



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Student Exchange Program between St. Xavier's College, Mapusa and St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad
Date/ Duration	13 th November 2025; 10.30 am to 1.30 pm
Venue	St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College
In collaboration with	in collaboration with Department of Microbiology, St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Ms. Katelyn Gonsalves
Stratum of Event	National
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Dr. Valerie Gonsalves, Dr. Trelita de Sousa
Report	<p>St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa hosted a Student Exchange Programme on 13th November 2025 as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with St. Francis College for Women, Begumpet, Hyderabad. The initiative marked a significant step toward fostering academic collaboration, cultural exchange, and mutual learning between the two educational institutions.</p> <p>42 undergraduate and postgraduate students from the Department of Microbiology, St. Francis College for Women, accompanied by 3 faculty members, visited St. Xavier's College for an academic and cultural interaction, organized by the Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College.</p> <p>The programme commenced with a prayer service, followed by a formal inaugural ceremony, with dignitaries on the dais including Officiating Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto, Vice Principal, Prof. Felipe Rodrigues e Melo, HOD-Microbiology, Ms. Linette de Souza, Faculty Coordinator, Ms. Katelyn Gonsalves and faculty of St. Francis College, - Dr. D Sunitha, Dr. Arsheen Tabassum and Ms. Natasha Selvina. During her address Ms. Ursula emphasized the importance of collaborative learning and the value of exchange initiatives in broadening student perspectives.</p> <p>The academic segment featured two technical sessions led by faculty members of Department of Microbiology St. Xavier's College. The sessions on "Tracing the Environmental Trajectory of Microplastics" by Dr. Trelita Sousa and "Revolutionizing health through gut microbiome transplantation" by Dr. Valerie Gonsalves provided insights into emerging trends and research possibilities in microbiology, offering the visiting students an opportunity to engage with new ideas and interact</p>

	<p>with subject experts.</p> <p>The event also included two cultural performances, a Mando and a Folk dance ("Koli" dance) by students of St. Xavier's College, showcasing Goan culture and artistic talent.</p> <p>As part of the visit, the students were taken on a guided tour of the college campus, including the Science Block, laboratories, and key facilities.</p> <p>The exchange programme successfully fulfilled its objective of promoting academic enrichment and strengthening institutional ties. Both colleges expressed optimism about future collaborative initiatives under the MoU, including research partnerships, and joint student activities.</p>
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Brochure/Poster	NA
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Student-exchange-group-photo.pdf
List of participants with signatures	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Exchange-prog-participants-signature-scan.pdf
Certificate	NA