



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA - GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

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| Name of Activity | Things Fall Apart: Rethinking Africa |
| Date/Duration | 06/12/2025 Duration 10.45-11.45a.m. |
| Venue | Room no. 307 |
| Name of organizing Department/Cell | Department of English |
| In collaboration with | |
| Name/s of Faculty Coordinator | Dr. Prema Rocha |
| Stratum of Event | College Level |
| Name & details of Resource Person/s If any | Mr. Aaron-Paul Fernandes and Ms. Giann Fernandes |

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| Report | <p>Invited Lecture on Chinua Achebe's 'Things Fall Apart'</p> <p>The Department of English, St. Xavier's College, organised an invited lecture titled "Things Fall Apart: Rethinking Africa" on 6th December 2025, which was attended by 23 TY students and two faculty members. The guest speakers were Mr Aaron-Paul Fernandes and Ms. Giann Fernandes.</p> <p>Mr Aaron-Paul Fernandes began by expounding on the post-colonial aspects of the text, citing the importance of dispelling any prejudices one might have against the people of Africa. The discussion focused on the colonialism of Africa, which was then related to the Portuguese conquest in Goa for better understanding. He elaborated on the significance of the title as encompassing the breakdown of society as well as the background of the author, Chinua Achebe,.</p> <p>Ms. Giann Fernandes shared what the term 'post-colonial literature' truly means; its roots, and the misconceptions around it. She explained the colonised writing back to the colonisers, sharing their lived experiences, native cultures, and values. The ideas of dominance and hegemony, factors that allowed colonialism to thrive, were also briefly introduced. She then elaborated on the balanced perspective the novel provides, highlighting the moral ambiguity between the positive and negative elements of their native culture and how, contrary to the white man's belief of the colonised being 'savage,' they were capable of introspection and change. The lecture facilitated an enhanced comprehension of the text among the students.</p> <p>The lecture concluded with Dr. Prema Rocha and student co-ordinator Valencia D'costa (TYBA) presenting tokens of appreciation to the guest speakers.</p> |
| Brochure/Poster | <p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/poster-Things-Fall-Apart-Rethinking-Africa.pdf</p> |
| Photographs | <p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/images-Things-Fall-Apart-Rethinking-Africa.pdf</p> |

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| List of participants With signatures | https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/attendance-sheet-Things-Fall-Apart-Rethinking-Africa.pdf |
| Certificate | NA |