the department. Some of the instruments shown were Freeze Dryer/Lyophilizer Contact Angle Goniometer, Universal Testing Machine (UT) and the Dynamic machine analyser. At the Rubber Technology Laboratory, Ms. Aparna gave insights on the various instruments used there such as the Rubber processing analyser, Rheo Line Multi-Function meter, Mooney Viscometer, Melt flow tester, the internal mixer and the micro injection mould.

The group also visited the famous tourist destinations of Kochi such as St. Francis Church, Fort Kochi, Dutch Palace and the Jewish synagogue. The group later proceeded to Munnar wherein the famous places of tourist attraction visited were Spice Plantation, Chocolate Factory, Kundala Lake, Echo Point, Mattupetty Dam, Gap Road, Tata Tea Museum and Tea Factory. The educational tour was a very wonderful learning experience for the students and faculty members.

Talk on “Essentials of Herbal topicals”

The Department of Chemistry organized a talk by Dr. Supriya Hyam, R & D Manager, Amsar Goa Pvt. Ltd, Colvale, titled “Essentials of Herbal topicals” on the 17th Feb 2024. She shared some valuable insights on cosmetics products and formulations including, lotions, creams, gels, and various skin care products, and advantages of using natural based ingredients like shea butter, beeswax, etc. She also showed various samples of natural based cosmetics excipients and demonstrated their various differences based on the processing techniques adopted. The talk was attended by FY and SY SEC students. It was coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Pinto (HoD of Chemistry), Mr. Clarence Rodrigues and Dr. Rheane Da Silva. The talk was attended by over 58 SEC students (46 SY+ 12FY) and 8 faculty.



Training sessions for GU-ART

Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa organized Training sessions for GU-ART (Goa University Admission Ranking Test) for securing admissions to Post Graduate programmes offered at the Goa University and Affiliated Colleges. Funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India under the DBT Star College Scheme. Convener of this training session was Ms Kathleen Pinto, HoD Chemistry, and Co-ordinators Ms. Milagrina D'Souza, Dr. Mira Parmekar; & co-coordinators Ms Flavia Travasso & Dr. Johnross Albuquerque.

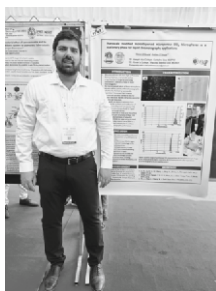
"Demonstration and Hands on Training on Soil and Water Sampling Techniques"

The Department of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College -Mapusa, Goa in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India under the DBT Star College Scheme organised a "Demonstration and Hands on Training on Soil and Water Sampling Techniques" on 16 March 2024 for FYBSc SEC Chemistry Students who have opted for the paper "Water and Soil Analysis CHC141" at the Conference Hall Post Graduate Block of St Xavier's College. The Resource Person for the session was Mr Satish Patil Assistant Professor of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry at Goa College of Agriculture.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

DBT BUILDER Bioprocess Technology Workshop

Assistant Professor Dr Andrew Joseph D'Souza enthusiastically participated in the 3 day DBT BUILDER Bioprocess Technology Workshop from 20th to 22nd February 2024 organised by the Department of Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus. Mr Paraj A. Kamat Malayekar Technical Assistant G-II (Dept. Biological Sciences) Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani conducted the Workshop on 1) Operation of Continuous/ Floor Model Centrifuge 2) Operation of Tangential Flow Filtration system 3) Operation of Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography, Size Exclusion Liquid Chromatography. 4) Operation of High Performance Liquid Chromatography 5) Operation of In-situ Sterilizable 50 Liter Fermenter.



Poster Presentation

Dr. Andrew Joseph D'Souza also participated and presented an Offline Poster Presentations on his research work at International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials And Devices - 2024 from February 26 – February 29, 2024 organized by Nanotechnology Research Centre (NRC) at SRMIST, Chennai.

Chemtalsea 5.0

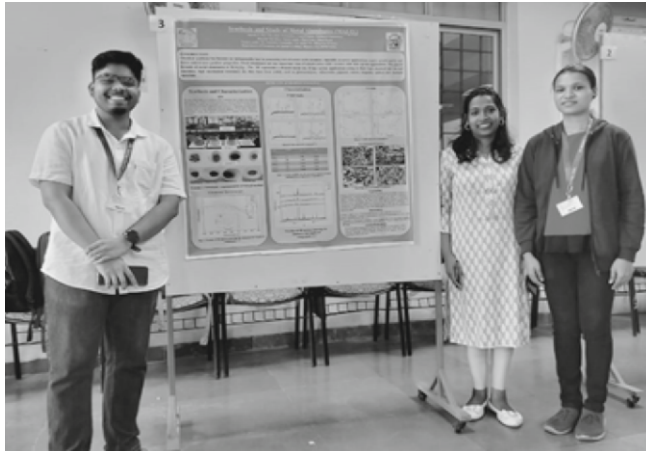
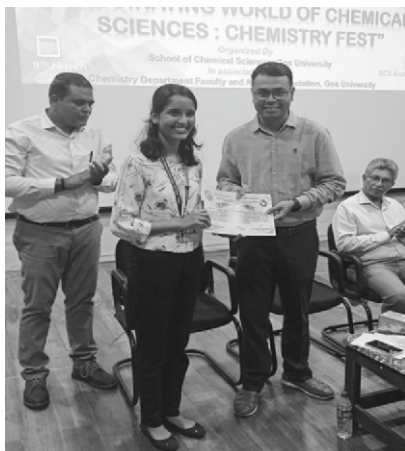
A team of 15 students of FYBSc, SYBSc and TYBSc comprising of Ritusha Palyekar (Team leader), Ishika Chodankar, Diya Malik, Sunidhi Naik, Ostira D'Souza, Merlyn Fernandes, Khushi Gad, Saloni Karapurkar, Anezka Fonseca, Riya Pednekar, Sejal Shetkar, Sonia Salkar, Gautami Desai, Shivang Shirodkar and Swarajya Patil, titled Team Entropy Eagles represented St. Xavier's College at an Inter-collegiate Chemistry event Chemtalsea 5.0, organised by DM's College, Assagao on 6th March 2024. The team won



FIRST place for the events, Surflame (Singing) credited to Ms. Ostira D'Souza and Ms. Merlyn Fernandes, and Chemball (Dance) credited to Ms. Ritusha Palyekar, Ms. Ishika Chodankar, Ms. Diya Malik, Ms. Sonia Salkar, Ms. Sunidhi Naik and Ms. Gautami Desai. SECOND Place for the events, Eco hunt (Treasure hunt) credited to Ms. Saloni Karapurkar and Mr. Shivang Shirodkar, and Let Colours Dance (eco painting) credited to Ms. Khushi Gad and Ms. Sonia Salkar. THIRD place for the event Chempell (Word puzzles) credited to Ms. Anezka Fonseca and Ms. Riya Pednekar. The team overall emerged as the First Runners-up for the Intercollegiate competition.

16th Annual One Day Symposium on the theme, "FASCINATING WORLD OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES"

School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University in association with Chemistry Department Faculty and Alumni Association (CDFAA), Goa University organised 16th Annual One Day Symposium on the theme, "FASCINATING WORLD OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES" for the T. Y. B.Sc. Chemistry Students of Science Colleges in Goa on Saturday, 9th March 2024. Along



with the Third Year students who participated in the event, 3 faculty members who were guiding these students for their projects also accompanied them. The Competition was held in two categories of which Ms. Dalcy Fernandes secured 2nd Place in the Oral presentation for her Project work entitled "Substituted Ferrites for Catalytic and Antimicrobial applications" guided by Dr. Mira Parmekar. Mr. Aneesh Pal and Ms. Srushti Gawas also presented their work entitled "Synthesis and Study of metal aluminates" and "Characterization and Identification of Organic compounds in Moringa Oleifera" carried out under the guideship of their accompanying guides Ms. Milagrina D'Souza and Dr. Rheane Da Silva respectively for the Poster competition.

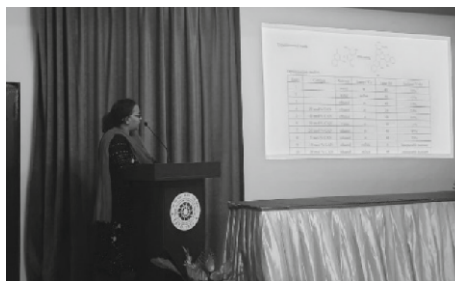


Intercollegiate Quiz Competition organized by ACT at Goa University

Our T.Y. BSc Chemistry students Mr. Swarajya Patil and Ms. Saniya Kovthakar won the Third Place at the Intercollegiate Quiz Competition organized by ACT at Goa University on 2nd February 2024. The students were mentored by Assistant Professor's Dr. Mira Parmekar, Dr. Rheane Da Silva and Ms. Milagrina D' Souza under the guideship of Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Head of the Department of Chemistry

Oral Presentation on "An alternate method for the synthesis of medicinally important Biscoumarins"

Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, presented an Oral Presentation on "An alternate method for the synthesis of medicinally important Biscoumarins" at the 2 day International Conference on "Green Chemistry and Intellectual Property for United Nations Sustainable Development Goals" organized by Department of Chemistry, DM's College and Research Centre, Assagao in association with Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa on 22nd and 23rd March 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Exabyte 2023

The T.Y.B.Sc Computer Science students organised Exabyte 2023 the 2nd edition of the IT event open to all the students of the college, with the objective of testing the students on their skills and knowledge on latest in technology. The event comprised of competitions such as Geeks Ball, Logo Master, A Techy Question, Code Rush, Code Swift, Poster Making, Meme Making, Treasure Hunt and Crosswords. In all 134 students of the college participated. The student coordinator for the event was Mr. Shubhang Rege and the faculty coordinator Ms. Prajoti Chimulkar. The event was sponsored by Computer Science/Computer Applications alumnus Mr. Pascoal Soares (Batch 1996-1999), Systems Manager@Royal Mail, United Kingdom and Mr. Allan D'Souza (Batch 1997-2000), Senior Technical Product Manager, Quicken Inc. Menlo Park California, USA.



Guest Lecture: “Future of AI”

A talk on “The Future of AI” was organised on 15th January, 2024 by the Computer Science department. The resource person was Dr. Roopa Praveen, Director-Admissions & International Relations, ASM Group of Institutes, Pune. The objective of the talk was to understand AI in Business. The event was coordinated by Ms. Prajoti Chimulkar.



Science Day 2024

The students of T.Y.B.Sc presented projects done as part of their practical of the Semester 6 course on Internet of Things and their final year projects done using AI, ML to the visiting school students. The exhibition was coordinated by Ms. Avani Kharde. The college had organised an Inter-Departmental Mascot competition, which was won by S.Y.B.Sc. Computer Science student Mr. Harrison Amaral. The mascot represented the emergence of AI and robotics in day-to-day life. The mascot interacted with the visiting school students.



CBEYONZ 2024

CBEYONZ a Inter School IT event was organised by the Computer Science Department on 9th March, 2024. The objective of the event was to foster the minds of high school students by providing them a platform to show case their skills using digital technology. The one-day state level inter-high school event had 07 Information Technology related competitions: Byte-size Elegance (Fashion Show), Technically Savy Quiz, Paint and Pixels (Digital Art), Story Fuzz (Story Writing), Spelling Data, Impulse (Singing) and Idea Fuse AI (AI Prompt Generation). The various events had a theme based on digital technology wherein the participants need to complete the tasks in a particular time limit. The top three schools were awarded with trophies, certificates and prizes in all the events. The faculty event coordinators were Mr. Parmanand Mandrekar and Ms. Melissa Rodrigues; the student coordinators were Mr. Harrison Amaral and Ms. Ridhi Shetgaonkar.



Wealth Out of E-Waste Exhibition

Wealth Out of E-Waste Exhibition was organised on 9th March, 2024. The objective of the event was to provide the students to showcase their creativity in creating products or working models using e-waste materials and components.

The students of F.Y.B.Sc under the mentorship of Ms. Melissa Rodrigues presented their creative talents by creating wealth out of e-waste where by the students used old or discarded e-waste components and materials to build products such wall hanging, lamp shades, miniatures, jewelery and also working models such hologram illusions, moving car, Bluetooth music speaker.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

I-RIX 2024

St. Xavier's College won the overall championship at I-RIX 2024, Intercollege competition organized by S.P. Chowgule College. The college team comprised of 15 students from the departments of Computer Science, Physics, Electronics, Biotechnology, Mass Communication and BCA. The team members were Mr. Adrian Trevor Franco, Mr. Gilchrist Pereira, Mr. Harrison Emilio Coelho Do Amaral, Mr. Herschelle Gomes, Mr. Kyros Echaporía, Mr. Marino Trindad Fernandes, Mr. Mervyn Fernandes, Mr. Mevríck Mascarenhas, Mr. Nathan Fernandes, Mr. Omkar Mhamal (Team Leader), Mr. Riyan Mohammad, Mr. Rohan Daivajna, Mr. Shubhang Sandesh Rege, Mr. Swanit Rivankar, Ms. Tamarra D'Souza.

The team Won first places in the events:

1. Ice Breaker (Intro video)
2. Code With C [Nathan, Kyros]
3. Bug Buster [Omkar, Riyan]
4. Into the unknown [Nathan, Kyros]

- 5.Fast Typing [Nathan]
- 6.SQL [Riyan]
- 7.Music Mixing [Mevrick]
- 8.Fashion Show [Adrian,Tamarra,Harrison,Mervyn,Marino]
- 9.Mr&Ms. IRIX [Adrian,Tamarra]



DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

One-day State level workshop on N.E.P. 2020 syllabus Meeting on 7th December 2023

The one-day state level workshop on N.E.P. 2020 syllabus was held at St. Xaviers College, Mapusa. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. The resource persons for the workshop were Senior Professor, Rajendra Gad, Professor Jivan Parab, Dr. Narayan Vetrekar and Dr. Aniket Gaonkar.

The colleges attending the workshop were Goa University, DM's College, Assagao, Government College, Khandola. And St. Xavier's college, Mapusa was the host college. Senior Professor Rajendra Gad welcomed and addressed the gathering by briefing about the NEP structure and the agenda for the seminar. The following papers were presented by the concerned members namely, Ms. Shabana



Chopdar, Mr. Mayur Gaonkar, Ms. Swapna Narvekar, Mr. Prashant Chodankar (all four from Government College, Khandola), Mr. Sunoj Raicar, Mr. Sameer Patil, Mr. Girish Abhyankar, Mr. Tukaram Rane (all four from D.M's College and Research Centre, Assagao) and Ms. Sneha S. Talekar, Dr. Caje F. Pinto, Mr. Daryl Gonsalves, Mrs. Vilma Fernandes (all four from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa).

Senior Professor Rajendra Gad suggested that everyone follow the same guidelines while framing course outcomes and the course outcomes should be designed based on the course objectives as per bloom's taxonomy. Professor Jivan Parab also suggested to include the references as per latest edition and in APA format. Senior Professor Rajendra Gad suggested to design a common laboratory manual for all the practicals by meeting all the college faculty. Dr. Caje Pinto was requested to frame an internship programme which could enhance the hands-on skills of the students. Dr. Narayan Vetrekar carefully noted down the comments made to delete or edit the contents of the individual papers and he was requested by Senior Professor Rajendra Gad to share the folder with all the faculty members on the google drive, so that necessary changes needed could be incorporated in the respective papers allotted to the members. The attendance certificates were distributed to all the members present and the meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m with the vote of thanks by Mrs Vilma Fernandes, H.O.D (Electronics) St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.

Skit – National Science Day Programme 2024

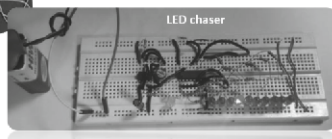
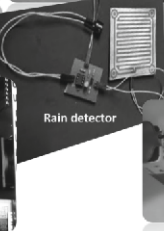
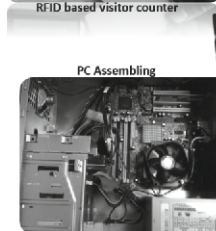
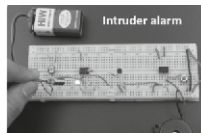
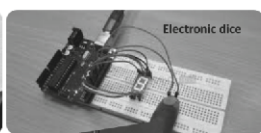
The department of Electronics in collaboration with DBT and the other science departments organized the Skit, titled, “Science for a Sustainable future” on 1st March, 2024 on the occasion

of the National Science Day Programme 2024 in the Seminar Hall St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. Goa. The Faculty In-Charge was Mrs. Vilma M. T. Fernandes. The objective of the event was to reinforce the concepts and the use of science and technology in day to day life. Skits were also presented from the following science departments to show science for a sustainable future in Botany, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Electronics, Microbiology, Mathematics and Physics. The participants understood the basic concepts in science, the technology used and advances in the different sciences were showcased and highlighted.



Mascot and Electronics Exhibition on Science Day

The department of Electronics in collaboration with DBT and the other science departments organized the “Mascot and Electronics Exhibition” on Science Day on 28th February, 2024 on the occasion of the National Science Day in the Electronics Department of St. Xavier's College,



Mapusa. Goa. The Faculty In-Charge was Ms. Sneha Talekar. The resource persons for the exhibition were Ms. Sneha S. Talekar, Mr. Daryl Gonsalves, Mr. Cajé F. Pinto and Mrs. Vilma M. T. Fernandes. The objective of the event was to demonstrate the working principles of electronic circuits. The various exhibits were, RFID based visitor counter, electronic dice, Intruder alarm, Rain detector, PC Assembling, LED chaser. The participants understood the basic concepts and observed the demonstration and working principle of the various projects. The participants understood the basic concepts and technical aspects of the working of these electronic circuits. Students from seven different schools had attended this exhibition. A quiz also was

held for these students to bring about awareness about the concepts and technical aspects in the field of electronics.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

- Mrs. Vilma M. T. Fernandes presented a research paper at ICCCSET-2024 on 24th February, 2024 titled, “Performance evaluation and efficacy of wireless medium Li-Fi modulations in AWGN channel present in a hospital ICU environment” at the International Conference on



Contemporary Challenges in Science, Engineering and Technology, 2024.

- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade, student of F.Y.B.Sc. Electronics won the 1st place for “PhotonPulse: LED Blink Challenge” (Department of Electronics) at Viguite 1.0, organized by Government College, Khandola on 7th March, 2024. The objective was to create the most visually appealing and creative LED blink pattern using a microcontroller. The participants could use any programming language compatible with the chosen microcontroller and could also build the circuit with the use of digital IC instead of microcontroller. The goal was to create a captivating LED blink pattern using creativity, timing, technical complexity and colour combinations.



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

National Mathematics Day 2023

The Department of Mathematics, St. Xavier's College, celebrated National Mathematics Day 2023 on 20th December 2023, commemorating the birth anniversary of the legendary mathematician Sir Srinivasa Ramanujan. A total of around 63 students attended the programme.

The objectives of the program were to

- Create awareness about National Mathematics Day.
- Enhance critical and creative thinking skills among students.
- Develop the knowledge of students in mathematics and to spread the joy of learning and understanding mathematics.

- In order to foster a love for mathematics, inspire students and highlight the importance of mathematics, the department of Mathematics along with the students of T.Y.B.Sc organised events such as the “Talk on Mathematics and Magic”, Quiz Competition and the skit on “Importance of Mathematics”.
- Dr. Kalpesh Haria, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIT Goa was the resource person for the talk. These events not only highlighted the importance of mathematics in day to day life but also tested the student's understanding of mathematical concepts and inspired intellectual curiosity.



National Science Day 2024

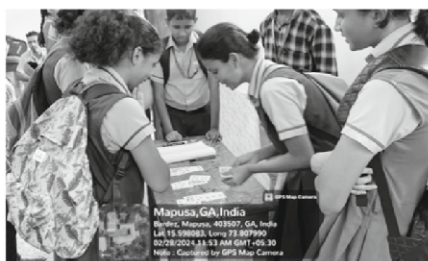
On the occasion of National Science Day 2024, the Science Departments of St. Xavier's College organised an Open Lab Day wherein students from various schools were invited to explore the Science Laboratories and Departments. The theme of the celebration was 'Science for a Sustainable Future'.

The Department of Mathematics along with the students of FY BSc organised puzzle solving and card games for the students of the schools. The puzzles solved by the school students tested their basic logic and aptitude skills. The students of FY BSc also displayed the famous 21 card and 8 card trick which reveals the players selected card; teaching the mathematics involved in each trick.

A skit competition was also held among the science departments of the college. Students of SY BSc put forth an excellent skit showcasing the development and highlighting the importance of mathematics right from the stone age era to the present day.



Mascot with the school students



School students learning the card trick



Games conducted for the students



SY BSc students performing

Coaching for GUART exam

Faculties from Department of Mathematics conducted sessions to train the students to face the Goa University entrance test GUART in the subject of mathematics in the month of February 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT”



The Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College, organized a five-day National Level Workshop on 'Operation and Maintenance of Laboratory equipment', in collaboration with the Western Regional Instrumentation Centre (WRIC), Mumbai and supported by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa. This workshop aimed to provide practical skills and training in calibrating, operating, and maintaining various laboratory instruments.

The dignitaries at the inaugural program included Mr. N.N. Rao (WRIC Program Coordinator), Dr. Keshav Dhuri (DHE Observer), Fr. Antonio Salema (Administrator), Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas (Principal), Vice Principal and Program Convenor Ms. Ursula Barreto, and Vice-Principal Ms. Sandra Fernandes. A total of 40 participants, including faculty, scholars, and laboratory staff from colleges in Goa and Hyderabad, attended.

The training included hands-on sessions and lectures by Mr. N.N. Rao and his team, covering topics like 'Basic Electronic Components', 'Power Supply', 'Signal Generator', and maintenance of various instruments. Over the course of the Workshop, participants gained practical experience in using a digital multimeter, soldering components, and understanding the working of instruments like the Digital Storage Oscilloscope (DSO), centrifuges, and colorimeters. Unused instruments requiring minor repairs were serviced at no extra cost during the workshop. The participants received certificates at the valedictory ceremony.

JOURNAL CLUB!!!

The Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College Mapusa, Goa organised a Journal Club activity for its T.Y.B.Sc. students on 16th March, 2024 under the DBT Star College Scheme in association with the Microbiologists' Society, India (MBSI). Twelve students presented and scientifically discussed recent research papers and review articles published in reputed high-impact factor journals in front of a panel of experts constituting Dr. Varada Damare (Goa University), Dr. Sheryanne Velho-Pereira (St. Xavier's College), Ms. Nadine de Souza (St. Xavier's College, and Dr. Alisha Malik (St. Xavier's College).

Team 1 comprising Ms. Anisha Silveira, Ms. Riya Gawas, and Ms. Kelly Dias presented a paper titled, "Soil microbiome indicators can predict crop growth response to large scale inoculation with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi" published in the journal "Nature Microbiology".

Team 2 comprising Ms. Walusha Silveira, Mr. Assad Shaikh, and Ms. Divyanka Borkar presented a paper titled, "IgY antibodies: The promising potential to overcome antibiotic resistance" published in the journal "Frontiers in Immunology".

Team 3 comprising Mr. Kshitij Kumar, Ms. Tanaya Amonkar, and Ms. Megan Menezes presented a paper titled, "Formulation and evaluation of probiotic properties of *Lactobacillus* with antimicrobial activities" published in the journal "International Journal of Drug Delivery Technology".

Team 4 comprising Ms. Magdalene Carvalho, Ms. Jazlynn D'Souza, and Ms. Sydelle Pereira presented a paper titled, "Gut microbiota in anxiety and depression: Unveiling the relationships and management options" published in the journal "Pharmaceuticals".

The audience comprised both faculty members and students. The entire event was a very informative, interactive, enriching, and scientifically satisfying experience for both the presenters and the audience. All Journal Club members were given certificates. The event was coordinated by Dr. Trelita de Sousa.



'Science Superhero' Competition on National Science Day 2024

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa commemorated National Science Day 2024 with an imaginative competition held on 28th February 2024. The 'Science Superhero' Competition was held for the eight Science departments of our College. Each Department had to present a mascot or superhero showcasing their subject. It was met with lots of enthusiasm and excitement from both the coordinating teacher and students. The winners were the Department of Computer Science. The event was coordinated by Ms. Nadine de Souza.





Department of Botany



Department of Microbiology



Department of Chemistry



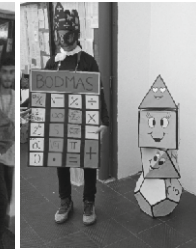
Department of Physics



Department of Electronics



Department of Computer Science



Department of Mathematics

“Hand Painting Competition”

On the 28th February 2024, the Department of Microbiology conducted a Hand painting competition for all the students of St. Xavier's College as part of the National Science Day celebrations. The theme for the competition was “Climate Change Impacting Our Future”. A total of 27 students participated in the competition. The brushstrokes on their hands were so dynamic which added so much depth to the overall competition. The first, second and third place was won by Ms. Janice Noronha (F.Y.B.COM), Ms. Alisha Rodrigues (F.Y.B.A.) and Ms. Selina De Souza (F.Y.B.COM.), respectively. This was organized under the DBT STAR College Scheme and MBSI, and was coordinated by Dr. Alisha Malik.



Proteus 2.0”

On the 6th and 7th of March 2024, the Department of Microbiology at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – Goa, in partnership with the Microbiologists Society India (MBSI), hosted 'Proteus 2.0', an intercollegiate event in life sciences for all colleges in Goa. This event followed the success of Proteus 1.0 held the previous year.

Proteus 2.0 featured a range of competitions aimed at allowing students to display their talents and skills, apply their theoretical knowledge in life sciences, and gain valuable learning experiences.

The prestigious Proteus 2.0 trophy was unveiled amidst much excitement by the Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, Principal Prof. Blanche Mascarenhas, Vice-Principal Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Vice-Principal and Head of Microbiology Department Ms. Ursula Barreto, event Faculty Coordinator Dr. Valerie Gonsalves, and Student Coordinator Ms. Sydelle Pereira.

The event included 16 competitions centered around the theme of Life Science. Onstage competitions like MicroVocal (singing competition), Dancillix (dance competition), MicroGala (fashion show), and Microtank (marketing of life-science inspired products) were complemented by off-stage events like Enigma (quiz), MicroRang (rangoli), The Culinary Clash, and Mr. and Ms. Proteus. Additionally, there were events like Microbial Quest (treasure hunt) and Kick-off (tie breaker).

A total of 103 students from various colleges across Goa participated in this two-day event, showcasing their best in a friendly yet competitive spirit. Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho, Panaji, Goa emerged as the winners of Proteus 2.0. Overall, Proteus 2.0 was a blend of science, fun, and lasting memories, providing an enriching experience for all involved!



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

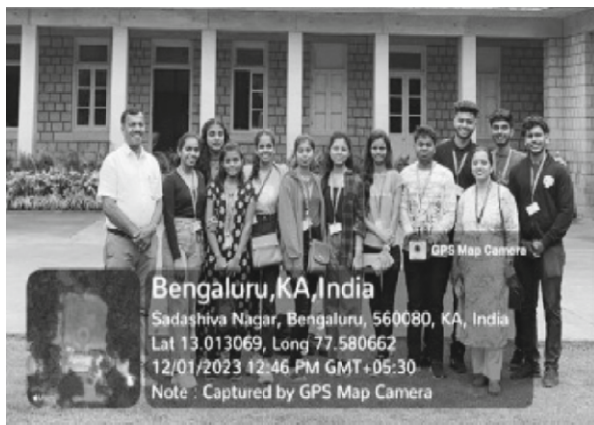
Study Tour to Bangalore

The department of Physics organized a study tour for the students of T.Y.BSc. Physics from 29th November to 3rd December 2023 under DBT star college scheme. Eleven students and two teachers Mr. Pradeep Morajkar and Ms. Avani Talkatkar went for the tour. On November 29, 2023 the students departed from Madgaon junction and arrived at Yeswanthpur at 12.30pm on 30 November. On the same day the students visited Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum Bangalore. There were a lot of educational models, instruments and machines that taught various concepts. The museum was divided into different sections on different floors covering various topics from technology, space and biology.



Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum Bangalore

On the following day the students visited Raman Research Institute (RRI) and soon thereafter visited Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (IISc). At RRI the students were given a tour of the campus and information about the newest groundbreaking research in the field of science being carried out at the institute. They were also given a tour of C.V. Raman's personal collection of stones and minerals. The Raman Research Institute was a very well-designed building with beautiful modern architecture and a vast campus surrounded by nature. At IISc the students visited labs where the students were briefed about the working of various machines and their use in experiments.



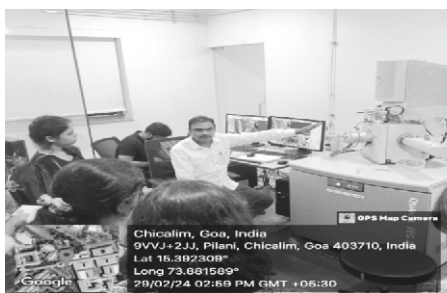
On 2nd December they visited Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace. The guide gave students an insight into the history of the structure and life of Tipu Sultan. The students ended the tour by boarding the train at Yeswanthpur junction at 3.00pm and arrived at Madgaon junction at 5.00am on 3rd December 2023.



Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace

From this study tour, students got hands on experience at Vishweshwaraya Museum with different exhibits and models thereby making the students understand the concepts very easily. Similarly, students got a chance to interact with scientist at RRI and IISc which is beneficial and important for guiding their career in physics.

Study Visit to BITS Pilani Goa



On 29th February, Avani Talkatkar, Assistant Professor in Physics, accompanied by 12 second-year B. Sc. students from St.

Xavier's College, embarked on a visit to the Central Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility (CSIF) at BITS Pilani's Goa campus under DBT star college scheme. Departing from St. Xavier's College at 1:00 pm, the group arrived at the BITS Pilani campus around 2:00 pm.

The purpose of the visit was to familiarize the students with the advanced instrumentation and research environment provided by CSIF. This dedicated facility was established to bolster the university's research efforts,

offering access to a plethora of high-end instruments housed within sophisticated infrastructure. The instruments, including a Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (FESEM), Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (LCMS), Confocal Microscope, Raman Spectrometer, X-ray Diffraction (XRD), and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), are regularly utilized by faculty members and are open for analysis to external users. During the visit, CSIF staff elucidated the working principles and applications of these instruments, enriching the students'



understanding of cutting-edge research methodologies.

The tour concluded at 4:30 pm, leaving the participants with a profound appreciation for the pivotal role played by CSIF in advancing research and innovation at BITS Pilani Goa campus. Gratitude was extended to the CSIF team for their hospitality and expertise, with a recommendation for continued collaboration and utilization of the facility to maximize its impact on scientific endeavours.

Sky Gazing Program



The Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College organized a sky-gazing event titled "Beyond the Sky" on March 15th 2024 under DBT star college scheme. The event aimed to

ignite interest in astronomy and space exploration among students from all streams.

The event commenced with an inaugural function held in the seminar hall. Attendees included students, Professors from the Department of Physics and commerce, parents and the resource person for the day, Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai, an assistant professor at the School of Physical and Applied Sciences, Goa University and a visiting professor at IUCAA, Pune, delivered a captivating talk on humanity's mission in space, focusing on India's space exploration efforts and offering insights on pursuing careers in astronomy and cosmology. She also provided valuable career guidance during her talk.

Around 6:30p.m. students were taken to the college terrace where in three different types of telescopes were arranged for observation of celestial objects in the sky. The highlight of the event was a telescope built by a group of students from the Department of Physics as their final year project. This functional telescope, along with two additional telescopes brought by Dr.



Reshma, was used for sky gazing. Participants observed various celestial objects, including the Earth's moon, craters on the moon, Jupiter and its moons, the Orion Nebula and star clusters. Dr. Reshma also provided explanations about these celestial bodies.

The event received positive feedback from participants, with students expressing great interest and enjoyment throughout the evening. Parents were also excited and engaged, appreciating the opportunity to explore the wonders of the cosmos alongside their children. Approximately 100 participants attended the sky gazing event, which concluded around 8:30 p.m.



COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Talk on Smart Materials for Sustainable Energy and Environment

On 12th February 2024, St. Xavier's College organized a talk for the students of B.com, B.Sc. and MSc students on the topic smart materials for sustainable energy and environment. The talk was held in the College Seminar Hall. Dr. Pranay P. Morajkar, was the resource person from Goa University.

The program began at 10:15 am, with Administrator Father Antonis Salima extending a warm welcome by presenting Dr. Pranay with a potted plant as a token of love and respect. Followed by Principal Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas addressing the gathering, underlining the significance of the topic. After which the H.O.D Department of Commerce Dr. Yasmin Shaikh introduced the

resource person, highlighting his expertise in the field of chemistry. Dr. Pranay initiated the discussion covering various aspects, including renewable and non-renewable energy sources, material chemistry, and the innovative applications of smart materials. The presentation was further enriched by a visually engaging video on smart polymers. After which Dr. Oscar de Melo thanked the resource person for his beautiful session. This was followed by feedback from a student participant. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from R&D cell.

Session on Data Analytics and Report Writing

An Informative session on Data Analytics and Report Writing was conducted by Ms. Elvira Dsouza and her students on 13/01/2024 at 12.45 pm in room 106. The first two sessions were led by Daksh Ghotge and Afaq Aga, focusing on various tools for data analytics, while the third session, presented by Sejal Salgaonkar, covered the intricacies of report writing. They provided participants with insights into different analytical tools and effective report structuring.

Session 1 and 2: Tools for Data Analytics by Daksh Ghotge and Afaq Aga: Daksh Ghotge and Afaq Aga led the initial sessions, delving into the world of data analytics tools. They covered a range of graphical representation methods, including bar graphs, pie charts, and histograms. Practical demonstrations using Excel and Gretel showcased the application of these tools for data analysis. Participants gained hands-on experience in creating visually appealing and informative graphical representations, enhancing their ability to interpret and communicate data effectively.



Session 3: Report Writing by Sejal Salgaonkar: Sejal Salgaonkar took the stage in the third session, focusing on the critical aspects of report writing. The presentation covered the essentials, from preliminary sections to the last chapter, including references. Participants learned about the structure of a well-crafted report, ensuring clarity and coherence. The session provided practical tips and guidelines for creating reports that convey insights in a professional and organized manner.

After the session HOD of Department of Commerce, Dr. Yasmin Shaikh expressed her appreciation for the efforts put forth by all the students involved in organizing and conducting the session. She commended Daksh Ghotge, Afaq Aga, and Sejal Salgaonkar for their informative and engaging presentations, acknowledging the value they added to the learning experience. Later on, Ms. Elvira Dsouza delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the students and participants for their active participation. She highlighted the collaborative effort that went into organizing the session and emphasized the importance of continuous learning in the rapidly evolving field of data analytics and report writing. This session was attended by 16 students of T.Y.B.Com.

Data Analysis and Report Writing Workshop

Organised by Dept of Commerce (PG), Venue: Dnyanprasarak Mandal's College,

Mapusa, Goa. Time: 09:00am to 04:00pm. Date: 10th January 2024. The data analysis and report writing workshop was held on 10th January 2024 at Dnyanprasarak Mandal's College Mapusa Goa. This one-day state level workshop aimed to empower students with the skills to effectively select statistical tools for data interpretation and master the art of writing impactful project report. The workshop organized by Dnyanprasarak Mandal's College, brought together distinguished resource persons and enthusiastic participants from numerous colleges of Goa. The resource person was Ms Rama Shanti (Assistant Professor, Government College Sanquelim). Dr Dhaneesh Kumar T.K and Ms Sushilla Telgiri. The Workshop commenced at 10 am with an inaugural function by lighting of the lamps, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge. Dignitaries were warmly welcomed and the gathering was addressed by the Principal Madam M Shanti.Mr. MahendraTeli, the convener of the workshop delivered an insightful talk, underscoring the importance of research in problem solving and highlighting the collaborative nature of group project. He also stressed on the value of team work and its impact on the success of realm of research.

SESSION 1

Resource person: Ms Shushila Telgiri

The first session starting at 10:45 am led by professor SushilaTelgiri. She delved into fundamental statistical tools using excel and Gretl, providing practical insights into their application for analysis. The lecture covered topics ranging from classification of data to the formation of tables and graphical and diagrammatic representation of data. Later the resource person Demonstrated the application of using statistical tools in excel and Gretl software. She also laid down the comprehensive overview of the steps involved in the research process, guiding participants from data collection to interpretation. The session concluded with a vibrant question – answer segment, allowing participants to interact directly with the resource person. The session came to an end with a student volunteer expressing gratitude during the vote of thanks, recognizing the valuable insight gained.

TECHNICALSESSION 2

Resource Person: Dr.Dhanesh Kumar TK

Session 2 commenced from 12:00 Noon with Mr. Dhanesh Kumar TK, an esteemed figure in the Department of Economics, renowned for his enriching workshops on Econometrics and his affiliation with the Goa Economic Association, bringing valuable insights to our exploration. Dhanesh Kumar TK skillfully navigated through statistical methodologies,providing a comprehensive overview of hypothesis testing, T and Anova analyses, correlation, Chi Square, regression, LPN, and logistic regression. Notably, he augmented theoretical explanations with practical examples, solving a scenario using software for each method. This dynamic approach not only clarified theoretical concepts but also empowered us with hands-on experience, bridging the gap between statistical theory and real-world problem-solving. A segment, fostering a deeper understanding of the covered topics and making Session 2 both informative and interactive. With Session 2 wrapping up, participants eagerly transitioned to a well-deserved lunch break. A delectable spread awaited, offering a perfect opportunity for networking and savouring delicious dishes together.

SESSION 3

Resouce Person: Dr. Ramashanti Naik

A session on preparation project report writing was conducted for the 3rd session featuring a focused session on report writing led by Dr. Ramashanti Naik, Assistant Professor in Commerce at Government College of Arts, Science, and Commerce in Sanquelim. Dr. Ramashanti emphasized the investigatory nature of project work, guiding students to define problems, find resources, and present conclusions effectively. The workshop outlined three integral sections of a project report: preliminaries, encompassing the title page, certificates, acknowledgment, and tables; the text, including the vital introduction chapter, data analysis, and findings; and the end matter, featuring reference notes. Detailed guidelines covered report formatting, language, and length, emphasizing English language usage and specific paper criteria.



Attendees were briefed on marks allocation and potential external examiner questions. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating Dr. Ramashanti's valuable insights and equipping students with comprehensive guidance for successful project report completion. After all the 3rd session, Mr. Mahindra Teli asked for feedback from few student participants and also the teachers. Everyone had a very good experience from this session and got to learn of many new concepts and gained lot of practical knowledge. After that Mr. Teli delivered the vote of thanks and the workshop ended. This workshop was attended by Mr. Afaq Ajum Aga, Mr. Daksha Umesh Ghotge and Sejal Dayanand Salgaonkar representing T.Y.B.COM of St. Xavier's college Mapusa. Ms Elvira Dsouza, commerce aculty accompanied the students for the same.

Report On 'Careers in Finance' Career Guidance Talk

On 23rd March, 2024, the Department of Commerce organized an insightful career guidance talks on 'Careers in Finance' specifically for FY. BCOM students, with additional participation from interested SYBCOM and TYBCOM students. The session was held in room no. 106 at 9:20 am, featured Ms. Misbah Ali, a distinguished alumna of St. Xavier's College, as the resource person. Depashree Desai from FY. BCOM D adeptly compered the event, warmly welcoming and introducing MS. Misbah. Yash Pawar, CR of FY. BCOM B, presented a thoughtful potted plant as a gesture of appreciation. Ms. Misbah shared her inspiring career journey, emphasizing the diverse career paths and solid earning potential within finance. She illustrated the advantages with a captivating career flowchart, highlighting essential skills for 2024 such as financial modelling, AI tools, Power BI, Excel VBA, and blockchain. The session concluded with an engaging question and answer segment. Deepashree then invited Eldrige Fernandes, CR of FY. BCOM D, to present a token of appreciation, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks, from Tessica. A delightful group photograph captured the camaraderie among students, teachers, the HOD, and the esteemed resource person, marking the event as both informative and memorable.

Talk on “Understanding working of Demat Account”

A talk was conducted for the students of F. Y. B. Com. D on the topic 'on “Understanding working of Demat Account” on 6th th February, 2024 at 12:00 a.m. It was organized by the H.O.D., Department of Commerce, Dr. Yasmin Shaikh. The resource person for the same was Mr. Himanshu Pandit, a current Xavierite from T. Y. B. Com. The speaker commenced the session with a thorough explanation of a demat account, emphasizing its importance in the world of finance and investment. Additionally, he also highlighted the crucial documents required for opening a demat account. The speaker then proceeded to guide the students through the process of opening a demat account by providing a step-by-step demonstration. Moreover, the session included a live demo on buying and selling stocks, allowing students to witness and learn the dynamics of real-world stock market transactions. In addition to this, the speaker encouraged the students to start investing small amounts in the stock market and provided them with information regarding which apps are best for starting their investment journey. He shared his own experience of how he got started with investing and how it took him two years to start earning profits. The talk ended with Mr. Pandit answering and clearing the doubts of the students. The students showed their gratitude to the speaker by giving him a small token of appreciation. Mr Eldridge Fernandes, the C. R. of F. Y. B. Com. D, then thanked the speaker warmly, expressing gratitude for his valuable insights.

Tally Certificate course

The department of commerce in association with skill world an authorised institute for teaching tally in goa conducted a tally certificate programme for the academic year 2023-24. Thirty commerce students participated and successfully completed the course. The duration of this course was thirty-five sessions of one hour each. The programme was conducted in the M. Com Computer lab from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. The coordinators of the event for this year were Mr. Carmelito desouza and Ms. Swizel Alfonso.

Purple fest Movie Event

12th January 2024, INOX Panaji, Goa. The Purple fest Movie Event held at INOX, PANAJI on 12th January had an impressive turnout of over 100 students from different colleges participating in the initiative to spread awareness and empower our disabled fellow brethren. At 9.30 am, accompanied by our commerce HOD Dr. Mrs. Yasmin.Z.Shaikh, a group of 15 TY, SY and FY students assembled at Inox in Panaji. Taking our seat on the top most section of the theatre, 3 movies were played for us from a previously conducted selection process in Delhi in presence of different dignitaries and experts.

Without much wait the screening of the first movie “I am enough' played, which was a short film that showcased the story of Priya, a blind girl who realised that despite having a disability, she was enough to love herself. It also portrayed the idea that disabled people too can be independent.

Next shown to the students was a documentary that narrated the sad stories of families of several victims of road accidents that lead the victims to being disable. The problem was addressed by Dr Matthew vasgerese, where he referred and labelled, these recurring accidents as a 'silent pandemic'. This documentary, also presented a solution by studying the infrastructure and flow of traffic with restructuring of these roads.

The next movie shown was 'Baba' directed by Raj. R. Gupta starring Deepak Dobriyalan, an

award-winning actor along with Aryan Meghji and Nandita Dhuri. This movie highlighted that, the connect a family shares is through feeling and the heart, even though the parents weren't as physically abled as others.

After the movie screening was over, the certificates were distributed to the makers of the movies that were shown to us. Moving forward, the Minister of Social Welfare of Goa Mr Subhash Phal Desai mentioned the selection process of the movies in brief along with the Jury held in Bombay by Tata institute of social sciences headed by actor Mohan Agashe with director Sridhar Rangayan along with Shachi Chaturvedi, representative from UNIC and Ms Prema Sharma. He also stated that the main objective of bringing the students here was to create awareness and Work towards creating inclusive India. Lastly after the dignitaries thanked the students and their faculty incharge, we were sent out to collect our refreshments.

In conclusion, the event successfully achieved its objectives, laying the groundwork for ongoing efforts to create an inclusive and supportive community.

Insight Into the Legal Profession

The Regional employment Exchange, Government of Goa conducted an orientation session for the benefit of fifty commerce students of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa on the topic, "An Insight into the Legal Profession". The resource person for the talk was Judge Sayonara Telles Laad, President (District Judge Cadre) Children's Court for the State of Goa. Miss Danett welcomed the gathering and introduced the resource person. Mr. Clive Fernandes, welcomed the judge by presenting a potted plant to Judge Sayonara.



Commencing with the talk Judge Sayonara highlighted the students with the different avenues available in the legal profession such as civil lawyer, criminal lawyer, public prosecutor and many other avenues available along with the different requirements to enter this profession. She also highlighted the expectations together with the drawbacks of the legal profession. The talk was also inclusive on the importance of change management and capacity enhancement.

The informative session concluded with a query from the students which was followed by a vote of thanks by Miss Charbel D'souza. As a sign of our appreciation and gratitude, Miss Saloni Vaigankar presented Judge Sayonara with a token of appreciation.

Financial Accounting Syllabus (Nep 2020)

A one-day state level workshop was organised by the Department of Commerce of Sant Sohirobanath Ambiyé Government College of Arts and Commerce, Pernem, Goa on 28th June, 2023. The aim of the workshop was to provide a common platform to Accounting Educators across affiliated colleges of Goa University to gain familiarity with the syllabus of Financial Accounting paper (COM 100) of First Year B.Com., Semester I, introduced under NEP 2020 during the Academic Year 2023-2024.

The Moderators of the workshop were Dr. Ashish Joshi, MES College, Zuarinagar and Dr. Edwin Baretto, Damodar College, Margao, who very ably steered the workshop to fruition, keeping in view the Course Objectives and Course Outcomes of the paper. The pattern of the Question Paper for the ensuing Semester End Assessment was also deliberated in depth.

The workshop was attended by Ms. Maria Difa Fernandes and Dr. Santana Fernandes, Department of Commerce of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa Goa.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Intercollegiate Quiz Competition

An Intercollegiate Quiz Competition, was organised by Government College of Commerce and Economics Borda, Margao, Goa, on 16th February. This Competition brought together students from various institutions to showcase their knowledge on diverse commerce topics. Participation was robust, with six teams entering the competition. Miss Jeevani Fernandes and Miss Danett Gomes from T.Y. B.Com. of St. Xavier's College, demonstrated exceptional intellect in the preliminary rounds.



Following a spirited preliminary phase, four teams advanced to the finals. The ultimate triumph belonged to Damodar College, illustrating their comprehensive understanding of commerce subjects. This event not only celebrated academic excellence but also promoted a sense of camaraderie among the participating colleges.

National Level Inter-Collegiate Event “Chanakya Bhoomi”

The Department of Commerce participated in a National level Inter-collegiate event “Chanakya Bhoomi” organized by VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics in Margao on the 15th and 16th of March 2024. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 10 colleges, including 5 from outside Goa. The event aimed to foster academic and intellectual growth among students, providing a platform for them to showcase their talents and skills in various fields related to business and economics.

The event commenced with great enthusiasm and energy with the inaugural ceremony. Mr. Kirit Madan Lal, a distinguished personality, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, setting the tone for the event with his insightful remarks and encouragement for the participants.

The event witnessed the participation of talented students of St. Xavier's College, Mr. Afag Aga, Mr. Stephen Fernandes, Mr. Emrev Fernandes, Mr. Chris Fernandes, Mr. Yash Pawar, Mr. Cletus Rodriguez, and Mr. Joaquim Sequeira, who demonstrated their skills and knowledge in different competitions which involved debates, presentations, problem solving and critical thinking. Several engaging competitions were held as part of the event, including:

Niti Samvaad – (Research Paper Presentation)	Afag Aga (TY BCOM)
Business Forward –(Overall Problem Solving)	Yash Pawar (FY BCOM)
Ethical Edge –(Business Ethics)	Chris Fernandes(TY BCOM)
Capital Canvas –(Portfolio Management)	Stephan Fernandes (SY BCOM) and Cletus Rodriguez (TY BCOM)
Econorama – (Government Budgets and Quiz)	Joaquim Sequeira (TY BCOM)
Executive Excellence –(Solving Challenges within Companies)-	Emrev Fernandes (FY BCOM)
Corporate Tycoon (CEO’s Decision Making)	Afag Aga (TY BCOM)

Mr. Afaq Aga bagged Second Place in the Research paper Presentation at Niti Samvaad. The Topic of the Research Paper was “Building a Circular India: Case Studies in Sustainable Development across Sectors.” The event came to an end with a Panel discussion followed by valedictory and prize distribution for the winners conquering all the challenges. The Chanakya Bhoomi National Level Event at VVM Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics was a resounding success, providing a platform for students to showcase their talents, exchange ideas, and learn from each other's experiences. The event not only promoted academic excellence but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among the participants. The students of St Xavier's Mapusa actively participated in the event under the guidance of faculty members Ms. Swizel Alphonso and Mr. Frazer Taylor.



XTRAVAGANZA 3.0

ST. Xavier's college participated in the State level one day inter collegiate event Xtravaganza 3.0 organised by Government college of Arts and commerce, Pernem on 30th January 2024 and were declared winners of the event. The team received trophies, certificates and prize money of Rs 10000 in cash.



Mr. Anuj Naik GS won the title of Mr. Xtravaganza. The team secured first place for the events of Snap shot, canvas painting, Tug of war, fashion show, meme and scavengers. The second place was secured for reel making, street play, product advertisement and snakes and ladders. The third place was secured for Impersonation and quiz.

Dempo Biz Quest 2024

The Dempo Biz Quest is an annual Business quiz organised by S.S.Dempo College of Commerce and Economics on the occasion of their Founder's Day. The event took place on January 6, 2024, as part of the college's Founder's Day celebration, commemorating Srinivassa Sinai Dempo. There was a total of 3 teams from St. Xavier's College, Yash Pawar and Joshua Braganza, Afaq Ajim Aga and Lubina, and Jeevani Fernandes and Saloni Ferrao, accompanied by their faculty Ms Kimberly Barros. With a staggering 39 teams in the competition, the quiz featured a total of 6 rounds. The journey commenced with an intense elimination round, where only the top 6 teams advanced to the gripping finals. Notably, the final round focused on Sustainable Development Goals, adding a contemporary and socially relevant dimension to the competition. Goa College of Engineering emerged as winners. Embracing the spirit of Founder's Day, the college incorporated felicitation programs, adding a touch of celebration and tradition to the event. The highlight of the quiz was its alignment with Sustainable Development Goals, reflecting a commitment to global challenges and responsible business practices.

As the competition concluded, the event wrapped up with a gracious vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of participants, organizers, and sponsors. Overall, the quiz was a wonderful learning experience, seamlessly blending intellectual engagement with the festive spirit of Founder's Day.



SELF-FINANCED DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF BBA

The Third year **students visited Pilar Museum and Goa Chitra as part of their course on Cultural Heritage** of Goa on 1st December 2023. They obtained an overview of the Cultural History of Goa during the colonial era. The students were accompanied by Ms. Vanessa Furtado and Mr. Dominic

On 29th AUG 2023 BBA STUDENTS WON FIRST PLACE IN INTER-DEPT Tug of war competition ORGANISED BY COLLEGE

On 1st and 2nd December 2023 – Student of St. Xaviers proudly took part for **COSMOCRAT 9.0** held at Don Boscos College in Panjim Goa – Students of SYBBA and TYBBA participated in various events like – Catalyst Connect (Marketer) Runners up won by Diya Sardesai. Leaders Legacy (Best Manager) participated by Averill Fernandes, Workforce Alchemy (HR) participated by Andrea Barreto, Profit Plus (Finance) participated by Daniel David and lastly Prodigy Pitch (Best Entrepreneur) Runners Up - won by Charlaine Delilah Heredia.



On 19th & 20th January BBA Students won overall **Runners-up at Synergy 2024**, organised by Saraswat College, Mapusa. Shayon Mitra won

1st Place, Marketing Event, Brittany Mascarenhas won 1st place in Human Resource Management. Blazel Pinto won 3rd Place for best manager.

On 27th January 2024, BBA students won team work and Razil Shaikh and Charlaine Delilah won Runners up for Mystery round at **Conquest 3.0** organised by Srinivas Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics.

The students of SYBBA **visited the Entrepreneurship Incubation Centre CIBA** at Assagao on 19th February 2024 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm for a field trip as part of their programme. A session on Government schemes available to young entrepreneurs and the Goa Start Up Scheme. The objective of the visit was to motivate and guide students to become job creators and not job seekers. The students were accompanied by Ms. Vanessa Furtado

On 29th February the students of BBA along with the HUB for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship organised and participated in **the Pop Up Bazaar 2024**. To encourage young student entrepreneurs to develop their business skills. The activity was facilitated by Ms. Vanessa Furtado and the team of BBA students.

Mock Interviews were organised for students of SYBBA as part of their Interview Facing Skills Course to give students a real world interview experience. Students were interviewed by an Industry expert Joyce Gracias Fernandes. The activity was facilitated by Ms. Vanessa Furtado

On 3rd April 2024, the FYBBA Class went for a field trip **to visit the financial firm Moneyscape**, where they attended a session by the founder, Mr. Sheldon Fernandes and Mr. Francis Xavier, from SBI. After this **they visited an Event Production Company in Corlim** called Kayden Events where they were briefed on event management and event production and got a tour of the factory. Overall the session was a wonderful learning experience. They were accompanied by Ms. Charmaine Dias and Mr. Vernon Desa.

DEPARTMENT OF BCA

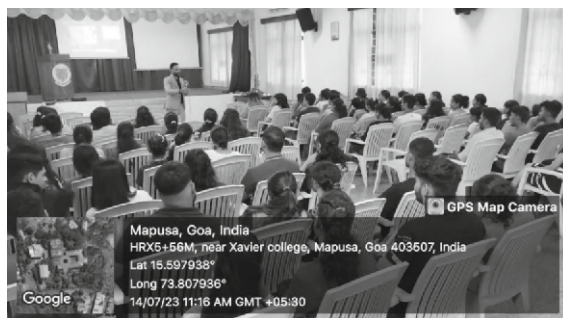
The Department publishes its biannual E-newsletter X-IBYTE, which includes articles of faculty and students and highlights the activities and achievements of the department. The Department organizes activities that includes an annual state level intercollegiate event called TECHLIPSE and this year as many as five colleges across goa participated.



As a Department initiative , TECHBYTES was organized through an intra class competition for students to display their IT skills and talents. The competition is between the FY, Sy and third year students of B.C. . The final year students participated in the study tour to Bangalore, they visited companies like IKEA, CAM COM and AI based company and also ICAT college of Animation. the

students of the final year also participated in a field trip to old goa . The purpose of the trip was media capture as part of the Multimedia Syllabus . The Resource person for the field trip was Mr. Aliston Vaz , a professional Photographer . The Department also Conducted monthly sessions for the FY , Sy and third year students on the topics Competative exams, sketching and opportunities after graduation .

As a Department Initiative and the department of BCA have Conducted a session on 'Overseas Education ' which was attended by the students of all self finance departments namely BBA, BBA travel and tourism, Biotechnology, Mass communication and Journalism . A batch of final year students conducted a session for MES college students on the working of a IOT project .



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Career guidance session:

On 3rd February 2024, the department organized the “Career guidance session” for the F.Y. B. Sc., S.Y. B. Sc., and T. Y. B. Sc. students of the department. The resource person for the session were Ms. Cecilia Menezes, DST-INSPIRE Research Fellow, NIO, Dona Paula, Goa; Mr. Asbern Dsilva, JRF Research Fellow, BITS Pilani KK, Goa Campus and Mr. Dirquane Coelho, Technical Skill Trainer, CMR Surgical India Pvt Ltd. who are also the alumni of the Department of Biotechnology. The resource person spoke about how to focus on achieving one's goal by sharing their inspiring journey after completing B. Sc. in Biotechnology towards achieving their current position. They also informed the students on the importance of various practical and technical aspects the Biotechnology field has to offer to the various life science field.



Biowizards: Potential unleashed

The Department of Biotechnology organised the 7th annual Inter-Higher secondary school event “Biowizards: Potential unleashed” on 26th February 2024. The chief guest for the inaugural session was Mr. Richard Noronha, Designated Officers and Licencing Authority Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Bambolim-Goa. As a symbolic gesture, the Chief guest and the event coordinator, Mr. Vishal Mardolkar released the departmental annual e-newsletter “Sequence: Unravel yourself” during the inaugural ceremony of the event. Total 8 different higher secondary schools from various parts of Goa participated for the event. Students from the participating HSSC engaged in series of competitions designed to test their knowledge, skills and creativity in the field of Biotechnology. After intense deliberation by the judges, Purshottam Walawalkar Higher Secondary School, Khorlim-Mapusa were declared team winners of “Biowizards: Potential unleashed.” Sharada Mandir Higher Secondary School, Miramar won 1st Runner up, while Carmel Higher Secondary School, Nuvem won 2nd Runner up place for the event. The course coordinator, Ms. Jocelyn Fernandes expressed gratitude to all participating Higher Secondary School, sponsors and volunteers for their invaluable contribution to the success of the event.



Field Trip

On 14th March 2024, the students of T.Y.B.Sc. Biotechnology along with 2 faculty members Ms. Swaroopa Naik and Ms. Anjeica Matias visited Maka Di Brewery situated in Nanoda, Bicholim, North Goa. The objective of the field trip was to study, observe, understand the various aspects and the functioning of a bioprocess plant. Maka Di is Goa's own bespoke craft beer brand produced by Latambarcem Brewers Pvt. Ltd and has recently

launched international quality craft beers both for the domestic and international markets. On arrival, we were welcomed by Dr. Dhaval Patel and were served with a welcome cold brewed sparkling iced tea of different flavors. Dr. Patel gave us an overview of the tour. He also

explained to us the general working plant, fermentation and production of beer. Maka Di manufactures varieties of beer such as Belgian Blanche, Bavarian Keller, Belgian Tripel, Honey Ale etc. The visit commenced to various areas of the brewery plant i.e. right from the raw material section to packaging of the products. Mr. Santosh highlighted the importance of water in crafting the beers as per the tastes of clients from India, Europe, America etc. Next, he explained the



importance is choosing the right material for beer production i.e. Barley. He showed us the malt houses when barley is germinated under controlled conditions and the quality tests done to check the sugar content in them and provided an insight into the interior of the fermenters where the production was halted, for better understanding of the construction. The trip ended with a question answer session, where the brew master Dr. Dhaval Patel and students interacted.



DEPARTMENTS OF MASS COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM

Learning Bhavas and Abhinay- NSD Alumnus Daksha Shirodkar on campus

The students of Mass Communication and Journalism were very privileged to have Daksha Shirodkar who is an NSD alumni among us for a 2 day workshop held at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. It was held in the PG block on the 22nd and 23rd of March 2024. An Alumnus of the dept of mass communication, batch of 2012-2013, Daksha has excelled in her career after training at NSD after earning a scholarship as one among the first in Goa. Daksha's prowess in the craft was evident in her direction of a play named "FATHER" which won state level awards in the field of theatre.



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Webinar series titled “Careers in Media”



The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa organised a three-day webinar series titled “Careers in Media” from 21st to 23rd March.

The webinar series commenced with the presentation of Ms. Rochelle Pinto, Head of Editorial Content at Vogue India. Her illustrious career includes being the youngest columnist in Hindustan Times, co-author of Kareena Kapoor Khans first book and former editor at ELLE and GQ. Her session offered attendees a detailed understanding of the digital and editorial writing landscape. Ms. Rochelle shared insights on work culture, recommended media organizations, and strategies for overcoming creative blocks.

The second day of the webinar series focused on insights into public relations and media operations. Mr. Nikhil Pereira, an expert in the field of Public Relations (PR), who graduated in Mass Communication and Videography in 2009, shared his career journey from a sports journalist in India, to the Middle East, to his MSc in Strategic Communication and Public Relations from Queen Margaret University, to his current employment in Scotland as an account manager in a PR firm. He provided students with invaluable insights into the workings of the PR world and helped students gain a deeper understanding of both sports journalism and PR operations.

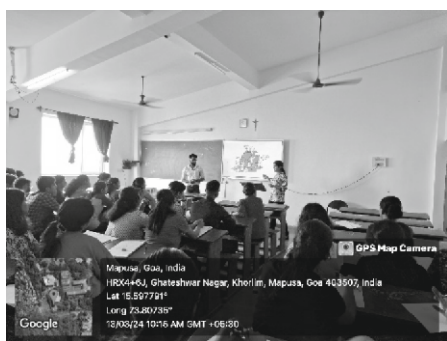
The final day of the webinar series featured Anushka Sharma, a Strategic Marketing professional at Deloitte, Hyderabad. Graduating from Xavier's College (Mapusa) in 2021,

Anushka has since focused on promoting Deloitte's offerings in the B2B space, cultivating client relationships, and leading various marketing initiatives. Her role involves creating podcasts, thought leadership pieces, and advertising campaigns, highlighting her passion for engaging with industry leader.

The "Careers In Media" webinar series was highly informative and engaging, offering students valuable insights and advice from media professionals. It provided attendees with a comprehensive view of the media industry, inspiring them to explore the vast array of possibilities available to them.

Session by Counsellors

On March 13th, the counsellors at St. Xavier's College gave a talk to the combined class of Mass



Communication, Journalism, and Biotechnology batches. The talk was a demonstration about communication through a group activity. Groups were formed, leaders chosen, and the leaders were to give instructions to their groups on how to draw specific images, without answering any questions from the groups. The groups were able to perform the activity to varying degrees of success, based on how clear and specific the leaders' instructions were. After the activity, select students were asked to act out specific emotions from a chit and the class was instructed to guess what

emotion was being conveyed. The talk by the counsellors was very useful in conveying the importance of communication in a way that was clear, digestible, and entertaining.

Flexcia D'Souza, Former Journalist, Engages St. Xavier's Mass Communication and Journalism students

On March 21, Flexcia D'Souza, a former journalist with Times of India, social media marketing consultant, and travel and lifestyle creator, visited St. Xavier's College to conduct a session for students of mass communication and journalism. The session centered on the theme "How to Make an Impact on Social Media - Hits and Flops," providing insights into her personal journey into the realm of New Media, along with discussions on branding strategies.



D'Souza shared her diverse experiences, including collaborations with prominent brands like Royal Enfield, shedding light on the approaches taken by brands towards content creators. She emphasized the importance of perseverance and dedication in navigating the competitive landscape of social media and digital marketing.

The interactive session allowed students to glean practical advice and firsthand experiences from D'Souza's career trajectory. Her personalized anecdotes and insights provided valuable lessons on leveraging social media platforms effectively for personal branding and professional growth.

Flexcia D'Souza's session offered a comprehensive understanding of the nuances of social media marketing and branding, leaving a lasting impact on the aspiring journalists and communication professionals of St. Xavier's College.

Guest Lecture on Street Photography - April 4, 2024

A guest lecture was conducted by Mr. Rohan Yuri Fernandes, street photographer and photojournalist at Gomantak Times, for the SY Mass Communication & Journalism students as part of the Introduction to Digital Photography Class on April 4, 2024, at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa.

During the lecture, Mr. Rohan shared his personal experiences as a street photographer and provided insight into the photographs he has captured over the years. He shed light on various elements used in street photography such as lighting, composition, and colours, allowing students to grasp the spontaneity, storytelling and challenges of the art form. Drawing from his own travels, Mr. Rohan encouraged students to explore the world around them, emphasizing

how it can help shape one's creative style in photography. Additionally, he offered valuable tips on astrophotography and discussed the field of photojournalism, highlighting its unique perks and challenges.



Field visit to Prudent TV channel for Media students of St. Xavier's College

With the aim of providing insights into the working of the newsroom of a TV channel, the department of Journalism organised field visit to Prudent TV News Channel on 8th April 2024



for FY and TY students. Mr. Kuldeep Asgaonkar, a program producer and an Alumnus of the department briefed the students about the working of the newsroom, role of each person, insights into their programs, diverse projects and their process of news reporting. During the visit students also witnessed a live broadcast of the popular show 'Head on' hosted by Mr. Pramod Acharya, Editorial Director. Mr. Acharya enlightened them on the media industry in Goa, the importance of fact checking, digital media and need for technological upgrade to increase audience engagement. Further, he discussed the challenges faced in reporting news

and the ethical dilemmas that journalism practitioners face. The visit was organized as part of First year Major paper- Introduction to Media & News and TY paper- TV News Production by Mr. Nitin Volvoikar and Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar.

St. Xavier's College Journalism and Mass Communication Students Embark on an Enlightening Media Tour in Hyderabad

Mapusa, January 12, 2024. In an immersive and enlightening week-long media tour, students of St. Xavier's College in Mapusa, specializing in Journalism and Mass Communication, explored the vibrant media landscape in Hyderabad from January 5 to 12, 2024. The excursion



provided them with a unique opportunity to delve into various facets of the media industry, ranging from film production to digital marketing.

The journey commenced with a visit to Anapoorna Film Studio, where the students were welcomed into the heart of the filmmaking process. Interacting with the faculty, they shared insights and gained valuable knowledge about the intricacies of shooting films. The highlight was witnessing a live film set, offering a firsthand experience of the acting and shooting process. Continuing their cinematic exploration, the students stepped into the sprawling Ramoji Film City, immersing themselves in the grandeur of the film-making experience. The tour opened their eyes to the magic behind the scenes and the collaborative efforts that go into creating cinematic masterpieces.

Switching gears, the students delved into the evolving landscape of radio at Radio Michi's office. Engaging in an in-depth discussion with the production team, they explored the transformation of radio into a digital medium with valuable insights into the changing dynamics of broadcasting. A visit to IACG Multimedia College, a prominent animation institute, added a colorful dimension to the tour. Interacting with students and the Head of the Department, the group learned about the nuances of VFX and CGI, gaining an understanding of the art and technology behind animation.

The tour also included a rendezvous with the grandeur of IMAX theaters in Hyderabad. Students explored the screening and projection rooms, enhancing their knowledge of the technology that brings movies to life on the big screen. A visit to IKEA allowed all to delve into the world of product placement and marketing strategies, gaining insights into how a global brand strategically positions itself in the market. Pragati Printing Press became a canvas for the students to understand the technicalities of CMYK printing and the art of mixing colors for impactful print media. The visit added a tactile dimension to their theoretical knowledge of print production. The students had the privilege of engaging with professionals from Social Brew, a digital marketing agency in Hyderabad. Focused on brand building through a mix of marketing, media, and technology, the students gained valuable insights into the ever-evolving world of digital marketing. The tour concluded with a session led by Anushka Sharma from Deloitte. Her words resonated with our aspiring journalists and communication specialists, providing them with a glimpse into the corporate world's role in shaping the media landscape.



MediaScope: Unleashing talent & creativity

In a vibrant showcase of creativity and talent, MediaScope 8.0 unfolded its splendor on December 13 at the Seminar Hall of St. Xavier's College, organised by the Departments of Journalism and Mass Communication. St Xavier's Higher Secondary School emerged champions of MediaScope 8.0. Sharada Mandir School,



Miramar, left an indelible mark by securing the second position, while Shree Shantadurga Higher Secondary School claimed a well-deserved third place. The competitive spirit was palpable as participating schools including St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Aldona, Our Lady of Lourdes Higher Secondary School, Valpoi, and Ramacrisna Madeva Salgaocar Higher Secondary School showcased their prowess.

The spectrum of events held at MediaScope 8.0 included Film Fantasia and the creatively charged Mad Ad, Dance competition and the intellectually stimulating Quiz. Rangoli Fusion, Amazing Race, Ola Amigos, Wordsmith, and Photography competitions added layers of diversity and excitement.

Joshua Peter De Souza, the Deputy Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly and the MLA for Mapusa Constituency, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. His address resonated with encouragement for the young participants, emphasizing the value of active participation over the obsession with outcomes. He advocated for a continuous learning mindset, urging students to stay attuned to evolving trends and absorb knowledge from diverse sources surrounding them.

The driving force behind the seamless execution of the events were the student coordinators Saisha Anand from TYBA, Dilzer Kasad from SYBA, and Tanisha Pawar from FYBA, who demonstrated exceptional leadership and organizational skills.

INDUSTRY VISIT TO RADIO INDIGO ON 15TH MARCH, 2024

The Department of Journalism organised a field visit to Indigomusic.com for the students of T.Y.B.A. Journalism as a part of their radio journalism paper. The students had an opportunity to tour the entire radio station and understand the working of various departments present in a radio station. During this visit, Mr. Davis from the sales department interacted with the students and explained the overall organisational structure of the radio station.



After a brief interaction, the students got an opportunity to meet RJ Ayesha Barretto and have an in-depth interactive session where she shed light on technicalities and involved in a radio station.

Being the only english contemporary hit radio station in Goa, Ayesha explained about their day-to-day routine and how they run the radio station with a total of six employees, with roles of RJs, financial head, sales, VO artists and others. Added to this, two students got a chance to go on air with RJ Ayesha. RJ Ayesha also gave students an insight into her personal journey and shared few tips which the students could follow if they intend to make a career in the radio industry.

A fashion walk-through with Alexandra Faye On February 22nd

The S.Y.B.A. students of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department visited a fashion studio in Altinho, Panjim as a part of their Skill Enhancement Course. The studio

belongs to Alexandra Faye; a young fashion designer from Goa who is known for her sustainable Indo-Western style of clothing. The students were given a run through of the entire process of garment creation, from conceptualization to the final product. Alexandra Faye personally guided the students through each step, explaining her design philosophy, material selection, and the techniques she employs to ensure sustainability in her creations. She pursued her B. Com and later completed her fashion education from JD Institute of Fashion Technology, Mumbai. She briefed the students about her journey in the fashion world, and how she eventually turned her passion into profession. When asked about her designing process, she revealed that she has different departments for various tasks and prefers not to micromanage, empowering her employees to make decisions while providing input when needed. Additionally, the students also had a chance to see sketches of her work, as well as have a look at designs which were displayed. As a fashion designer, sustainability is something that she never compromises on and hence, she provided students an insight into her revamp project where they recycle waste and extra fabric to produce a new garment.



Media Fest 4.0!!

It's back!! MediaFest 4.0!! The students of the department of Mass Communication and Journalism took part in the fourth edition of the inter-class competition, MediaFest, with enthusiasm and pomp. The students participated in a total of 13 competitions held over three days from 26th March - 30th March. The competitions included Reel Making, Just Kidding, Click, Quiz, Nail Art, Battle of The Bands, Cooking Without Fire, Fashionista and Dance. The S.Y.B.A. Mass Communication & Journalism students were crowned the winners of MediaFest 4.0, while the T.Y.B.A. Mass Communication & Journalism students emerged as the runners-up. The department of Journalism also came together to celebrate 20 years of the department of Mass Communication.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

De-stigmatizing Disability: Role of Media

The International Purple Fest 2024 held a seminar on “Destigmatizing Disability: Role of Media” at Goa University's Lecture Hall 1, Faculty Block E, on January 10th, from 2-5 pm. Organized by Sethu in collaboration with partners like Goa University, Owl House, NIMHANS, Google India, and Latika Dehradun, the event brought together counsellors,



psychologists, media professionals, and Mass Communication and Journalism students. The seminar explored both positive and negative portrayals of disability in the media, emphasizing the importance of sensitivity, authenticity, and need for increased positive representation. Examples highlighted employment opportunities at Mitti café in Bengaluru, Terrasine in Pune, and positive media coverage like Satyamev Jayate, the Restaurant of Mistaken Order, and 'Taare Zameen Par.' The significance of responsible reporting was emphasized, accompanied by guidelines for navigating social media's impact on incident reporting. The seminar also introduced certificate courses in media and mental health for professionals, while addressing various mental health acts in the constitution, including the Mental Health Care Act-2017.

Digital marketing workshop at ICG, Donapaula

A workshop, titled “Improving your Instagram and Phone Photography” was held on 20th of December 2023 at the International Center, Goa, Dona Paula by Sree Sreenivasan. It delved deep into the intricacies of online infographics and social media engagement. It sought to explain the significance of one's 'digital footprint'. It dissected the subtle nuances of online presence, shedding light on how our actions in the digital realm shape perceptions and interactions. The workshop sought to explore potent storytelling techniques on social media.



Acknowledging the dual nature of social media, the session delved into its negative impacts, including tech-related issues, FOMO, loneliness, and broader societal crises. Practical strategies were shared to mitigate these challenges effectively. The session envisioned 2024's social media landscape, emphasizing 'behind the scene' content creation, influencer engagement, and practical steps for managing online profiles through Facebook legacy contacts and favorites. A hands-on session on smartphone photography tips, including Digimentors' key settings, creativity hacks, and Android-specific advice, were given to participants to elevate their visual content creation.

Xavier's Cinematic Triumph at 'Filmbuster'

A celebration of film talent, 'Filmbuster' brought together multiple colleges on February 28, 2024, at Don Bosco College. St. Xavier's College stood out among the competitors, bagging first place and making a lasting impression on the occasion. The atmosphere was electrifying, as the contestants showcased their extraordinary creativity and passion via lively and stunning performances.



With Sanjay Leela Bhansali's persona as the director, St. Xavier's team created performances that honoured his classics. The team unexpectedly won every tournament, taking first place in the majority of the categories. The most memorable part of the victory was St. Xavier's first-ever achievement at the event—winning both the Mr. and Ms. Filmbuster titles.



MASTER PROGRAMMES

POST- GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Participation of Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology Students in "Plus Points" Event

Date: 22nd -24th December

Venue: St. Xavier's College

The "Plus Points" event organized by St. Xavier's College

provided students from the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology with a vibrant platform to showcase their talents and creativity. The event featured a diverse range of competitions, including fashion shows, dances, food tasting competitions, debates, mehendi, singing, and more. This report highlights the participation and activities of the psychology department students during the event.

The students of the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology enthusiastically participated in various competitions and activities offered at "Plus Points." They showcased their talents and skills across different categories, reflecting the diverse interests and passions within the department.

Fashion Shows and Dances:

Students captivated the audience with their fashion sense and choreography skills during the fashion shows and dance performances. They exhibited creativity and flair, presenting a mix of traditional and contemporary styles that impressed the judges and spectators alike.

Food Tasting Competitions:

In the food tasting competitions, psychology students demonstrated their culinary prowess by preparing and presenting delectable dishes. They showcased their cooking skills and creativity in crafting unique flavors and dishes, earning praise from judges and fellow participants.

Debates and Discussions:

Students engaged in lively debates and discussions on various topics, showcasing their critical thinking, research, and oratory skills. They expressed their viewpoints articulately, contributing to thought-provoking conversations and intellectual exchange during the event.

Mehendi and Other Creative Activities:

Psychology students also participated in creative activities such as mehendi (henna) art, where they showcased their artistic talents by designing intricate and beautiful patterns on participants' hands. Additionally, they participated in other creative endeavors, adding color and vibrancy to the event.

Singing and Musical Performances:

The event also featured singing and musical performances by psychology department students,



who mesmerized the audience with their melodious voices and musical talents. They performed a variety of songs, showcasing their versatility and passion for music.

The participation of Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology students in "Plus Points" was a resounding success, highlighting their diverse talents, creativity, and enthusiasm. The event provided students with an opportunity to showcase their skills, build confidence, and connect with peers from across the college community. Overall, the participation of psychology department students in "Plus Points" was a testament to their talent, passion, and spirit of camaraderie. The event not only provided a platform for students to showcase their abilities but also fostered a sense of community and celebration within the college. It was a memorable and enriching experience for all involved.

Felicitation of Outstanding Students from the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College

Date: January 26, 2024

Venue: St. Xavier's College

On January 26, 2024, St. Xavier's College, celebrated the academic achievements of six outstanding students from the previous year's batch. These students excelled in their Master's level exams and were felicitated for their exceptional performance and dedication to their studies. The felicitation ceremony commenced with an opening address by the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas, highlighting the significance of academic excellence and the importance of recognizing and celebrating student achievements. Each these students were then individually called to the stage to receive their certificates of recognition and awards. The names of the felicitated students are as follows:

Ms. Freeda Coelho

Ms. Saloni Gaonkar

Ms. Kavita Almeida

Ms. Andrea Pacheco

Ms. Nerissa Zuzarte

Ms. Georgina Godinho

The certificates were presented by the Principal and Administrator, who commended the students for their hard work, determination, and exemplary performance throughout their academic journey. Following the presentation of certificates, there was a moment of acknowledgment and appreciation for the contributions and achievements of the felicitated students. Refreshments were served, providing an opportunity for informal interactions and networking among attendees. It highlighted the academic excellence and achievements of the felicitated students, motivating others to strive for similar success in their academic pursuits.

The felicitation of outstanding students from the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology was a meaningful and memorable event, recognizing the dedication, hard work, and academic excellence of the awardees. It underscored the department's commitment to nurturing and celebrating talent and excellence in the field of psychology.



Fundraiser Canteen Organized by Students of Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College

Date: January 29, 2024

Venue: St. Xavier's Arc

On January 29, 2024, students of the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College organized a fundraiser canteen as part of the college's annual day celebrations. The purpose of the canteen was to raise funds for the upcoming event Psynex 2024, organized by the department. The fundraiser canteen featured a variety of food and beverage stalls, offering delicious snacks, refreshments, and homemade treats prepared by the students. The canteen was set up in a designated area within the college premises, attracting students, faculty, and staff members attending the annual day celebrations. The canteen was bustling with activity as students eagerly manned their tables, showcasing their culinary skills and creativity in preparing a diverse range of dishes. Students put in tremendous effort to attract customers to their tables, employing creative

marketing techniques such as colorful signage, attractive displays, and enticing promotions. They also actively engaged with customers, providing friendly service and recommendations on menu items. The fundraiser canteen was well-attended throughout the day, with students, faculty, and staff members showing their support by purchasing items from the stalls. The lively atmosphere, coupled with the delicious food and camaraderie, contributed to the success of the event. The fundraiser canteen organized by the students of the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology was a resounding success, both in terms of raising funds for Psynex 2024 and fostering a sense of community and collaboration within the college. The event provided students with an opportunity to showcase their talents, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit while contributing to a worthy cause. It also served as a platform for students to interact with members of the college community and build relationships outside of the classroom.

Fundraiser Canteen Organized by Students of Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of



Psychology, St. Xavier's College

Date: February 2, 2024

Venue: St. Xavier's College Lobby

On February 2, 2024, students of the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology at St. Xavier's College organized a fundraiser canteen in the college lobby. The purpose of the canteen was to raise funds for the upcoming event Psynex 2024, organized by the department. The fundraiser canteen featured a diverse array of food and beverage stalls, offering a tantalizing selection of homemade treats and refreshments. The canteen was strategically set up in the bustling lobby of St. Xavier's College, attracting students, faculty, and visitors passing through the area. Students worked tirelessly to prepare and man their stalls, showcasing their culinary talents and creativity in crafting a variety of delectable offerings. The menu included a range of snacks, desserts, and beverages, with options to suit every taste and preference. The fundraiser canteen buzzed with activity as students, faculty, and visitors eagerly patronized the stalls, enjoying the delicious food and contributing to the fundraising efforts. The lively atmosphere and sense of community created a memorable experience for all involved. The fundraiser canteen organized by the students of the Abbe Faria Post Graduate Department of Psychology was a resounding success, both in terms of raising funds for Psynex 2024 and fostering a sense of camaraderie and support within the college community. The event provided students with an opportunity to showcase their organizational skills, creativity, and dedication to their departmental activities. It also served as a platform for students to engage with their peers and faculty members outside of the classroom setting.



POST-GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON -*QUANTUM DOTS*

On 21st October 2023, Ms. Nicole Fonseca (M.Sc. Part II) and Ms. Chrystal Braganza (M.Sc. Part I) along with faculty member Mrs. Mamata Prabhugaonkar attended the state level seminar on '*Quantum Dots*' at Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola, Marcela – Goa, the speaker for the seminar was Prof. Santosh Haram, wherein he gave an interesting presentation on Quantum dots and its application in various field such as display technologies, solar cells and even in medical imaging. He also spoke about how Q-dots are becoming increasingly popular in TVs and monitors.



TALK ON CHEMICAL SENSING USING RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY

On 23rd January 2024, the department organized a talk on the topic 'Chemical Sensing using Raman Spectroscopy' for the students of M.Sc. Part I and Part II. The guest speaker for the session was Ms. Pratiksha Mandrekar, alumina of St. Xavier's College, and currently a PhD student, at Kongju National University, South Korea. Faculty members Mrs. Mamata Prabhugaonkar, Mrs. Rupali Neje, Ms. Kalpita Talpekar and Ms. Fami Fernandes attended the talk. In her session Ms. Pratiksha Mandrekar explained in detail about the technique of chemical sensing using Raman spectroscopy, enhancement of Raman Spectroscopy using nanomaterials and its applications in today's chemical world. Ms. Pratiksha Mandrekar also provided an insight about the opportunities that are available to the youngsters to join the Korean Universities of Research and also the career progression.



ONE DAY STATE LEVEL INTERCOLLEGIATE EVENT *CHEMSCOPE 2024*

On 31st Jan 2024, the department organized One day state level Intercollegiate Event CHEMSCOPE 2024 for the students of S.Y.B.Sc and T.Y.B.Sc. A total of 7 colleges had participated in the event. The event was organized with an aim to promote learning chemistry in high studies and research as it is an incredible fascinating field of study. Mrs. Mamata Prabhugaonkar was the convenor of the chemscope event.

On the same day the department released first E-newsletter "*CRYSTALLITE*" Volume-I, which consisted of all the activities and achievements of the department along with articles given by the M.Sc students for the year 2023-24. The editor for the same was Ms. Fami Fernandes, (Assistant professor).



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS

Interclass Cricket

On 12th February 2024, the Department of Physical Education and Sports organized an interclass cricket tournament for men, drawing participation from 13 teams. After competitive semi-finals where FYBSc triumphed over SYBCom and TYBSc defeated BCA, the stage was set for an intense final between TYBSc and FYBSc. The final match was closely contested, showcasing skill and determination from



both sides. Ultimately, TYBSc's experience shone through as they secured victory over FYBSc, emerging as the champions of the tournament.

Interdepartmental staff tournament

On 27th March 2024, the Department of Physical Education and Sports, in collaboration with NSS, organized an interdepartmental staff tournament in badminton, carrom, and table tennis. The event garnered significant enthusiasm from staff members and provided a welcome opportunity for teaching and non-teaching staff alike to engage in friendly competition, fostering stress relief among participants. The atmosphere was vibrant with excitement as staff members showcased their skills and sportsmanship across the various games. Overall, the event proved to be a successful endeavour in promoting physical activity and wellness within the staff community

Table Tennis Tournament the 1st place was won by Fr. Luis Gomes and 2nd place was won by Mr. Apollino Gomes.



Fr. Luis Gomes emerged as the Winner in the Men's badminton category, with Mr. Rommel Pinheiro finishing as the Runner-up.

In the Women's Badminton category Ms. Emma Fernandes secured the first-place position, demonstrating her skill and determination in Badminton. Ms. Prajoti Chimulkar achieved second place.



In the Carrom Doubles (mixed) Tournament, Mr. Roger Fernandes and Mr. Robert D'Souza clinched the first-place position, displaying exceptional teamwork. Securing the second-place spot were Mr. Apollino Gomes and Mr. Savio

Intercollegiate Tournaments



Runners Up at Goa university intercollegiate Men Basketball Championship



Champions at Goa University Intercollegiate Men's Handball Tournament



Champions at Goa University Intercollegiate Men's Hockey Tournament



Champions at Goa University Intercollegiate Women's Basketball Tournament



Runners-up at Goa University Intercollegiate Women's Handball Tournament



Champions at Goa University Intercollegiate Women's Hockey Tournament

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa Excels in Sports: A Triumph in 2023-2024

1. In a remarkable achievement, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, has been honoured as the Best College in sports 2023-24 by Goa University, for the second consecutive year. This prestigious accolade underscores the college's commitment to excellence in athletics across both Men's and Women's categories.
2. Added to this illustrious achievement, Vinay Harji (TYBA) and Chanel Crizzle (FYBA) have been awarded the titles of Best Sportsman and Best Sportswoman of Goa University for 2023-24. Their exceptional performance and exemplary leadership on the field have not only brought glory to themselves but also reinforced the stature of St. Xavier's College in the sporting arena taking it to even greater heights.
3. This double triumph is a testament to the relentless efforts of the college's athletes, coaches, and support staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve excellence in sports. St. Xavier's College continues to set benchmarks in sports education, inspiring young athletes to reach for the highest levels of achievement.



CLUBS, CELLS, ASSOCIATIONS, FORA

AICUF & Youth Cell

All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF)

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) at our college has been actively engaging in various spiritual and community-building activities, demonstrating great enthusiasm and commitment. The AICUF members have shown immense dedication in organizing all spiritual activities within the college. Their enthusiasm and commitment have significantly contributed to the spiritual growth and well-being of the college community.

The leadership team comprised of:

Coordinator: Rizel Fernandes

Co-coordinator: Flynn Lobo

Secretary: Blazel Pinto

Programme Manager: Joseph Fernandes

Feast of Our Patron Saint: The Feast of our Patron Saint was celebrated with great fervour and faith. The celebrations were marked by a deep sense of devotion and unity among the members of the college community.

Campus Prayer: The students conducted and led the campus prayer sessions to address the innumerable needs and petitions of the college community. These sessions provided a platform for collective prayer and reflection, fostering a sense of spiritual solidarity and leadership in conducting prayer services.

Feast of Saint Joseph: On January 15th, the college community came together to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph. The event was marked by the Eucharist presided over by Fr. Ramiro Luis seeking inspiration for the entire college community.

Inter-College Faith Event - TESTIFY: For the first time, the AICUF organized an inter-college faith event named TESTIFY. Under this banner various activities were conducted; Sacred Scrolls (Liturgy Writing), Divine Hues (Painting), Sanctified Spotlight (Monologue) Conviction: A Stand for Faith (Apologetics), Prophetic Premiere (Reel Making), Heavenly Echoes (Hymn Singing)

This event saw participation from five colleges, with Nirmala Institute, Panaji, emerging as the winners. The event was a remarkable platform for faith proclamation and inter-college interaction.

Quiz Competition: A team of three AICUF members participated in the Quiz Competition, which was based on the Gospel and the Pastor's letter. The competition, organized by Rosary College, Navelim, was a testament to the biblical knowledge and competitive spirit of our AICUF members.

Final Year Students' Celebration: A fitting celebration was organized by the AICUF members to honour the final year students. This event was marked by joy, gratitude, and a sense of accomplishment as the students prepared to move on to the next phase of their lives. Fr. Saturnino Colaco presided was the main celebrant who wished students well in their future lives. The core committee of AICUF organized a heartfelt farewell video for the third and final year students, titled "Carry Your Candle." This initiative was a touching tribute to the graduating students, wishing them well as they embark on their future endeavours.

The AICUF continues to be a pillar of spiritual and community life within the college, fostering a sense of faith, unity, and service among its members and the wider college community.



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) CELL

Even Semester Report on Disability Awareness and Participation - Academic Year 2023-2024

Team: Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes (Convenor), Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar (Member), Dr. Kshipra Vora (Member), Dr. Jervino Zen Lobo (Member), Ms. Freeda Tavares (Member), Ms. Zarina Chowdary (Member)



Throughout the academic year 2023-2024, St. Xavier's College,

Mapusa, actively engaged in initiatives aimed at raising awareness about disability rights, fostering inclusivity, and promoting active participation in events celebrating diversity and empowerment.

Mentoring Session on Awareness of Persons with Disabilities: On December 12th, 2023, mentors conducted a session focusing on disability awareness. Students were educated on effective communication, enrollment in the PWD Cell, and supportive behavior, fostering

empathy and understanding to create a more inclusive environment within the college. Participation in Purple Fest 2024: St. Xavier's College actively participated in the International Purple Fest Goa 2024, held from January 8th to 13th, 2024. Principal Prof. Blanche Mascarenhas and teachers attended sessions on real-life experiences of persons with disabilities, inclusive education, and the latest technologies for PWDs. Student volunteers engaged in various activities, experiencing the celebration of inclusivity and empowerment firsthand.

Conclusion: The academic year 2023-2024 witnessed significant efforts by St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in promoting disability awareness, inclusivity, and active participation. Through sessions, mentoring programs, and participation in events like the Purple Fest, the college demonstrated its commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students, regardless of ability.

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Date of Submission: April 11th, 2024



COMMUNITY CARE AND OUTREACH CELL

Even Semester Report (December 9th, 2023 to May 30th, 2024) Committee

Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes (Convenor), Members: Mr. Frazer Taylor, Ms. Wendy Martins, Ms. Joslyn D'Souza,

Ms. Mamta Prabhu Goankar

During the even semester, the Community Care and Outreach Cell of St. Xavier's College organized a two-day workshop on Innovative Teaching Methods. Held on December 11th and 12th, 2023, at St. Xavier's College Seminal Hall, the event was conducted in collaboration with KBM, Directorate of Official Languages (Goa), and S.C.E.R.T. The workshop, graced by Prof. Blanche Mascarenhas as the Chief Guest, focused on incorporating creativity into teaching through stories, dramas, painting, and animation. Resource persons Nayana Aradkar, Palash Agni, Tanvi Bambolkar, and Ratnamala Divkar shared valuable insights. With 130 participating teachers, engaging discussions and hands-on activities were coordinated by Ms. Anwesha Singhbal and Dr. Fr. Luis Xavier Gomes. The workshop significantly contributed to the professional development of government teachers in North Goa, enriching their pedagogical skills and fostering collaboration among educational institutions.



On January 4th, 2024, a Career Guidance Programme was conducted at St. Theresa's High School, Candolim, for Class IX and X students. Led by Fr. Ramiro Luis, a team of six teachers from St. Xavier's College provided students with comprehensive insights into various career options across the Commerce, Science, Vocational, Arts, and Sports streams. The program also

highlighted institutions offering professional training. Mr. Nicholas Cardozo, the headmaster, expressed gratitude for the detailed career guidance, which aimed to help students make informed decisions about their future educational and career paths.

Additionally, the Parish Linkage Cell of St. Xavier's College marked a significant milestone with the launch of the book "Bhoktivont Paulam - The Stations of the Cross" on February 9th, 2024, at Seminary Niwas Duler Mapusa. The book, a compilation of 14 Stations of the Cross (10 in Konkani and 4 in English), was authored by 18 seminarians and students from St. Xavier's College. The launch event was graced by Mr. Celso Fernandes, Fr. Mariano Travasso, Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, Ms. Myra Viera, and Mrs. Melissa

Simoes. With 2500 copies distributed across parishes in Goa, the book integrates traditional devotion with contemporary insights, enriching the spiritual lives of its readers and reflecting the collaborative efforts and creativity of the college community.



CELL FOR VISUAL ARTS

From Historic Streets to Creative Challenges: Cell for Visual Arts excels

On January 25, 2024, the Cell for Visual Arts hosted a photowalk at the historic Se Cathedral in Old Goa. Beginning at 4:00 p.m., the event attracted participants from diverse backgrounds, all eager to capture the architectural splendor and cultural heritage of Old Goa.

Yuvraj Seth took the top prize for his striking photography, while Abel secured the second position. The photowalk included visits to iconic sites such as Se Cathedral, Divar Ferry, St. Cajetan's Church, and various monastery ruins.

Earlier, on January 23, 2024, Cell for Visual Arts took part in a Short Video/Reel Making and Wealth Out of Waste competition organized by Goa College of Art in Althinho, Panjim. Students created an innovative video themed around 'Power of Vote' and crafted an art piece from recycled materials. The video was uploaded to the organizing college's Instagram handle, and the art piece was personally delivered to Ma'am Maria Ferreira. This competition highlighted the students' ability to blend creativity with social messages and sustainability.



CELL FOR MENTORING PROGRAMME (2023-24)

Ms Swizel Alphonso (Convenor)

Members, Ms Alia Agha, Ms Ana Olimpia Andrade e Souza, Ms Shivta Mayekar, Mr Worrel Dsouza, Ms Vinita Agarwadekar, Mr Manoj Salgaonkar, Dr Andrew Dsouza, Ms Sherline Palha, Dr Vrunda Kelkar, Ms Kimberly Barros

The Mentoring sessions aim to create a suitable environment at the college to enable fruitful interactions between students and Teachers. The college's Mentor-Mentee program strives to foster a supportive atmosphere among students on campus. Each student is placed under the guidance of a designated faculty member who serves as a mentor, providing support in academic, extracurricular, and personal growth areas, thus enhancing the overall college experience for students. The Cell for Mentoring programme of the college organises a number of mentor-mentee interaction sessions throughout the academic year, covering various topics. These sessions aim to promote valuable exchanges between students and their mentors, fostering a productive learning environment.

The Third session was held on the theme “Rights of Persons with Disabilities” on 12th December 2023. This session was held in collaboration with the Cell for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The students were enlightened on the five types of Disabilities as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 which were as follows: (i) Physical disabilities (Locomotor, visual, Hearing, speech disability), (ii) Intellectual Disability (specific-dyslexia, autism) (iii) Mental Illness (iv) Disability caused due to neurological conditions or blood disorders (v) Multiple Disabilities. Further, the students were sensitized on how to speak to persons with Disability with empathy and ways in which they can be supportive towards them on campus as well as in public.

The Fourth Mentoring session was held on 27th February 2024 on the topic “Good Manners and Understanding the Art of Netiquettes”. In the world of social media, where interactions in the virtual space define the personality of a person, understanding good behavior on the internet is very crucial. The session began with mentors discussing the area- Ten Commandments on Good Manners; which summarized good manners that a person should portray in society. Some of these include: Being Yourself, saying Thank You, Not be Boastful, listening before speaking, Interacting with kindness & caution etc. With regards to understanding Netiquettes, the session focused on rules adapted from “*Virginia Shea's : The Core Rules of Netiquette*” These rules include: Remember the Human, adhere to standards online as one would follow in real life, respect other people's time & bandwidth, respect people's privacy etc.

The Fifth Session was on the theme “Awareness on Anti-ragging and Understanding the Power of Empathy”. In the first part of the session, mentors were requested to sensitize students on Anti-Ragging and students were asked to fill the Anti-Ragging Undertaking present on the college website. This activity was an initiative of the Anti-Ragging Committee of the college. Further, the students were drawn toward understanding the power of Empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings, emotions and perspectives of others. It involves putting yourself in someone else's shoes and seeing the world from their point of view. Further, comparing it with sympathy which means to feel sorry for someone's situation or offer pity; empathy covers a broader spectrum where one shares the feeling and emotions of another person on a more deeper level. Finally students were urged to cultivate empathy in their behaviour by active listening, respecting differences, showing kindness and compassion etc.



RED RIBBON CLUB 2023-24

The Red Ribbon Advisory Committee was formed for the academic year 2023-24, comprising of the following members:

Chairperson: Prof. (Dr) Blanche Mascarenhas, *Principal*

Co-Chairperson: Ms Sandra Fernandes, *Vice-Principal*

Convenor: Ms Swizel Alphonso **Joint Convenors:** Mr Claude Braganza (SY Bcom) and Ms Swara Dharwadkar (SY BA)

Finance Officer/ Treasurer: Mr Mauricio Carvalho

Staff Members: Dr Ubaldina Noronha and Ms Shivta Mayekar

Student Volunteers: Mr Ruzario Sequeira (SY BA) and Ms Khushi Gad (SY BSC)

Commemoration of World AIDS Day

A team from the Red Ribbon Club of St. Xavier's College comprising of RRC Core Committee, student volunteers along the RRC Convenor attended the state level World AIDS Day programme on 1st December 2023 at Institute Menezes Braganza at Panaji Goa. The theme of the event was "Let Communities Lead" which was organised by the Goa State AIDS Control Society (GSACS).



Also a Face painting Competition was organised at the college on theme "AIDS: Ending Stigma and Discrimination." The following students were judged winners of the event and received Trophies and Certificates: First Place: Lenina Anisha Pereira, Second Place: Poonam Palyekar, Third Place: Tamanna Dhananjay Parab



Celebration of National Youth Day

The Red Ribbon Club organised a Poetry writing Competition on the theme: "Echoes of Resilience: Youth Confronting HIV/AIDS". Entries were received from students in the languages of English, Hindi and Konkani. The following students were judged as winners in the Competition: First Place: Naveen Variyath, Second Place: Hritiksha Bicholkar, Third Place: Janice Dias

Blood Donation Drive:

The Red Ribbon Club of St. Xavier's College in collaboration with GMC blood Bank organized a Blood Donation Drive on 30th January 2024 in the Seminar Hall of the college. The Camp began at 10am with the Inaugural. The Principal of the College Prof. (Dr) Blanche Mascarenhas gave the welcome address and spoke about blood donors being life savers as vital instruments in the hands of the Almighty. The Administrator of the College Rev. Fr Antonio Salema presented a potted plant to Dr Claire, Medical Officer and acknowledged the presence of her team in carrying the Blood Donation camp at our campus. The brief Formal programme ended with the Convenor of the Red Ribbon Club Ms Swizel Alphonso, who proposed the vote of Thanks.



There was a considerable amount of participation from the teaching, non-teaching staff and students of the college. A total of 66 people volunteered to donate blood out of which there were 49 successful donations.



PLACEMENT CELL

Campus placement was conducted and received an overwhelming response from the students from various streams. Various Companies routinely approach the college with Placement and Internships offers for trainee and contract positions in their establishments.

For the current academic year 2023-24 From **December 2023 to April 2024** various companies approached the institution with vacancies for students and provided Campus Placement.

a) Session on “Resume Writing and Facing Interviews”

The cell conducted a session on the 30th of March 2024 at 12:45 p.m. for final year students (UG and PG), with the intention of equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their upcoming interviews. The resource person for the session was Mr. Rommel Pinheiro, Assistant Professor in the BBA (T&T) Department of the college.

He spoke on the difference between a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a Resume and then proceeded to educate the students on the primary rules and strategies of drafting a resume as a fresher, providing examples and highlighting what content to include or avoid. Additionally, he informed the students about what the industry looks for in potential candidates and how students can align themselves with industry requirements.

Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of researching a company before attending an interview and provided insights on handling Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS).

Mr. Pinheiro explained the significance of interviews, gave a few pre-interview preparation tips, and rules to follow during an interview; he also briefly touched on the types of questions typically asked, and how to respond effectively. He concluded the session by addressing the students' queries.

Mr. Rommel Pinheiro's Session on “Resume Writing and Facing Interviews” on 30th March 2024

a) Campus Placement Drive

The Placement Cell held a Campus Placement Drive on 4th April 2024 for Final year (UG and PG) students of 2024. The Placement Drive endeavored to provide a platform for interested students to showcase their skills and secure promising job offers from leading companies.

17 Companies participated in the event including Essae Terraoka, Metallica, 91HR, Propertypistol.com, Frontline Managed Services, Delhivery, Fifteen73, Entraine Business Services, Estellar Academy, Make it Happen, Open Destination, IWS Finserve, Soul Travelling, Browntape Technologies, Goa Glass Fibre and Reliance General Insurance.

73 under-graduate and post graduate final year students across Arts, Science and Commerce had the opportunity to attend the preliminary rounds of interviews for selection and placement in various organisations. The process of shortlisting candidates and providing the job offers is ongoing.

Placement Cell (2023-2024): Half Yearly Report (Dec 23 to Apr 24)

Convenor: Dr. Mrs. Yasmin Z. Shaikh

Co-Convenor: Ms. Ruella D'souza

Members: Dr. Prema Rocha, Ms. Naila Pereira, Ms. Aquila Afonso, Ms. Sandra Fernandes
Report Compiled By: Ms. Ruella D'souza



GLOBAL VILLAGE CELL

Dr Marielou Ferrao (CONVENOR)

Members :Mr Herwin Furtado, Ms Munira Ursula de Souza, Mr Salim Gaded, Mr Rommel Pinheiro, Mr Jayden Bravo da Costa (Student President)

On the 21st of March 2024, Global village Cell in collaboration with Cell for Women and Children Welfare, Fundação Oriente and Camões Centro de Lingua Portuguesa organized a '**Portuguese Day**' celebration on campus , an inter school and collegiate event. The day was celebrated with the aim of invoking a sense of love and unity among the students with regard to the language and integrated culture. The programme began at 10 a.m with a large audience consisting of students teachers and invitees from across the state. The programme began with a prayer by Fr. Walter D'Sa former principal of St Xaviers College Mapusa Goa. The dignitaries on the dais for the lamp lighting ceremony included Chief Guest, Dr. Paulo Gomes, Delegado de Fundação Oriente India, the Guest of Honour, Dr. Delfim Correia da Silva who is a Director at Camões Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua Fr. Antonio Salema Administrator, Prof. Dr.

Blanche Mascarenhas, the Principal of St. Xavier's College, Ms. Sandra Fernandes and Ms Ursula Barreto Vice Principals of St. Xavier's College, addressed the gathering. She welcomed the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour; and spoke of the importance of this celebration. She said that the reason this day is celebrated with such fervor for years is to honor the intricate connection and history of Goa and Portugal and its most prominent factor, the Portuguese language. The audience was addressed by Dr. Paulo Gomes Delegado de Fundação Oriente India. He began by expressing his joy for being provided with the opportunity to interact with so many students and said that one cannot survive in this world if they are not competitive. He inspired students with quotes like "Being a winner doesn't make you a competitor but being a competitor will eventually make you a winner". He concluded his speech by thanking everyone present. After his address, Prof. Blanche Mascarenhas and Fr. Antony Salema presented the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour with tokens of appreciation. They were also presented potted plants. Mr. Dhruv Usgaonkar, Faculty of Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature: Discipline of Portuguese and Lusophone Studies at Goa University, was then welcomed on stage to speak about the benefits of learning and speaking Portuguese. He enlightened the students about the multiple opportunities that will be provided in the future and several avenues that will be unlocked. Dr. Marielou Ferrao Convenor of the program then proposed a Vote of Thanks which was followed by the college anthem. The cultural programme commenced with a 'fado' played by Zurial and sung by Danielle, followed by a beautiful Corridinho performance by the students of the College. The programme also consisted of two competitions, "História criativa (an essay reading competition) which took place on stage first, and then Mãos da Lusofonia (hand painting competition) in which several students from schools across the state participated. The College Band performed some scintillating instrumentals in Portuguese with Zurial D'Souza (lead guitar) Flynn Lobo (keyboard) Chirag Wargaonkar (drummer) Kiyara D Costa (crooner) Vegan Costa (lead guitar) Joseph Samuel (mouth organ) and Frenwin Fernandes playing the violin and the trumpet. Dr. Delfim Correia da Silva gave a presentation on the topic 'Portuguese as a language, Lingua Franca, Pluralistic Language', which was very engaging and enlightening. This was followed by the awards ceremony. The winners of the Essay reading competition were Rica Da Costa of St Xaviers College in 1st place, Kelly D'Souza of St Xaviers College in 2nd place and Shanta Kumari of Goa University in 3rd place. The winners of the hand painting competition were Ayushi Hegde and Aarna Kamat Dalal from St. Francis Xavier School Duler Mapusa in 1st place, two teams, Mishti Sharma and Moez Shaikh from St Francis Xavier School Duler Mapusa along with Kyra Manuel and Maira from Sharada Mandir Panjim in 2nd place and Shakambari Kamat and Sara Bhoen from Sharada Mandir Panjim in 3rd place. The comperes for the day were Ms Katherine Manuel and Ms Rica Da Costa of St Xaviers College Mapusa Goa. The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem at around 1:45 pm.

Traditional Indian Food Competition was organized by Global village Cell on the 23rd of March 2024. 30 students participated in the event. First place was bagged by Sachi Parab and Smruti Morajkar TYBA, 2nd place was won by Shruti Ghone SYBA and Shejal Redkar SYBCOM and third place by Ipsita Bhanja (FYBSc) and Poonam PAlyekar (FYBA)



CELL FOR PROMOTING INNOVATION, INCUBATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Pop-up Bazaar 2.0

The Hub for Innovation, incubation and Entrepreneurship of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa organised Pop-Up Bazaar 2.0 on 29th February 2024 on the college campus. This hugely popular event aimed to encourage entrepreneurship skills among the students. Students from the entire college were motivated to participate and put on sale their art and crafts items along with food and beverages, showcasing their creative and entrepreneurial skills. A live band composed of talented student musicians of the college was in performance throughout the bazaar timings.

The student vendors witnessed an encouraging response, with many stalls being 'sold out' by the end of the day. The activity helped spread awareness as well as introduced students and staff of the college to a wide variety of foods, drinks, and other handmade products and their importance. Some students received enquiries for bulk orders and future orders. Ms. Flavia Travasso coordinated the activity along with Ms. Jacqueline Monteiro, Ms Vanessa Furtado, Ms. Kimberly Barros and Mr. Sujay Rane.



GOENCHI ASMITAI (PRESERVATION OF GOAN CULTURE & HERITAGE)

An Exhibition of Marriage Traditions of Goa

In February 2024, The Goenchi Asmitai Cell of St. Xavier's College hosted an enriching exhibition on Goan marriage traditions in the college premises. The event aimed to celebrate and showcase the rich cultural heritage of Goa, highlighting its unique traditions, and social legacy. The exhibition provided a platform for students, to explore the vibrant marriage traditions belonging

to the diverse faiths of Goa. Goa, known for its cultural diversity and rich heritage, exhibits a unique blend of Hindu, Christian, and Muslim marriage traditions. Each community has its distinct customs and rituals, reflecting the harmonious coexistence of different cultures in this coastal state. These multifaceted traditions were reflected in the mesmerizing performances by students of FYBA. The display featured pre-wedding rituals, bridal attire, and jewellery.

Workshop on Indigenous Gastronomic Delights of Goa

The Goenchi Asmitai Cell conducted a workshop highlighting the importance of indigenous gastronomic delights from Goa in March 2024. It encouraged students to explore the rich and diverse cuisine of Goa. Student participants analyzed the nutritional value of Goan foods by preparing an array of local dishes and studying their nutritional content. Dr. Sharmila Pais explained that Goan cuisine is renowned for its diverse flavors and nutritional richness. Further, Dr. Pais explained that traditional Goan dishes incorporate locally sourced ingredients such as seafood, coconut, rice, and spices, reflecting a blend of Indian and Portuguese culinary influences. Edible roots, tubers, vegetables and herbs reflect the rich biodiversity of the region. Rice, fish and coconut were common accompaniments in Goan meals, providing carbohydrates for energy and other essential nutrients.



PH.D AWARD

Dr Shefali Kale, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy defended her doctoral thesis on 7th November, 2023 at Goa University. She completed her PhD in Philosophy, titled “Women and



Religion: A Study in Feminist Philosophy”, under the guidance of Prof. Koshy Tharakan, Dean, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University.

The objective of the study was to explore the attitudes of major and minor religions of the East and West towards women. Secondly by employing the conceptual structures of feminist philosophy, it sought to uncover the prejudices perpetuated by patriarchy against women in

religions. The study was based on the hypothesis that religion acts as one of the societal structures which has played a pivotal role in suppressing and dehumanizing women. The methodology used was standpoint feminist methodology. The findings are, traditionally religion acts as an agent of oppression for women because the major religions are patriarchal. Women learn about themselves from the religious scriptures which were written/interpreted by men. Modes of knowledge which are male-centered have led to misconceptions and prejudices about women. Women thus need an epistemological framework which makes them the subject of study, which is provided by the feminist standpoint theory.



LIBRARY

Annual Newspaper Clipping Display- 2024

St. Xavier's College Mapusa Goa, College library launched a virtual version of its annual newspaper clipping display 2024 on Republic Day. Fr. Antonio Salema, Administrator, St. Xavier's College officiated the ceremony alongside the Principal Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas, Vice- Principals Ms. Ursula Barreto and Ms. Sandra Fernandes and College Librarian, Ms. Dakshata G. Zambulkar. The display pertained to various activities and press releases covered in local dailies. It was made available to the public through the college website.



NSS

Commemoration of State Liberation Day: 19th December 2023

On 19th December Our National Flag was hoisted to commemorate Goa's Liberation Day. While our National Flag soared high, everyone chorused in to join in Our National Anthem. NSS unit put up a patriotic song and the NSS marching squad put up an excellent display of unity led by PRO Claude Braganza.



Orphanage Visit: 19th December 2023

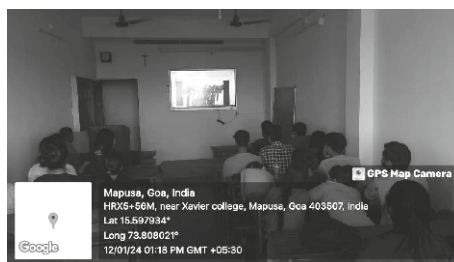
As part of our NSS activity we've decided to visit the Mama Margaret Boys Bal Sadhan, Bastora (orphanage for Boys) on 19th December after the flag hoisting ceremony. All volunteers can contributed to the items collected to be gifted to the boys. Activities such as games and songs were conducted at the orphanage till lunchtime.



National Youth Week held from 12th to 16th January 2024

• 12th January 2024

Webcast of Hon'ble Prime Ministers Speech and National Youth Festival Inauguration was live telecasted to the students on 12th January, 2024 to celebrate the National Youth Day. The significance of honouring our Youth was highlighted through these sessions.



• 13th January 2024

The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs in collaboration with Directorate of Higher Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Directorate of Planning Statistics and Evaluation, Directorate of Information and Publicity organized a session to commemorate National Youth Week 2024 at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa in collaboration with the NSS Unit of the college on 13th January 2024 at their Ark Hall. The program began at 10:30 am by welcoming the dignitaries, Principal, Prof. Dr. Blanche Mascarenhas, Guest of honour, Mr. Dheeraj Parab,



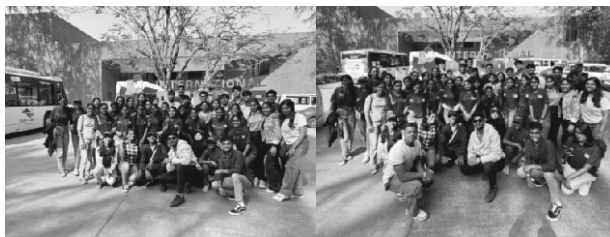
Resource person for the session, Vice-Principals: Ms. Ursula Baretto and Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Cultural Committee Coordinator Ms. Sunita Mesquita, NSS Chief Program Officer Dr. Rheane Da Silva and Lady Representative for the Student Council Ms. Anushka Essani. The gathering comprised of the college faculty and the students.



The program was initiated with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by a floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda's portrait, the great personality in whose honour we celebrate the National Youth Week. The resource person for the program Mr. Dheeraj S. Parab, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Directorate of Agriculture delivered a session on the topic Mera Yuva Bharat and insight on My Bharat Portal and Opportunities for youth in and with government by Swayampurna Mitra. Ms. Anushka Essani from TYBA Mass Communication then gave her views on the program, after which Principal shared her insights on the informative session given. The program concluded with the National Anthem. The total number of participants registered on the My Bharat platform.

Purple Fest: 8th to 13th January 2024

Purple Festival was an event organized for disabled people organised by the Department of Social Welfare Goa Governemnet. It took place from January 8th to 13th at Kala Academy Panjim Goa. Participants were from various states in India and other countries, in the form of participants and volunteers. Purple Fest aimed to give people with disabilities a chance to showcase their talents and demonstrate a well rounded lifestyle. NSS volunteer, PRO, Swara Dharwadkar and 43 students from the NSS of our college participated in Purple Fest.



During Purple Fest, volunteers were divided into groups and given specific tasks to do. Activities volunteered at included workshops, facilitated performances, witnessed a matrimonial matchmaking and participated in other activities to learn about their lives.

Commemoration of Republic Day: 26th January 2024

On 26th January Our National Flag was hoisted to commemorate India's Republic Day. While our National Flag soared high, everyone chorused in to join in Our National Anthem. NSS Unit performed a Patriotic dance. NSS volunteers were felicitated on this day for their achievements throughout the year. The NSS marching squad put up an excellent display of unity led by PRO Claude Braganza.



Actizen Collective Project, Desh Apnayen: 5th December 2023 to 30th January 2024

The collaboration between the NSS unit of Goa and Desh Apnayen Foundation brought forth the Actizens Collective Project, a beacon of hope for students who are not only eager to tackle civic



issues but also aspire to become active citizens and positive change makers. Under the project, teams had to identify 5 civic issues in their locality by surveying with locals and then select 1 issue to be solved. Then do research to understand locals views, reasons behind the problem, and collaborate with the government to implement effective solutions, aiming to make a positive change.

Through a meticulous process, the team from St. Xavier's college

Under the leadership & guidance of Principal: Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas, Administrator: Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema & NSS Programme Officer: Dr. Rheane Da Silva. The Actizen group, headed by Kush Kanthamraju with members Yash Pawar, Sonia Salkar, Chandrika Bogati & Khushi Gad conducted on-ground surveys to identify the top five civic problems. Among these, the scourge of public tobacco spitting emerged as a standout issue, drawing attention for its detrimental impact on public spaces, sanitation, and public health. Undeterred by the challenges, the team delved deeper, conducting detailed case studies in two major cities of Goa: Mapusa and Panjim across 3 different locations; Mapusa Bus Stand, Mapusa market, Panjim Bus stand. Their findings revealed a stark reality—the proximity to spitting zones correlated with higher rates of common and severe communicable diseases. It was found that on average at the 3 locations of survey people suffering with common communicable diseases at closer proximity to spitting zone was 30% & severe communicable was 39%. Their research also shed light on the behavior of spitters, debunking the misconception that they spit indiscriminately but mostly at places usually unclean & at walls, corners & pillars. Armed with insights, the team formulated five practical solutions. These ranged from regular awareness campaigns to the strategic placement of spittoons and the implementation of fines and a special task force for enforcement. They also proposed innovative hostile architecture tactics, including artistic deterrents, strategic wall painting, installation of benches & harnessing green spaces to discourage spitting behavior & transforming these places into vibrant communal hubs. Upon submission of their report to local governments, their efforts were highly appreciated. At Panjim KTC, the students were invited to launch an awareness campaign, leading to the initiation of monthly sanitations and the installation of board-like barriers. Similarly, at Mapusa KTC, improvements in sanitation were observed alongside the implementation of strategic wall painting.

The jury was captivated by the team's detailed research, their courage in addressing an often-ignored issue, and their genuine passion for creating positive change. Their efforts were duly rewarded with the first-place prize.

NEP Quiz: 17th February 2024

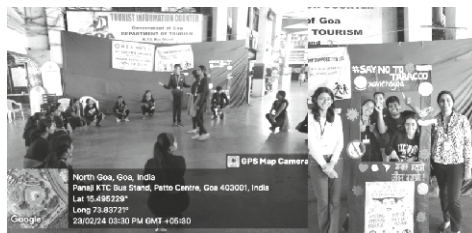
The NEP Quiz was held on the 17th of February 2024 at 9:30 am. The quiz included multiple choice questions (MCQ), fill in the blanks, one word question and answer along with short answer type of Q&A. We received a good response from 441 students attempting the quiz. 73% of the students answered more than 5 questions correct.

The quiz was conducted in an online mode using google forms

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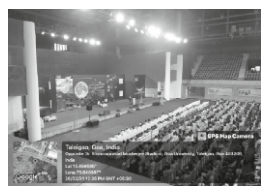
Anti-Tobacco Awareness Drive :23rd February 2024

On the 23rd of February, Kadamba Transport Corporation, Panjim invited the NSS unit of St.Xavier's College for an impactful 'Anti-Tobacco Spitting' awareness campaign. This campaign initiated by NSS students under Desh Apnaye Foundations' Actizen Project, their research on the health hazards of spitting resonated with KTC. This collaboration aimed to make citizens alert, informed, and active in fostering positive change. Together, they not only highlighted the consequences of tobacco spitting but also exemplified the potential of youth-led initiatives to transform public spaces into healthier, more vibrant hubs. This partnership serves as a compelling example of proactive efforts addressing civic issues and contributing to community well-being.



Clean Ground Green Ground Initiative: 24th February 2024

To facilitate great sportsmanship, NSS volunteers took on to clean the ground prior to the Sport's Day held at St. Xavier's College.



ISRO session: 26th February 2024

To facilitate knowledge of the Chandrayaan 3 mission, Goa University in Collaboration with ISRO organized a symposium held at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium, Goa University. ISRO Chairman Shri. Sreedhara Panicker Somanath delivered an insightful and memorable session at the inaugural ceremony.

'Mera Pehla Vote Desh ke Liye' campaign: 28th February 2024- 06 March 2024.

- As part of the 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh ke Liye' campaign (28th February 2024- 06 March 2024), the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa organised following activities with the objective conduct outreach programme to encourage youth to exercise their right to vote in the context of upcoming general election-2024

• .Reel Making

The NSS volunteers prepared a reel encouraging college students and other youth to cast their vote in the upcoming election. The reel is uploaded on the Instagram account of the college and was being circulated through WhatsApp.



- **Voters' pledge**

The college administered voters' pledge symbolising commitment of voters towards democracy and free and fair elections. The students of the college and teaching and non-teaching staff participated in this initiative.

participants



- **Interactive session on Voter's awareness.**

On the 6th March 2024 an interactive session was organised for the students highlighting the significance of voting and do's and don'ts to remember on the day of voting. Dr. Cajé Pinto, a master trainer, explained to the students, majority of whom will be the first time voters, how the actual voting process happens inside the polling booth.



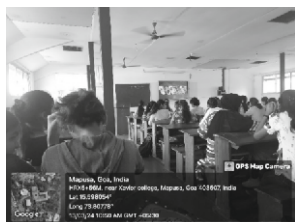
- **A photobooth initiative**



PM address to the Youth on the occasion of laying of foundation stone of Three Semiconductor facilities: 13th March 2024



Under the banner of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, there was an inaugural programme where our Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the three semiconductor projects. The live streaming of this programme was live telecasted on 13th March 2024 at 10.30 am where NCC Cadets and NSS volunteers of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, participated in this session. Out of the three semiconductor facilities, two are located in Gujarat while one is based in Assam.



Addressing our nation's youth, Prime Minister Shri.Narendra Modi highlighted the potential of these 3 mega projects where it was stated that the main aim is to position India as a global hub for semiconductors and to foster the creation of Employment. This also marked a very significant milestone as country's first commercial semiconductor which reflects India's stride towards 'Self Reliance'.



Anti-Malaria Poster Competition and Awareness Session: 14th March 2024

The NSS unit of St.Xavier's College organized a poster making competition on the topic anti malaria awareness. The competition was held on 14th March 2024. The NSS volunteers incorporated various slogans and conveyed various messages through their posters. The winners of the competition were as follows:

1st place - Richa Satelkar S.Y.BSc
2nd place - Sneha Talwar F.Y.B.Com
3rd place - Sohani Chari S.Y.BSc

Street Play Anti-Tuberculosis: 15th March 2024.

The NSS unit of St. Xavier's College organized a captivating street play to raise awareness about tuberculosis. The play aimed to educate the audience about the symptoms, diagnosis, and stigma associated with this infectious disease.

The street play, written and directed by the talented team of students, showcased the journey of a patient and her family. The story revolved around the discovery of symptoms, the diagnosis by a compassionate doctor, and the challenges faced due to societal stigma and ignorance.

The play effectively portrayed the importance of early detection, seeking medical help, and breaking the chain of tuberculosis. It not only entertained but also educated the audience about the importance of awareness, early diagnosis, and destigmatization.



Interdepartmental Staff Sports Tournament: 27th March 2024

St. Xavier's College, NSS unit in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education and Sports organised Interdepartmental Staff Sports Tournament.

The aim of this activity was to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

Table Tennis:

Winner: Rev. Fr. Luis Gomes

Runner's Up: Mr.Appolino Gomes



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Winners: Mr.Roger Fernandes & Mr.Robert D'Souza

Runners Up: Mr.Savio D' Souza & Mr.Appolino Gomes.

Badminton (Women) :

Winner: Ms.Emma Fernandes

Runner's Up: Ms.Prajyoti Chimulkar

Badminton (Men) :

Winner: Rev.Fr. Luis Gomes

Runner's Up: Mr.Rommel Pinheiro



Cleanliness Drives: January to March 2024

- The NSS volunteers regularly carried out cleanliness drives every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the month of January to March 2024.



NSS Closing Ceremony: 21st March 2024

On 21st March NSS held its Closing ceremony for the academic year 2023-24 on the theme

“Not me but the Other: Putting Community First”. Chief Guest for the ceremony was Sr. Guilherminha Monteiro, Secretary, Archdiocese Board of Education. A highlight of few activities carried out through this year as put together by NSS volunteer Karen and Jewelina. The activities of the academic year were presented by Dr. Rheane da Silva and Vote of thanks raised by Mr. Prasad Naik.

Notable Achievements:

- 20th State youth festival 2023-24 was held on 4th, 5th and 6th October 2023 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, Miss Aastha Harmalkar secured 2nd place for solo folk dance competition.
- Miss Namashri Parab participated in west zone NSS PRE-REPUBLIC DAY PARADE CAMP 2023 held at KL University, Vaddeswaram, Andhra Pradesh from 1st to 10th November 2023. Miss Aastha Harmalkar and Miss Hritiksha Bicholkar participated in National Integration Camp at KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra from 30th November to 6th December 2023. And the team won first place for poster competition at this camp.
- NSS volunteer Mr. Shanoor Shaikh participated represented our college for the state of Goa at NSS Adventure Camp held at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (ABCIMAS) Narkanda H.P. from 8th Dec. to 17th Dec. 2023.
- NSS volunteers Ms. Sejal Bindle, Ms. Rhutuja Pokhare, Mr. Deep Gad represented our college for the state of Goa at National Integration Camp at NSS Bhavan, Karnatak University, Dharwad from 05th to 11th January, 2024.
- Ms. Rhutuja also received an award for best female volunteer at NIC Dharwad.
- Miss Aastha Harmalkar Represented Goa for solo folk dance competition at 27th National Youth Festival 2024 held in Nashik, Maharashtra from 12th January to 16th January 2024.
- Our NSS Volunteers represented Goa in Youth Convention at 27th National youth Festival 2024 held in Nashik, Maharashtra from 12th January to 16th January 2024 Following were the participants, Sunil Kolapte, Claude Braganza, Kush Kanthamraju, Laxmi Chawan, Tejal Parab, Namashri Parab, Gayatri Revodkar, Samidha Kharbe, Prajwala Naik, Saniya Alvi.
- NSS volunteer, Ms. Swara Dharwadkar was the student coordinator for the Purple Fest 2024 held from 8th January to 13th January 2024.
- NSS volunteer's Mr. Pranay Arondekar, Ms. Sharly De Souza, Ms. Aanam Mainnikar participated represented our college for the state of Goa at NSS Adventure Camp held at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (ABCIMAS) Narkanda H.P. from 14th January to 23rd January 2024.



NCC GIRLS UNIT (DEC 2023 – MAY 2024)

• COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP

The Combined Annual Training Camp was held at Peddem, Mapusa from 5th to 14th December 2023. 20 cadets participated. The cadets achieved various prizes in the camp competitions as follows: SCUO Riya Bhaidkar and JCUO Dhanashri Naik were felicitated for being camp seniors. We won the First place in Group dance, Group singing, Guard mounting. Second place in Tug of war, article writing and Third place in the relay race.



GOA LIBERATION DAY

On 19th December 2023 Goa Liberation Day celebration, NCC girls presented a song and were felicitated for attending and participating in various activities at CATC camp. 10 cadets participated at Mapusa Municipal Council for Goa Liberation day celebration.



VISIT TO DAY CARE SHELTER

On the occasion of Indian Army Day on 15th January, 2024, 16 NCC girls' cadets visited "The Little Acorns Day Care Shelter for street children" in Calangute. Cadets donated stationary items, groceries and clothes to the organization.



75th REPUBLIC DAY

On the occasion of 75th Republic day, the NCC girls participated at 3 different places, namely, College parade, Parade at Mapusa Mamlatdar's Office and at the Goa University Grounds, Taleigao. Cadet Poonam Palyekar (won First place) and Cadet Harshada Kalangutkar was

felicitated for taking part in the cooking competition held as a part of International Year of Millets. CSM. Arya Tivrekar presented a dance highlighting women empowerment.



ANNUAL DAY PROGRAMME 2024

For the Annual Day Programme of our college on 29th January 2024, SCUO Riya Bhaidkar was felicitated for bestcadet2023-24 and JCUO Dhanashri Naik was felicitated for Dr. Sudha Chari Scholarship 2023-24 by the chief guest Mr. Sanjit Rodrigues, IAS secretary.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 9th March 2024, 22 cadets of our college attended the 'Swayampurna Utsav' held on the occasion of International Women's Day at Kala Academy, Panaji. The dignitaries present were the Chief Minister of Goa- Shri Dr. Pramod Sawant, Union Minister Shri Shripad Naik, Rajya Sabha MP –Shri Sadanand Tanavade. Four cadets were the Pilots for escorting the CM of Goa for the programme.



NCC 'B' CERTIFICATE EXAM

On 10th and 11th February 2024, 15 NCC cadets answered B certificate exam. The practical exam was held at Peddem ground and written exam was held at Fr. Angel College Pilar, Goa.



NCC 'C' CERTIFICATE EXAM

NCC 'C' certificate practical exam was held on 17th February, 2024, and the written test was held on 3rd March 2024 at Government Polytechnic College, Altinho Panjim. A total of 13 NCC cadets answered the same.

RDC-IGC Felicitation by Honorable Governor of Goa

On 27th March, 2024 Cadet Tanisha Palyekar of the NCC girls unit of our college was felicitated by Governor of Goa, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai. She was felicitated for participating in Inter Group Competitions of the Republic Day Parade held at Bangalore.



NATIONAL CADET CORPS – BOYS



1. JUO Shresth Fadte successfully completed the Pre RDC-2/IGC that was organised at Bangalore from 24/11/2023 to 03/12/2023 and was selected for IGC-4/PRE RDC-3 camp.

2. L/CPL Piyush Harmalkar attended the Sardar Patel Narmada tracking camp organised at Vadodara Gujarat from 28/11/2023 to 05/12/2023 camp.

3. SUO Shreshth Devidas Fadte attended RDC kitting camp at Karnataka Youth training Center from 18th Dec 2023 to 27th Dec 2023, and the RDC IGC camp 1, 2, 3. He also participated in the 75th Republic Day Parade 2024 at New Delhi.



4. SUO Shreshth Devidas Fadte was awarded the Deputy Director General's Commendation in the presence of Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar, DDG of Goa and Karnataka Directorate at Christ University, Bangalore on 4th February 2024.



5. SUO Shresth Fadte was felicitated by the Governor of Goa, Shri. P. S. Sreedharan Pillai at a function at Raj Bhavan, Donapaula-Goa on 27th March, 2024 for participating in Republic Day Parade 2024 at New Delhi.

6. SUO Sohail Nagnori

of NCC Boys unit was felicitated by St. Xavier's College on 10th April 2024, for successfully completing and representing NCC Unit Goa and St Xavier's College, at the Advanced Mountaineering camp which was organised at the Advanced Mountain Course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi from 14/09/2023 to 11/10/2023.



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