



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Name of Activity	Awareness Talk on the Topic 'Drugs: A Menace to Society'
Date/ Duration	9 January 2026
Venue	Room 326
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Nodal Officer against Drug Abuse
In collaboration with	NSS and Department of Sociology
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Prof. Afonso Botelho
Stratum of Event	College/
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Adv. Ms. Mary Fernandes
Report	<p>The Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa organized a special awareness session on '<i>Drug Abuse - Drugs: A Menace to the Society</i>' on 09th January 2026. The invited resource person included Advocate, Ms. Mary Fernandes along with North Goa Police officers actively involved in drug control and awareness initiatives. The lecture was attended by faculty members, Prof. Afonso Botelho, HOD of Sociology, Ms. Rizwana Sayed, Asst. Professor of Sociology and Ms. Shivani Calangutcar, Asst. Professor of Sociology. The students of FYBA Minor Sociology, SYBA Major Sociology, TYBA Minor Sociology, FYBA Minor philosophy and some NSS students were present for the talk, a total of 106 students. The awareness programme was conducted under the guidance of the '<i>Goa State Legal Services Authority</i>' (GSLSA) with the support of the '<i>District Legal Services Authority</i>' (DLSA) and the '<i>Taluka Legal Committees</i>' (TLCs). The focus of session was on legal literacy, victim support, legal consequences of drug possession and the eradication of the drug menace in Goa. Adv. Ms. Mary highlighted the significance of drug-related laws, with special emphasis on the '<i>Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic</i></p>

	<p><i>Substances Act</i>, 1985. She discussed the types of drugs, the stringent provisions and severe punishment under the NDPS Act, and explained the coordinated role of the police and legal authorities in addressing drug-related offences. She further advised students to abstain from drug consumption, encouraged them to seek guidance from counselors and emphasized the harmful effects of drug abuse on health, family and society. Upon the conclusion of the session, North Goa Police officers displayed the e-banner of the <i>District Legal Services Authority</i>. Thereafter a pledge was read by student Riya Chodankar, wherein students affirmed their commitment to say no to drugs and to refrain from the consumption of narcotic substances. Finally, Mr. Shanoor Shaikh gave the vote of thanks.</p>
Brochure/Poster	NA
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/images-Awareness-Talk-on-the-Topic-'Drugs-A-Menace-to-Society.pdf
List of participants with signatures	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Attendance-Awareness-Talk-on-the-Topic-'Drugs-A-Menace-to-Society.pdf
Certificate	NA