



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Guest Lecture Talk on Social Justice and marginalized communities in India
Date/ Duration	09 th October 2025 9:30am- 10:30am(1 hour)
Venue	Room no. 326
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Sociology
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Ms. Elizabeth Bara
Stratum of Event	
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Dr. Vasudha Sawaiker, Assistant Professor(Adjunct) Department of Social Work. D.D Kosambi School
Report	Talk on Social Justice and Marginalised Communities in India The Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, organized an insightful talk on "<i>Social Justice and Marginalised Communities in India</i>" on 9th October 2025. The session was delivered by Dr. Vasudha Sawaiker, Assistant Professor in Social Work at the D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University. The event commenced with a welcome address by Assistant Professor Elizabeth Bara, who set the tone for the thought-provoking session. Dr. Sawaiker began by exploring the relationship between India's legal framework, constitutional safeguards, and the continuing struggles of marginalised groups. She encouraged students to reflect critically on how well society understands "inequality" and "marginalisation," drawing upon the philosophies of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and John Rawls—particularly the notion of justice as fairness. Connecting theory to lived experience, Dr. Sawaiker emphasized <i>positionality</i> by speaking from her own perspective as a woman with caste privilege. She contextualised inequality in the Indian setting, noting the vulnerability of both children and senior citizens as often overlooked groups. Further, she elaborated on the "Axis of Inclusion and Exclusion", clarifying distinctions between marginalisation and exclusion. To deepen engagement, a Digital Storytelling (DST) short film titled "<i>Ami Kon?</i>" was screened. An interactive discussion followed, with students raising pertinent questions about inequality. Dr. Sawaiker concluded by stressing the importance of "Equity over Equality" and shared her own creative

	academic experiences to inspire social awareness and change. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by ms.Elisa Fernandes and the report was written by ms. Rachel Fernandez our TY sociology students.
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