



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Shaping Young Minds Program (SYMP)
Date/Duration	10 th October, 2025; 9 am to 5pm
Venue	NIO Auditorium Donapaula Goa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Commerce Club in Collaboration with Department of Commerce
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Ms Elvira Daouza
Stratum of Event	
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	
Report	The Commerce club in collaboration with the Department of Commerce inducted their Commerce students to attend the 87th Shaping Young Minds Programme (SYMP). It was an inspiring event aimed at fostering leadership and management skills in students. The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony by S.S. Dempo College students, featuring the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and Saraswati Vandana. In his welcome address, Mr Deepak Bandekar, Chairman of AIMA, highlighted that leadership begins with self-mastery, while Mr Madhav Sharma, Director of AIMA, encouraged students to focus on continuous learning and self-expression. The first session, a panel discussion on Change Management with Ms Sundari Nanda (Retd. IPS Officer), moderated by Dr Radhika Nayak, explored adapting to change, leading with empathy, and empowering women, as Ms Nanda shared insights from her distinguished career. In the second session by Dr Shikha Nehru Sharma and moderated by Ms Clarissa Costa, inspired students to discover themselves, manage their egos, and build emotional intelligence for personal and professional growth.

	The third session, led by Dr Ambi Parameshwaram and moderated by Mr Sriram Natarajan, emphasised resilience and learning from failure, underscored by Nelson Mandela's words: "Do not judge me by my success, but by how many times I fell and got back up." The concluding session, conducted by Ambassador Deepak Vohra and moderated by Dr Anthony de Sa, motivated students to pursue their ambitions with determination and self-confidence, while also appreciating India's advancements in various fields. Our student Jake De Lima (TY B.Com C) actively participated in the Q&A round, posing a bold and thought-provoking question about accountability and real-world leadership challenges. His curiosity exemplified the critical thinking and confidence that SYMP aimed to instill in young minds. Overall, the 87th SYMP was a dynamic and empowering event that inspired students to embrace change, develop resilience, and pursue leadership with confidence.
Brochure/Poster	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/bro-4.pdf
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/1000550911.pdf
List of participants	TYBCOM :- Jake De Lima, Jeremiah Fernandes, Taresh Mendes, Yerik Pereira, Joshua Braganza Arya Katarpawar, YashPawar, Duane Pereira SYBCOM :- VedhNaik, Reyes Baretto
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