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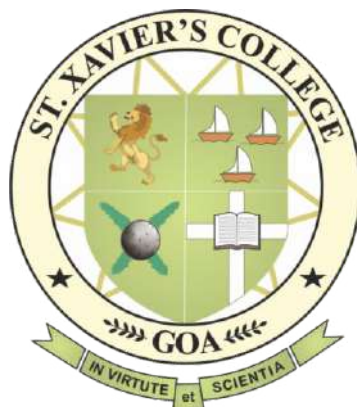
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Principal's Message



It is a delight to see the 37th Volume of *Xavierwrite* ready for circulation. The release of this issue celebrates the culmination of one more eventful academic term.

With the NEP in the second year of implementation and the emphasis on Outcome Based Education, every activity conducted during the semester was an attempt towards strengthening skills, promoting creative thinking and ensuring value addition to the existing curriculum. The college calendar packed with events gave the faculty and students of every department, cell, club, ample opportunity to come out with novel ideas that would provide an enriching experience not only for the participants but also for the organizers.

Together with our Mission and Vision of promoting value based all-round development, this year the College initiated activities to support the Sustainable Development Goals and promote the Indian Knowledge Systems. The semester witnessed hybrid learning, enrichment programs for both teaching and non-teaching staff and short term skill based certificate courses open for students and the general public. Research, Ideation, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Green Initiatives were the focus of attention throughout the term. Student support through mentoring and wellness programs also took centre stage.

The proactive involvement of our highly competent faculty members has been amazing. They are the reason for the success of every endeavour documented in this publication. The whole hearted support rendered by all stake holders, the PTA, the Alumni Association, the Non-Teaching Staff, the Student's Council and the Management is deeply appreciated.

My hearty congratulations to every achiever who has done us proud; and I applaud every single participant for supporting our activities, for being that important piece of the jigsaw without which the kaleidoscopic picture of the *Xavierwrite* would have been incomplete.

Profound appreciation to the entire editorial team of this Issue headed by Ms. Freda Tavares for the sustained efforts in compiling, editing and designing this newsletter with an altogether new makeover. Congratulations to each of you!

Thank you to all our readers for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable journey into the vibrant campus life, through the pages of *Xavierwrite*!

– Ursula Barreto
Acting Principal

Administrator's Message



Success of a scholastic year largely depends on the curricular and extracurricular activities conducted in the institution. While the curricular activities equip the students with knowledge of the subjects helping them to gain academic excellence, the extracurricular activities strengthen the academic achievements. A student is expected to grow academically, but his/her well-rounded development is very much conditioned by the degree of his/her participation in the various extracurricular activities that are conducted. These activities help in the development of leadership and communication skills, promote a sense of community, sharing of knowledge, and much more.

Xavierwrite, the biannual magazine focuses on these aspects of the formation of our students. By highlighting the activities, achievements and aspirations, it is a tool, which, we hope, will motivate the students to aim high, uplift those who experience a low in their studies, and encourage the disheartened. The faculty, too, should bear in mind that they play a very important and crucial role in the development and welfare of their students. Xavierwrite is not simply a magazine, but an important link between the teachers and the students, the college and the world outside in much as it leads to generate awareness about the intense academic work and the supporting activities done in the College and which contribute towards the holistic development of the students.

Sincere thanks to the editorial board and its collaborators for working hard and putting together all that has been done during the first half of this academic year, 2022-23, with meticulous care and may God bless everyone.

– Fr. Tony Salema
Administrator

Editor's Note



It is an honour to present the 37th volume of Xavierwrite, which captures the diverse activities that have taken place across campus during the first half of the academic year 2024-25. Within this biannual edition, you will find important milestones, achievements, and a variety of initiatives that reflect the vibrant St. Xavier's campus. From academic accomplishments to extra-curricular pursuits, this publication documents developments that encourage us to continue contributing to the shared vision of our college.

My sincere gratitude to our Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto, for her unwavering encouragement and invaluable guidance in shaping this issue. I am also deeply thankful to our Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, for his steadfast support in all our endeavours. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated members of the editorial team, Ms. Linette de Souza Noronha, Ms. Swizel Alphonso, and Mr. Lisvan Rodrigues, for their generous and wholehearted cooperation in bringing this issue to life.

As a part of our commitment to supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we are pleased to introduce the college newsletter in an electronic format contributing to a more eco-friendly future.

Happy Reading!

Freda Antonio Tavares

Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working.
Waited for, it usually keeps waiting.

- Pablo Picasso

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED****Research Coffee Series**

Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas conducted a research series on the theme 'Tourism -A promisable yet high risk sector in Goa'. Students wrote and presented the following papers:

1. 'Growth of Tourism Sector in Goa' was presented by Mr. Ezra on 19th September 2024 for FYBA Economics students.
2. 'Pros and Cons of Tourism in Goa' was presented by Ms. Afsana Abdul Khadar Aladkatti on 20th September 2024 for TYBCom students.
3. 'Offshore Tourism in Goa' was presented by Ms. Crecentia Pinto on 24th September 2024 for TYBA students.
4. 'Tourism a boon or a bane for coastal villages' was presented by Ms. Rudrakshi Malgaonkar on 26th September 2024 for TYBA students.
5. 'Goan Culture/Festivals and Tourism' was presented by Ms. Alida Goes on 27th September 2024 for TYBCOM students.
6. 'Best Tourist spots in Goa' was presented by Mr. Om Shrikrishna Samant on 28th September 2024 for TYBA students.
7. 'Tourism: A source of livelihood' was presented by Ms. Shejal Redkar on 11th October 2024 for TYBCOM students.

Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza co-ordinated research series on the theme 'Union Budget 2024-2025: A Microanalysis'

1. 'Union Budget 2024-2025: A Microanalysis' was presented by Mr. Omkar M. Karpe and Mr. Aryan Luke D'Costa on August 21, 2024.
2. 'Hyperinflation in Venezuela' was presented by Mr. Jenish Edwin on August 24, 2024.
3. 'Malnutrition in India' was presented by Ms. Manisha Chaudhary and Ms. Rachel Rodrigues on 23rd of September, 2024.
4. 'Indian Agriculture: Trends and Development (2020-2024)' was presented by Ms. Belicia Pinto and Ms. Klydivinia D'Souza on 9th October 2024,
5. 'Employment and Skilling' was presented by Ms. Astrid Rachel D Mello and Mr. Omkar Mohan Karpe on 9th October, 2024.
6. 'India's Foreign Trade – An Overview' was presented by Ms. Sandhya Sayani and Ms. Trusha Tirodkar on 17th October 2024.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Talk - Oral Health: On the 22nd of August 2024, a talk on oral health was organised in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Club. Dr. Gretchen Pinto, the resource person, a dental practitioner with 28 years of experience, is an alumna of St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School and a graduate of Goa Dental College. Dr. Pinto She covered topics like cavity and gum disease prevention, causes of mouth ulcers, plaque and tartar buildup, and oral hygiene tips. The session was well-received by 124 attendees. Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas was the coordinator of the session.



Stationery Donation Drive: On the occasion of World Literacy Day, a Donation Drive was organised in college from 2nd to 4th September 2024. The objectives of the drive were to provide essential stationery supplies to underprivileged children to enhance their learning, and to raise awareness among students about the lack of basic educational resources in certain communities. The drive received an overwhelming response. The items received were handed over to the Prison Ministry and Caritas. Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza was the coordinator of the Drive.

Blossoming Creativity: A Flower Making Workshop was organized on 20th September 2024. The workshop had an enthusiastic participation of 22 students from different streams. Resource person, Ms. Vilda Coelho guided participants in crafting unique and beautiful flowers using various types and textures of paper. Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas was the co-ordinator of the session.




FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Programmes Attended

Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza attended a One-Day workshop State level Workshop on 'Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Business and Economics' organised by the Department of Economics of Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies 25th September 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

- Ms. Astrid Rachel D'Mello (SYBA Economics) and Mr. Omkar Mohan Karpe (FYBA Economics) secured the Third position for their research paper titled 'Employment and Skilling', at the State Level Research Paper Competition on "Thrust Areas of the Union Budget 2024-25" organised by the Department of Economics, S. S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira, Bambolim, on 21st September, 2024.
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- Ms. Tessica Campos, SYBCOM, St. Xavier's College, secured the 1st Consolation Prize at the 58th A.D. Shroff Memorial Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition 2024-2025 organised by the Department of Economics and Student Council and Event Planning and Management Cell of Government College, Borda, Margao in collaboration with The Forum of Free Enterprise, Mumbai on 14th of October 2024.

Programmes Attended

- Ms. Astrid D Mello from SYBA and Mr. Omkar Karpe from FYBA attended a One-Day workshop State level Workshop on 'Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Business and Economics' organised by the Department of Economics of Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies 25th September 2024.
- 46 students of the Department attended a session on 'Preparation for CAT Exams' organized by the BBA Department of the college on 1st October 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED**

A Guest Lecture - 'Revisiting Freedom: An Appreciation of The Aesthetics Of Ambedkarism': The lecture was held in collaboration with Museum of Goa (MOG) on 21st August 2024. The objective of the lecture was to introduce students to Dalit history through experiences narrated by Dalit writer, Mr. Siddhesh Gautam. Mr. Gautam shared his journey, and struggles with ostracism, discrimination, caste identity and acceptance. He drew inspiration from the life of B.R. Ambedkar and revealed that Ambedkar's writings influenced his art. Mr. Gautam emphasized the need for equality, acceptance, and social justice, highlighting the contributions of Dalits to Indian society and the economy. The event concluded with a Q&A session. 8 faculty and 47 students attended the event, which was coordinated by Ms. Alice D'Cruz and Ms. Eden Fernandes.

Talk - Understanding Research Ethics: A session on "Understanding Research Ethics" by Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar, Librarian, for TYBA English Literature project students was organized on 26th August 2024. The session aimed to enhance students' understanding of research, methodology, and ethics. She also introduced e-resources, such as Delnet and N-List, to aid research. The session was attended by 17 students and 5 teachers, and was coordinated by Dr. Prema Rocha.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Field Trip - Kaushik's Book Kaffe: First Year English Major students were treated to a literary experience, when they visited Kaushik's Book Kaffe at Margao on 19th July, 2024. The trip was intended to introduce and initiate youngsters to indulge in quality reading to acquire an expansive worldview, appreciate literary texts, and get insights into the nuances of language, style, and content of these texts. 14 English major students participated and benefited from this trip.

National Book Lovers Day Observed: National Book Lovers Day was commemorated on 9th August 2024 in the College Library. 20 students from SYBA English Major and TYBA English Honours along with the faculty members of the Department of English – Ms. Alice D'Cruz and Mr. Aaron-Paul Fernandes attended this event. Librarian Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar delivered an inspiring address on the significance of reading. The teachers guided the students to specific cupboards and shelves containing various genres of English books, assisting them in cleaning and dusting some of the sections. This helped in organizing the books as well as familiarizing the students with the various categories of English literature.

Value Added Course: A Value Added course titled 'Back to Basics: Enhancing English Language Skills for the Workplace' was held from 23rd September to 19th October 2024, attended by 20 SYBA Major 2 students. The course aimed to improve English pronunciation, listening, grammar, editing, body language, and workplace etiquette. Sessions were conducted by Ms. Alice D'Cruz, Ms. Sunita Mesquita, Dr. Prema Rocha, Dr. Claudette Gomes, Ms. Shirlene Fernandes, Mr. Aaron-Paul Fernandes, and Ms. Eden Ann Fernandes.



Lit Quiz 3.0 - 'Learn, Grow and Conquer': The 3rd edition of Lit. Quiz was organized on 5th October 2024, following a preliminary written round on 1st October. The coordinator for the Quiz was Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes while Mr. Christie Fernandes (TYBA Honours English) was the Quizmaster. 18 teams of three students each competed, with the top four advancing to the finals. The quiz featured six rounds: General Literary Trivia, Syllabus Specific, Book Covers, First Lines, Poetry, and Comics. After an intense competition, Team Sappho, consisting of Ms. Shrutika Padte, Ms. Tavia De Souza, and Ms. Sumaiya Khan, emerged as champions.



Cleanliness Drive: On 5th October 2024, a cleanliness drive was organized at the staffroom under the Campaign for Clean and Green Campus, aligning with the national Swachh Bharat initiative. The drive aimed to promote hygiene, raise awareness, and foster responsibility among the college community. Students and faculty collaborated to clean and organize the staffroom. Tasks included organizing materials, storing decor, and recycling waste. Ms. Sunita Mesquita coordinated the event.

NEW INITIATIVES

Majors Meet Minors: an interactive session was organized on 25th September, 2024 and 3rd October 2024, for the students of the FYBA English Minor class and the students of the TYBA Honours English Literature class. Five students from the TYBA class were invited to share their learning and insights on the novel *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov- a text that has been introduced for the First Year class under the NEP paper - *Science Fiction in English*. Since the same text has been prescribed for the Third Year finalists under the CBCS system, they were invited to the first year class. FYBA students were given the opportunity to learn from their peers and the TYBA students were given a chance to teach as well as learn from their juniors in this novel and interesting initiative. Dr. Prema Rocha was the coordinator of the programme.



Treasure Hunt: "Playing Sherlock Holmes": The treasure hunt was held on 4th October 2024, for English Honors students enrolled in the Science Fiction and Detective Fiction course. Teams showcased collaboration and critical thinking, with many students noting how the hunt enhanced their understanding of detective fiction in a fun, hands-on manner. The event was coordinated by Ms. Sunita Mesquita.



Educational Outing: At Home with Mrs. Dalloway: A Cordial interaction with Honors English students and faculty, while discussing the text and reviewing a film based on Virginia Woolf's novel: Mrs. Dalloway. The activity was conducted by Ms. Alice D'Cruz for English Honours students in October 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

Chetna Thanki (TYBA English Honours) won the third place at 'Epiphany 7.0', a Research Paper Presentation Competition at Dnyanprasarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao on 11th October 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Tulsidas and Premchand Jayanti Observed on 1st August 2024: Chief Guest and College Administrator Fr. Antonio Salema, released a wallpaper prepared by third-year students. Mr. Salim Gaded highlighted Tulsidas's contributions to Hindi literature, and Dr. Magdalene D'Souza spoke on Premchand's relevance today. A quiz on their works was held and a telefilm based on Premchand's *Kafan* was screened. Ms. Pritam Salgaonkar was the coordinator of the event. 168 students participated in the event.



Patriotic Singing Competition: A singing competition 'Bharat Tujhe Salam' was organized on 14th August 2024 to mark India's 78th Independence Day. The chief guest and Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto emphasized the power of patriotic songs in instilling pride towards our nation. Competitions were held in solo and group categories, 87 students participated in the event.





Guest Lecture - Snake Awareness: A lecture on Snake Awareness was organized in collaboration with the Green Initiatives and Environment Monitoring Cell on 30th August 2024. Resource person, Mr. Amrut Singh, President of the Animal Rescue Squad, Forest Dept., Govt. of Goa discussed the ecological importance of snakes, their relationship with humans, and safety measures after snake bites. He debunked common myths about snakes

and highlighted the need for awareness. 213 students attended the lecture.

Hindi Diwas Observed: Hindi Diwas was celebrated to honor and recognise Hindi as India's official language. Competitions like *kavita prastutikaran*, *vaktrutv spardha*, *ekalaap pratiyogita*, *gazal gayan*, *kahani lekhan*, and *nibandh lekhan* were held. The seventh edition of the departmental newsletter, *Badhate Kadam*, was released. 50 students participated in the event coordinated by Ms. Kshitija Pednekar.



Indian Classical Music programme: Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY), in collaboration with the Hindi, Marathi, and Konkani departments, organized an Indian classical music programme on 8th October 2024. The chief guest, Shri Vishwajeet Mestri, a renowned Goan vocalist and alumnus of St. Xavier's College gave an introduction on Indian Classical Music while Dr. Magdalene D'Souza spoke on the significance of classical music.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

Gomantak Rashtrabhasha, Margao honored Dr. Magdalene D'Souza with the Hindi Sevi Samman Award for her contribution to Hindi on 19th September 2024 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao.



Invitee Judge

Dr. Magdalene D'Souza was invited and served as a Judge for the 3rd Annual Paper Presentation competition organized by Promoting Academic Excellence Committee & Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Ganpat Parsekar College of Education held on 27th September 2024.

Paper Presentations

The Shenoy Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University, organized a Two-Day International Seminar titled 'Mukhya Dhara Aur Dalit Sahitya' in collaboration with Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, Ministry of Education on 14th and 15th October 2024.

- Dr. Ramita Gurav presented a paper on the topic, 'Hindi Cinema mein Dalit Swar'
- Dr. Magdalene D'Souza presented a paper on the topic "Tulsiram krit 'Murdaya' mein Dalit"
- Mr. Salim Gaded presented a paper on the topic "Bhartiya Samajik Sanrachna aur Muslim Dalit"

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Department of Hindi participated in *Hindi Srujanotsav 2024*, a state-level competition by the Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji on 1st October 2024.

- Riddhi Shetgaonkar won 2nd place in the Bhajan competition,
- Anmol Mishra secured 3rd place in *Kavita Prastutikaran*.
- The department earned the 1st consolation prize among 15 colleges.

Amit Nishad (FYBA) won 3rd place in the Travel Documentary competition at intercollegiate event 'Mahanaam 2024,' organized by HPSM's Ganpat Parsekar College of Education.



Let not your mind run on what you lack as much as
on what you have already.

- Marcus Aurelius

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

Certificate Course - 'Fundamentals of Research and Ethics': 15 weekly sessions were planned and held from September 2024 to December 2024. The course was designed to equip students with essential research skills and an understanding of ethical practices in academic research. 39 students registered. The course was designed and conducted by Dr. Sharmila Pais and Dr. Shefali Kale. Experts from other departments were enlisted for sessions.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Campus Greening: 30 students of SYMC (History of Ecology and Environment in India), participated in a 'Campus Greening' activity on July 25, 2024. Each student of the class contributed a plant to be planted on campus. This was done to promote eco-consciousness among students. They would learn the joy of promoting nature by planting and thus giving back to nature. The activity was organized by Ms. Pamela Fernandes.



Role Plays on the "Life and Teachings of Buddha" were organized by Dr. Sharmila Pais for 34 SYBA students of History in August, 2024.

Goenchi Asmitai: The Department of History in collaboration with the Cell for Preservation of Heritage and Culture organized the '**Goenchi Asmitai**' Day, to showcase the vibrant traditions and culture of Goa on October 4, 2024. Students participated in a host of cultural items which included Goa's traditional songs, dance and traditional occupations, food stalls were run by students with traditional Goan savouries and sweets made by them.

Fireless Cooking: Mr. Dominic Fernandes organized a cooking competition for 20 History students of SYBA August 16, 2024.

Tiranga Diwas: FYBA students celebrated National '**Tiranga Diwas**'. A presentation was made by Xavier Lobo, on the Evolution and History of the Indian tricolor flag of India. Students sang patriotic song composed by a student Ms. Shirlene Lobo SYBA. 44



participating students donned attire that embodied the vibrant colors of the Indian flag and adorned the campus lawns with a display of the tricolor flag formation. The event was organized by Dr. Sharmila Pais and Ms. Pamela Fernandes.

Sadbhavana Diwas was celebrated on August 20, 2024. The activity included presentations by students on the teachings of different Faiths in the country. Students also participated in a Poster competition highlighting the 'Unity in Diversity' ethos of our country. The thought-provoking posters were displayed in the Library for general viewing. Mr. Dominic Fernandescordinated the event. 40 students participated

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

DEPARTMENT OF KONKANI**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED**

Certificate Course in Spoken Konkani: The department in collaboration with Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr (TSKK) organised Certificate Course on Spoken Konkani from 24th June 2024 to 19th July 2024. The course had nine students enrolled and featured a range of topics delivered by various resource persons. Fr. Kelwin Monteiro, TSKK spoke on building Konkani vocabulary, Mr. Dharma Chodankar and Mr. Silvester Vaz, covered aspects of Konkani grammar, Ms. Aashita Naik, spoke on conversational Konkani, Fr. Jose Silveira and Ms. Swara Pednekar, TSKK spoke on the formation of sentences, and Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes from St. Xavier's College focused on the day-to-day usage of Konkani. The course was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes and Fr. Kelwin Monteiro. The course was well-received, providing students with comprehensive training in spoken Konkani.



A Lecture - "Scope of Konkani in Civil Services": The department in collaboration with the Bardez Asmitai Konkani Kendr, organized a lecture on the topic "Scope of Konkani in Civil Services" on 20th July 2024. The talk, delivered by Mr. Nagesh Sardesai, faculty, People's Higher Secondary School, Panjim, Goa, elaborated on the importance of civil service and detailed the process of the civil examination. Mr. Sardesai's detailed exposition on the civil examination process and the prospects for Konkani-speaking individuals in the civil service sector was highly informative. 25 students attended the lecture, it was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes and Ms. Sucheta Pai, the secretary of Bardez Asmitai Konkani Kendr.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Intercollege competition - Krutiranjana 2.0: The event was aimed at celebrating and promoting Konkani culture and talent through various competitions. It was held on 31st July 2024 and was open to all students of the college. The chief guest was alumna Ms. Prerna Palekar, a national award-winning Kathak performer. Krutiranjana 2.0 featured five main competitions: Kantaram (singing), Skit, Fashion Show, Poetry Writing, and Story Writing. Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes was the event coordinator, and Nigel Pereira was the student coordinator.



23rd Shenoi Goembab Kathamal Competition: The department in collaboration with Konknni Bhasha Mandal (KBM), Margao organised the 23rd Shenoi Goembab Kathamal Competition on 24th August 2024. This annual event aims to promote and celebrate the Konkani language among school students through the art of storytelling. HoD, Mr. Dharma Chodankar, graced the event as Chief Guest. 140 students from various schools in Bardez participated in the competition. The event was coordinated by Ms. Prachi Prabhavalkar, executive member, KBM, alongside Dr. Purushottam Verlekar and Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes.



DEPARTMENT OF MARATHI

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

One-Day Workshop on 'Communication Skills: The Art of Compering' was organized on 17th August, 2024. The resource person, Smt. Sangeeta Abhyankar, a renowned Marathi compere and teacher from GVM's Higher Secondary, Ponda, explained various aspects of the art of compering, including the characteristics a compere should possess, how to use a mic, and the differences in compering for various events with practical demonstrations. 60 students of the department along with faculty members participated in the workshop. Dr. Prachi Joshi was the coordinator for the workshop.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

B. B. Borkar Commemoration Day: was celebrated on 25th July 2024, as a tribute to the esteemed poet and writer, renowned for his contributions to Marathi and Konkani literature. A literary reading session was organized, where students and faculty members recited some of Borkar's most celebrated poems. The readings brought to life the beauty and depth of his work, captivating the audience and fostering a deeper appreciation for his literary prowess.



Field Trip: The trip included a visit to Deshprabhu's Wada, where students learned about Goa's governance under Portuguese rule and its political history. Next, they visited Dr. Malik's Organic Farm to understand the importance of organic farming in today's fast-paced world, and explore ways to reduce processed food consumption. The group then proceeded to the house of Deepaji Rane in Juvem. A descendant of Deepaji Rane's family guided the students through the history of his era.



True fulfilment in life does not come from what we get,
it comes from what we give.

- Marie Forleo

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Film Screening: The movie 'Piku' was screened for 26 students of FYBA Major and SYBA Minor on 13th August 2024 and 23rd August 2024 respectively. The movie shows the trials and tribulations faced by a woman providing geriatric care for her aging father. The movie brings out the value crisis faced by the modern nuclear family. Dr. Shefali Kale organised the activity.



Coffee with Philosophy: A session, discussing philosophical issues along with a cup of coffee was held on 24th August, 2024 for 44 students of classes of FYBA (Major), FYBA (Minor) and SYBA (Minor). For this session an interview of Dr. Sudha Murty by Ms. Twinkle Khanna

was screened. Dr Murty spoke about her experiences with people, relationships with her family and her social work and the lessons she learnt from them. After the screening, students identified some core issues highlighted in the documentary as what is the meaning of life, how are values important in leading a good life, etc. They raised questions and deliberated on them. Dr. Shefali Kale organised the activity.

Philosophizing Nature: this session was held for FYBA students of Minor paper: 'Environmental Philosophy', on 18th September 2024. One of the major reasons for the environmental crisis is the alienation of humans from nature. The activity was based on this concept. Ten students were taken to the college theater space and were asked to identify a tree/plant and have a conversation with it. They had to empathize with the feelings of the tree and imagine what it's perspective of man will be. The students had an engaging time with the trees. They named the tree, sang songs to it, and observed the creatures and birds on it. Dr. Shefali Kale organised the activity.



Philosophizing Food: On 19th September an activity, Philosophizing Food was held for the students of FYBA-Major. It was based on experiencing culinary delight through cooking. Students understood the aesthetic concepts of balance and taste. The 12 participating students then deliberated upon their experiences, along with experiencing fellowship while sharing the food with others. Dr. Shefali Kale organised the activity.



Field Trip: A field trip to Tambdi Surla, Mollem, and Bondla Zoo, Usgao was organized on 29th September 2024. Coordinator, Dr. Shefali Kale along with 44 students participated in the trip. The students undertook activities such as nature walks and learning the history of the place. The students took photographs for the wildlife photography competition coupled with the field trip. The trip intended to explore and appreciate nature in its pristine form and to reconnect with it. A few games were organized as part of the trip to strengthen a feeling of fellowship.



Documentary Screening: On 13th October 2024, a documentary was screened for seven TYBA Philosophy students. The series titled 'History of Religion on Earth' created by the Ancient Astronaut Archive threw light research and discoveries related to earth's ancient past and origin. Assoc. Prof. Aletthra C Vieira organised the activity.



NOVEL INITIATIVE

Practicing Values: On 18 August 2024, Dr. Shefali Kale conducted an activity for the FYBA (Major) and SYBA (Minor) students. The task was to participate in any activity with their parents. This activity aimed to spend time with and forge deeper relationships with parents. Students participated wholeheartedly, undertaking activities such as playing indoor games, helping to cook, cleaning the garden, shopping, etc. They posted selfies on the class WhatsApp group during the activity.



FACULTY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Programmes Attended

One-day Seminar: Dr Shefali Kale and three FYBA students: Ms Anshika Thakur, Ms Rimi Mahadeshwar and Ms Paroma Kulkarni, attended a one-day state level seminar titled, "Delving Deep into the Indian Knowledge Systems" organized by School of Sanskrit, Philosophy, and Indic Studies, Goa University in association with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi and Philosophical Association, Goa to celebrate 'Indian Philosophers Day 2024', on 31st July, 2024.

There are no passengers on spaceship earth.
We are all crew.

- Marshall McLuhan

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED****College Research Initiative, Coffee Series**

As a part of the College Research Initiative 'Coffee Series' a number of presentations and discussions were conducted by the faculty of the Department of Political Science along with the students.

1. '*The life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi*' was presented by Mr. Naveen Variyath on 3rd October 2024, in commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti.
2. '*Paris Agreement 2015: India's Role*' was presented by Ms. Lensa Lobo on 5th October 2024.
3. "*United Nations: Fostering Peace through Dialogue and Cooperation*" was presented by Mr. Nahshon Joaquim Rebello and Ms. Lynn D'Souza on 16th October 2024.
4. '*Niccolo Machiavelli's Concept of Power*' was presented by Cinetta, Richa, Winona, Diana, Lizel, Isaac, Maven and Swara on 18th September 2024.
5. '*Understanding Fundamental Duties in India: Origin and features*' was presented by Linnes, Saniya, Gautami, Vaibhavi, Diya, Vania, Bhoomi, Madhuri, Kashish, Usha and Astrid on 23rd September 2024.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Poster Making Competition cum Exhibition: Poster Making Competition was organized on August 13, 2024, to commemorate India's 78th Independence Day and International Youth Day (12 August). The theme was "The Role of Youth in Nation-building," highlighting young people's vital contributions to the nation's growth. 34 teams (68 students) from various streams participated, and the posters were displayed in the College lobby. The event was coordinated by Mr. Vijay Talwar and co-coordinated by Anthony Lobo.



International Day of Democracy Observed: An All-Goa Inter-Collegiate Essay Writing Competition was organized on 16th September 2024, in commemoration of the International Day of Democracy. The theme of the competition was "Media, Elections, and the Future of Democracy," aiming to engage students in reflecting on the media's role in shaping democratic processes. 20 students from various colleges in Goa participated in the competition. The event was coordinated by Richa E. Kajoli.

Talk on E-waste and E-waste collection drive: Green Initiatives and Environment Monitoring Cell in collaboration with Departments of Political Science, Chemistry, Commerce and Geography organized a talk, 'Reboot the Earth' on 15th October 2024, to commemorate International E-waste Day held on 14th October. Mr. Ashley Delaney, Proprietor of Group TenPlus, Recycling and IT consultant was the resource person. 130 students attended the sessions. The objective of the sessions was to create awareness on E-waste management and environmentally-friendly ways to dispose of obsolete E-waste equipment. An E-waste collection drive was conducted in which approximately 114 kgs of E-waste was collected.



Constitution Day Observed: Constitution Day 2024, was celebrated by reading the Preamble to the Constitution of India on 26th November 2024 at 9:10 a.m. via the public address system of the college, ensuring participation of students, teaching, and non-teaching staff. A National Level Online Quiz on '75 years of Indian Constitution' was organized for students and the general public, which attracted about 100 participants. These events were coordinated by Mr. Vijay Talwar.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Programmes Attended

- **Two-Day Seminar:** Ms. Richa Eknath Kajoli, attended the Two-Day State Level Seminar titled 'Revitalizing Public Administration: Reforms for Efficiency and Effectiveness,' organized by The Public Administration Programme of the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy at Goa University, in collaboration with the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD) on 26th and 27th September 2024.
- **Inaugural ceremony:** The department faculty attended the Inaugural ceremony of the Launching a Year-Long celebration of '75 years of the Indian Constitution' organized by Goa University and DHE, Government of Goa, on 26th November 2024. The keynote speaker for the Inaugural was Hon'ble Justice Siddharth Mridul, Chief Justice (Retd.), High Court of Manipur.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

An Inter-Collegiate Poetry recitation competition titled, '*Poetic Political Ponderings*' was organised by the Department of Political Science, Government College, Khandola, Marcela on 24 August 2024.

- Mr. Anmol Mishra (FYBSc) won First Place
- Ms. Sumaiya Khan (FYBA) won Second Place

An Inter-Collegiate competition titled 'Iconic Impressions: Unleash the Leader Within,' organized by the Department of Political Science at Fr. Agnel College, Pilar, on 03 September 2024.

- Ms. Viveka Cordeiro (FYMCJ) secured first place
- Mr. Shivang Shiroadkar (SYBSc) won third place



Programmes Attended

Third Year BA students, Ms. Prachi Kanolkar, Ms. Neha Narangi, and Mr. Naveen Variyath, attended the Two-Day State Level Seminar titled *"Revitalizing Public Administration: Reforms for Efficiency and Effectiveness,"*. The seminar was organized by The Public Administration Programme of the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy at Goa University, in collaboration with the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD) on 26th and 27th September 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**

Session on 'Awareness of Pedophilia–Antecedents and Present Status': An interactive session with Ms. Alia Agha, Faculty, Department of Commerce was organized for the students of TYBA on 23rd September, 2024. Ms. Agha apprised the students about the dangers of pedophilia, the modus operandi of pedophiles, the use of pornography by predators to groom children for sexual offences and delved upon the factors facilitating pedophilia. The interaction contributed to enhancing the knowledge of the students regarding various facets of pedophilia as well as its incidence in Goa as well as world over. The session was attended by 36 students.



Suicide Prevention Day: Department of Psychology in collaboration with the Wellness Support and Counselling Center observed Suicide Prevention Day on 20th September 2024. The event, coordinated by Ms. Elvira Pereira, aimed to raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention. Highlights included the distribution of yellow ribbons symbolizing solidarity, a thought-provoking street play on youth challenges, an interactive extempore session, and a live tree where positive messages were pinned. The day concluded with a therapeutic dance session, fostering hope and resilience.



Field Visits

A visit to **Central Jail Colvale**, was organized for the TYBA Honours students on 27th August 2024. The aim was to expose them to the structure and functioning of a prison. Ms. Anuradha Kadkodkar coordinated the visit.

A visit to **Sanjay School of Special Education, Porvorim** was organised on 30th September, 2024. 23 students participated. The objective of the excursion was to provide the students an exposure to various disabilities of children and to learn about the strategies used in educating them. Assoc. Prof. Anuradha Kakodkar accompanied the students.

A visit to **Sangath** was organised for S.Y.B.A. students, on 8th October 2024. A total of 21 students participated in the Field trip and were accompanied by Dr. Ubaldina Noronha and Dr. Eulalia Fernandes.

A visit to **Holy Spirit Home for the Aged, Moira** was held on 25th September 2024. The visit began with a warm welcome by Sr. Superior Deonisia Fernandes. Participating students had a meditation exercise of awareness followed with positive qualities printed on a ribbon and tied to their wrists. Later, they organized games and played music to which was thoroughly enjoyed by the elderly inmates. The visit was organized by Ms. Nezima Lawrence.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Programmes Attended

Summer Internship Programme at Kripa Foundation: The Summer Internship Programme at Kripa Foundation, Anjuna, held from 29th April 2024 to 19th June 2024, provided 40 psychology students with practical exposure to drug de-addiction and rehabilitation processes. Coordinated by Assistant Professor Elvira Pereira, the programme included observation of detoxification procedures, participation in counseling sessions, and exposure to behavioral therapies like CBT and MI. Students facilitated group sharing sessions and engaged in rehabilitative activities such as yoga, meditation, and seminars on addiction and mental health.



Thirty-eight students who had previously interned at Kripa, participated in the International Drug De-Addiction Day observed on 26th June 2024 at Kripa Foundation, Anjuna, focusing on raising awareness about drug addiction and promoting a drug-free lifestyle.

The general population doesn't know what's happening,
and it doesn't even know that it doesn't know.

- Noam Chomsky

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

Session on 'Cultivating a Research Mindset: Strategies and Resources for College Educators': this session was organised by the Department of Sociology in collaboration with IQAC and the Research and Development Cell, on 20th September, 2024. The resource person, Prof. Savio Falleiro, Managing Director of Goa State Research Foundation emphasised the importance of providing educators with a deeper foundation in the field of research and shared insights into building research habits. Prof. Falleiro highlighted some schemes available for teachers in order to conduct their research.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Sociology Day-Gender Equity Ideathon: The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Promotion of Gender Equity and Transgender Monitoring Cell held an inter and intra-collegiate competition 'Gender Equity Ideathon' on 7th Oct 2024. While a number of St. Xavier's students participated in the different competitions and contributed towards the eradication of gender stereotypes, students from different colleges from North and South Goa achieved the same through the inter-collegiate events. The event was organised by Ms. Elizabeth Bara and Ms. Simran Kumar.



Tobacco Awareness Talk and Rally: was organised on 17th October 2024, reinforcing the commitment of the college to being a tobacco-free educational institution. Dr. Nutan Bicholkar, Chairperson of the Mapusa Municipal Council, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Resource persons included: Dr. Nandita Nadkarni, Public Health Dentist and District Nodal Officer for the National Tobacco Control Program, North Goa, Ms. Nadia Dias, Psychologist and Counselor at the Tobacco Cessation Centre, District Hospital, Mapusa, Ms. Sneha Sawant, social worker at the tobacco cessation centre. The awareness session was attended by about 100 students from different departments. Following the session on ill-effects of tobacco, the students organized a rally across the college campus with posters, banners, placards, and slogans.



Field Trip - Mapusa Police Station: Ms. Freda Tavares organised a visit to the Mapusa Police station on 17th October 2023 as a part of the First Year B.A. Programme. The visit was conducted as per the requirements of the course "Crime and society", which recommends a visit to the local police station in order to understand the workings of local law enforcement. 29 students participated in the same.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Paper Presented

Prof. Afonso Botelho, Xavier's College, presented a paper on Gender Diversity and Questions Emerging from Dissenting Beliefs at a National Symposium on Gender Diversity for Students organized by Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem on 26th of September 2024.

Programmes Attended

Prof. Afonso Botelho participated in the One Day Awareness Programme on "*Human Rights*" organized by the Goa Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi 30th September, 2024.

Invitation as Guest Speaker

Prof. Afonso Botelho, Professor, Department of Sociology delivered a session on 'Writing an Effective Project Report' at Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem, Goa on 13th August, 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Poster/Paper/Video Presented

Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem organized a National Symposium on Gender Diversity for Students on 26th of September 2024.

- Mr. Iqbal Singh (FYBA) presented the 2019 French historical romantic drama film 'Portrait of a Lady on Fire'.
- Destiny D'Souza (SYBA) had a poster presentation poster showing a shift from rigid gender stereotypes to a more diverse and inclusive understanding of gender roles.
- Cybil Rodrigues (SYBA) prepared a video on the LGBTQ+ community focussing on the history of the people and how they fought for their rights through stigma and discrimination.

You cannot swim for new horizons until you have
courage to lose sight of the shore.

- William Faulkner

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED****Workshops**

Vermicomposting: To learn the technique of Vermicomposting and to produce nutrient-rich manure to improve soil health, a value-added course with hands-on training was conducted on 30th August, 2024. The resource person was Mr. Mohan Tendulkar. Forty-four participants

attended the course from different streams. The participants learned the technique of vermicomposting. Dr. Seema D. Fernandes coordinated the workshop.



Herbarium Techniques: The Hands-on Training workshop was conducted on 31st August 2024 under the DBT Star College Scheme. The resource person was Dr. Harshala Shetgaokar. The training session was held in the Botany Laboratory and was attended by 13 participants.

Yoga: The session was conducted in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Club of St. Xavier's College on 1st October 2024. The resource person was Dr. Zuleika Antao. 21 students participated in the session and performed different yoga poses. The coordinators were Prof. Maria Fonseca and Ms. Gema Athaide.

**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED****Field Trips**

Mr. Farmer: 66 students of class F.Y.B.Sc. and 39 students of F.Y.B.Com (SEC) visited the 'Mr. Farmer' plant nursery at Guirim, Mapusa on 19th and 21st September 2024 at 12:30

p.m. Students got an opportunity to practically observe landscape designing, nursery layout of different types of plants, vertical gardens, green walls, rooftop gardens, ponds, and water gardens.



Garça Branca Botanical Garden: The students of F.Y.B.Sc Botany (Major) and SY (SEC) visited the Garça Branca Botanical Garden in Loutolim on 28th September 2024. The 59 student participants were accompanied by four teachers, Ms. Maria Beatriz De Souza, Dr. Maria A. D'Souza, Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar and Dr. Seema D. Fernandes.

Kuddem Kabderam Farm: 59 F.Y. (MC) students visited 'Kuddem Kabderam Farm', Canacona, on 2nd October 2024, to familiarize students with different types of vegetables grown in kitchen gardens. The field trip was coordinated by Dr. Maria D'Souza and Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar.



Tanshikar Farm: On the 10th October 2024, 10 students of T.Y.B.Sc accompanied by Dr. Harshala Shetgaokar, visited the Tanshikar Farm, at Netravali, Sanguem. The field trip was organized to study the morphological characters of the flowering plants.

Jogger's Park and Bhagwan Mahavir Park: 10 T.Y.B.Sc. students visited Jogger's Park, Panjim and Bhagwan Mahavir Park, Panjim, on 16th October, 2024, they were familiarised with medicinal plants and their uses. Ms. Maria Beatriz De Souza accompanied the students.



Zonal Agricultural Office: Students of S.Y. (MC) visited the Zonal Agricultural Office to learn the different techniques of propagating plants. Dr. Wendy Martins and Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar accompanied 23 S.Y.B.A. students on the 16th and 20 S.Y.B.Com students on the 17th of October 2024.



World Coconut Day Observed: On this occasion, a lecture by Dr. V. Arunachalam was delivered on "Coconut for Circular Economy, Building Partnerships: Sharing Experiences and Coconut Management Practices." After the talk, a short documentary titled 'Coco Film' was shown to the audience. A well-presented dance "Kotteo Fugdeo" was performed by the students. Various competitions were conducted: poster competition titled 'Coconut Tree- A Gift to Humanity', 'Coco Art'- Wealth out of Waste' and 'Cocolicious Food'. Excellent response was observed from the 163 student participants. A few students set up stalls to sell dishes made from coconut. The programme was conducted under the DBT Star College Scheme and was coordinated by Dr. Wendy Martins.



BEST PRACTICES

'Plant of the Week' Programme: To create awareness among the students, teachers, and non-teaching staff about the medicinal, economical, ecological and commercial importance of plants, the department exhibits 'Plant of the week' in the College lobby. The programme is coordinated by Dr. Seema Fernandes.

Composting of Green Waste: A composting programme is being managed by Mr. Manuel Cruz and Mr. Regi Rodrigues, wherein, all the green waste of the Botany Department is collected and composted.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Poster Presented

Prof. Maria Fonseca attended and presented a poster at the XX International Botanical Congress Madrid 2024. Titled 'Leaf anatomy of genus *Glyphochloa* in relation to its taxonomy and ecology' held at IFEMA Convention Centre, Madrid from 21st to 27th July, 2024.

Programmes Attended

- **National Seminar on Mangroves for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainability of the Coastal Populace (NCMCS 2024):** Dr. Seema Dessai e Fernandes attended the seminar organized by the Department of Botany, Ponda Education Society's Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi, in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Mangrove Society of India, State Biodiversity Board and Goa State Pollution Control Board on 26th and 27th July 2024,
- **Workshop on National Deworming Day:** Dr. Seema Dessai e Fernandes a Nodal Officer for Deworming Programme attended the Workshop at the State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (Old Asilo), Urban Health Center, Mapusa, organized by Urban Health Center, Mapusa - Goa and Directorate of Health Services, Mapusa – Goa on 7th August 2024.
- **Training Programme on Medicinal Plants Cultivation, Processing and Marketing:** Ms. Sabina M. Sales e Dias attended the two-day Training Programme was organized by the Regional cum Facilitation centre – Western Ghats and Department of Botany, Savitribai Phule Pune University at the Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa, on 21st and 22nd September 2024.
- **International Conference on Green Energy: Powering a Sustainable Future:** Ms. Maria B. De Souza attended the International Conference organised by Government College, Khandola, in collaboration with Ibaraki University, Japan held on 24th and 25th September, 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED**

Summer School: "Chem-School: Where Chemistry Gets Exciting," a six-day summer school funded by Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) was organized by the faculty of the department from 28th May 2024 to 3rd June 2024. The programme provided hands-on experience in various chemistry topics viz. Chromatography, Chemistry of Perfumes, Cosmetics, Soil and Water Analysis, Volumetry, pH, Acids, and Bases. Participating students engaged in interactive theory and practical sessions, utilizing software like Microsoft Excel and ChemSketch.

Workshop on Soil Sampling: Mr. Satish Patel, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, Old Goa, delivered the session for F.Y.B.Sc students on 7th October, 2024. The session covered the importance of soil sampling, techniques for taking soil samples and a practical demonstration of V-shaped and zigzag sampling methods. Students learned how to collect, section and create homogeneous soil samples.

International E-waste Day Observed: Green Initiatives and Environment Monitoring Cell in collaboration with the Departments of Political Science, Chemistry, Commerce and Geography, organized a talk on 15th October, 2024, to commemorate International E-waste Day. The topic was "Reboot the Earth". Mr. Ashley Delaney, Proprietor of Group TenPlus, Recycling and IT consultant was the resource person. The objective of the talk was to sensitize the students on E-waste management and ways to dispose of obsolete E-waste equipment in an environment-friendly manner.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**Field Trips**

Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant: The visit organized in collaboration with Post Graduate Department of Chemistry on 21st September, 2024, was aimed at bridging theory with practical component. 45 Undergraduate and 19 Postgraduate chemistry students undertook this visit. The accompanying faculty were Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Mr. Mahesh Nair, Ms. Sheryl D'Cruz, Dr. Rheane Da Silva, Ms. Milagrina D'Souza, Mr. Clarence Rodrigues of the Undergraduate Department, Ms. Kalpita Talpekar and Ms. Fami Fernandes of the Postgraduate Department.



National Center for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Vasco-da-Gama: On 30th September 2024, a group of 27 students, accompanied by faculty members, visited the National Center for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) to gain insights into India's leading Research and Development institution dedicated to polar and Southern Ocean research. The students were briefed on the various objectives and mandates of NCPOR by Dr. Ravidas Naik, Project Scientist III. The visit was coordinated by Mr. Mahesh Nair, and mentored by Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Head of Department.

ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute and Goa College of Agriculture: On 7th October 2024, a visit was organized to offer students hands-on experience in soil and water analysis as part of their Skill Enhancement Course. Students were welcomed by the Principal and Dean, who gave them an informative overview of the college's facilities and ongoing research activities.



School of Chemical Sciences (SCS), Goa University: An educational visit to the School of Chemical Sciences (SCS), Goa University was organized on 10th October 2024, which aimed to familiarize students with academic programmes and research opportunities at SCS. 76 undergraduate students and 5 faculty members participated, and were briefed on various programmes, including Ph.D. opportunities/funding agencies, research facilities and instrumentation like XRD, NMR, and LC-MS.



A Quiz on 'Elementary Chemistry': The group quiz was held on 3rd October 2024 for the students of F.Y.B.Sc (Minor and was aimed at helping students, internalize the essential concepts. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the knowledge acquired with the peer group.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

- Dr Mira Parmekar won the 2nd place for Poster Presentation for her work on Green Catalysis at the International Conference on Green Energy: Powering a Sustainable Future organized by Chemistry Department-Khandola College and Cluster Research Centre in association with Ibaraki University Japan on 16th December, 2024.
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- Dr. Andrew D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry received sanction letters under the Hand Holding and Start-Up Scheme 2023-24 of the Directorate of Internships, Incubation and Industry in partnership with Goa University at the hands of Honourable Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, during the inaugural of the Goa University Research Park Unit-GURU (UniGoa Knowledge and Innovation Foundation) on 18th September, 2024.

Programmes Attended

- Ms. Milagrina D'Souza attended '**Raman Spectroscopy**' a Two-Day workshop at Goa University on 26th and 27th August, 2024.
- Six students and Mr. Clarence Rodrigues participated in the **Cosmopharma** workshop held at Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre (DMC), Assagao, on 30th August 2024.
- Dr. Andrew D'Souza and Ms. Milagrina D'Souza attended the **Crystallography** Workshop (GUCW-II) at Goa University on 23rd and 24th October, 2024.
- Mr Mahesh Nair and Mr Clarence Rodrigues presented ideas for implementation in classroom as part of the **Progress Review Workshop** titled "Creation of Conceptual Models/Demonstration for Enhanced Learning in Chemistry" for Chemistry Faculty trained at IISc Challakere", held on 24th July, 2024 at the Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim-Goa.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Guest Lecture - Software Development as a Career: On 24th August 2024, resource person Mr. Chetan Nadgouda, Software Consultant (USA) for Microsoft, Amazon, delivered a lecture for T.Y. Computer Science students. The session was designed to provide students with valuable insights into the software industry, career development, and technical skills. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Parmanand Mandrekar.

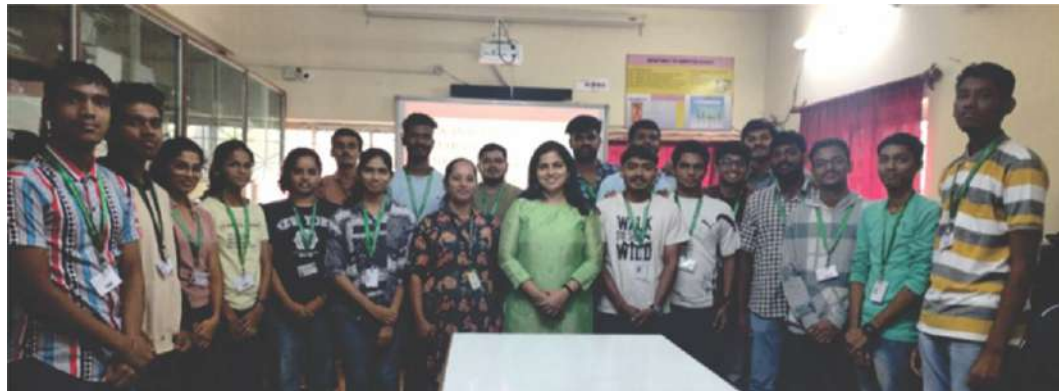


Guest Lecture - Command Line Tools in Linux: The session was organized to celebrate Software Freedom Day on 21st September 2024. The resource person was Mr. Onkar Ainapur, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda, Margao. The session highlighted the strengths of Linux, particularly Linux Mint, focusing on its efficiency, customizability, and the power of the Command Line Interface (CLI) for increased productivity. The programme was coordinated by the Head of Department, Mr. Edwin D'Souza.

Demonstration - 'Using Samsung Smart Board to Transform Your Teaching': On 26th August 2024, resource person Mr. Clyde D'Souza, Samsung Technologies conducted a demonstrative session with the aim of introducing innovative tools and techniques that can enhance teaching and learning experiences. It was attended by faculty representatives from various departments of the college. The programme was coordinated by the Head of Department, Mr. Edwin D'Souza.



Workshop – 'Navigating the Research Landscape': On 14th September 2024, resource person Ms. Marissa Lourdes de Athaide, Research Scholar, School of Physical and Applied Science, Goa University conducted a workshop for the students of S.Y. and T.Y. Computer Science. It was coordinated by Ms. Avani Kharde.



Workshop – 'Introduction to Angular JS': On 28th September 2024, resource person Ms. Andrea Fernandes, Frontend Developer (MTS-3) at Broadcom, Bengaluru and alumnus of the college: B.Sc. Computer Science (2010), conducted a workshop for the students of S.Y. and T.Y.



Computer Science. The session covered the topics: i) Core concepts of AngularJS ii) Component-based architecture iii) Data binding iv) Routing and navigation v) Dependency injection and vi) Debugging. The workshop was coordinated by the Head of Department, Mr. Edwin D'Souza.

Add-On Course on Introduction to Docker: The course was conducted from 29th September 2024 to 5th October 2024. The resource person was Mr. Tejas Lotlikar, Software Engineer, Infuse Consulting. The session was attended by T.Y. Computer



Science students. The course provided a comprehensive overview of containerization technology and its practical applications. The programme was coordinated by the Head of Department, Mr. Edwin D'Souza.

Value Added Course on Graphics Design Using Canva: The Value-Added Course was conducted from 3rd to 18th October 2024, and attended by B.Com. students. The course aimed at understanding how to navigate through the Canva's interface, utilizing its design tools, and customizing templates to create visually compelling graphics for various platforms and purposes. The programme was coordinated and conducted by Ms. Melissa Rodrigues.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Social Outreach Programme: The Department under DBT Star College Scheme, visited PM Shri Govt High School Namoshi, Guirim on 20th September 2024. The primary objective of this outreach initiative was to promote cybersecurity awareness and online safety practices among high school students. All the sessions were conducted by T.Y. students of the department. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Prajoti Prasad Chimulkar.



No one ever tells you that bravery feels like fear.

- Mary Kate Teske

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME ORGANIZED

Training in PLC Application and Demonstration of Various Experiments: The training workshop was conducted by Mr. Daryl Gonsalves, Ms. Vilma M. T. Fernandes and Dr. Caje F. Pinto on 23rd July 2024. The objectives of the program were to have a hands-on training session focused on Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and to enhance the practical skills of students, equipping them with essential knowledge in automation technology. 18 students and 1 teacher from Govt. College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola, 5 teachers and 2 non-teaching staff from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, benefitted from this workshop. The faculty member in-charge was Mr. Daryl Gonsalves.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Programme Attended

Laboratory Assistant Ms. Santana Fernandes and MTS Mr. Aaron Malcolm Dias participated in a workshop on '**Physics Laboratory Equipment Maintenance and Troubleshooting**' conducted by the Department of Physics, PES 's Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi, on 24th September 2024.

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly, now

Love mercy, now

Walk humbly, now

You are not obligated to complete the work,
but neither are you free to abandon it.

- The Talmud

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Guest Lecture – 'Teaching Mathematics with a Difference': Mr. Subodh S. Haldankar, Assistant Professor, Nirmala Institute of Education, Panaji-Goa was the resource person at this session conducted on 31st August 2024. The session focused on practical techniques, including Edgar Dale's Cone of Experience, the 5E model of teaching, and various interactive and student-centered approaches to learning. The 49 participants of F.Y./S.Y./T.Y. enjoyed the highly engaging and interactive session.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Field Trip to IIT Goa: The aim of the visit was to engage S.Y. and T.Y.B.Sc. Mathematics students with IIT mathematics faculty through lectures on the importance of mathematics, career prospects, and research opportunities. The trip was held on 27th September 2024, faculty members Mr. Gajanan Parab, Dr. Jervin Zen Lobo, and Ms. Jovita Jacklin Rodrigues accompanied the students.



Doubt and discussion are essential to progress.

- Richard Feynman

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED**

Workshop – 'Analysis of Nutritional Content in Food': The hands-on activity was conducted on 6th August 2024. Students brought different food samples- potato, sweet potatoes, eggs, mushrooms, milk and tested them in the laboratory for the nutrients present. This activity helped students understand the biochemical methods used to test for important nutrients in food samples, reinforcing their theoretical knowledge with practical experience. A total of 55 students of S.Y. Microbiology (Major) participated in the event. The activity was coordinated by Ms. Arina Frank.



Workshop – 'Analysis of Dairy Adulterants': 56 students of S.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology (SEC) participated in the workshop conducted on 7th August 2024. This activity focused on the qualitative analysis of common dairy products like curd, milk, ice cream, traditional Indian sweets, and flavored milk to detect adulterants. The students carried out the qualitative tests for urea, metanil yellow, starch and detergent. The



activity raised awareness about the prevalence and dangers of food adulteration, emphasizing the importance of adhering to FSSAI standards. The activity was coordinated by Ms. Arina Frank.

Value Added Course - 'Production and Packaging of Bioenzyme for Community Utilization': The course was conducted for students of T.Y.B.Sc Microbiology from 12th August to 21st September 2024. Students worked in batches of 8 each and prepared Lime or Orange based bioenzyme on a large scale. The bioenzyme was then distributed to the following places- G.S Amonkar Vidhyalaya, Mapusa, St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Mapusa, St Xavier's College Canteen, Government Veterinary Centre, Assagao, Parish Church Pilerne, Government Primary School, Sirsaim, and St. Xavier's College House Keeping force. Students demonstrated the use of the bioenzyme and sensitized

the community about the benefits of using eco- friendly cleaning products. A total of 57 students benefitted from this value-added course conducted by Ms. Arina Frank.



Certificate Course - Environmental Microbiology: This course, designed for college students, was conducted from 31st August to 4th October 2024 and was aimed to provide hands-on training and theoretical knowledge in the microbial analysis of soil, air, and water, with a focus on environmental sustainability and its real-world applications. The faculty coordinator was Dr. Sheryanne Velho Pereira. 53 students benefitted from the certificate course. The course drew upon the expertise of resource persons, including Ms. Katelyn Gonsalves, Ms. Ruella D'Souza, Mr. Siddhesh Menon, Dr. Trelita de Sousa, and Dr. Nadine de Souza.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Exploring Ideas: A Creative Mind Map Journey: The event was conducted on 8th August, 2024 in collaboration with: MBSI and DBT for the students of F.Y.B.Sc. The mind map competition aimed to enhance understanding of microorganisms and their classification, requiring participants to create original mind maps individually. Awards



were given for the top three mind maps, with special recognitions for Most Creative, Most Informative, and Best Visual Design. 66 students participated in the competition. The Faculty Coordinator was Dr. Sheryanne Velho Pereira.



Pot Painting Competition: On 13th August 2024, a Pot Painting Competition was organized in collaboration with MBSI and DBT on the theme “*Microbes and the Environment*” entitled “*Microbial masterpieces*”. The Competition was open to all students of Microbiology (FY, SY, TY). The aim of the event was to creatively

highlight the vital connection between microbes and the environment, fostering awareness and understanding through art. The event saw the participation of 10 students. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sheryanne Velho Pereira.

Model Making Competition: A model making competition titled “From Sequence to Structure: Crafting Nucleic Acid Models” was organized for S.Y.B.Sc Microbiology students on 16th August 2024. 58 students participated in this group activity aimed at enhancing students’ understanding of nucleic acid structure and organization through practical application. The event was coordinated by Ms. Katelyn Gonsalves.



Poster Making Competition: In collaboration with the Green Initiatives and Environment Monitoring Cell, a Poster Competition “Edge of Tomorrow” on the role of microorganisms in the conservation of endangered species was organized on 17th August 2024, under the DBT Star College Scheme in association with the Microbiologists' Society, India (MBSI). A total of 32 F.Y.B.Sc. students displayed their creativity through informative posters on endangered species that generated a lot of buzz and served as an awareness programme for wildlife preservation. The event was coordinated by Dr. Trelita de Sousa.



Social Outreach Programme: Dr. Valerie Gonsalves delivered a session on 'From Gut to Skin: Microbes the unseen influences of human health' at St. Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim Goa on 20th August 2024.



'Share your Rainbow Plate-Discover the Power of Colourful Eating': A hands-on activity commemorating National Nutrition Week was conducted on 4th September 2024 for 55 S.Y.B.Sc (Major) students of Microbiology. The objective of this activity was for students to incorporate a spectrum of colours into their meals, to ensure that the body gets a diverse range of essential vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients. The activity was coordinated by Ms. Arina Frank with the help of Dr. Sheryanne Velho Pereira and Mr. Kamlesh Korgaonkar.

International Microorganism Day Observed: A National level online quiz was organized to celebrate "International Microorganism Day" in association with Microbiologist's Society of India under DBT Star College scheme on 17th September, 2024. The event was coordinated by Mr. Kamlesh Korgaonkar, Assistant Professor in Microbiology and student coordinator Ms. Sonia Shetke, T.Y.B.Sc Microbiology. The quiz attracted participants from different states across India, as well as international entries too. Total number of participants were 204.

Field Trip to Goa Dairy: 66 S.Y. Microbiology (SEC) students visited Goa Dairy, Ponda on 4th October 2024. Faculty coordinators were Arina Frank, Dr Sheryanne V. Pereira, Dr Marielou Ferrao and Mr. Kamlesh Korgaonkar. The objective of the field trip was to orient students to the role of microbiology in industry. A total of 66 students attended the field trip.



Field Trip to Susegado Microbrewery: 54 T.Y.B.Sc Microbiology students visited the brewery in Calangute, Goa, accompanied by the faculty Ms. Ruella D'Souza, Ms. Trelita de Sousa and Ms. Valerie Gonsalves on 21st October 2024. The field trip provided an insightful look into the Craft Beer Industry in Goa.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Paper Presentations

Dr. Trelita de Sousa and Dr. Nadine de Souza attended the **International Conference on Biotechnology and Biomedical Research (ICBBR-2024)** conference on 19th and 20th September, 2024, at Sanda Hotels, Goa. Dr. Trelita delivered a presentation on "Garcinia indica (kokum) mediated green synthesis and characterization of silver nanoparticles and their effectiveness against acne-causing bacteria", while Dr. Nadine de Souza delivered an presentation on 'Proteomic profiling of a marine bacterium for effective bioremediation of textile effluents'. Dr. Trelita and Dr. Nadine also chaired the oral presentation session on Day 2 of the conference.



Ph.D. AWARD

Ms. Nadine de Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology was awarded Ph.D. Degree on 19th July, 2024, for her thesis titled 'Molecular Characterization of Marine Bacteria and their Enzymes for Textile Azo Dye Decolorization'.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Talk – 'How to go about in T.Y.B.Sc': In keeping with a long-standing tradition of the Department, Ms. Tanaya Talkar (a recently passed-out student) delivered a talk to 13 students of the 2024-2025 T.Y.B.Sc batch on 29th June 2024. During the session, her inputs were complemented by her classmate, Mr. Mervyn D'Souza. The objective of this exercise was to share insights and experience in navigating the academic challenges of the Final Year of graduation. The talk was coordinated by Prof. Bosco Lawrence and Prof. Nelson Lobo.



Seminar – 'Patents-the future of sports through innovation and ideas': Department of Physics in collaboration with the IPR Cell, the IQAC, the IIC, and the Department of Commerce organized a seminar for students on the theme, "Patents - The future of sports through innovation and ideas" on 24th August 2024. The resource person was Capt. (Dr.) Sam Joseph Braganza, Director of Physical Education and Sports,



Sant Sohirobanath Ambiyé, Government College, Virnoda, Pernem, Goa. The seminar was attended by 132 students and was coordinated by Prof. Nelson Lobo.

Guest Lecture – 'Command Line Tools in Linux'A': A guest Lecture was organized on 21st September 2024 to commemorate Software Freedom Day. The resource person, Mr. Onkar Ainapur, Department of Computer Science, Govt. College, Borda, introduced the 35 participating students to the world of Linux command line tools, potentially influencing future curriculum development and fostering a culture of open-source exploration within the college. Prof. Nelson Lobo and Mr. Edwin D'Souza coordinated the programme.



Workshop - Soldering Techniques: A one-day workshop was conducted on 30th August, 2024 by Prof. Nelson Lobo. The workshop was designed to impart a basic understanding of soldering, provide hands-on skills and to familiarize the students on the tools and materials involved in the technique. A total of 30 students attended the course, coordinated by Prof. Bosco Lawrence and Prof. Nelson Lobo.



Workshop - PCB Designing: A one-day workshop was conducted on 1st October, 2024 by Prof. Nelson Lobo. The course was designed with the aim of exploring different aspects of Printed Circuit Board, Design and fabrication, learning various types of PCBs, understanding schematic design and entry rules, mastering

component layout methods and placement rules and designing single sided PCBs, etching and drilling with component soldering. 9 students participated in this course.

Certificate Course - Documentation and presentation using LaTeX: The 30-hour course was conducted for 14 students between 17th September 2024 and 7th October 2024. Ms. Anjana Dhar was the resource person for the course. An ISA was conducted mid-course to test the students' progress and understanding and an examination was held at the end of the course. Students who passed the examination were awarded with Certificate of Completion. It was coordinated by Prof. Nelson Lobo and Prof. Bosco Lawrence.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

National Space Day Observed: A Poster Competition was organized on 31st August 2024, to commemorate India's National Space Day, celebrated on 23rd August 2024. The event attracted a large number of participants, with approximately 60 students showcasing their creativity and knowledge on the vast expanse of space. Participants delved into a wide range of space-related topics, including planetary exploration, space missions, black holes, and the search for extraterrestrial life. A total of 43 students submitted their posters for the competition. The event was coordinated by Mr. Pradeep Morajkar.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Programme Attended

Prof. Nelson Lobo, Prof. Bosco Lawrence and Ms. Avani Talkatkar attended a workshop on **Raman Spectroscopy** at Goa University on 26th and 27th August, 2024.



Ph.D. AWARD

Mr. Manoj D. Salgaonkar, Associate Professor and Head of Department, Physics, was awarded Ph.D. Degree on 5th July, 2024, for his thesis titled 'Effect of rare-earth doping on Structural, Magnetic and Electrical properties of Transition metal Ferrite Nanoparticles'.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Online National Literacy Seminar – 'Financial Literacy and Innovation: Building the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow': A National Literacy Seminar, organized as per SEBI guidelines, was held online for students of B.Com, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa on 13th August 2024. The session was coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Oscar Braganca De Melo. The Resource Person Mr. C. K. Arivazhagan, explained the fundamentals of cash flow, emphasizing the importance of saving, and the impact of inflation on personal finances. The seminar concluded with advice on tax harvesting, the importance of having a nomination, and a caution against the misuse of social media for financial scams.

Talk – 'Careers in Company Secretary':

The talk was organized in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Cell for Career Guidance and Competitive Exams on 23rd August 2024. The session was delivered by Ms. Madhura Aphale, (AIR 24) LLB, BCOM, Artist and an accomplished Company Secretary (CS) affiliated to the Institute of



Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). She emphasized the role of a Company Secretary at various levels in an organization and the various levels of examinations required to be eligible as a Company Secretary. A total of 54 students participated in this talk and the session was coordinated by Ms. Swizel Alphonso and assisted by Mr. Frazer Taylor.

Talk – 'Careers in Chartered Accountancy':

The Career Talk was conducted in collaboration with the Cell for Career Guidance and Competitive Exams on 21st September 2024. The session was delivered by CA Joshua De Mello, Deputy Manager - Audit and Assurance at Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP in Panjim, Goa, and a proud alumnus of the College. The talk aimed to inspire and inform students about the benefits and opportunities available in pursuing a career in Chartered Accountancy.



The programme was enthusiastically received by 82 students of First Year (Division A and C). Faculty member Ms. Maria Difa Fernandes coordinated the programme.

Certificate Course - Wealth Management: The Wealth Management Programme aimed to equip T.Y.B.Com students with essential financial literacy and wealth management strategies. The course was coordinated by Prof. Oscar Braganca De Melo and held between 23rd August 2024 and 3rd September, 2024. It was divided into two units, each led by industry experts. Unit 1: Personal Finance – Financial Planning, Budgeting, and Tax Planning (10 Hours) led by Mr. Brendon Mascarenhas. Unit 2: Portfolio Management, Wealth Building, and Stock Market Analysis (20 Hours) led by Mr. Johann Da Silva.

Workshop on Being an Entrepreneur - My Story: The Workshop was organized in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council on 30th August, 2024. The resource person was Mr. Jeffrey Manuel a well-known media personality in Goa and Managing Partner of 'The Market' a marketing strategies firm. The workshop included group activities to help understand the importance of team spirit and coordination in an organization to achieve set goals. The workshop was attended by 60 students.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Programmes Attended

- **Workshop on Capacity Building:** On 11th June 2024, Prof. Oscar Melo and Ms. Mumtaz Mendonca attended a capacity-building workshop organized by The Directorate of Higher Education (Government of Goa) and Goa State Higher Education Council on “Leveraging Generative AI for Pedagogical Excellence in Higher Education”. Dr Suresh Namboothiri (M. Tech, MBA, Ph.D.) was the resource person. He explained how AI can be helpful and used in academics for the preparation of lesson plans, designing visual teaching aids, construction of rubrics and discussion questions, and promoting critical thinking.
- **Faculty Knowledge Sharing Programme:** The ICFAI Business School organized a Faculty Knowledge Sharing Programme titled, “Spiritual Intelligence - The Way Forward to Effectively Navigate the World of Artificial Intelligence. Enhancing Classroom Engagement with AI Teaching Tools.” Ms. Sumina da Costa e Dias and Dr. Carmelita D'Mello attended the session which was held on 27th July 2024. Various AI tools such as Video Summarizers, Interactive Learning Apps, Assessment and Feedback platforms, Presentation Tools, Research Tools for Literature Review, as well as Reference Management Tools were discussed and showcased during the session.

- **State Level Conference:** Dr. Yasmin Z. Shaikh (H.O.D. Department of Commerce), Ms. Vanessa Furtado, (BBA Course Coordinator), and Ms. Ruella D'souza (TIP Cell Coordinator) of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa attended a One-Day State Level Conference “Bridging the Gap: Fostering Industry- Academia Interface in Goa” on 5th October, 2024 at Directorate of Art and Culture Hall, Patto Panaji-Goa. This programme was organized by Vidhya Prabhodini College, Porvorim-Goa in collaboration with Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI).

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Programme Attended

State Level Workshop - Writing Project/ Dissertation: Do's and Don'ts 21st September, 2024: Ms. Saroja Rathod, a T.Y.B.Com student, attended a One-Day State Level Workshop held at St. Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim – Goa, on 21st September 2024 from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm. It was organized by The Department of Library and IQAC of the College in collaboration with The Directorate of Higher Education. The resource person for the event was Dr. Murari P. Tapaswi, a retired librarian from CSIR-NIO.

Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion
with out the discomfort of thought.

- John F. Kennedy

DEPARTMENT OF B.B.A.**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**

Alumni Lecture: A session on "Management of Personal Finances" was conducted for students under the Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series. The speaker, Marilyn Pinto, founder of KFI Global and author of *Smarter, Richer, Braver*, shared practical advice on managing personal finances, specifically for young adults and teens. The session provided valuable insights into effective financial management, which will benefit students as they navigate their future financial decisions.

Field Trip: On 21st August 2024, 45 Second- and Third-Year BBA students visited the Indian Customs & Central Excise Museum and the Goa Hospitality Show 2024 to celebrate World Entrepreneur Day. The trip provided insights into Goa's historical trade and smuggling activities and allowed students to network with hospitality industry stakeholders. The field trip was organized by Ms. Vanessa Furtado.



Mini Pop-Up Sale: In collaboration with the Goechim Asmitai Cell, BBA students hosted a mini pop-up sale of Goan food items on 4th October 2024. The event catered to students and faculty, giving students practical experience in business operations and customer engagement.

BBA First-Year Orientation Programme: An orientation program was held at St. Xavier's College in the Seminar Hall to introduce First-Year Self-Finance students to the New Education Policy, college facilities, rules, and cultural activities.

Health and Wellness Session: 'Rejuvenate: Mind and Body Connection': On 19th October 2024, the BBA department organized a health and wellness session in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Club. Ms. Sukanya Majumder led the session on the mind-body connection, coordinated by Ms. Charmaine Dias.

Preparation for MBA Entrance Exams Session: A session on preparation for MBA entrance exams was conducted for BBA and BA students. Mr. Malcolm Dias, Director of Time Goa, facilitated the session, providing students with valuable strategies for MBA exam success. The session was held on 1st October 2024, and was attended by 42 students from BBA, BA, and BCom. The session was coordinated by Assistant Professor Vanessa Furtado.

Mock Interviews for SYBBA Students: Mock interviews were organized for SYBBA students as part of their Interview Facing Skills course. Industry expert Joyce Gracias Fernandes conducted the interviews, offering real-world experience and valuable feedback to students. The activity was facilitated by Ms. Vanessa Furtado.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

Won 1st place overall at the National Level Management Event, Cosmocrat 10.0, organized by Don Bosco College, Panjim on 9-10 October 2024.

Programmes Attended

- **Leadership Session by Mr. Saurav Sharma:** On 3rd August 2024, FYBBA students attended an online session. Renowned TEDx speaker Mr. Saurav Sharma shared leadership insights from the Ramayana and their relevance to modern leadership. The session was organized by the Goa Management Association. Assistant Professor.
- **Session on Stakeholder Management and Business Ethics:** On 26th July 2024, BBA students participated in an online session, with Prof. R. Edward Freeman, University Professor of Business Administration at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. The session, chaired by Mr. Nikhil Sawhney, Vice Chairman of Triveni Turbine Limited.

DEPARTMENT OF B.B.A. (TRAVEL & TOURISM)

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

World Tourism Day Observed – 'X'plorateur'24: On 27th September 2024, the department organized a state-level inter-collegiate event to celebrate World Tourism Day. The event, themed "Tourism and Peace," aimed to enhance students' understanding of eco-friendly tourism. Five colleges participated, divided into teams with names like "The Rising Dragons" and "The Aussie Thunder."

The event was inaugurated by Shri Michael Lobo, MLA of the Goa Legislative Assembly. In attendance were around 150 students from Xavier's and different colleges. The coordinator for the event was Ms. Sarita Mahale Camulkar.



Field Visit: On 11th October 2024, First-Year BBA (Travel & Tourism) students visited NV Eco Agro Tourism Pvt. Ltd. as part of their Principles and Practice of Management course. This field trip provided students with hands-on experience and insights into agro-tourism practices and their relevance to sustainable tourism. 28 students went for the field trip accompanied by Mr. Rommel Pinheiro.

Study Tour: A week-long study tour to Rajasthan was organized for 31 students visiting Jodhpur, Sam Sand Dunes, Jaisalmer, and Jaipur. Students explored historical landmarks like Mehrangarh Fort and Umaid Bhavan, enjoyed desert activities such as camel rides, and immersed themselves in Rajasthani folk culture, gaining valuable cultural and historical knowledge. The students were accompanied by Sarita Mahale Camulkar and Rommel Pinheiro.



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**

Career Guidance for Overseas Education: On 14 July 2023, the Department of Computer Applications conducted a session on overseas education, attended by 110 students from multiple departments. Vasant Hede, a career counsellor from Eduadvise International, spoke about key considerations before studying abroad, such as language barriers and choosing the right university. The session also covered the services Eduadvise offers, including IELTS coaching and university admissions. The event was coordinated by Mr. Vipul Parsekar, Ms. Eweny Fernandes e Saldanha, and Ms. Rushita Verlekar.



Multimedia and Interviews Workshop: A session for SYBCA students was organized on the topic of multimedia and interviews. Ms. Vailarose Fernandes conducted the workshop, where 28 students learned about camera, lighting, and audio setups, along with production procedures like pre-production, production, and post-production. The session was coordinated by Mr. Worrel D'Souza.



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

Session on "Nutritious Diets and Decoding Food Labels": On 2nd September 2024, an interactive session for students and faculty was organized by the Department of Biotechnology, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), under the DBT Star College Scheme, in celebration of National Nutrition Week. Ms. Nina led the session, focusing on essential nutrients, diet plans, and the significance of reading



food labels. The session emphasized balanced nutrition, proper sleep, hydration, and exercise, promoting a healthy lifestyle. A total of 70 students attended the event. Ms. Swaroopa Naik was the coordinator.

Session on "Demystifying Nutrition for Sports and Fitness Enthusiasts": On 4th September 2024, a session was organised by the Department of Biotechnology in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education and Sports and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, under the DBT Star College Scheme. Resource person was Ms. Andrea Fernandes, Head Dietitian at EndoHeal, about nutrition for sports and fitness enthusiasts. She discussed the role of protein in the diet, especially for athletes, and elaborated on dietary supplements, their proper use, and potential side effects. The session stressed the importance of maintaining a balanced diet to enhance fitness and health. 91 students attended the session. Ms. Jocelyn Fernandes and Ms. Joslyn D'souza were the Faculty Co-Ordinators.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Field Trip - BITS Pilani, Goa Campus: On 25 September 2024, field trip was organized to BITS Pilani, Goa, for Second and Third-Year students. The trip aimed to expose students to cutting-edge research and advanced analytical instruments used in biotechnology. Students visited various laboratories, including those focused on faecal sludge management, wastewater treatment, and biosafety, while interacting with faculty and research scholars.



Field Trip - Goa Dairy, Ponda: On 4 October 2024, Second Year students visited Goa Dairy in Ponda to observe milk production, packaging, and quality control. The students learned about various quality control tests, including physical, chemical, and



microbiological evaluations. The trip provided valuable insights into dairy operations, milk testing, hygiene standards, and FDA regulations.

Field Trip - Sewage Treatment Plant, Miramar: On 14 October 2024, F.Y. B.Sc. students visited the sewage treatment plant in Santa Inez, Panjim, to learn about wastewater treatment processes. The plant engineer guided students through the treatment plant, explaining its components and operations. The visit highlighted the importance of wastewater treatment in maintaining environmental sustainability and public health.



Field Trip- Raj Nursery, Mapusa: On 30 September 2024, 21 Second-Year students visited Raj Nursery in Mapusa as part of their curriculum on "Modern Agricultural Practices and Home Gardening." Accompanied by Ms. Emma Fernandes, the students explored various plant species and learned about nursery management practices, gaining insights into plant care and agricultural practices.



Poster Competition - "Snacking Done Right": On 3rd September 2024, the Department of Biotechnology held a poster competition on the theme "Snacking Done Right: Smart and Healthy Choices to Curb Cravings!" Nine students participated, showcasing creative approaches to healthier snacking.



Cooking Competition - "Superfoods: Nutrient Powerhouses": In celebration of National Nutrition Week, the Department organized a cooking competition on 3rd September 2024, focusing on "Superfoods: Nutrient Powerhouses." Twelve participants showcased their culinary talents with superfoods.

World First Aid Day Observed: On 13th September 2024, a First Responder Training workshop was held for students and faculty to mark World First Aid Day. It was organized in collaboration with EMRI Green Health Service, in association with the Director of Health Service (DHS). The workshop provided hands-on training in CPR, first aid, and emergency response, and highlighted the critical role of first responders in emergency situations and equipped participants with life-saving skills. A total of 83 participants attended the workshop. Ms. Sonali Kajoli was the coordinator.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Award

Ms. Emma Fernandes, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biotechnology, emerged as the Women's Singles Champion and also won the Best Player (Women) award at the 1st Inter-Collegiate Staff Badminton Tournament held on 30th and 31st August 2024. The tournament was held in collaboration with Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science and Rajaram and Tarabai Bandekar College of Pharmacy, Ponda.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Award

Ms. Vedika Marathe, F.Y.B.Sc won First Place in the State Level Elocution Competition organized by Government College of Commerce and Economics, Margao on 13th August 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

Alternative Media and Documentary Films: On 14th September 2024, a guest lecture was organized for SYBA and Third Year Mass Communication students, resource person for which was alumnus Mr. Hagen D'sa an audio-video practitioner with Mongabay, discussed the significance of alternative media in digital and public spheres, addressing marginalized voices, and how geopolitics shapes news dissemination, especially in rural areas. He emphasized the importance of balanced perspectives in documentary filmmaking. 20 students attended the lecture. Assistant professor Vailarose Fernandes coordinated the event.

Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series- 'Career Opportunities in the Corporate Sector': On 16th October 2024, a session was organized on career opportunities in the corporate sector. Distinguished alumni Mr. Kirk Duarte, Senior HR Manager at Kilowott, and Ms. Sandra Mascarenhas, HR Manager at Nordic Intent, shared their professional experiences. The session provided students with valuable insights into the corporate world and gave them the opportunity to interact with successful alumni. The session, coordinated by Ms. Vailarose Fernandes, was attended by 100 students.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Future Media Professionals Get a Glimpse of Goa's Legislative Pulse:

Mr. Anzil Fernandes, Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar, and Mr. Nitin Volvoikar along with 50 students from St. Xavier's College's Mass Communication & Journalism department visited the Goa Legislative Assembly in Porvorim, on 7 August 2024. Students observed Assembly proceedings and interacted with



Deputy Speaker Joshua D'Souza, who explained legislative procedures, and MLA Vijay Sardesai, who spoke about fearless expression and the importance of Zero Hour.

National Photography Competition – 'Regenerative Tourism': The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, hosted a National Photography Competition on Regenerative Tourism. Over



300 entries were received from students nationwide. The competition, which ran from August to October 2024, aimed to showcase Goa's regenerative tourism beyond its beaches. The prize ceremony on 14 October 2024 recognized the winners, including Yuvraj Seth and Asmi Santosh Banaulikar. The coordinator for the event was Mr. Lisvan Rodrigues.

Inter HSS Competition - MediaScope 9.0: The 9th edition of MediaScope, a creative competition for Higher Secondary School students from across Goa was held on 1 October 2024. Competitions included a quiz, an amazing race, and dance performances, with St. Xavier's HSS emerging as the champions. The event featured speeches from key figures and concluded with a celebration of the winners, encouraging students to pursue their creative passions. The event was attended by 14 Higher Secondary Schools, 130 MCJ students and 210 HSS students. The coordinators for the event were Mr. Nitin Volvoikar and Mr. Vibhav Naik.

Mangalore-Bangalore Study Tour: From 24-27 November 2024, third-year Mass Communication and Journalism students went on a study tour to Mangalore and Bangalore. In Mangalore, they visited St. Aloysius College, Basel Mission Press, and DaijiWorld studios, exploring journalism and community radio. In Bangalore, they toured media hubs like Thomson Reuters, Christ University, The Hindu, and Deccan Herald, gaining insights into professional newsrooms and media technologies. 19 students went on the field trip accompanied by Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar and Ms. Jonquil Sudhir.



World Photography Day Observed: On 19 August 2024, the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism organized a photography workshop in Mapusa to celebrate World Photography Day. Led by renowned photographers Jovel Fernandes and Harsh Kamat, the workshop covered Wedding, Fashion, Travel, and Lifestyle Photography. With 143 students in attendance, the workshop aimed to enhance students' practical skills and deepen their appreciation for photography. The event convenor was Assistant Professor Lisvan Rodrigues.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Programme Attended

National Press Day: Lisvan Rodrigues along with seven students attended the National Press Day celebration organized by the Department of Information and Publicity at Institute Menezes Braganza, Panjim, on 16 November 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

- Ms. Chanel Crizzel was awarded the "Best Sportswoman of Goa University" for the academic year 2023-24. She received the award during the 40th Foundation Day celebrations of Goa University held on 29 June 2024.
- Mr. Yuvraj Seth, TYBA Mass Communication student, won the first place in the National Photography Competition on Regenerative Tourism 2024, organized by the Tourism Department (Goa Government) in collaboration with the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
- Ms. Bani Dabholkar secured 3rd place in the MRF National Rally Championship held at Chikamangalur, 4th place in the MRF National Rally Championship held at Nashik, 5th place in the MRF Dirt Championship at Kolhapur, and clinched 3rd place in the Goa Dirt Race at Valpoi.
- Asten D'Souza won a photography competition and received a free photography course from renowned photographer Prasad Pankar at a photography workshop organized by JCI Panaji in association with Primet TV on 23rd August 2024.

Programme Attended

- 11th Asian Youth Forum for Drug Use Prevention 2024 was held in Ernakulam, Kerala, and was attended by 150 youth delegates from over 13 countries. Among the 150 delegates were Mr. Anzil Abdul Vahid and Mr. Nikhil Satardekar from third-year Mass Communication and third-year Journalism respectively, representing St. Xavier's College, Mapusa and the state of Goa from 15-20 September 2024.
- 47 Mass Communication students attended a workshop on screenplay writing at the International Centre Goa on 28th September 2024, conducted by renowned Bollywood screenwriter Ritesh Shah, the session covered strategies for pitching ideas, character development, and screenplay writing techniques.
- On 23rd August 2024, students from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism attended a photography workshop organized by JCI Panaji in association with Primet TV. Renowned photographers Prasad Pankar and Rajtilak Naik led the session on framing, compositions and street photography. Students also participated in a photography competition, where Asten D'Souza won and received a free photography course from Mr. Pankar. 33 students participated in the workshop and were accompanied by Faculty Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar and Ms. Alisha Fernandes.

Time is free, but it is priceless.
You can't own it, but you can use it.
You can't keep it, but you can spend it.
Once you've lost it, you can never get it back.

- Harvey MacKay

ABBE FARIA POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Workshops

'Research Start to End': This workshop was organized for 27 M.A. Psychology students, led by Dr. Vijay, Dr. Kshipra, and Ms. Andrea on 21st June 2024. It aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the research process, from inception to completion. The workshop was well-received, equipping students with essential skills for their research projects. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Vijay Viegas.

'The Significance of Academic Research': On 1st July 2024, Ms. Glenda Fernandes, an alumna of St. Xavier's College and a PhD scholar at Christ University, Bangalore, delivered an engaging lecture highlighting the significance of academic research and aimed to inspire M.A. Psychology students in their academic endeavours.

'Nuances of Research-A Practical Approach':

The workshop tailored for M.A. Psychology students enrolled in the Academic Writing Course, was held on 7th August 2024. The session



was led by Ms. Sulochana Pednekar, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at Goa University, holding M.A. degrees in Economics and Population Studies. The workshop was well-received by the 23 students in attendance, who appreciated the practical insights and interactive approach.

'Mental Health Challenges and Implications in the Real World': The session held on 7th October 2024, was led by Dr. Priyanka Sahastrabhojane, a distinguished psychiatrist, who provided students with a hands-on understanding of mental health issues across the lifespan. The workshop organized in observance of Mental Health week, proved to be a valuable learning experience, benefiting all 51 student participants by enhancing their understanding of mental health and its implications in everyday life.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Guest Lecture - 'Helen Keller-An Inspiration':

On 26th June 2024, Mr. Gabel Mascarenhas, Project Manager of Caritas Goa, delivered a talk for 63 postgraduate students from the Departments of Psychology, Science, and Commerce at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. This event, part of the ongoing collaboration between Caritas Goa and the College, aimed to raise awareness about deafblindness. The session received positive feedback, enhancing students' understanding of critical disability issues.



'Getting Career Ready':

On 23rd July 2024, a session was conducted in collaboration with Sevarat Healthcare and Nursing Pvt. Ltd. The session featured Ms. Rohini Gonsalves, Founder and Chairperson of Sevarat Healthcare, Goa's dedicated Senior Care Service. The objective was to equip the 82 attending psychology students with essential skills for securing and excelling in their desired careers.



Aptitude Testing: The workshop was conducted at the St. Joseph Vaz Retreat Centre on 3rd August, 2024, screening 160 youth participants. The session was led by faculty members Dr. Vijay Viegas, Dr. Kshipra Vora, and Ms. Andrea D'Souza, with the assistance of postgraduate student Ms. Amijot Kaur. The primary objective of this initiative was to assess the aptitudes and potential career alignments of the participating youth.

Guest Lecture - 'Cyber Wellness and Security': An insightful session, led by Ms. Yukta Kumbhar from the Cyber Wellness Centre Goa was organized on 25th September 2024. The event was attended by 60 students. The session delved into practical strategies for maintaining digital security.

Online Talk – 'Rehabilitation and Recovery from Drug Addiction: Challenges and Solutions':

The session was organized in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Club, St. Xavier's College on 26th September, 2024, in collaboration with Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women (Autonomous), Tamil Nadu. The session featured Fr. Dr. J. Francis Xavier Nelson, Director of the Thiruppumunai Addiction Treatment Ministry in Nagercoil, as the resource person.

Guest Lecture – 'Polycystic Ovary Syndrome': On 23rd August 2024, an awareness session on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) was organized in collaboration with the Student Welfare Cell, Health and Wellness Club of the college and the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa. The session for 91 attendees was led by Dr. Deepa Shirodkar from AIIA, Goa. The session's interactive nature facilitated easy comprehension of the information presented. Additionally, AIIA organized a free PCOS screening test for interested students, providing practical support alongside theoretical knowledge.



Guest Lecture – Geriatric Care and Intervention: On 3rd October 2024, a session on geriatric care and intervention was held in collaboration with Sevarat Healthcare and Nursing Pvt Ltd, Goa. Led by Ms. Rohini Gonsalves, a seasoned expert in geriatric care, the session focused on the various challenges and disorders frequently experienced by the elderly, including Parkinson's disease, depression, Alzheimer's, dementia, and schizophrenia. The event proved to be both informative and engaging, with a total of 58 attendees benefiting from the insights shared.

Interactive Session: The session was organized on 5th October 2024, in collaboration with Divyangjan and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Sanjay School in Goa. This event was part of the ongoing Mental Health Week and aimed to foster collaboration between the students of Sanjay School and St. Xavier's College. The event successfully promoted mental health awareness and strengthened bonds between students, creating an inclusive and positive environment for everyone involved. A total of 117 individuals benefited from this meaningful experience.



Guest Lecture – Modern Techniques and Practices in Psychology: A highly engaging session was organized on 11th October, 2024. The resource person was Dr. Reetesh Riku, Chairman of the Federation of Indian Psychology. The event witnessed an active participation from 70 students across undergraduate and postgraduate levels, along with faculty members.

Field Trip to Charavane Waterfall: On 1st September, 2024, Dr. Vijay Viegas and Ms. Andrea D'Souza, led 40 students on a nature trek to Charavane waterfall. The trail, approximately 1.5 kilometres long, traversed fields, slippery rocks, streams, and dense vegetation, providing a challenge and an opportunity to appreciate the region's biodiversity. The students engaged in activities, including photography, nature observation, and discussions about the ecological significance of such natural sites.

Mental Health Day Observed: To commemorate Mental Health Day, Flourish Fiesta was organized on 10th October, 2024, in collaboration with the Undergraduate Department of Psychology, Wellness and Counselling Center, Health and Wellness Club, and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The event aimed to raise mental health awareness and promote emotional well-being through a series of interactive, creative, and therapeutic activities.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



AWARDS

State Rankers of M.A. Psychology, Goa University Examination held in April 2023.

- **1st Rank** - Ms. Nerissa Zuzarte
- **2nd Rank** - Ms. Georgina Godinho
- **3rd Rank** - Ms. Freeda Coelho, Ms. Kavita Almeida, Ms. Saloni Gaonkar

POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED**

Workshop – 'Reference Manager Tools and Software in Chemistry': The two-day workshop presented by Ms. Flavia Travasso was organized for 19 students of M.Sc. Part II on 8th and 9th October 2024. Faculty members Ms. Rupali Neje, Ms. Kalpita Talpekar and Ms. Fami Fernandes attended the same. The objective of the workshop was to introduce and explain the benefits of software: 'Mendeley' and 'Zotero' which are considered to be important tools in referencing and citing research papers. Students also learned about 'ChemSketch' and 'ChemDraw' softwares.

**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**

Field Trip to BITS Pilani Goa: On 25th September 2024, 18 M.Sc. Part II students visited BITS Pilani Goa. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mamata Prabhugaonkar and Ms. Rupali Neje. Ms. Urmi, Assistant Professor, BITS, delivered an insightful presentation about the courses offered, and the research and instrumentation laboratories. This visit provided the students with a valuable opportunity to learn about different instruments that are crucial for research.



Field Trip to Hyderabad: 15 M.Sc. students along with 3 faculty members Mrs. Rupali Neje, Ms. Kalpita Talpekar and Ms. Fami Fernandes visited Hyderabad from 15th to 20th October 2024. Students visited Medesse Laboratory Pvt. Ltd., a leading biotechnology and laboratory research company and T-Hub, a premier technology incubation center in Hyderabad. Students visited Golconda Fort, Nehru Zoological Park, NTR Garden, Lumbini Park, and Buddha Statue. Students also visited Ramoji Film City, one of the largest integrated film studio complexes in the world.



CELLS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The **AICUF Cell** organized the *Inaugural Mass* to formally inaugurate the new academic year 2024-2025. His Eminence Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman presided over the Eucharistic Celebration which was concelebrated by the priests in residence in the college campus. The theme of the Eucharistic Celebration was 'Enlightened by Virtue and Knowledge, share the Good News'.

Pastors Day was celebrated by student members of the AICUF Cell for all the priests residing on the college campus on 4th August 2024.

Sadbhavana Diwas was commemorated on the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister of India. a day to celebrate the brotherhood shared by individuals following diverse ways of life and religious beliefs. The chief Guest was Rev. Fr. Kenneth Barreto Teles.

On 6th September, 2024, around 90 AICUF members gathered for a half-day *spiritual recollection* titled 'Revive', aimed at renewing their faith and commitment to God. Resource person, Rev. Fr. Milchester Furtado enlightened the participants on their duties as good citizens while upholding Christian values.

The 3rd edition of the 'Choir of the Year' was organized on 21st September, 2024. The event saw the participation of 11 teams, each comprising 10 members, including one faculty member, it a vibrant celebration of liturgical music, Catholic leadership and values. The theme of the event was, 'Go, Proclaim the Good News'.

A 3-day *Catholic Leadership Camp* titled 'Being Leaders-The Catholic Way' for 35 selected students at a farm in Bhirondem was held. The students were accompanied by Rev. Fr. Ramiro Luis, Mr. Worrel D'Souza, Ms. Eweny Saldanha and Ms. Alia Aga. The Camp was conducted by Rev. Fr. Velson Fernandes, Rev. Fr. Reagan Fernandes and Rev. Fr. Joyan.

The *Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Francis Xavier*, was celebrated with great devotion on 7th December, 2024. The Auxiliary Bishop of Goa and Daman, His Excellency Rev. Fr. Simião Fernandes was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration. The AICUF members organized the liturgy, choir, decorated the backdrop and altar meticulously.

The AICUF Choir of St. Xavier's College, had the honour of leading the congregation in singing during the Eucharistic Celebration for the Exposition of The Holy Relics on 8th December 2024, at the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa. The choir consisted of 43 choristers and 5 musicians.

An inter-class *Christmas Star and Ornament Making Competition* was organized to spread the spirit of Christmas.

Every Wednesday, the AICUF members assemble in the Conference Hall of the College during the recess break for the *Campus Prayer*. Together with Rev. Fr. Ramiro Luis, the students pray for the various needs of their fellow students and the world at large while also thanking God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon them. Similarly, every first Friday of the month, the AICUF Cell takes charge of organizing the Mass in which faculty and students devoutly partake.

The Divyangjan Cell collaborated with Sanjay School to organize an interactive programme as part of Mental Health Week, aimed at promoting mental health and fostering inclusivity. The programme benefited 117 participants, promoting mental health awareness and strengthening bonds between the students of both institutions.



The Red Ribbon Club (RRC) was inaugurated on 30th August, 2024. Dr. Prasad Parab, Medical Officer, Urban Health Centre, Mapusa, was the chief guest. Dr. Parab delivered a session on HIV/AIDS awareness, presenting a documentary and discussing the Indian scenario. The event was coordinated by Mr. Rahul Naik (RRC coordinator) and was attended by 54 RRC members of the college.

The RRC organized a poster competition to commemorate *International Youth Day* on the theme "Breaking the Silence: Speak Out Against AIDS." 14 students participated in this event which served to raise awareness about AIDS and encouraged students to speak out.



The Cell for Community Extension and Outreach organized a *Career Guidance Session* for 189 Class X students from St. Francis Xavier High School and St. Mary's Convent High School on 8th August, 2024 at St. Francis Xavier High School, Mapusa. This event was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes.

A *Career Guidance Session* at Holy Cross High School, Bastora was conducted in collaboration with The Mapusa II Super School Complex, aimed at providing Class X students with insights into various career options. Resource persons were from St. Xavier's College. The interactive session empowered 199 students to make informed career decisions.



The Cell for Creative Arts: At the inaugural of the academic year, held on 6th July 2024, students passionate about theatre performed a Rohinton Mistry inspired *Swimming Lessons*, a performance about synchronization and the power to assimilate as they appealed to the audience to "act as one, move as one". The students went on to participate at an inter collegiate skit competition on the theme 'Mental Wellness Among the Youth' organized by Life Skills/Wellness Club, Don Bosco College, Panjim on 16th October 2024.

The *Oratory category* in Xavier's Got Talent organized on 10th October 2024, was coordinated by a member of the Cell, Ms. Sunita Mesquita, included Elocution, Performance Poetry, Stand-Up Comedy, Monologue and Anchoring competitions. These aimed to provide a platform for students to express themselves confidently, creatively and with flair.

The A Capella, dance and anchoring for '*Let there be Light*', a bilingual mental health related dramatic performance was coordinated by members of this Cell. The choral piece was performed at Xavier's Cultural Xtravanza on 11th October 2024.

An anchoring practical session '*Mic Mentors: Anchoring in Action*' focused on participants' abilities to host events and manage the flow of proceedings in a formal yet engaging manner. participants were tasked with anchoring a mock College Annual Day programme

The Cell for Performing Arts: The tiatr "*Chitrkar*" was presented at the 4th Intercollegiate/Higher Secondary Tiatr Competition organized by the Tiatr Academy of Goa on 30th August, 2024. Written and directed by Dr. Fr. Luis Xavier Gomes from the Department of Konkani, the tiatr explores family dynamics and career aspirations. The production earned eight awards and individual accolades.



The Cell for Mentoring Programme conducted various sessions for students through their mentors. *Introduction to Mentoring: An Ice Breaker Session* was held on 30th July, 2024. The Mentors conducted a brief introductory session with their mentees. For the first-year students, mentors also gave a brief overview of the college and the various facilities available on campus.

'*Foster Mentoring through Group Activities*' was held on 27th August, 2024. Mentors conducted interactive sessions with their mentees in form of group engagement activities such as Games, quizzes, puzzles, Role Play, Group Discussions etc. Students proactively participated in the same.

Guidance on Certificate courses/VAC/Swayam courses, Cells and Clubs was held on 24th September, 2024. Mentors personally handed over the college handbook to their mentees during the mentoring sessions.

DoPT, GoI, (Goa Institute of public administration and rural development) sponsored a *Trainer Development Programme on Mentoring Skills*. Ms. Alia K. Agha, attended the 3-

day training workshop from 3rd to 5th October 2024 at GIPARD Ela Farm, Old Goa. The resource persons were Dr. Manish Kumar Jha, MT/RT in mentoring skills, DoPT, Government of India and Dr. Sonal Tuljaram Kame, MT/ RT in mentoring Skills, DoPT, Government of India.



Training, Internship and Placement Cell (TIP), hosted a *workshop* for students on 9th October 2024, organized by Teach for India (TFI) with resource persons, Mr. Keshav Nautiyal, Mr. Gaurav Sharma and Ms. Ravela Da Cruz. The session began with a comprehensive introduction to the social impact sector, shedding light on how individuals can actively contribute to this field.

Campus Placement for Key Accounts manager position at Zomato was organized. Interviews were scheduled in the e-library hall of the PG Block on 10th October, 2024 and 19 students attended the same. Ms Shivani Rekhi and Mr Gavin Soares were the representatives of the company who chaired the session.



Global Village Club screened an *Afghani short film 'Our Kind of Love'*, directed by Elham Ehsas and Azeem Bhati on 18th October 2024. The screening introduced students to the Pashto language and Afghan culture. Following the screening, there was an engaging discussion about the cultural nuances depicted in the film. The event was attended by 17 students and coordinated by Ms. Jonquil Sudhir.

The club in collaboration with the **Wellness, Support, and Counselling** Centre, organized an *interactive session* with international students on 30th August 2024. Counselors Mr. Sigmund Dias and Ms. Beverly Monteiro discussed campus services, collected student feedback, and provided suggestions to improve support for foreign students. The session aimed to ensure that international students felt supported and well-integrated into campus life.

On 11 October 2024, the club participated in the *Xavier's Cultural Extravaganza*, performing a vibrant song and dance piece. The performance featured the Spanish song *Dos origuitas* from *Encanto*, and traditional Portuguese dances, including *Corridinho* and *Bate o Pé*. A total of 20 members performed, with guidance from Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza and Ms. Sabina Dias, showcasing a blend of different cultures in a lively and colorful display.

In collaboration with IQAC, the Global Village Club organized a 30-hour *Certificate Course in Portuguese* for 20 staff members, students, and the public. The course aimed to promote language learning and enhance cultural understanding. Coordinated by Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza, the course was well-received and contributed to the greater appreciation of the Portuguese language and culture within the college community.

Goenchi Asmitai Cell (Cell for Preservation of Goan Culture and Heritage) on 4th October, 2024, held an event *Randchikuddicho Anubhav* (Traditional Goan Culinary Experiences) on campus. As a part of this event, the Cell offered students an opportunity to set up and operate food stalls featuring authentic traditional Goan cuisine. The event included a captivating performance of traditional folk dances and Goan music.

Student Welfare Cell in collaboration with Unicharm India and GlobalHunt Foundation organized parallel online sessions on the theme 'My Menstruation My Pride' for students on 20th August 2024. The session for female students was delivered by Ms. Nitya Chaudhary, CSR Executive, Unicharm India. The session for male students was delivered by Ms. Chitra Jalal, Research Associate, GlobalHunt Foundation. The sessions were attended by 42 girl students and 39 male students of the college. Ms. Maria Difa Fernandes and Ms. Freda Tavares coordinated the event.

Health and Wellness Club in collaboration with The Department of Economics and the Department of Physical Education, organized a session on "Movement Matters: Exploring Physiotherapy's Role in



Health” on 3rd October 2024. Staff and students of N.C.C. and sports participated. The Resource Person was Dr. Saiel Naik. He welcomed the 66 participants and invited student volunteers on the stage to demonstrate some exercises to relieve lower back pain such as the Hamstring Stretch, Lumbar Rotation, Quadratus Lumborum Stretch, Cobra Pose, Bridging and Child Pose.

The Cell for Value Education organizes various sessions to help students recognise the importance of moral, social, and ethical values in their personal and professional lives. During the first half of the academic year 2024-25, value education sessions were held on a weekly basis (Tuesdays) from 9th July 2024 to 1st October 2024. 11 external resource persons and 2 college counsellors conducted sessions for students. Facilitators encouraged open dialogues with students about the significance of values and real-life experiences. Also, students across streams worked in groups to analyse case studies and identify values involved in decision-making.

On 13th August, 2024 Dr. Roshan Nazareth from the Diocesan Family Service Centre, Goa conducted an informative session on the topic '*Culture of Life*'. On 3rd September 2024, Ms. Christabel, Mr. Prashant and Ms. Ana Paula of GRADSTAR, Global Education imparted a session on 'Studying Abroad'.



The Cell for Career Guidance and Competitive Exams In an effort to encourage students to engage in self-paced learning and skill enhancement, the Cell actively promoted *Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)* through platforms such as EDX and Coursera. Awareness sessions were conducted across B.Com classes, resulting in 150 students successfully completing certifications in various courses.

The Consumer Welfare Cell organised a session on '*Consumer Rights*' on 16th October 2024 in the Seminar Hall, for students of all streams. Mr. Roland Martins, the coordinator of GOACAN was the resource person. Mr. Martin enlightened the students about their rights as consumers and also highlighted a number consumer related issues that impinge on their rights. He explained the importance of IMEI number of cell phones, safety of goods and services, the maximum retail price (MRP), date of manufacture, among others. The session was informative and interactive. 76 students attended the session.

The Child Woman Welfare Club: An awareness session was organized on '*Safety of Women: Issues and Solutions*', on the 15th of October, 2024. Resource person, Adv. Caroline Collasso portrayed in detail how so many women are harassed, the availability of several Government schemes to help the women in distress. Faculty incharge for the session was Ms Sheryl D'Cruz.

A poster making competition was conducted on 14th October 2024 on the theme '*Women's Safety*' for the neighboring colleges and higher secondary schools. Faculty In-charge of Activity: Ms Sheryl D'Cruz.

A talk was held on "*Human Trafficking: A Social Evil*" on 17th October 2024. Resource person, Adv. Sr. Gracy Rodrigues, shared her experiences of rescuing girls from brothels in Mumbai. She provides legal counsel to the rescued victims and volunteers in their rehabilitation. The faculty incharge was Dr. Shefali Kale.



The **Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)** members organized a special celebration on the occasion of Teacher's Day in honor of the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, on 4th September 2024. The program began with a solemn Mass, followed by fun games organized by the PTA for the teachers. Tokens of appreciation were presented to the teachers in recognition of their dedication. The celebration concluded with a cake cutting and a delicious lunch, bringing everyone together to enjoy a hearty meal.



N.C.C. (BOYS)

Enrollment 2024–2025: 22 new cadets were enrolled, taking the total to 52 cadets in N.C.C. Boys unit. Unit caretaker officer (C.T.O) Ms. Avani Anil Kharde welcomed the new Cadets and apprised them about the Aims, Objectives and Motto of NCC. Besides regular Thursday parades and conducting classes on drill, weapon training, field craft, battle craft, first aid etc, other activities were carried out.

Talk - Women Empowerment: The talk was organized on 24th May 2024 at 1 GOA BN NCC Unit office at Panjim. St. Xaviers College and 5 other colleges participated in the event. 05 SW Cadets of 1 Goa BN NCC Boys unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, attended the talk. The resource person for the programme was CTO Ms. Avani Anil Kharde. She delivered a talk on "Nai Roshni Scheme" a scheme for developing leadership skills of minority women.



Attended Awareness Campaign on World Ocean Day: 09 SD and 13 SW Cadets of 1 Goa BN NCC Boys unit of St. Xavier's college attended the programme organized on 8th June 2024 at Miramar beach.



Medical Camp: 1 SW from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, also participated in the Medical Camp organized by 1 GOA BN NCC at Military Hospital, Panaji (Bambolim) from 1st June to 10th June 2024. Cadets were taught different aspects of basic first aid (especially of burns, heat stroke, drowning, poisoning and snake bite), management of diseases, basic life support, fracture management, dressing of wounds, food and nutrition, vaccination schedule and importance, BMW, dental hygiene and care, HIV - AIDS, family planning, administration of medicines (IM, IV, SC injection), physiotherapy, demo on stretcher and carriage of casualties.

International Yoga Day Observed 21st June, 2024: NCC Boys unit in collaboration with NCC Girls Unit and the NSS unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, celebrated the 10th International Yoga Day with a session. 12 SD and 18 SW participated in the same. Dr. Manoj Salgaonkar, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, was the resource person.



Kargil Vijay Diwas Observed: A documentary was screened on 26th July 2024 at the college; to observe Kargil Vijay Diwas, 36 Cadets attended the screening. Also, 4 SD and 4 SW Cadets from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa of 1 GOA BN NCC participated in the "Kargil Vijay Diwas" celebrated on 26th July, 2024 at Azad Maidan Panaji.



'Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign': A rally was organized by NCC Boys Battalion of the college to commemorate the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024, 50 Cadets participated. Also, 14 (9 SD and 5 SW) NCC Cadets participated in "Har Ghar Tiranga Road Run and Cycle Rally", organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs in association with Sports Authority of Goa at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Bambolim on 13th August 2024.





Talk – 'Careers in the Armed Forces': Brig. (Dr.) Kiran Kumar Thackar of Grenadiers Regiment of the Indian Army delivered the talk on 30th August, 2024. The talk was organized, by 1 GOA BN NCC boys unit in collaboration with ex-NCC Cadets Associations Goa.

Cleanliness Drive: The drive conducted on 2nd October, 2024, aimed to enhance the beauty of our surroundings and foster a sense of responsibility and teamwork among cadets. It highlighted the importance of sustainability and hygiene, making our college a cleaner and greener place.



PARTICIPATION IN CAMPS

Pre-TSC-I Camp: SUO Indramal Chowdhary, JUO Gajanan Patil and CDT Doris Govis represented 1 Goa Battalion NCC at the camp conducted by 26 KAR Battalion from 10th to 19th June 2024 at Belagavi.

PRE-TSC-II Camp: SUO Indramal Chowdhary, JUO Gajanan Patil and JUO Aman Jee Mishra represented 1 Goa Battalion NCC at the camp conducted by 26 KAR Battalion from 24th June, 2024 to 3rd July, 2024 at Belagavi.

PRE-TSC-III Camp: SUO Indramal Chowdhary, JUO Gajanan Patil and JUO Aman Jee Mishra represented 1 Goa Battalion NCC at the camp conducted by 25 KAR Battalion from 22nd to 31st July, 2024 at Belagavi.

IGC-TSC Camp: SUO Indramal Chowdhary and JUO Gajanan Patil attended the camp conducted at Mysore from 1st to 10th August, 2024.

PRE RDC-I Camp: 4 SD and 1 SW from St. Xavier's College participated in the camp conducted by 25 KAR Battalion at Belagavi from 11th to 20th September 2024.

PRE RDC-II Camp SD JUO Aman Jee Mishra and SGT Vedant Chandekar participated in the camp conducted by 27 KAR Battalion at Belagavi from 21st to 30th September 2024.

PRE RDC-III Camp: JUO Aman Jee Mishra and SGT Vedant Chandekar participated in the camp conducted by 8 KAR Air Squadron at Belagavi from 1st to 10th October 2024.

IGC-RDC Camp: JUO Aman Jee Mishra and SGT Vedant Chandekar represented Belagavi Group, in the camp held at Bellary, Karnataka, from 15th to 24th October, 2024 organized by 35 KAR BN.

PARTICIPATED IN

Patriotic Song Singing Competition: a group comprising 3 SD and 5 SW won first place in a Patriotic Song Singing Competition titled 'Bharat Tujhe Salaam' organized by the Department of Hindi on 14th August, 2024.

Tree Plantation Drive: 50 Cadets of the NCC Boys Unit participated a Tree Plantation Drive conducted on campus on 15th August 2024.

March past: On the occasion of Independence Day, 10 Cadets of NCC Boys unit marched at the Dy. Collectorate Office, Mapusa – Goa.



Camp at Belagavi



Camp at Mysore



Camp at Belagavi from 22nd to 31st July, 2024



Camp 1st to 10th October at Belagavi

N.C.C. (GIRLS)

Orientation: 1 Goa Girls Bn NCC conducted orientation for First-Year cadets on 2nd, 4th and 12th July 2024. Students were introduced to NCC, its activities, and achievements of past and present cadets. The program set a positive tone for the students and motivated them to actively participate in NCC programmes.

F.Y. NCC Selection: On 18th of July 2024, the selection process for 40 first-year NCC Girls cadets was conducted on campus by Maj. Wendy and GCI Sambodhini from 1 Goa Girls Bn Peddem. The first-year students underwent physical capability tests, including sit-ups, push-ups, etc. The selection process concluded successfully with the evaluation of the cadets' physical fitness.

International Yoga Day Observed: On 21st June, 2024, the 1 Goa Girls Bn (1GGB) unit celebrated 10th International Yoga Day in the College in collaboration with NSS unit of St. Xavier's College. The Yoga session presided over by Mr. Manoj Salgaonkar, Associate Professor in Physics. He was assisted by Sgt. Sonal Chinchanekar of 1GGB during the Yoga demonstration. 23 Cadets from 1 Goa Girls BN, 15 Boys BN from 1 Goa BN and 28 JW Cadets from St. Mary's High School, Mapusa and NSS volunteers of our college actively participated in the event.

Tree Plantation Drive: On 14th August, a tree plantation drive was conducted by 1 Goa Girl's Bn unit of the College. The event aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainability among the students. 33 cadets of the college along with NCC Girls CTO Dr. Mira Parmekar participated in the event. 20 plants were planted on campus during the event and a brief training on how to plant the saplings properly and take care of them was given by the college gardener.

Independence Day Observed: The 78th Independence Day celebrations in the college were arranged by 1 Goa Girls Bn unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. The programme began with the hoisting of the flag by Acting Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto. The Girls battalion (55 Cadets) was led by SUO Tanisha Palyekar followed by NCC boys Battalion and NSS volunteers. A cultural programme followed. The celebration ended with felicitation of NCC cadets.

Har Ghar Tiranga Rally: On the occasion of the 78th Independence Day, the 1 Goa Girls Bn unit along organized the Har Ghar Tiranga rally starting from college lobby to housing board society, Ganeshpuri, Mapusa, showcasing their patriotism and discipline. 56 cadets along with their CTO Dr. Mira Parmekar marched proudly, carrying the national flag and banners.

Participated in Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebration: a rally was organized by Ex NCC Cadets Association, JCI Panjim and media partner Prime TV from Miramar circle till the Azad Maidan to commemorate India's victory in the Kargil War on 26th July 2024. 28 cadets from 1 Goa Girls BN of St. Xavier's College along with other school and college NCC cadets participated in the same. This was followed by a talk at Menezes Braganza Institute, for which the chief guest was Lt. Gen. Austin Colaco.

Participated in Independence Day Celebration: Six Cadets of 1 Goa Girls Bn unit of the college participated in Marching Contingent at the Mapusa Municipality Mamlatdar celebration of Independence Day.

NCC PERSONNEL VISITS

Colonel Mohan Naik was accorded a Guard of Honour by 12 NCC Girls' cadets of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa during his visit to the 1 Goa Girls' Bn Unit at Peddem, Mapusa on 5th July 2024.

Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh, Director General of NCC, New Delhi was accorded a Guard of honour at Peddem, by NCC Girl cadets of the 1 Goa Girls BN NCC unit, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. 14 cadets were part of this programme held on 25th July 2024. This was followed by an interactive session with DG in the evening with NCC cadets, ANO's and PI staff for which six cadets of the college were invited. Sgt. Sonal Chinchaneekar received appreciation from DG NCC for her artistic talent in sketching a portrait of Lt. Gen. Singh, during the visit.

IAS officer Dr. Pavan Kumar Sharma visited 1 Goa Girls Bn Unit at Peddem on 15th September 2024. Seven cadets of the Girls Battalion were a part of the guard of honour given to Dr. Sharma. The visit included an interaction of Dr. Pavan Kumar Sharma with all the NCC cadets present.

PARTICIPATION IN CAMPS

Thal Sainik Camp (TSC)-1: 116 Cadets of 1 Goa Girls Bn unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa - Goa participated in the camp at Belgavi from 10th to 19th June, 2024. Events like Obstacle Training, Health and Hygiene, Judging Distance, Field Signals, Map Reading, were held.

Thal Sanik Camp 2 was held from 24th June to 3rd July, 2024 at Jadhav Nagar camp Belgavi. Five cadets of 1 Goa Girls Bn unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa - Goa, CSM Sampada Naik, SGT Sachi Mahale, CDT Prajakta Malik, CDT Poonam Palyekar and CDT Samidha Rane, were selected for the same.

The NCC Thal Sanik Camp-3 was held from 24th July to 3rd August at Jadhav Nagar camp Belgaum. Two cadets: CDT Poonam Palyekar and CDT Samidha Rane were shortlisted for TSC-3.

Pre Republic-Day Camp (RDC) was held from 11th to 20th September, 2024 at Jadhav Nagar, Belagavi. Five Cadets 1 Goa Girls Battalion of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, JUO Neha Naik, Sgt. Sonal Chinchanekar, Cdt. Radhika Rathod, Cdt. Vania Fernandes and Cdt. Steffie Ferrao were short-listed for Pre RDC from the college unit. The camp was organized by 27 Karnataka Battalion NCC. During these 10 days, cadets underwent intensive training in cultural activities, flag area presentations, and parades. Cadet Radhika Rathod secured the first place in group cultural dance competition.

TSC-IGC Camp: Cdt. Poonam Palyekar was selected for the camp held from 1st August to 10th August 2024 at Mysore, Karnataka.

Pre RDC-2: Cadet Radhika Rathod of 1 Goa Girls Bn, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, was selected for the camp held from 21st to 30th September, 2024 at Jadhav Nagar, Belagavi.

Pre RDC 3 was held from 1st to 10th October, 2024, at Jadhav Nagar, Belagavi. Cadet Radhika Rathod of 1 Goa Girls Bn of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, was selected for the camp. This camp was organized by 8 Karnataka Air Squadron.

RDC-Inter Group Competition was held from 15th to 24th October, 2024 at Toranagallu, Karnataka. The camp was organized by the Ballari Group, 35 Karnataka Battalion NCC. 95 cadets from the Belagavi Group had been selected for IGC, Cadet Radhika Rathod of 1 Goa Girls Battalion NCC from the St. Xavier's College was a part of the Belagavi group, who participated in the cultural event. The Belgaum Group secured the 3rd place in all the major events.



International Yoga day at St. Xavier's College



Orientation



F.Y. NCC Selection



Tree Plantation Drive at St. Xavier's College



Independence Day Celebration at St. Xavier's College



Har Ghar Tiranga Rally



Visit 27th August, 2024



Camp 10th to 19th June, 2024

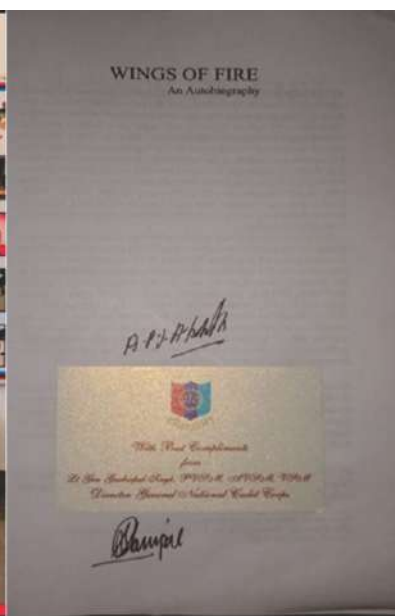
Camp 24th June to 3rd July, 2024



Visit 5th July, 2024



Visit 25th July, 2024



Sgt. Sonal Chinchanekar received appreciation from DG NCC at Visit 25th July, 2024



Kargil Vijay Diwas 26th July, 2024



*Camp 24th July to
3rd August, 2024*



*Camp 1st to 10th
August, 2024*



*Independence Day Celebration
at MMC, Mapusa*



Visit 15th September, 2024



Camp 11th to 20th September, 2024

N.S.S.

The NSS Unit Inaugural, coinciding with International Youth Day was held on 12th August 2024. The Chief Guest was Rev. Fr. Savio Noronha. The event featured the formal induction of PROs and a cultural extravaganza, concluding with an interactive game for NSS volunteers. NSS Programme Officers coordinated this event. PROs Mr. Claude Braganza and Mr. Shanoor Shaikh were inducted as NSS General Secretary (GS) and Cultural Secretary (CS).

Organ Donation Awareness Talk was organized in collaboration with the MOHAN Foundation to create an awareness on organ donation. Guest speaker was Mr. Gabriel Pereira. The session saw active participation from NSS volunteers and students, raising awareness and encouraging contributions to this noble cause. The event was coordinated by NSS PO Mr. Sujay Rane.

NEP Awareness Rally was organized in collaboration with NEP Sarthi's, at Mapusa Bus stand to promote awareness about the National Education Policy. 72 NSS volunteers participated, accompanied by Dr. Seema D. Fernandes and Prof. Janet Fernandes.

The **NSS Unit**, **RRC Unit**, and Goa Medical College (GMC) jointly organized a *blood donation drive*. 81 volunteers participated, with 62 successfully donating blood. The drive was coordinated by Dr. Rheane Da Silva, Mr. Sujay Rane and Mr. Rahul Naik,

The **NSS unit** in collaboration with **Cell for Community Extension and Outreach** organized a three-day *donation drive* of non-perishable food items and daily use items to be donated to 'Mama Margaret Home for Boys'. NSS volunteers as well as teaching and non-teaching staff donated in large numbers.

On 25th September 2024, the *Swachata Pledge* was taken by the students, as the nation celebrates 'Swachhatta Hi Seva' 2024.

A *cleanliness drive and rally* were organized as a part of 'Swachata Hi Seva' 2024 on 25th September 2024 at Sangolda, Gram Panchayat. On 2nd October, 2024, a cleanliness drive was carried out at Anjuna beach.

To commemorate the *Rashtriya Poshan Maah*, various activities were conducted. A healthy nutritional recipe cooking competition, in two categories: Sweet and Savory, was organized for NSS volunteers on 25th September, 2024. The NSS unit in collaboration with **Cell for Community Extension and Outreach**, organized a talk on 'Impact of Nutrition on Mental health and some Mental Health Practices' on 27th September, 2024 at St. Thomas HSS, Aldona. Mr. Sigmund Dias counselor from St. Xavier's College was the resource person.

A street play on 'Society's Role on Women's Safety' was performed on 27th September, 2024. The play, organized in collaboration with the **Child and Women Welfare Cell**, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of collective responsibility in promoting women's safety. Faculty Incharge was Ms Aquila Afonso.

To commemorate Girl Child Rights Day, a *Pop-Up Bazaar* was organized for female entrepreneurs on 15th October 2024 in collaboration with **Child and Women Welfare Cell**. 40 female entrepreneurs turned their ambitions into reality by having a fruitful entrepreneurial experience. The faculty incharge was Dr. Shefali Kale.



International Coastal Clean Up (ICC) Drive was organized by the Indian Coast Guard Air Store Depot (Goa) on 21st September, 2024, on the Calangute beach. 25 volunteers of the NSS unit in alongwith the **Green Initiatives and Environment Monitoring Cell** took part in this activity to make a small but impactful difference. The activity was coordinated by Mr. Rahul Naik (NSS PO) and Ms. Jacqueline Monteiro (Member, Green Initiatives and Environment Monitoring Cell).

NSS volunteers attended the *United Nations World Awareness Day Against Human Trafficking* organized in collaboration with NGO Arz. The session included informative discussions and emotional performances, aiming to sensitize participants. NSS volunteer Shanoor Shaikh delivered a captivating monologue, highlighting the experiences of a human trafficking victim. The event was coordinated by Dr. Rheane Da Silva.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organised the following Inter-Class Tournaments between June and November 2024:

- Table Tennis Inter-Class tournament for Men & Women on 3rd July 2024 onwards at the College Ark.
- Chess Inter-Class tournament was conducted in mix format (Men & Women) held at College Ark from the 10th July 2024 onwards.
- Badminton Inter-Class tournament was organised for Men & Women at the College Ark from 15th July 2024 onwards.
- Football Inter-Class tournament was organised for Men at the College Football Ground from 29th July 2024 onwards. FYBCOM were the Winners and TYBCOM were the Runners Up.
- The department also organised Khellmell, a Sports Mela in celebration of the Mapusa Deanery Altar Servers Day on 8th November 2024.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Winners at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Swimming Championship
- Runners up at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Tennikoit Championship
- Runners up at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Best Physique Championship.

LIBRARY

Interactive Session on "*Research Project Proposal Writing*": On 12 August 2024, The College Library, in collaboration with the **Research and Development Cell**, organized an interactive session on "Research Project Proposal Writing". The session was led by faculty coordinators Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar and Dr. Janet Fernandes, along with Dr. Murari Tapaswi, Retd. Librarian, NIO, Goa. The session provided valuable insights into selecting research topics, writing proposals, and presenting them effectively, aimed at both students and faculty.

E-Quiz on "*Key Events Leading to India's Independence*": On 16th August 2024, the college Library organized an online E-quiz on "Key Events Leading to India's Independence," coordinated by Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar. A total of 15 participants tested their knowledge on the key historical events and figures that played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence.

Poster Making Competition on "*Global Water Crises: Solutions for Thirsty Planet*": On 15th October 2024, The College Library hosted a Poster Making Competition with the theme "Global Water Crises: Solutions for Thirsty Planet." The competition aimed to raise awareness about water scarcity and encourage students to propose solutions for water conservation. The posters were displayed in the library, highlighting the importance of sustainability and the need for collective efforts toward conserving water.

Thoughts become actions, actions become habits,
habits become character, and our character becomes our destiny.

- James Hunter

Photo Gallery



'Choir of the Year' organized by AICUF



Students at a field trip for hands-on learning



Enrichment program for non-teaching staff members



Professors of St. Xavier's College at the Goa University Convocation



Faculty members (alumni of the college) at the launch of Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series

Photo Gallery



NCC students proudly display their certificates and medals.



Awareness session on ill effects of tobacco held at the college



The student council 2024-25 with the Principal, Vice-Principal, Administrator, and faculty members



Krutiranjana 2.0 held at the college



Cultural extravaganza organised by the college student council.



Orientation session for the FY students

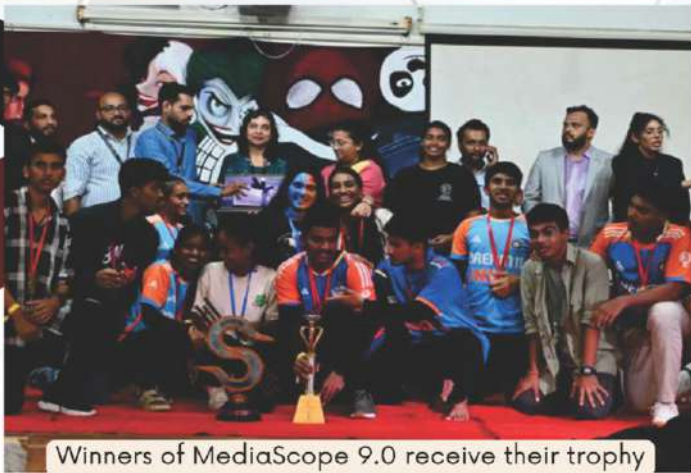


Non-teaching staff celebrate Goan traditional meal day

Photo Gallery



Faculty and dignitaries at the 5-Day national level FDP held at the college



Winners of MediaScope 9.0 receive their trophy



Students visited the GST Museum in Panjim



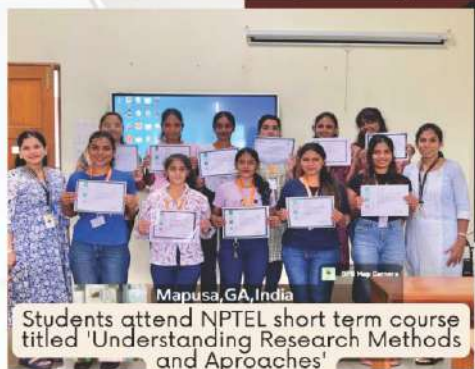
College outreach program at Holy Cross High School



Teachers Day celebration by the PTA



Xavier's College receives the second prize for their performance at the Tiatr competition.



Mapusa, GA, India
Students attend NPTEL short term course titled 'Understanding Research Methods and Approaches'