



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Mushroom Cultivation – A Skill Development Session
Date/Duration	18 th September 2025
Venue	Botany Laboratory, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – Goa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Cell for Entrepreneurship, Incubation and Start-up in collaboration with the Institutional Innovation Cell (IIC) and the Department of Botany
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Mr. Carmelito Dsouza (Cell for Entrepreneurship, Incubation and Start-up), Prof. Oscar Braganca (Institutional Innovation Cell), Ms. Sabina Sales (Department of Botany)
Stratum of Event	Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate, Founder of Quality Mushroom Farm, Pune
Report	The session aimed to promote awareness and inspire students to explore sustainable and profitable ventures in mushroom cultivation — an area that combines scientific knowledge with entrepreneurial potential. The resource person, Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate, shared her expertise and practical insights on various aspects of mushroom cultivation, including selection of species, substrate preparation, cultivation techniques, processing, and marketing strategies. Ms. Dhakate also highlighted the growing demand for edible and medicinal mushrooms in local and global markets, emphasizing how students with basic laboratory skills and innovative thinking could transform this field into a viable start-up opportunity. Her talk motivated the participants to consider agribusiness and biotechnology-based entrepreneurship as promising career options. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 100 students from various disciplines. The interactive discussions and demonstrations created a positive and inspiring environment for budding entrepreneurs, aligning with the institution's vision of fostering innovation and self-reliance among students.
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List of participants With signatures	NA
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