



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA -GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Felicitation Programme of Ms. Alice D'Cruz and Mr. Suresh Parsekar on Superannuation
Date/Duration	31st July 2025
Venue	St. Xavier's College Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of English in collaboration with
In collaboration with	the Felicitation Committee
Report	<p>The college faculty came together to bid farewell and express heartfelt thanks to Ms. Alice D'Cruz and Mr. Suresh Parsekar for their more than thirty years of exemplary service. Rich tributes were paid acknowledging the generations of students impacted and the legacy of excellence, kindness and integrity left behind.</p> <p>The programme was graced by Officiating Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto; Administrator Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema; Vice Principals Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Prof. Filipe Rodrigues e Melo; and Directorate of Higher Education representatives, Dr. Keshav Dhuri, Assistant Director (Development) and Mr. Datta Jalmi, (Accounts, Pension Section).</p> <p>The Administrator, Fr. Antonio Salema appreciated Ms. D'Cruz's contribution to education and thanked Mr. Parsekar for his dedicated service. Officiating Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto recalled fond memories of a perceptive, likeable and creative teacher whose witty presence would be missed while stating that Mr. Suresh worked with commitment. Dr. Prema Rocha, HoD, in her speech, remarked, "Her Aliceness is irreplaceable." Rev. Fr. Ramiro Luis spoke warmly about Mr. Parsekar's hardworking nature.</p> <p>Ms. D'Cruz and Mr. Parsekar were officially felicitated with a Plaque of Recognition and a Token of Appreciation by DHE. Ms. D'Cruz, in her speech, said, "All teachers should be like gardeners," encouraging fellow educators to continue helping students grow.</p>

	<p>The departmental newsletter <i>Eloquence</i> was released at the hands of Ms. Alice, creatively curated by the student editorial team, under the guidance of Dr. Prema Rocha. A video tribute honouring Ms. D’Cruz was conceptualized and screened by Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes. Ms. D’Cruz was felicitated on her birthday during the cake cutting ceremony.</p> <p>Earlier, a prayer service led by Ms. Shirlene Fernandes and Ms. Gianni Fernandes was dedicated to the retirees who were welcomed with potted plants. The programme was anchored by Ms. Sunita Mesquita who concluded with a vote of thanks, quoting Charles Dickens: “The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.”</p>
Photographs	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/1000320674.pdf</p>