



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA - GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	“Battle of the Wits’: A Debate Competition”
Date/Duration	07/10/2025
Venue	PG Conference Hall - 2
Name of organizing Department/Cell	The Public Speaking and Oratory Club
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Mentor & President	Dr. Prema Rocha Ms. Shrutika Padte
Stratum of Event	College Level
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	-
Report	Report on Battle of the Wits –A Debate The Public Speaking and Oratory Club of St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa organized a debate titled “Battle of the Wits” on 7th October 2025 in the PG Conference Hall. The motion for the debate was “Is Tourism Destroying Goa’s Environment and Heritage?” The event commenced at 12.45 pm, with Dr. Prema Rocha and Ms. Giann Maria Fernandes from the Department of English serving as the esteemed judges. After reading of the rules and distribution of tokens, the debate began. The competition began with opening statements, followed by a rebuttal round and closing statements from each participant. The

	proposition team comprised of Reyes Barretto (SYBCom), Mishka Keny (FY MCJ) and Kelly Fernandes (FYBA), while the members of the opposition included Jaherul Mallick (TYBSc Biotech), Sumaiya Khan (SYBA), and Shivang Shirodkar (TYBSc) who argued against the motion. Both teams presented strong, well-researched and logically structured arguments, shedding light on the pros and cons of tourism in the state. The opposition team were declared winners of the competition by way of their clear and persuasive arguments.
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