



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Talk on “Entrepreneurial Opportunity in Mushroom Cultivation”
Date/ Duration	18 th September 2025, one hour
Venue	Botany Laboratory of St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Institution Innovation cell, Community Outreach programme, St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa.
In collaboration with	Botany Department
Name/s of Faculty Co-ordinator	Ms. Sabina Sales e Dias Associate Professor Dept. of Botany, St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa.
Stratum of Event	College
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate, Founder of Quality Mushroom Farm, located in Dhyari, Pune
Report	A talk on “Entrepreneurial Opportunity in Mushroom Cultivation” was organized on the 18th September 2025 at the Botany Laboratory of St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa. The session started at 8.30 am and 78 students from F.Y.B.Sc., F.Y.B.Com, S.Y.B.Sc. S.Y.B.A., T.Y.B.Sc., and T.Y. Biotechnology and 07 teachers from botany attended the talk. The aim of the session was to introduce students to the scope of entrepreneurship in the field of mushroom farming, highlighting both the scientific and business aspects of the cultivation technique. The session began with a warm welcome to the resource person, students and staff by Ms. Sabina Sales e Dias. Dr. Maria D’Souza introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate and Mr. Aaron Mascarenhas presented the potted plant. Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate is the founder of Quality Mushroom Farm, located in Dhyari, Pune. Known for her passion and dedication, Ms. Dhakate has carved a niche for herself in the domain of sustainable mushroom cultivation. During the talk, Ms. Dhakate shared her journey and experiences in setting up and running a successful mushroom farm.

	She spoke about the various types of mushrooms she cultivates and elaborated on the techniques and conditions required for optimal growth. Her insights provided a clear understanding of the commercial potential and practical challenges involved in mushroom farming. The session was highly informative and inspired students to consider innovative avenues in agriculture and entrepreneurship. It was an engaging interaction that emphasized how scientific knowledge, when combined with passion and purpose can lead to successful ventures. Ms. Trupti Dhakate also brought some value added products like mushroom powder, dried mushrooms and mushroom cookies she manufactures and sells and shared some cookies with the students. The vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sabina Sales e Dias. The session ended at around 9.30 am.
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Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/mushroom-talk-pic-1.pdf
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