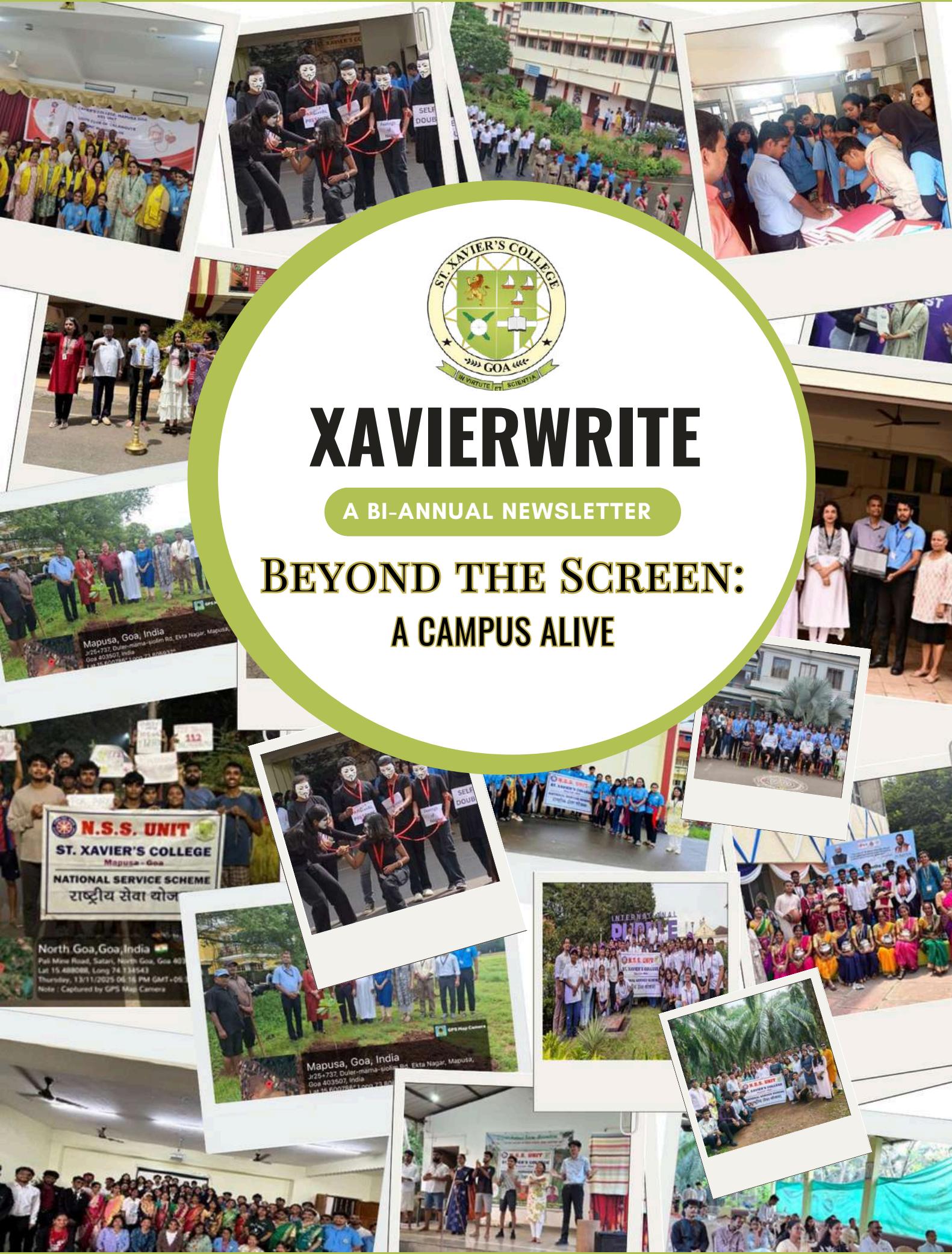




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# Principal's Message



It is my pleasure to share with you the 39th Volume of our biannual college newsletter. This publication is a testament to the incredible achievements, growth, and spirit of our Xaverian community.



In this issue, we have stories of academic excellence, innovative research, and the vibrant cultural and sports activities that make our college a hub of learning and creativity.

This academic year the focus was on student driven activities. New Domain specific clubs were introduced to promote innovation, organisational skills and team building. Centres for Wellness, Community Engagement and Indian Knowledge Systems were established. These endeavors reflect our college's commitment to social responsibility and empathy, while being strongly rooted in our values and culture.

The reports in this newsletter highlight the efforts of our students and staff in giving back to the community through outreach programs and social initiatives. Our students continue to shine in various fields, and their accomplishments are a source of pride for all of us.

Our faculty members are also pushing boundaries in their respective disciplines, contributing to knowledge and making an impact in their communities. Keeping with the global trend in the field of Artificial Intelligence, this semester our teaching and non teaching staff were equipped with AI tools for teaching, evaluation and research. Their dedication to teaching, research, and mentorship is truly inspiring.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire editorial team led by Ms Jonquil Sudhir and the contributors who have worked tirelessly to bring this newsletter to life. Your efforts are invaluable in showcasing the best of our college.

As you go through the pages of this newsletter, I hope you're as inspired by the stories, achievements, and memories shared within. Let this publication be a reminder of the excellence and camaraderie that define our college.

*Thank you for being part of our vibrant community.*

  
Officiating Principal

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# Administrator's Message



It is with great pleasure that I pen this note for Xavierwrite, the college newsletter that continues to capture the vibrant spirit of St. Xavier's College. The theme "Beyond the Screen: A Campus Alive" is both timely and meaningful, reminding us that while digital spaces are integral to contemporary learning, true education flourishes through human connection, lived experiences, and active engagement.

This edition showcases the academic, cultural, social, and outreach initiatives that animate our campus. It reflects a community that values participation over passivity, dialogue over distraction, and creativity over consumption. The contributions of our students and faculty stand as testimony to a campus that thrives on curiosity, collaboration, and commitment.

I commend the editorial team and all contributors for their dedication and thoughtful work in bringing this edition to life. May Xavierwrite continue to document our collective journey, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm the values that keep our campus intellectually and socially alive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Antonio Salema".

Administrator

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# Beyond the Screen: A Campus Alive!



## Editor's Note

It is my privilege to present the 39<sup>th</sup> volume of Xavierwrite, with the theme “Beyond the Screen: A Campus Alive!”. Recent studies have revealed that digital distraction has led to young people becoming overstimulated, yet under engaged. Endless scrolling often leads to minds becoming passive spectators. Yet, within the walls of St. Xavier’s College, the opposite unfolds. This edition celebrates a campus that refuses to let curiosity fade. Through lectures, competitions, outreach programmes, research projects, and cultural initiatives, our students continue to choose participation over passivity, creation over consumption, and inspiration over inertia.

Each department, club, and cell featured here offers proof that when opportunities are abundant, students rise to meet them with enthusiasm and purpose. A special note of appreciation goes to our Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto and Administrator Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, whose vision and steady guidance make every initiative on this campus possible. I am also grateful to my editorial team—Ms Aquilla Afonso, Dr Mira Parmekar, Ms Mumtaz Mendonca and Dr Prema Rocha—for their precision and collaborative spirit in shaping this edition.

As you look through these pages, may you be reminded that true learning does not happen on screens alone—it grows through dialogue, discovery, and doing. Here’s to reawakening the mind, one campus activity at a time!

*Jonquil Gisela Sudhir*

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## Department of Economics

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



Mapusa, Goa, India

**Value Added Course:** The Department collaborated with IQAC to organise a Value-Added Course on Background Music Direction for Tiatr, Natak & One-Act Plays, from August 8-16, 2025. The Course, designed to equip participants with practical skills in background music direction tailored specifically for Goan theatrical forms,

was conducted over six sessions with 12 enthusiastic participants. Participants gained proficiency in Virtual DJ for live playback and Audacity for audio editing, encompassing traditional Goan "Pansvo Sognit" style for cultural authenticity. Mr. Vishant Sawant, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and recipient of 'The Best Background Music Award' at the All Goa 47th Tiatr Utsov 'A' Group (2022) and the All-Goa Inter-School Tiatr Competition (2023-24) organized by Kala Academy Goa, was the co-ordinator of the course.

**Reel-Making Competition on 'Role of Youth in Nation- Building':** A competition was organised on the occasion of India's 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. The main objectives of the competition were to encourage students to creatively express their ideas on how youth can contribute to nation building, to promote awareness about the responsibilities of youth in social, economic, cultural, and political development and to provide a platform for students to showcase their communication, creativity, and digital media skills. The first place was bagged by Ms. Shweta Maurya of SYBCom, second place by Ms. Dale D'Souza of FYBA and third place by Ms. Neeharika Mandrekar of SYBCom. The competition was organised by Ms Ana Andrade e Souza.





**Poster Gallery on Nobel Prize Laureates in Economics:** The event was organised in the College Library from August 21-23, 2025. Twenty-five students from SYBA Economics Major class made the posters which were later displayed in the College Library. The main objectives of this activity were to showcase brilliant minds behind Nobel-winning ideas, connect economics to real-world changes, spark curiosity and inspire young thinkers. Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza co-ordinated the activity.

### Research Coffee Series

Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas conducted a research series on the theme "Sustainable Livelihood- Tourism Sector in Goa. Students wrote and presented the following papers:

- Ms. Astrid Rachel D Melo presented "Carbon Footprint of Tourism Transport in Goa and Greener Alternatives" on September 2, 2025 for TYBA Economics students.
- Ms. Kelly Fernandes presented on "Goa Tourism and Threats" on September 4, 2025 for FYBA Economics students.
- Mr. Piyush presented on "Tourism in Goa: Suggestions for attracting tourists to Goa" on September 6, 2025 for TYBA Economics students.
- Mr. Voughan M Fernandes presented on "Exposition of the Relics of St. Francis Xavier and Tourism" on September 18, 2025 for FYBA Economics students.
- Ms Hanna Miranda presented on "Beach Tourism versus Hinterland Tourism" on September 18, 2025 for FYBA Economics students.
- Ms. Crystal Marie Almeida presented on "Adventure Tourism in Goa" on September 22, 2025 for FYBA Economics students.
- Ms. Jwellyn D'Souza presented on "The Culinary Route: Sustainable Tourism" on September 22, 2025 for FYBA Economics students.
- Ms. Laasya Fernandes presented on " Tourism and Cultural Heritage of Goa " on 22nd September 2025 from 12.15 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. for FYBA Economics students.
- Ms. Dhurva Naik presented on "Economic Effects of Tourism in Goa" on September 22, 2025 from 12.30 p.m. to 12.45 p.m. for FYBA Economics students. She spoke about Goa's economic life, dark side of Tourism.
- Ms. Rutania I Lemos presented on " Pros and Cons of Tourism Industry in Goa" on September 25, 2025 for FYBA Economics students.
- Ms. Savia D'Cruz presented on "Tourism: A Boon or Bane to Goa's Economy" on September 25, 2025 for TYBA Economics students.

Ms. Jacqueline Monteiro co-ordinated a presentation.

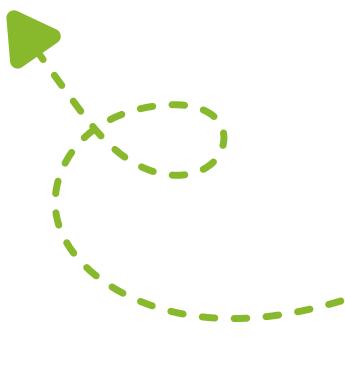
- FYBCom students Mitali, Radhika, and Fiona informed the audience about the current trends of deforestation in Goa, its causes, and the possible solutions to overcome it. The main topics that were covered were - Mollem & Selaulim forests, Sateri Waterfall, and Mining Sites of Goa. They also brought attention to recent data on deforestation in Goa and presented a video depicting how forests were being cut down for infrastructure development.

Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza guided students on papers written under various themes:

- Mr. Ezra Fernandes, student of SYBA, presented on Shifting Trade Dynamics: U.S. - India Relations in the Trump Era, on October 10. 2025. The paper highlighted how tariffs are not just economic tools, but also instruments of geopolitical strategy.
- Ms. Shelda Fernandes and Mr. Arthur De Souza, students of TYBCom C, presented on Grameen Bank on October 14, 2025. They began their presentation by introducing the Grameen Bank and its founder, Dr. Muhammad Yunus. The presentation covered his early life, education, and how Grameen Bank was born from Yunus's idea to help poor people, in particular women.
- Mr. Jenish Edwin, student TYBCom C, did a comparative study on the economic impact of mobile phone usage between students and adults in India.

### BEST PRACTICES

**Stationery Drive:** On the occasion of World Literacy Day, the Department of Economics organised a Donation Drive (stationery) from September 6-8, 2025. The main objectives of this drive was to support education and literacy, provide essential resources for learning, foster a love for learning and education and make a positive impact on young minds. The drive increased access to learning materials for underprivileged students, raised awareness among the students about educational inequalities and lack of basic educational resources in certain communities and ensured the students involvement in supporting them. The items were later handed over to the Prison Ministry, Caritas and Bookworm. Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza co-ordinated the drive.



**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Programmes Attended:**

- Ms. Gema Ataide participated in the National Level Faculty Development Programme on Open Educational Resources (OER) and AI in Teaching and Research, organised by St. Xavier's College from October 17-24, 2025.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas attended the 4th Annual International Labour Conference "All You Imagine as Light: Strengthening Labour Institutions and Amplifying Worker Voice for Decent Employment organised by Goa Institute of Management Poriem, Sattari, Goa and INDAM on June 5-6, 2025.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas attended the TIP Conclave 2025 workshop on strengthening TIP teams, understanding industry expectations, and discussing training, internship, and placement challenges, held on June 27, 2025 at Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, Goa Velha.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas attended a Skill Building Program in BFSI Sector by National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 12, 2025 with the Principals and TIP Coordinators of Higher Education institutions organised by NSE organised by DHE, Government of Goa.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas attended a meeting on Implementation of OA-38 Internship Guidelines for Internship Nodal Officers organized by the Centralized Training, Internship, and Placement (TIP) Cell, Directorate of Higher Education. held on August 22, 2025.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas, as member of the Apostolate of Inter-Religious Dialogue, organised and participated in a one-day seminar jointly organised with SADBHAV. The seminar was on "Basics of Inter-Religious Dialogue" and was held on August 31, 2025 at Pilar Pilgrim Centre, Pilar, Goa.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas participated in a workshop on Teaching Indian Economy Course (COM-300) of V Semester, B.Com (under NEP) for the benefit of teachers teaching the course organised by the Department of Economics of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce College on September 3, 2025.
- Prof. (Dr.) Blanche Mascarenhas attended a hands-on training session focused on uploading the student internship data on e-Samarth portal organized by DHE for college's Internship Coordinator and Systems Administrator on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim.
- Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza participated in a workshop on Extended Syllabus of TYBCOM Semester V paper titled Indian Economy (COM-300), organized by the Department of Economics of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, on September 3, 2025.
- Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza participated in a seminar on 'India's Regional Trade Agreements: Problems, Prospects and Concerns organized by the Department of Economics, SES's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Mapusa, on October 11, 2025.

- Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza participated in the National Level Faculty Development Programme on Open Educational Resources (OER) and AI in Teaching and Research, organized by St. Xavier's College from October 17-24, 2025.
- Ms. Devashri Kamat participated in a workshop on "V Semester B.A. Economics Courses (Under NEP)" organised by the Department of Economics of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, on September 24, 2025.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Awards:** Mr. Yash Vivek Pawar and Mr. Joshua Braganza, both from TYBCom, were Runners-Up at the "CACULO'S QUIZZ FEST 3.0" Quiz competition on the theme "The Global Economy - Past, Present, and Future" held at SES's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Mapusa.
- **Programmes attended:** Mr. Reyes Barreto from SYBCom participated in the Inter-collegiate Elocution Competition on August 20, 2025, organised by the Department of Economics of Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda, Margao in collaboration with Free Forum Enterprises, Mumbai.



*Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.*

— Benjamin Franklin



## Department of English

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**TY Project Orientation Programme:** "Launchpad TY: Projects with Purpose," a Third-year Project Orientation Programme, was organised on July 5, 2025. The session was attended by 27 third-year students and four faculty members, with Ms. Alice D'Cruz as the resource person. The orientation provided students with the necessary foundation for academic research, covering crucial steps like selecting a study area, formulating a project title, conducting literature reviews, and identifying the aim, objectives, scope, and limitations of the project. Furthermore, Ms. D'Cruz shared valuable guidance on structuring, formatting the information, and successfully preparing for project viva, while stressing the importance of teamwork, endurance, and ethical research. The session successfully equipped the students with the confident and informed mindset and temperament required to approach their final year project.

**Guest Lecture, 'The horror! The horror!':** A special talk on Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness' brought together TY students enrolled in the Department of English for an academic activity focused on literary analysis and postcolonial criticism on July 31, 2025. Participants were assigned the task of critically engaging with the text 'Heart of Darkness' and the key speaker, Ms. Alice D'Cruz, provided valuable insights on the same. The lecture's aims were to examine the point of convergence between the historical background and the text, and to motivate students to develop a wider viewpoint on Colonisation.



**Value Added Course: "Back to Basics":** English for Competitive Exams" was conducted from September 2 to October 13, 2025. The course was coordinated by Ms. Giann Maria Fernandes, Assistant Professor. The course was open to students of all streams. It was curated to meet students' needs of grammar, job interview preparation and ability to answer competitive exams. Faculty of the department engaged sessions on grammar basics, tips to crack job interviews, poetry evaluation, homonyms, homographs, homophones, comprehension passages tested at competitive exams and tenses in grammar. Thirty students across streams attended the course-sessions.



### National Book Lovers Day

**Day:** This day was celebrated on National Book Lovers Day on August 9, 2025 in the College Library, with 41 students and four faculty members in attendance.

The event began with Dr. Prema Rocha, HoD, speaking on the transformative power of books. A significant aspect was the donation of a collection of books to the library, which had been collected through the WordsUp 6.0 community initiative. Faculty led first-year students in a hands-on session to explore the specific shelves and cupboards of the English literature collection, familiarizing them with diverse genres and resources.



**Farewell Ms Alice D'Cruz:** The college community gathered to bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms. Alice D'Cruz for over thirty years of exemplary service on July 31, 2025. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness and integrity and impacting generations of students. The programme was graced by dignitaries including Officiating Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto, Administrator Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, Vice Principals, and DHE representatives Dr. Keshav Dhuri and Mr. Datta Jalmi. Rich tributes were paid, with Fr. Salema and Ms. Barreto recalling their dedication, and HoD Dr. Prema Rocha memorably remarking, "Her Ailiceness is irreplaceable." Ms. Alice was officially felicitated with a Plaque of Recognition and a Token of Appreciation by DHE. Highlights included Ms. D'Cruz encouraging peers to be "like gardeners," the release of the departmental newsletter Eloquence, a video tribute, and a cake cutting ceremony for Ms. D'Cruz's birthday.





**Loutolim Field Trip:** On October 11, 2025, SY and TY English Single Major students, accompanied by Mr. Aaron-Paul Fernandes and Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes, went on a field trip to Loutolim. They visited the Figueiredo Mansion, Big Foot, and Jila Bakery. At the Figueiredo Mansion, built in 1590, the curator guided them through the 400-year-old ancestral home of the Figueiredo family, showcasing its ornate interiors, Ming dynasty vase, East India Company dish set, and gold-coated altar with ivory statues. The visit highlighted the grandeur and history of Goa's colonial past. At Big Foot, the students explored clay models and cultural exhibits that depict Goan life and traditions. The site also features Mahadev's sacred footprint and Mahendra Alvares's single-rock sculpture of Sant Mira Bai. The trip offered a rich educational experience, deepening students' appreciation of Goa's cultural heritage and the enduring blend of Goan and Portuguese influences.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes Attended:

- Dr. Prema Rocha, Dr. Claudette Gomes, Ms. Shirlene P. Fernandes, and Mr. Aaron Paul Fernandes attended the English Teachers' Meet-cum-Workshop on T.Y.B.A. Syllabus Implementation organised by the Department of English, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, on August 4, 2025.
- Ms. Shirlene Fernandes and Ms. Giann Maria Fernandes attended the One-Day State Level Faculty Development Programme organised by Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre on the topic: Integrating Performance in Classroom Teaching, on August 23, 2025. The resource person for the day was seasoned theatre practitioner, Ms. Runa Menezes, Assistant Professor, SGSLL, Goa University.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Ms. Anshika Thakur (SYBA) and Ms. Vaibhavi Kerkar (FYBA) represented St. Xavier's College, Mapusa at Epiphany 8.0, an inter-collegiate UG Seminar cum Research Paper Presentation and Competition organised by Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, on September 20, 2025. The theme of the paper presentation was "Bridging Ages through Classics: A Teen Perspective." Ms. Anshika Thakur's paper was titled "A feminist from the flames: Panchali's epic". Ms. Vaibhavi Kerkar's paper was titled "The duality of pessimism: Dazai's inherent immorality and Dostoevsky's moral awakening".
- Ms. Meloshka Cardozo and Ms. Hirtika Chauhan, Third Year B.A. English students from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, along with faculty member, English Department, Ms. Urvi Ghotge, participated in a one-day State-level Workshop on Translation at Dhempe College, organised with the Institute Menezes Braganza. Sessions covered technical translation, transcreation, and digital translation, including practical activities like translating a children's story. The Vidyapati Project, under Digital India, was introduced to showcase advances in machine translation for regional languages. Overall, it provided valuable insights into translation theory, practice, and technology.
- As part of Environment Day, the Green Initiative Cell invited students from departments to participate in their Trash to Treasure competition on 14th July 2025 at the Recreational Hall. Cynara de Souza and Pearl Fernandes (TYBA) used plastic waste generated by the department to create handicraft. The student team was motivated to participate in the competition on account of interest generated during a syllabus-prescribed paper 'Ecology and Literature', designed to establish an environmental consciousness among the learners.



*For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them.*

— Aristotle



## Department of Geography

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**World Environment Day:** The Department organised World Environment Day 2025 on July 18, 2025, in collaboration with Green Initiatives Cell. Guest Speaker Mr. Chetan Talwar addressed the need for planting trees, conserving natural resources, and saving energy. The programme concluded with the distribution of plant saplings and a tree plantation drive near the college library and lawn. The event was coordinated by Prof. Dadapir Jakati.



## Department of Hindi

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Tulsidas Evam Premchand Divas** was celebrated on July 31, 2025 in the college seminar hall. HOD Dr. Ramita Gurav highlighted the contribution of the two great writers to Hindi literature. Students of TYBA presented PowerPoint slides on their lives and a skit based on Premchand's story Bade Ghar Ki Beti. Chief Guest Ms. Ursula Barreto and Special Guest Mr. Dharma Chodankar spoke about the moral values reflected in their works. The event, attended by 92 students, was coordinated by Ms. Priyanka Pednekar and compered by Ms. Saba Ansari.

**'Patrakarita ka Vartamaan Paridrishya'**: A guest lecture titled 'Patrakarita ka Vartamaan Paridrishya' was organised on July 25, 2025, in the seminar hall. The session focused on the positive and negative aspects of modern media. Resource person Mr. Mayabhushan Nagvenkar discussed the influence of journalism in shaping public opinion and stressed ethical reporting. He highlighted how sensationalism often overshadows truth and urged students to uphold integrity in media practices. Around 200 students attended the session.



**One-Day State-Level Workshop**: The Department organised a one-day State-Level Workshop on 'Vrittachitra Nirman' (Documentary Making) on August 23, 2025. Resource person Mr. Siddesh Naik, an award-winning Goan film editor and casting director, shared his expertise in documentary production and editing. He demonstrated key techniques and guided students through hands-on activities. The workshop encouraged creative exploration in filmmaking and media communication. Over 100 students and teachers from seven colleges across Goa participated.



**Value Added Course:** The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, organised a Value Added Course titled 'Story to Screen: Creative Skills for Film and TV Production' on October 4, 2025. Film director and scriptwriter Mr. Ronak Kamat served as the resource person. He shared insights on scriptwriting and screened his documentary Caazu, along with excerpts from his OTT projects PI Meena and Power of Paanch. The session also featured a conversation with Dr. Ramita Gurav and Ms. Vailarose Fernandes. Participants gained a deeper understanding of writing, creativity, and digital storytelling.

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**Singing Competition:** 'Bharat Tujhe Salaam...' was organised on August 13, 2025 to celebrate patriotism through music. Judges Mr. Pritesh Bandekar and Ms. Saily Mandrekar, both alumni of the college, evaluated the participants in solo and group categories. The competition aimed to foster artistic expression and national pride among students. Winners received trophies, medals, and certificates from the judges. The event was vibrant and engaging, drawing enthusiastic participation and appreciation from students and faculty.

**Hindi Diwas Celebration:** 'Hindi Diwas Samaroh' was celebrated on September 25-26, 2025 to promote the love for Hindi language and literature. Various competitions such as poetry, story writing, essay writing, monologue, singing, and sketch making were organised under on-stage and off-stage categories. Chief Guest Dr. Carmelita D'Melo (Department of Commerce), released the eighth edition of the departmental newsletter 'Badhte Kadam'. The celebration encouraged creativity and linguistic pride.



**Field Trip:** A field trip was organised to the Khushawati Heritage Trail on October 9, 2025. Students visited Chandor, Revona Caves, Pansaimal Petroglyphs, Usgaimal Farm, and Netravali Heritage sites. Guided by historian Mr. Prajal Sakhardande, participants learned about Goa's historical and cultural richness beyond its beaches. The trip aimed to foster appreciation for heritage preservation and local history. A total of 60 students and five faculty members participated in this educational and memorable experience.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Department of Hindi participated in the State-Level event Hindi Srujanotsav organised by Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji, on September 30, 2025. Miss Saba Ansari (TYBA) won First Prize in Aashu Kavita Lekhan (On-the-Spot Poetry Writing).



*I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.*

— Confucius



## Department of History

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- **Quiz competition:** An engaging quiz competition centred on the theme “The Evolution of Democracy in England” was organised. The event aimed to deepen students’ understanding of the historical milestones, key figures, and significant reforms that shaped the democratic framework in England over the centuries. Participants were divided into two groups. This quiz explored topics ranging from the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215 to the development of constitutional monarchy, the expansion of suffrage, and the evolution of parliamentary institutions. A highlight of the programme was an on-the-spot re-enactment of a historical character, vividly portrayed by Ms. Lines Rodrigues, which brought history to life and added a dynamic, theatrical dimension to the academic event. The quiz was co-ordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais.
- **Student Internship Programme:** From August to September 2025, eleven students from TYBA participated in a research-oriented internship programme at the Xavier Centre of Historical Research (XCHR) under the supervision of Fr. Rinald D’Souza. The internship focused on working with the visual archive of Gritli von Mitterwallner’s photographs. Students catalogued the photographs, a process that required meticulous handling, detailed documentation, and adherence to archival standards. The internship was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais.
- **50 Years Since Emergency:** To commemorate 75 Years of the Indian Constitution and 50 Years since Emergency, a talk was jointly coordinated by the Departments of History and Political Science. This session was held to enlighten the students on the significance of these two aspects and to promote responsible citizenship. It was coordinated by Ms. Pamela Fernandes.



**Goa Through a Historical Lens:** Students from the Department of History, St. Xavier’s College-Mapusa, FYBA (Major), creatively showcased Goa’s vibrant natural and cultural heritage on July 25, 2025. It was an engaging display of the state’s diverse flora, including medicinal plants, marine life such as fish and shells; and the region’s unique culinary traditions, highlighting local delicacies. The exhibit also featured bamboo mats, handcrafted fans, and shell ornaments. They offered an immersive experience of ecological and cultural richness of Goa.



**Flag Day:** In August 2025, TYBA students participated in the Flag Day Commemoration, an event organised to honour the nation's armed forces and create awareness about their sacrifices and dedication. During the programme, students were educated on the significance of the Indian national flag, its history, and the proper protocols to follow while handling or displaying it. The classroom was beautifully decorated for the occasion, creating a festive and respectful atmosphere. The event was highlighted with a visual image of the flag on the Smart Board and ceremonial cutting of a cake. Through this event, students not only gained a deeper understanding of patriotism and civic responsibility but also experienced firsthand the importance of acknowledging and appreciating the contributions of those who serve the nation.

**Launch of E-Newsletter:** On August 15, 2025, the Department of History proudly launched the second volume of its e-newsletter, The Chronicle. This digital publication aims to keep students, faculty, alumni, and history enthusiasts informed about the latest developments, research initiatives, events, and activities within the department.

**Sadbhavana Diwas:** On August 25, 2025, Sadbhavana Diwas was organised by SYBA History students to promote the spirit of peace, harmony, and national unity. The programme aimed to instil among students the values of tolerance, goodwill, and mutual respect for a strong and united nation. This was followed by a Poster Creation Competition on the theme of National Integration, where students showcased their creativity and understanding through vibrant, thought-provoking artworks reflecting the essence of unity and brotherhood. The posters were later displayed in the college library for all to view and appreciate. The event reinforced the message of patriotism and an inclusive nation. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Dominic Fernandes.

**Traditional Goan Culinary Skills without Fire:** On September 25, 2025, a unique culinary competition was organised, with the theme "Traditional Goan Culinary Skills without fire". The event focused on exploring culinary creativity using techniques that do not involve heat. Each dish was evaluated based on creativity, presentation and overall execution by a panel of judges. The competition was a great success with a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Dominic Fernandes.

**Gandhi Jayanti:** A talk on “Gandhi – the Man, his Message” was delivered by Ms. Pamela Fernandes. The talk focussed on Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy and his mission to promote peace and brotherhood by standing up against injustice through non-violent ways. Students also participated in a paper-pencil quiz in pairs to check how much they knew of the man who led India to independence from colonial rule of over 150 years.



**Role Play:** The students of TYBA History presented a captivating role play titled “The Court of Versailles under Louis XIV”. The performance vividly recreated the splendour, politics, and personalities of the seventeenth-century French court during the reign of Louis XIV, known as the Sun King. The play began with the early life of Louis XIV, depicting his dependence on his mother Anne of Austria and his mentor Cardinal Mazarin. The scenes that followed brought the magnificent Palace of Versailles to life, portraying the grand rituals, strict etiquette, and lavish lifestyle that symbolised royal power. Characters such as Madame de Montespan and Jean-Baptiste Colbert illustrated the influence and intrigue of court life. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais.

**History Study Tour:** In October 2025, 30 History students along with four faculty went on a history study tour to explore Goa’s heritage sites in North Goa. The tour began included a visit to the Surla Tar Mosque in Bicholim, the Jain monument, Mayem Lake, the oldest stone memorial at Poriem, Saptakoteshwar Temple in Bicholim and the Corjuem Fort. The study tour not only complemented classroom learning but also offered hands-on experience in observing, analysing, and appreciating historical sites, making it a memorable and educational journey for all participants. The tour was curated by Mr. Vivek Mandrekar and Mr. Dominic Fernandes.

- **Certificate Course:** The Department of History conducted a 30-hour course on Fundamentals of Research and Ethics from July to October 2025. The course was designed to equip students of the college with essential research skills and an understanding of ethical practices in academic investigation. Nine students benefited from the course, which was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais.
- **Kargil Diwas:** The Department, in collaboration with the NSS Unit and the Cell for Career Guidance and Training for Competitive Examinations, organised an event themed “Setting the Sails for Success: Careers in the Indian Navy”, on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 25, 2025. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais and aimed to honour the bravery of India’s armed forces while inspiring students to explore meaningful careers in national service. The programme was graced by Commodore Srikant B. Kesnur, VSM, PhD (Retd), distinguished naval officer, military historian, and motivational speaker. In his engaging and insightful address, Commodore Kesnur began by paying tribute to the martyrs and heroes of the Kargil War, highlighting the strategic importance of Kargil Vijay Diwas as a day of national remembrance and pride.
- **Celebrating Harmony:** As a proactive step towards nurturing social responsibility, “Role of Students in Promoting Peace and Harmony” was organised on July 10, 2025. Recognising the critical influence young people wield as future leaders and current community members, this initiative aimed to foster a culture of peace and harmony within the college and beyond. Coordinated by Dr Sharmila Pais, the programme emphasised the important role that can be played by the youth in bridging divides, challenging prejudice through dialogue and critical thinking, promoting mutual respect amidst diversity, and actively building inclusive communities.

In September 2025, students of TYBA, History were encouraged to engage in a Coffee Table Series titled “The Wonder That Was Bharat”. The Series aimed to involve students in research discussions on India’s rich cultural, historical, and scientific heritage through interactive sessions and presentations. Students and faculty dialogued in an informal setting to explore three captivating aspects of ancient India: transportation, art, and indigenous food. The discussion on transportation highlighted the ingenuity of ancient Indian civilisations in developing efficient trade routes, maritime networks, and modes of travel that connected regions across the subcontinent. The Series was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais.

## BEST PRACTICES

- **Kilo Campaign:** On July 30, 2025, a social outreach activity was organised with the students of History, FYBA (minor) and the SYMC. Non-perishable consumable items were donated towards the orphanage, St. Alex Home, Calangute. This was coordinated by Ms. Pamela Fernandes.
- **Greening Campaign:** The students of SYMC (History of Ecology and Environment in India), participated in a Campus Greening activity on July 26, 2025 to commemorate 'World Nature Conservation Day (July 28). Each student contributed a plant to be planted on campus. This was done to promote eco-consciousness among students. They learned the joy of promoting nature by planting and thus giving back to nature. They presented a short write up on the plant and contributed a slogan each which were displayed for viewing on the General Notice Board. The campaign was coordinated by Ms. Pamela Fernandes.
- **Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care:** In September 2025, the FYBA students organised a social outreach programme as part of their commitment to community service and social awareness. The initiative aimed to instil empathy, responsibility, and compassion among students through various activities. A group of students visited and spent some time with the elderly, listening to their life stories and offering companionship. To promote environmental consciousness, a few students also took part in a beach cleaning and collecting waste. A few students also distributed food packets to needy families. The social outreach programme was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais.
- **Reviving Goan Traditions:** On September 24, 2025, an event appreciating indigenous heritage of Goa under the theme "A journey through traditional games and indigenous dishes of Goa" was organised by Mr. Dominic Fernandes. The initiative was designed to revive interest in traditional Goan pastimes and culinary arts.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes attended

Dr. Sharmila Pais participated in a state -level workshop at PES College, Ponda to discuss the TYBA syllabi for Semester V under NEP in July 2025.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. Taniya Sarnaik and Mr. Xavier Lobo, students of SYBA, proudly represented their institution at the State-Level Research Paper Presentation held at Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, Assagao. The theme of the event was "Indigenous Art Forms of Goa," which aimed to highlight and preserve the region's rich cultural heritage. Their research focused on exploring the diverse traditional art forms of Goa, including folk dances, local crafts, music, and visual arts that reflect the Goan way of life and its deep-rooted traditions. Through their presentation, they emphasised the importance of safeguarding these art forms in the face of modernization and globalization.



*Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results*  
— John Dewey



## Department of Konkani

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**Literary Talk:** The Department, in collaboration with the Sahitya Akademi and Bardez Konkani Asmitai Kendr, organised a literary programme titled “Through My Window” on July 24, 2025. The event celebrated the life and literary legacy of Late Meena Kakodkar, eminent writer and Sahitya Akademi Award winner. Ms. Pravina Thali, President of Bardez Konkani Asmitai Kendr, delivered the welcome address, followed by remarks from Mr. Sashikant Punaji, Sahitya Akademi’s Konkani Language Advisory Board Member. The keynote address by poet and awardee Mrs. Nutan Sakhardande explored Kakodkar’s creative vision and influence on Konkani literature. About 150 students actively participated in the session. The event was coordinated by Mr. Dharma Chodankar, HoD Konkani, and Ms. Ankita Zambaulikar, supported by faculty members Mr. Silvester Vaz, Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, and Ms. Pranita Redkar. Notable executive members of Bardez Konkani Asmitai Kendr, including Ms. Kashmiri Pawaskar, Ms. Sonali Chodankar, and Ms. Kusum Agarwal, were present.

**Talk on ‘Road Safety Awareness’:** The Department, in collaboration with the NSS Unit of the College, organised an alumni talk on “Road Safety Awareness” on September 13, 2025. The session was led by Asst. Sub Inspector Bashir Babalal Mulla, accompanied by two colleagues. The talk was coordinated by faculty members and NSS volunteers.

**Celebrated Konkani National Recognition Day:** The Department of Konkani celebrated Konkani National Recognition Day on August 20, 2025 to highlight the historical and cultural importance of the occasion. The event began with an address by Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Head of the Department, who spoke on the significance of national recognition for the Konkani language and the diverse career opportunities available in the field. To mark the day, a poster-making competition was held, where students showcased their creativity and understanding of Konkani’s importance. Poonam Payekar (TYBA) won first place, Llinnes Rodrigues (TYBA) second and Astrid D’mello (TYBA) third. A quiz competition was also organised to further engage students.

**Field Trip:** Students were taken on an educational visit to All India Radio (AIR) and Gomantak TV Studio, Panaji, on October 7, 2025. Coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes and Ms. Pranita Redkar, the visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to radio and television operations. At AIR, the students learned about the history, structure, and objectives of the station, observed recording and transmission processes, and interacted with officials on sound editing and news broadcasting. At Gomantak TV, students explored aspects of visual media production, including camera work, lighting, video editing, and live telecast preparation.

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Awards**

At the 5<sup>th</sup> All Goa Intercollegiate/Higher Secondary School Tiatr Competition 2025-26, organised by the Tiatr Academy of Goa (TAG) in collaboration with Ravindra Bhavan, Curchorem on September 15, 2025 at Curchorem (Sanvordem), Goa, the College earned First Place, along with individual awards won by the Faculty. Dr. (Fr) Luis Gomes won first prize for Best Direction and for Best Script.

**Invited**

- Dr. (Fr) Luis Gomes has been appointed as Member of Task force committee to initiate and oversee the process for securing UNESCO recognition for Tiatr as intangible cultural heritage of Humanity.
- Dr. (Fr) Luis Gomes was invited as chairperson and Key note speaker for the National seminar organised by Sahitya akademi, New Delhi in collaboration with Fr. Agnel college, Pilar and Tiatr akademi, Goa on August 2, 2025.
- Mr. Silvester Vaz was invited as resource person for the National seminar organised by Sant Sohrobanathambiye College, Pernem on October 11, 2025.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS****Awards**

At the 5<sup>th</sup> All Goa Intercollegiate/Higher Secondary School Tiatr Competition 2025-26, organised by the Tiatr Academy of Goa (TAG) in collaboration with Ravindra Bhavan, Curchorem on September 15, 2025 at Curchorem (Sanvordem), several students won individual awards:

- Anson Noronha won first prize for Best Actor (Male).
- Robert D'Souza won first prize for Best Comedian (Male).
- Anthea Dias won second prize for Best Comedian (Female).
- Symphonia D'Souza won first prize for Best Solo (Female).
- Frenwin M. Fernandes and Gresal C. D'Souza won second prize for Best Duet.
- Clare, Ruella and Shania won first prize for Best Trio.
- Moses, Venan Frenwin and Kiara won first prize for Best Quartet/Quintet.
- Symphonia, Lizanne, Shania, Lionel, Valric, Frenwin, Moses & Clare won second prize for Best Choral.
- Rbert D'Souza won Best Comedy Kantar (Male).
- Nacia won Best Comedy Kantar (Female).

## Department of Marathi

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Value Added Course:** A one-day Flower Arrangement Workshop was conducted as a Value-Added Course on September 20, 2025. The session was conducted by Resource Person Mr. Sajan Maji, an expert in floral design from Decor Feeling, Mapusa. Mr. Maji introduced the students to various styles of real flower bouquet. Students were also guided on the selection of flowers, colour combinations and techniques of arranging them for different occasions. The VAC was coordinated by Ms. Apurva Betkekar.



**B. B. Borkar Commemoration Day:** B. B. Borkar Commemoration Day was organised on July 10, 2025. The event was a tribute to the esteemed poet and writer B. B. Borkar, known for his significant contributions to Marathi and Konkani literature. Chief Guest Mr. Ramesh Vaskar spoke on the poet's literary works. A literary reading session was organized after the formal function, where students recited some of the Borkar's most renowned poems.



**Alumni Guest lecture:** An alumni guest lecture on "My Reading Habit" was held on October 11, 2025, bringing together current students and distinguished alumni for an enriching exchange of ideas and experiences. The guest speaker for the session was Ms. Manasi Shet Mandrekar, a proud alumna of the department, currently working as Assistant Professor in Marathi at Vidya Prabodhini College, Porvorim. Ms. Manasi shared valuable insights on the importance of the reading habit, inspiring students to think beyond textbooks and prepare for future challenges. The lecture was coordinated by HOD Dr. Vrunda Kelkar.

**National Level Patriotic Poetry Writing Competition:** The Department organised the “National Level Patriotic Poetry Writing Competition” on the occasion of Independence Day. The competition was held for intercollegiate level online from August 14-20, 2025. Ms. Khushi Khandolkar from Goa University secured first place. The initiative aimed to instil a spirit of patriotism among the youth of nation and to provide a platform for students to creatively express their love for the nation through their creativity.

**Field trip:** The Department organised an educational field trip to the Tillari Dam and Conservation Reservoir at Dodamarg on October 4, 2025. During the visit, students observed the vast water reservoir, the Dam structure, and the surrounding flora and fauna. The field trip also included interactive discussions, where students shared their insights and experiences, connecting their observations with themes of nature, sustainability, and human interaction with the environment. Forty students participated in the exploration programme along with faculty Ms. Apurva Betkekar, Ms. Veena Kerikar and Sir Abhishek Kandolkar.



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Invited

- Dr. Apurva Betkekar presented a research paper on “Contribution of Women in Personal Essays in Goan literature” for a national level seminar held on October 11, 2025 at Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji, Goa, jointly organised by Sahitya Academy Mumbai and Sahitya Leni Pratishtan, Taleigao. This seminar served as a vibrant platform for literary scholars, writers across state to explore the rich tapestry of Goan literature. The paper presentation session was a cornerstone of the seminar, featuring thought-provoking research and critical analysis by scholars from across the region.
- Dr. Prachi Joshi was invited as guest speaker at the Shashikant Narvekar lecture Series organised by the Sahitya Sevak Mandal Panjim on 9-10, July 2025 at Polytechnic College, Panjim. Dr. Prachi Joshi guided the audience on “Reading challenges in today’s AI world”.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Students of SYBA Major Marathi attended a One-day workshop on 'Compering Skills' held on October 4, 2024, organised by Vidya Prabodhini College of Education, in collaboration with the Goa Marathi Academy. The workshop aimed to enhance students' communication and presentation abilities. The resource persons for the session were Dr. Ajay Vaidya, Ms. Samruddhi Ganpule and Mr. Chinmay Ghaisas, who shared valuable insights on the art of anchoring and stage presentation.



*The ability to read, write, and analyze; the confidence to stand up and demand justice and equality; the qualifications and connections to get your foot in the door and take your seat at the table - all of that starts with education*  
— **Michelle Obama**



## Department of Philosophy

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Library Resources:** The Department of Philosophy organised a talk on September 11, 2025. Resource person Ms. Dakshata Zambaulikar, the College Librarian, spoke on "E-Resources in Library settings". The talk was conducted for the SEC students of FYBA Philosophy and covered multiple aspects like types of resources, their advantages and the library facilities offered, library, holdings which includes library sections, collections and services, E-library, DELNET, Digital library, Night references and National Digital Library of India (NDLI) project. Online and electronic resources as well as the pros of introducing E-resources at low cost were discussed. Twenty-seven participants benefitted from this talk coordinated by Ms. Aletthra C Vieira.

**Documentary screenings:** Ms. Aletthra C. Vieira screened a series of documentaries for select students of TYBA. The aim behind showing these documentaries was to educate the students on basic manners and etiquette in various spheres of life. The documentaries dealt with good manners in public spaces and at the workplace, classroom etiquette – with a focus on the appropriate way of communicating with colleagues and the teacher, handshake manners and how to introduce oneself; the art of complimenting people and receiving the same, among others. Ms. Aletthra also involved students in practical demonstrations.

**Seed Bomb Activity:** The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Botany, conducted a session on making of seed bombs. Conducted on August 9, 2025, the session helped teach students how to make and use seed bombs for reforestation and to create green spaces. Resource person Dr. Maria A D'Souza, demonstrated two techniques of making the seed bombs. Coordinated by Dr Shefali Kale, the session was attended by 56 students from various streams of the college.



**Field Trip:** A field trip to Goa Chitra Museum, Benaulim and Selaulim Dam was organised on October 5, 2025. The museum showcases objects as tillage implements, sowing tools, interculture operation tools, harvesting, cutting, pruning and marking implements, besides others. Twenty-eight students attended the field trip and were accompanied by coordinating faculty Dr. Shefali Kale as well as Ms Chanda Acharya.

**Session on Mental Well-being:** The Department, in collaboration with the counsellors of the college, Ms Beverly Monteiro and Ms Sandra D'Mello, held two sessions on mental wellbeing for the students of FYBA and TYBA. The first session on “Connecting in Relationships” was held on September 27, 2025. A session on “Multitasking and Time Management” was held on October 1, 2025. The sessions were coordinated by Dr Shefali Kale.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

Ms. Alethra C Vieira was awarded the Rotary Excellence Award on September 10, 2025 for her dedicated service and invaluable contribution in the field of education. The award was presented to her by the Rotary Club of Margao Sunrise.



### Programmes Attended

- Dr. Shefali Kale participated in a one-day national online workshop on “Writing Research Proposal for Funded Project” on September 10, 2025.
- Dr. Shefali Kale participated in a five-day international online workshop on “Research Methodology” held from September 20-24, 2025.
- Dr. Shefali Kale and Ms. Alethra Viegas attended a PRAYOG session which was held at St. Xavier’s College on September 29, 2025. The theme of the session was “Preparing a Research Outline for Project Research Methodology and Literature Review” by Dr Mrunali Jambotkar.
- Dr. Shefali Kale and Ms Alethra Viegas attended a national level Faculty Development Programme on “Open Educational Resources (OER) and AI in Teaching and Research” October 17-24, 2025 at St. Xavier’s College.

## Department of Political Science

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**The Political Leadership Challenge:** Two student-led sessions on “The Political Leadership Challenge” were organised on August 2 and August 9, 2025. Students were divided into four teams, each representing a political party at the state level. Every team selected a leader and developed a campaign speech highlighting their party’s ideology, key promises, and leadership style. Teams then identified a crisis related to their ideology and held internal discussions simulating a cabinet meeting to formulate appropriate responses. The exercise concluded with public and media statements, followed by a mock press interaction where teams faced questions and criticism. The event was coordinated by Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges.

**Mock Panchayat Election:** SYBA Political Science students conducted a “Mock Panchayat Election” to provide hands-on understanding of the election process. Tanisha Divkar, Raisal Carvalho, and Anallie Dias contested the election after campaigning on their proposed improvements. On polling day, Election Commissioner Rency Nayak announced the commencement of voting. The polling booth was managed by Presiding Officers Akansha Parsekar and Sania Mayekar, Polling Agent Brid Kandolkar, and BLO Aditi Satelkar, who verified voters and supervised the process. Students voted using ballot papers and cast their votes in secrecy. After voting concluded, Returning Officer Riddhi Naik sealed and counted the ballots before announcing the results along with the Election Commissioner. Tanisha Divkar was declared the winner and later interviewed by media reporter Amiti Pujari. The entire event was coordinated by Ms. Rashika Raikar.

**International Day of Democracy:** A group presentation to commemorate “International Day of Democracy” was organised on September 15, 2025 for SYBA students. Two groups participated in the presentations, each consisting of three members, which encouraged diverse ideas and active collaboration. The topics covered were “Why Institutions are Pillars of a Strong Democracy?” and “Youth Participation in Strengthening Democracy.” Group 1, comprising Aryan Luke D’Costa, Sharmat Sanjay Goltekar, and Anish Bhiva Naik, addressed the first topic, while Group 2, consisting of Aaditi Arvind Satelkar, Kajal Sudesh Vernekar, and Raisel Carvalho, focused on the second topic. The coordinator was Mr. Vijay Talwar.

**Slogans:** A session on “Slogans pertaining to Social, Economic and Environmental Issues in India” was held on September 16, 2025. It aimed to raise awareness, inspire and develop thinking skills and creative abilities. Students had to simplify complex issues using slogans to encourage participation in campaigns. A total of 32 students from FYBSc and FYBCom participated in this activity. The faculty in-charge was Ms. Gauri Rao.

**Local Self Governments:** A session on “Local Self Governments in Goa” was conducted on September 20, 22 and 24, 2025 for the students of SYBA. The students were divided into six groups, and each group made a presentation. The main focus of this activity was to encourage the students to understand the functioning of local self-governments in Goa, its evolution, functions and structure, and difference between urban and rural governance. Thirty students participated in the session coordinated by Ms. Rashika Raikar.

**Counterterrorism, Political Anxiety, and Legitimacy:** A thought-provoking session, featuring a student-led review of the scholarly article “Counterterrorism, Political Anxiety, and Legitimacy in Postcolonial India and Egypt” authored by Alice Finden and Sagnik Dutta, was organised on September 26, 2025. Ms. Tianna Lobo and Ms. Mansi Halarnkar, students of FYBA Political Science (Major), led the presentation, unpacking the article’s core arguments and contextual relevance. Their review explored how counterterrorism policies intersect with political legitimacy and public anxiety in postcolonial democracies, drawing parallels between India and Egypt. The presenters highlighted the authors’ critique of state narratives, the role of media and surveillance, and the implications for civil liberties and democratic accountability. Mr. Prasad Naik coordinated the session.

**Value-Added Course:** A Value-Added Course titled “Basics of Research in Political Science” was organised from August 6-16, with 37 students participating. The course included four modules covering various aspects of research methodology. The Co-ordinator of the course was Assistant Professor Mr. Prasad Naik, and co-coordinator was Assistant Professor Ms. Gauri Rao. The activity was carried out with overall guidance and logistical support from the administration and Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges, Head of the Department of Political Science.

**Alumnus Talk:** An alumnus talk on “Prospects of Higher Education in Political Science at the National Level” was organised on August 25, 2025. The resource person was Ms. Maithili Chumbalkar, an alumna of St. Xavier’s College (Batch 2020-2023) and currently a Master’s student at Delhi University. Ms. Chumbalkar shared insights into her academic journey and guided students on pursuing higher education in Political Science across reputed national institutions. She discussed various entrance examinations, preparation strategies, and opportunities for internships in the field. The talk was interactive and well-received by the 42 participating SYBA and TYBA students (Single Major). The event was coordinated by Ms. Gauri Rao.

**Poster Exhibition:** A poster exhibition to commemorate “75 Years of Indian Constitution (Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman)” and “79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day (Honouring Freedom, Inspiring the Future)” was organised from August 15-18, 2025. The exhibition showcased over 80 creative posters prepared by FYBA and FYBSc students enrolled in the Constitutional Values and Obligations (VAC) course. The works reflected the spirit of the Constitution, highlighted civic duties, and celebrated India’s journey of freedom and democracy over the past eight decades. The exhibition was coordinated by Ms. Gauri Rao and Ms. Rashika Raikar.

**National Level Online Quiz:** A National Level Online Quiz to commemorate India’s 79th Independence Day, with the aim of spreading awareness about the freedom struggle, national heroes, and patriotic values among students as well as the general public, was organised on August 15, 2025. The quiz was held online. Participants who scored 60% or above received e-certificates. A total of 331 people (48 from other states) took part in this National Level Online Quiz. The quiz was conducted by Mr. Vijay Talwar.

**Field visit:** The students of TYBA Political Science enrolled for Minor VET paper, “Democracy and Legal Literacy in India”. went on a field trip to the District and Session Court, Merces, Goa on October 3, 2025. It provided students with first-hand exposure to the functioning of the judiciary, helping them understand role of legal procedures. A total of 29 students participated in the visit and were accompanied by Mr. Vijay Talwar and Ms. Gauri Rao.

**Legislative Assembly visit:** On October 6, 2025, students of FYBA Political Science visited the Goa Legislative Assembly Complex as part of an educational initiative to strengthen their understanding of democratic governance. The visit commenced with a guided tour by Mr. Deepak Bhosle, Marshall of the State Assembly, who explained the structure, rules, and functioning of the legislature. Students then engaged in interactive sessions with elected representatives. The Hon’ble MLA of Aldona, Shri Carlos Alvares Ferreira, emphasised the importance of youth participation in democracy, while the Hon’ble Deputy Speaker and MLA of Mapusa, Shri Joshua de Souza, an alumnus of the college, elaborated on the roles of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. The experience offered valuable insights into the functioning of democratic institutions. The visit was coordinated by Mr. Prasad Naik with 46 students participating in this enriching academic experience.

**International Day of Non-violence:** International Day of Non-Violence was celebrated on October 6, 2025. It is usually observed on October 2 every year to promote the message of tolerance, understanding, and peaceful coexistence, in remembrance of Mahatma Gandhi. Various activities like poster-making, presentation and quiz were conducted as part of the celebration by the students of SYBA (Single Major). The programme was coordinated by Assistant Professor Mr. Vijay Talwar.

**BEST PRACTICES**

As part of the green initiatives of the college, the department has introduced measures to reduce the use of paper.

- The students of TYBA undertaking project work in the department are encouraged to submit their 'work in progress' reports and references materials in digital format only to their respective guides.
- The faculty provides reading material for courses taught to students through digital platforms.

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Presented**

Ms. Gauri Rao presented a research paper on the topic "Literature, Linguistic Politics, Cross-Cultural Communication and AI in Global Order" at the Two-Day International Conference on "Voices Across Borders: Literature, Culture, Communication, and AI in the Global Era" on October 25-26, 2025 organised by Department of English, BLDEA's Smt. Bangaramma Sajjan Arts, Commerce and Science College, Vijayapura, Karnataka, India in collaboration with Cape Comorin Trust, India, in association with Harvest, the International Multidisciplinary and Multilingual Research Journal, Waves Research and Education on 25th October 2025. In online mode.

**Programmes attended**

Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges, Mr. Prasad Naik, and Mr. Vijay Talwar attended National Level Faculty Development Programme on Open Educational Resources (OER) and AI in Teaching and Research from October 17-24, 2025, organised by IQAC, St. Xavier's College.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS****Awards**

The project, "Village Vistas: A Study of Growth, Sustainability, and Heritage of Eight North Goa Villages" by Ms. Cinetta Ruella Ferrao, Mr. Deepankar Dayaram Padloskar, Mr. Isaac Succour Paul, Mr. Sameen Sushant Durbhatkar, Ms. Winona Taveira, Ms. Diana Maria D'Souza, Ms. Lizel Dias, and Mr. Gajanan Patil was awarded the Best TYBA Project of 2024-2025 by the Research and Development Cell of St. Xavier's College on September 29, 2025 at the hands of Dr. Mrunali Jambotkar, resource person, Prayog, DHE-Goa. The project was guided by Ms. Tricia Vaz e Borges.

## Programmes attended

Ms. Saniya Chand, Ms. Sanjana Shirodkar, Ms. Radhika Rathod, Mr. Chandrakant Parulekar, Ms. Hritika Satardekar, Ms. Vaishnavi Chandelkar, Mr. Niraj Zantye, Mr. Ayush Chimulkar, Mr. Yash Salgaonkar, Mr. Prashant Judi, Mr. Dhirajkumar Yadav and Mr. Aryan D'costa attended the two-day National Conference titled '75 Years of Indian Constitution: Reflections, Reforms and Road Ahead', organised by Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Goa University in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education on October 9-10, 2025 at the Chemistry Auditorium, Goa University. Ms. Gauri Rao accompanied the students.



*The principal goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done.*

**— Jean Piaget**



## Department of Psychology

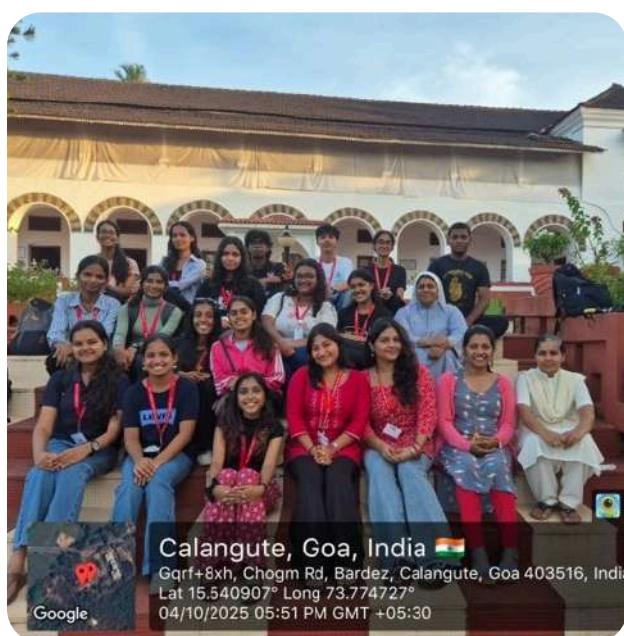
### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**All India Level Webinar:** To observe World Suicide Prevention Day, an 'All-India level webinar: Voices of Life Lecture Series 4' was jointly organised by St. Xavier's College, Goa; SMT M.M.P. Shah Women's College, Mumbai; and the Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE), Chennai on September 10, 2025 on the theme "Strengthening Life Skills for Resilience and Suicide Prevention". 1. The event aimed to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and foster open conversations around mental health. The theme highlighted the transition from silence and stigma toward compassion, support, and resilience. The keynote speaker, Dr. Avinash D'Souza, highlighted the role of life skills and the Adversity Quotient in building resilience, while Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair stressed the rise of suicides among youth and the need for institutional life-skills training. Dr. Archana Patki, Principal, MMP Shah College, Mumbai, expressed gratitude to IALSE for spearheading the series. Coordinating Faculty for the webinar was Prof. Janet Fernandes.



**Value Added Course:** Dr. Arti Kandolkar, Founder, Beautiful Mind and Soul, Pune was the resource person for a VAC on "Psychological Testing and Technology: Applications, Opportunities and Challenges". The course was held on October 6, 2025 for the final year students of Psychology. Around 34 students attended the session. Dr. Arti highlighted how knowledge of psychological tests and its application is central to most psychological fields. The students were updated with regard to certifications required, including qualifications required and cost factor. She shared her experiences dealing with various clients covering from learning disabilities to personality disorders and career and vocational counselling. Students interacted with a lot of queries and also had their doubts cleared on how to pursue testing as a potential career option. She gave the students a road map on how to pursue their careers in testing. This VAC was coordinated by Dr. Ubaldina Noronha.

**VAC on Mendeley Referencing System:** On August 21, 2025, Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar, Librarian, gave an extensive presentation on how to register and make an account on Mendeley, how to import references, how to create categories in the library dashboard, and how to use the different facilities on the Mendeley platform. Each student was made to register and learn the operating elements of the Mendeley platform. The course proved to be new learning and a good practice to enrich project work and research endeavours. The VAC was coordinated by Prof. Janet Fernandes.



**St. Alex Orphanage, Calangute:** Around 22 SY Psychology students visited St. Alex Orphanage, Calangute on October 4, 2025. Students were warmly welcomed and began with introductions, followed by ice-breaker games, action songs, and dance activities that helped create an engaging, joyful atmosphere. Creative tasks such as mehendi application, handprint art featuring the college logo, and hair-braiding encouraged bonding and self-expression. A lively game of musical chairs added to the fun. The visit offered students valuable insight into human connection, emotional wellbeing, and community engagement. Ms Nezima Lawrence coordinated the field trip.

**IPHB Visit:** The TYBA Psychology students visited the Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behaviour (IPHB), Goa on October 1, 2025 for an academic exposure programme aimed at understanding hospital functioning, therapeutic practices, and psychological assessments. The visit comprised two structured sessions. The first session introduced the 24 students to the hospital's system and provided an overview of psychotherapy, including behavioural, cognitive, and CBT approaches. The second session focused on psychological assessment tools used in clinical diagnosis, treatment planning and progress monitoring. The visit offered valuable insight into the practical side of clinical psychology, bridging academic learning with professional practice and inspiring students to explore the field further. The visit was coordinated by Prof Janet Fernandes and Ms. Nezima Lawrence.





**World Suicide Prevention Day:** The Department, in collaboration with the Wellness Centre, organised a World Suicide Prevention Day programme on September 9, 2025 to promote mental health awareness and support. Senior Psychiatrist Dr. Rajesh Dhume delivered the keynote address, emphasising compassion, early intervention, and the need to support those in distress. TYBA students presented a powerful street play on hope and suicide prevention, followed by a collective pledge led by College Counsellor Ms. Beverly Monteiro. Dignitaries participated in the lamp-lighting ceremony. Dance performances and a poem titled "Silent Whispers" added emotional depth to the programme. A flash mob, creative stalls, and artistic displays further enhanced engagement. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, reinforcing the college's commitment to fostering empathy, wellbeing, and community support. Ms Nezima Lawrence coordinated the programme.



**Educational Visit to Sangath:** On September 16, 2025 FYBA Psychology (Major) students participated in an educational visit to Sangath, Porvorim. The students were accompanied by Dr. Eulalia Fernandes. The visit featured insightful sessions led by various professionals who shared their personal and professional journeys, emphasising the impactful role Sangath has played in their development.

**Educational Visit to Lokvishwas Prathisthan:** A group of 29 TYBA Psychology students visited Lokvishwas Pratishtan, Ponda – an institute dedicated to the education and rehabilitation of children with visual and hearing impairments, as well as intellectual disabilities. The visit was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Eulalia Fernandes, Associate Professor of Psychology. The students had the opportunity to observe classroom activities, interact with educators and therapists, and understand how individualised care plans are implemented for each child based on their specific needs. The staff also explained the different methods used for communication with hearing-impaired students, such as sign language, and for visually impaired students, including the use of Braille and assistive technologies. Students gained valuable insights into the psychological principles applied in real-life settings, especially in managing behavioural issues and promoting adaptive functioning.

**Sexual Harassment talk:** A talk was held on September 29, 2025 to appraise students of sexual harassment at the workplace, especially the legal procedures under Section 2(n) and Section 3 of the POSH Act. Thirty-four TYBA Honours students attended the talk.



**Mental Health Day** was observed on October 9, 2025 to promote emotional wellbeing and encourage open conversations. The programme featured a powerful mime, an open mic session, certificate distribution for the poster competition, and an inspiring address by Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema. A lively flash mob concluded the performances. Interactive activities followed, including Ping Pong Trivia, Pop Your Insecurities, an Art Table, Take What You Need Corner, Inside Out emotions sorting, positive-affirmation mirrors, mehendi, and a Sticker Counter. The event created a vibrant, supportive atmosphere, reinforcing the message that mental health matters and that community care fosters wellbeing. The event was coordinated by Dr. Eulalia Fernandes.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

- The InSPA Educational Excellence Award was presented to the Department of Psychology for the year 2025 by the Governing Council of the Indian School Psychology Association in collaboration with Gujarat Law Society Ahmadabad. The award was presented by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Naima Khatoon, of Aligarh Muslim University, at the 15<sup>th</sup> InSPA International Conference on October 4, 2025 at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- The Golden Membership Award was presented to Prof. Janet Fernandes, Professor & Head, Department of Psychology.

### Presented

- Prof. Janet Fernandes presented a paper titled "Social Emotional Learning Modules for empowerment of school children" at the 15<sup>th</sup> InSPA International conference organised by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, from October 4-6, 2025.
- Ms. Saloni Gaonkar also presented a research paper titled "Work-Life Balance and Perceived Stress among Female School Teachers in Goa" at the 15<sup>th</sup> InSPA International conference.

## Programmes attended

- Prof. Janet Fernandes was invited as panel expert at the National conference on “Mental Health in the Digital Age” organised by the Department of Psychology, L.S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce, Mumbai held on August 2, 2025.
- Prof. Janet Fernandes was invited as a resource person for the UGC MMTTC Refresher Course organised by the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, on Imbibing Personal & Professional Skills of Counselling, held in September, 2025.
- Prof. Janet Fernandes was invited to speak on “Suicide Prevention” for the teachers under School Complex Activity, conducted at Rosary High School Bambolim, Cujira, on June 4, 2025.
- Prof. Janet Fernandes delivered a talk on “Prioritising mental health: Building Resilience & Thriving Strategies” to the teaching and non-teaching staff of Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal, Pernem on November 6, 2025.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Research paper Presentations

- TYBA Honours students Brain Pereira, Vaishnavi Pednekar, Fareeha Xec and Destiny D’Souza presented a paper on “Understanding loneliness in the digital age: a correlational approach to social media usage” on August 2, 2025 at the National Conference on Mental Health in the Digital Age, held at L.S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce, Mumbai.
- TYBA Honours students Natasha Narvekar, Nacia Britto, Nadisha Carvalho and Saniya Alvi presented on “The Silent Ring: Exploring Phantom Vibration through the lens of gender, age and phone usage” at the National Conference on Mental Health in the Digital Age.
- Kimberly Siqueira, Iloishya Rebello and Nadine Gomes presented on “Digital Pathways to Wellbeing: Exploring the role of technology in student growth and Mental health” at the National Conference on Counselling for Life: Moving Beyond Crisis to Nurture growth, Empowerment & Wellbeing held at Nirmala Institute of Education in Altinho Panaji from September 17-19, 2025.
- TYBA Honours students Lavina Faria, Adi Leandro Sharma, Annalisa Fernandes, Derrick Alemao and Lokesh Chinta presented on “The Role of School Psychology in the management of mental health” at the 15<sup>th</sup> InSPA International conference organised by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, from October 4-6, 2025.
- TYBA Honours students Rida Shah, Divya Kulam and Shruti Chodankar presented on “Navigating the transition: A qualitative study of school to college student experiences” at the 15<sup>th</sup> InSPA International conference.

## Department of SOCIOLOGY

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series:** The Department, under its Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series, hosted a talk by Prof. Joanna Pereira Coelho, Vice Dean of the D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences, on August 6, 2025. Prof. Coelho's lecture, "Collective Constructions among Tibetans in Exile," explored how Tibetan nationalism evolved after the 1959 Exodus of the Dalai Lama and his followers to India. She discussed how the Central Tibetan Administration, the Dalai Lama's leadership, and global support transformed a diverse Tibetan society into a cohesive national identity. The talk also examined the fusion of Buddhist and secular democratic values and the integration of science into monastic education. Prof. Coelho concluded with reflections on Tibetan unity and challenges beyond the Dalai Lama's lifetime. Forty-seven students and three teachers attended. The activity was coordinated by Prof. Afonso Botelho.

**Social Justice lecture:** A lecture on "Social Justice and Marginalised Communities in India" was organised on October 9, 2025. The session was delivered by Dr Vasudha Sawaiker, Assistant Professor in Social Work (Adjunct) at the D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University. The lecture explored issues of inequality, marginalisation, and the pursuit of social justice, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities). The session was open to all and witnessed active participation from students and faculty members. The activity was coordinated by Ms. Elizabeth Bara.





**Study Tour:** The Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, organised a study tour to Coorg from August 29 to September 2, 2025, to provide students with a field-based learning experience linking theory to practice. Twenty-nine students from FYBA, SYBA, and TYBA participated, accompanied by Prof. Afonso Botelho, Ms. Sayed Rizwana, and Ms. Elizabeth Bara. The itinerary included visits to the Tibetan Monastery, coffee plantations, tribal settlements, and local markets, where students observed social life, traditions, and community structures. The tour enhanced students' research skills, teamwork, and cultural sensitivity while fostering independent learning. Faculty commended their discipline and engagement. The study tour was coordinated by Prof. Afonso Botelho.



**Quiz Competition:** An Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition was organised on the theme "Sociology and Sociologists" on October 15, 2025. The event was coordinated by Ms. Shivani Calangutcar and Ms. Simran Kumar. The primary objective of the competition was to encourage critical thinking, enhance sociological understanding, and foster meaningful interaction among students beyond classroom learning. Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao won first place while Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim came in second and third place was bagged by Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar. The Rolling Trophy was awarded to Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao.



**Essay Competition:** An Essay Competition was organised on the theme “Nasha Mukt Abhiyan” on August 7, 2025. The event, held under the ‘Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan’ of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle among youth. Seventy-three students from FYBA, SYBA, and TYBA participated enthusiastically. Entries were judged on originality, clarity, and relevance, with Ms. Rachel Fernandes (TYBA) winning the First Prize. The event was coordinated by the Department of Sociology with support from the College Administration, following guidelines from the Directorate of Social Welfare, Goa.

**Film Screenings:** The TYBA single major students watched the film ‘Oliver Twist’ on August 5, 2025. A discussion on the same followed, guided by Asst. Prof. Sayed Rizwana P. On August 11, 2025, 20 single major students of TYBA watched the film ‘Enola Holmes’. This film depicts the struggles of women in England fighting for suffrage and other rights. A discussion was initiated by Asst. Prof. Sayed Rizwana P. on feminism as a factor contributing to sociological theories.

**Lemon exercise:** An activity was conducted on July 22, 2025 for SYBA students to sharpen the descriptive style of writing. The students had instructions to close their eyes and follow what the teacher (Ms Elizabeth, a certified Microphenomenologist) was narrating. They were being walked into a moment of being in their kitchen and cutting a lime, smelling it, and lastly tasting the same. The visual, olfactory, and tactile senses that they experienced were then written as a descriptive account.

**Debate:** Ms. Elizabeth Bara conducted a debate on “The Dowry System in India” on July 23, 2025. The topic of the debate was the dowry system in India. The teams were divided into the ET(Extraterrestrial) group and the human group. The ET group held the view that the socio-cultural practice of dowry is illogical and should be abolished, and the human group supported the idea that dowry has a socio-cultural significance for India, and rather than being abolished, it should be reformed as a legal gifting practice. The debate was aimed at engaging students critically with the notion of dowry, which would be beneficial in understanding a critical style of writing.

**Film screening:** On July 30, 2025, a short documentary film, “Juice,” was screened for FYBSc and FYBCom students. The film was based on a common middle-class Indian household; the film unfolds the idea of patriarchy through the practice of gender norms and practices.



**Sociology Day:** The Department of Sociology celebrated Sociology Day on October 10, 2025 to promote sociological thinking and creativity among students. The programme featured a Folksong Singing Competition, Poster Making Competition, Skit on Changing Family Patterns, ‘Just a Minute’- extempore, and Monologue – Portraying a Sociologist, along with a pre-event Essay Competition. Ms. Sayed Rizwana Parveen, the Event coordinator, emphasised the relevance of sociology in understanding society and social change.



*The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary*  
— **Vince Lombardi**



**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Presented**

- Prof. Afonso Botelho presented a paper on “St. Francis as Goencho Saib: A Sociological Evaluation of the Sobriquet” at the local Seminar on Sociology of the Indian Social Sphere organised by the Sociology programme of D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies, Goa University, held on October 14, 2025 and.
- Prof. Afonso Botelho delivered a Lectio Brevis on August 12, Inaugural Day of the College. The theme of the presentation was “Exploring Goan Behaviour in Everyday Life through the Dramaturgical Lens of Erving Goffman”.

**Programmes attended**

- Prof. Afonso Botelho, Ms. Sayed Rizwana and Ms. Elizabeth Bara attended the Faculty Development Programme on Open Educational Resources (OER) and AI in Teaching and Research from October 17-24, 2025 organised by IQAC, St. Xavier's College.
- Prof. Afonso Botelho attended a local seminar on Sociology of the Indian Social Sphere held on October 14, 2025, organised by Sociology programme of D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies Goa University.
- Prof. Afonso Botelho moderated a session on “Glimpses of the Prehistory of the Tribals of Goa” by Dr. Pandurang Phaldessai at the one-day National Seminar on “Tribal Societies and the Development Discourse in India” on September 26, 2025. Ms. Sayed Rizwana and Ms. Elizabeth Bara also attended the seminar, which was organised by D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies Goa University.
- Prof. Afonso Botelho, Ms. Sayed Rizwana and Ms. Elizabeth Bara attended a workshop conducted by the Department of Sociology at Goa University to discuss course content and teaching pedagogy for semester V and VI. The workshop was held at Goa University on July 22, 2025.
- Prof. Afonso Botelho, Ms. Sayed Rizwana and Ms. Elizabeth Bara attended a workshop to discuss Paper Setting for the examinations to be held under NEP 2020 at the TYBA level. It was held on September 6, 2025 in the Department of Sociology at Goa University.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS****Programmes Attended**

- Mr. Shanoor Sheikh, Ms. Rachel Shania Fernandez, Ms. Jewell, and Ms. Poonam Paleykar attended the Seminar on “Tribal Societies and the Development Discourse in India” organised by D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies, Goa University on September 6, 2025.

## Department of Botany

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**World Coconut Day:** The Department, in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, commemorated 'World Coconut Day' on September 20, 2025. Various activities were conducted along the theme "Uncovering Coconut's Power, Inspiring global Action". The exhibition was co-ordinated by Prof. Maria Fonseca and Mr. Conceicao De Souza. Four competitions were organised. Coco-Art was a competition where the participants prepared artifacts using different parts of a coconut tree. Nine students participated in Cocolicious Food where they prepared delicious food items. The third competition was poster making on the theme "Innovative use of coconut tree for sustainability". The fourth activity was Coco-Canvas with four participants. The entire event was overseen by Dr. Wendy F. Xavier Martins.

**Entrepreneurial Opportunity in Mushroom Cultivation:** A talk on "Entrepreneurial Opportunity in Mushroom Cultivation" was organised on September 18, 2025 in the Botany Laboratory. The session was attended by 78 students and seven teachers. The aim of the session was to introduce students to the scope of entrepreneurship in the field of mushroom farming. The guest speaker Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate, founder of Quality Mushroom Farm, spoke about the various types of mushrooms she cultivates and her experience in setting up and running a successful mushroom farm.





**Wildflower Arrangement Competition:** A Wildflower Arrangement Competition was organised on August 9, 2025, fostering creativity and appreciation for nature among students. The competition was coordinated by Prof. Maria Fonseca and Mr. Conceicao De Souza. The participants skilfully crafted their floral designs, incorporating vibrant wild blooms in innovative ways. Each team presented their arrangement with a creative title, reflecting themes of sustainability and natural beauty.

## BEST PRACTICES

One locally available plant is studied and displayed for all students and teachers of the college. The name, description, uses and propagation of the plant are learned as part of a “Plant” initiative. In this manner, eight plants have been displayed. It is conducted by TYBSc Botany students and co-ordinated by Dr. Wendy Martins.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

Dr. Suraksha S Dongrekar was awarded a grant of Rs 2 lakh under GSRF Minor Research Grant Scheme (2025-26) for the topic “Indicator role of Phytoplankton in assessing water quality of Goan ponds”.

### Presented

Prof. Dr. Maria A. A. R. Fonseca presented on “Phytochemical and antibacterial properties of anticancer plants from Goa” at the 2nd International Conference on Recent Innovations in Biological, Chemical & Clinical Sciences (RIBCCS-2025) held on May 6-7, 2025 at Manipal University College, Malaysia (Melaka Campus), in collaboration with Microbiologists Society India and Periyar University, India.

## Programmes attended

- Dr. Wendy F. Xavier Martins and Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar attended a DoPT, GOI-sponsored training programme on “Climate Change” from September 9-11, 2025 organised by GIPARD, Ella Farm, Old Goa.
- Dr. Suraksha S. Dongrekar attended a training on ‘Master Trainers on Panchayati Raj’ under RGSA Scheme at GIPARD, Ella Farm, Old Goa.
- As part of a Community Outreach Programme, Ms. Sabina Sales e Dias, Associate Professor, Department of Botany of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, was a resource person for a hands-on training programme on “How to grow Oyster Mushroom at Home”, held at the Siolim-Sodiem Village Panchayat on September 19, 2025. Around 18 women from Siolim participated and the aim was to empower women from the community with practical, sustainable agricultural skill.



*Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardour and attended to with diligence.*

*— Abigail Adams*



## Department of Chemistry

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Orientation Session:** A special orientation session on library resources and facilities was organised on July 31, 2025 for the TYBSc Chemistry students. The session was conducted by Librarian Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar with the aim of familiarising students with the various library services and promoting the effective use of resources for academic and research purposes. Ms. Zambulkar explained the use of reference materials, e-resources, online journals, and databases, and provided hands-on training on accessing and using these tools efficiently. The session was highly informative and encouraged students to develop research-oriented learning habits. It helped them recognize the importance of the library as a center for academic excellence. The event was coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Pinto, Head of the Chemistry Department.

**Certificate Course:** A 30-hour Certificate Course on Introduction to Quantum Chemistry and Computational Chemistry was floated, in associating with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college. Dr. Johnross Albuquerque conducted the sessions. About 15 students registered for the course and three sessions have been held thus far, on September 9, 23 and 30, 2025. In all these sessions, basic concepts like the Schrodinger Equation, operators, etc were covered and students were introduced to Gaussview software for visualising molecules.





**Third-Year Chemistry Students' Quiz:** The Annual Third-Year Chemistry Students' Quiz was held on September 23, 2025 as an intra-class event. The quiz aimed to enhance students' aptitude and reinforce core chemistry concepts. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mira Parmekar. A total of 35 students participated in the written preliminary round, with the top 10 students qualifying for the oral quiz.



**Session on “Research in Chemistry”:** A talk on “Research in Chemistry” was organised on September 27, 2025 for the TYBSc Chemistry students. The session aimed to create awareness about research-based learning and the diverse opportunities in chemical research. The resource persons were Ms. Shivta Mhamal and Ms. Flavia Travasso, research scholars and assistant professors at St. Xavier's College. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Pinto. Around 40 students attended the session. Ms. Flavia discussed emerging areas such as organic synthesis, green chemistry, nanomaterials, and catalysis, stressing the importance of sustainability in research. Ms. Shivta guided students on preparing and publishing research papers, illustrating key sections through a sample article. The session encouraged students to pursue innovative, eco-friendly research for societal advancement.



**Narcotic Drugs Awareness:** A session on “General Awareness on Illegal Use of Narcotic Drugs” was organised by the UG and PG Departments of Chemistry on August 9, 2025. The resource person was Ms. Meghna M. Jadhav, Clinical Psychologist at Tele Manas Cell, South Goa District Hospital. The session aimed to raise awareness about drug abuse, its consequences, and government initiatives for prevention and rehabilitation. Ms. Jadhav explained types of drugs, including opioids, stimulants, and depressants, and discussed addiction, precursors, and synthetic chemicals. She also demonstrated the Tele Manas helpline and engaged students with a quiz. The session was coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Pinto and Ms. Rupali Neji.



**Chemistry Department Cleanliness Drive:** A cleanliness drive was organised on October 3, 2025 as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission. The initiative aimed to promote hygiene, safety, and environmental responsibility within the Chemistry laboratories. Faculty members, along with TYBSc Chemistry students actively participated in the drive, cleaning lab benches, glassware, and storage areas, and ensuring proper organization of laboratory equipment. Emphasis was

placed on waste segregation, safe disposal of materials, and maintaining cleanliness standards essential for a safe working environment. The activity fostered teamwork and a sense of shared responsibility among the students and staff. It also encouraged awareness about the importance of cleanliness in scientific practice and sustainable lab management. Through this initiative, the department reaffirmed its commitment to the Swachh Bharat Mission and to creating a clean, safe, and inspiring space for learning and research.



**Field Visit:** A field trip was organised to the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Vasco-da-Gama, on October 16, 2025 for TYBSc Chemistry students. A group of 39 students, accompanied by four faculty members, had the unique opportunity to interact with scientists at India's premier institute for Polar and Ocean research. Dr. Archana Singh, Scientist D, briefed the group on NCPOR's key mandates, including the 20 Indian Antarctic and Arctic Programs and Southern Ocean studies, highlighting their contribution to national policy formulation. Students were taken on a guided tour of advanced laboratories such as the SEM-EDS, Polar Biology, Geology, and Cryobiology Labs, gaining insights into sophisticated research techniques. The enriching visit, coordinated by Mr. Mahesh Nair, inspired many students to pursue future research opportunities at NCPOR.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes attended

- Faculty members Ms. Edwina Pereira and Ms. Janesline Fernandes participated in a one-day workshop on “NEP-Aligned Inorganic Curriculum: Revisiting Structure, Content & Pedagogy” organised by the Department of Chemistry, Government College, Khandola, Goa on August 20, 2025.
- Dr. Mira Parmekar and Dr. Johnross Albuquerque participated in a three-day workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)” held from September 16-18, 2025.

*Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.*

— Helen Keller

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Awards

- Ms. Utkarsha Kotkar and Ms. Michele Barreto from TYBSc secured first place in the Inter-Collegiate Green Chemistry Quiz, organised by DMC College, Assagao, Goa on September 26, 2025. This marks the Department's fourth consecutive year of victory in this prestigious event – a testament to the consistent excellence, dedication, and teamwork of the students and faculty.
- The students of the Department of Chemistry participated in ATOMICA '25, the annual intercollegiate event organised by the Department of Chemistry, Carmel College for Women, on September 13, 2025. Team OSMIUM from St. Xavier's College won several prizes—first place in Time in a Bottle (Babaji Gawas and Rutika Shetmandrekar) and Micro Mixology (Ricardo and Rutika Shetmandrekar), and second place in Glam and Green (Sarah D'Souza and Harshita Haldankar) and Molecules in Motion (Samruddhi Borkar et al.). St. Xavier's College was declared Runners-Up of the competition.



*Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.*

— **Walter Cronkite**



## Department of Mathematics

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Understanding GATE:** The Department, in collaboration with the Cell for Career Guidance and Training for Competitive Exams, organised a guest lecture on "Understanding and Cracking the GATE Exam" on September 13, 2025. Mr. Shankar Pradip Kubal, alumnus and GATE qualifier was the resource person. Mr. Kubal provided a clear overview of the GATE exam structure, syllabus, marking scheme, and its significance for postgraduate studies and PSU recruitment.

A comparison between NET and GATE pathways was also shared to help students plan their career goals strategically. Mr. Kubal also solved a few sample problems from past GATE papers, demonstrating step-by-step strategies to tackle different question types. His practical tips on identifying key topics, revising smartly, and maintaining exam temperament were well received by the students. Forty-nine students attended the guest lecture. Dr. Jervin Zen Lobo was the faculty co-ordinator for the guest lecture.

**Pigeonhole Principle:** A guest lecture on "Pigeonhole Principle and its Applications" was organised for students of FY, SY, TY on October 4, 2025. The resource person for the session, was Dr. Shiv Parsad, Associate Professor, IIT Goa. Dr. Shiv Parsad explained the Pigeonhole Principle in layman's terms and then expounded upon in its mathematical form along with a proof for it. Forty students attended the guest lecture. Mr. Gajanan Rama Parab was the faculty co-ordinator of the programme.



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes attended

- Mr. Gajanan Rama Parab participated in a three-day lecture series in Number Theory on the topic titled “Equidistribution and Number theory” and “Some methods in Diophantine Analysis” held from October 1-3, 2025 at BITS Pilani, K. K. Birla Campus, Goa, India.

### Invited

- Dr. Jervin Zen Lobo served as a Resource person on “Equate, Eliminate and Excel - Master the Math behind JEE” organised by the Department of Mathematics, Vasantrao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science & Commerce, Cujira, Goa, as part of their Golden Jubilee celebration, on September 18, 2025.



*Education is the passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to those who  
prepare for it today.*

— **Malcolm X**



## Department of Electronics

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- **Digital Fundamentals:** A 30-hour Value-Added Course titled “Digital Fundamentals (Electronic Design Automation) began for SY and TY students on September 22, 2025. The course is being conducted by Ms. Viola Fernandes every Monday.
- **PCB Designing and Soldering:** This 30-hour Value Added Course titled, “PCB designing and soldering” is being conducted for FY students by Ms. Sneha Talekar from September 25, 2025. The classes are held every Thursday.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Award

- Dr. Caje Pinto presented and received the Best Research Paper Award for his paper titled “Comparative Performance of Regression Models for Predicting Haemoglobin level” in the technical session at ICAST-2025, held from June 23-25, 2025 at ITM Dehradun, jointly organised by ITM Dehradun and MetaSciTech Society, Haryana.

#### Programmes attended

- Ms. Vilma Fernandes and Mr. Daryl Gonsalves attended a one-week Discipline Specific Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools for Pedagogical Enhancement in Higher education for faculty member from HEIs across Goa from November 3-7, 2025.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Award

- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for being an invaluable mento and contributing to the success of “Codeavour 6.0 International Showdown, held online.

## Programmes attended

- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade completed the “International Teacher Training Program on Python with Pictoblox powered by STEMpedia held from June 23-27, 2025.
- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade completed the “Entrepreneurship Development Programme sponsored under the CSR Initiative of EDC Limited and conducted on September 2-4, 2025 at EDC House, Panjim.
- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade participated in “Guiding the Student participating in GYS Avishkar Awards 2025, a National Science Projects Competition Online”, conducted by Podar International School on October 5, 2025.
- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade participated in the “Lenovo LEAP Innovation Challenge as part of the NextGen Scholar Program, an initiative by Lenovo, implemented by BharatCares, in collaboration with the Government of Goa.



*The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.*

— **Brian Herbert**



## Department of Microbiology

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Identifying and Sampling of Mosquito Larvae:** A hands-on training workshop was organised in collaboration with the ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR) for five TYBSc Microbiology students at NIMR, Field Unit, Campal, Goa, from September 8-11, 2025. Ms. Aayushka Naik, Mr. Joel Fernandes, Ms. Renuka Parwar, Ms. Sania Chodankar and Mr. Shubham Yeshwant worked with bacteria associated with mosquito larvae. The aim of this workshop was to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the same. The students were welcomed by Dr. Ajeet Mohanty, Officer In-Charge, NIMR, who provided a brief understanding of the facilities and on-going research at NIMR. The students were introduced to research scholars at NIMR who provided the students with hands-on training on the sampling, processing, and identification of mosquito larvae belonging to three different genera: Anopheles, Aedes, and Culex. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Trelita de Sousa.

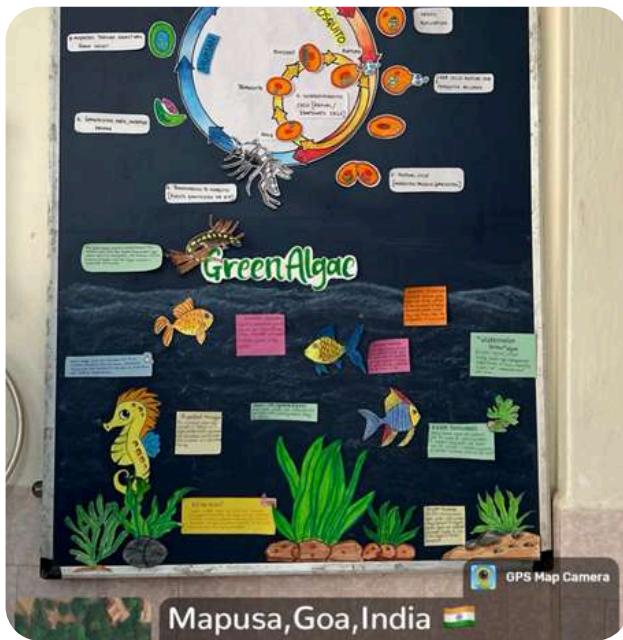


**VAC:** A two-month Value-Added Course was conducted from July 21, 2025 to September 20, 2025 on “Preservation and Packaging of Vegetables by Fermentation. Fresh vegetables like carrots, cabbage, onions and cauliflower were fermented by encouraging the growth of lactic acid bacteria (LAB). Beyond microbial processes, students were guided to consider aspects of product presentation. The exercise encouraged creative application of microbiology knowledge, as 48 students worked in groups and experimented with packaging and presentation to make the fermented vegetables appealing. The reel making to boost sale of the product encouraged students to use skill of videography to advertise as well as monetise the fermented vegetables. The training was coordinated by Ms. Arina Frank.



**International Microorganism Day:** To celebrate the International Microorganism Day, the third edition of the flagship State-Level Intercollegiate Competition in Life Sciences was organised in collaboration with the Microbiologists Society India (MBSI) on September 17-18, 2025. The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Valerie Gonsalves. The event brought together 105 students from educational institutes across Goa, who competed with enthusiasm, creativity, and

scientific zeal. After two days of spirited competition, the team from Discipline of Biotechnology, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Goa University emerged victorious, lifting the coveted Proteus 3.0 trophy. Runners-up were Ponda Education Society's Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science followed by Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Khandola.



**"The Invisible Majority":** A bulletin board-designing competition was organised in association with Microbiologists Society, India from September 8-17, October, 2025, to create awareness among students about the fascinating and diverse world of microorganisms and their roles in our lives. The competition was co-ordinated by Dr. Valerie Gonsalves. This competition provided students a platform to showcase microbiology through a visual medium. It also sought to foster creativity, teamwork, and scientific curiosity. The boards were evaluated on creativity, content and visual appeal. A total of around 52 students participated in the competition, presenting a total of 19 bulletin boards.



**“MicroQuest”:** The quiz competition was organized in association with the Microbiologists’ Society, India for FY students on Microbial Ecology and Environment on October 11 and 14, 2025. Twenty-seven students participated. The event was coordinated by Dr. Trelita de Sousa.



**Field Trip:** A field trip was organised for 52 students of TYBSc Microbiology on October 16, 2025. Mr. Rahul Kulkarni, a soil scientist at ICAR-CCARI delivered an informative lecture on the history and objectives of ICAR explaining its contribution to agricultural development and innovation. He introduced the concept of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) which focuses on transferring laboratory research to farmers through practical and field-level applications. He discussed the types of soil found in Goa, various crop varieties and the institute's emphasis on natural farming. Following the session, students toured the campus, observing bush pepper, dwarf arecanut, cashew plantations and the Shweta Kapila, Goa's indigenous breed of cattle. The importance of soil microorganisms, bacteriophages and plant-associated viruses in maintaining soil health and promoting sustainable farming was discussed conceptually. The field trip was coordinated by Dr. Marielou Ferrao, Dr. Valerie Gonsalves and Dr. Trelita de Sousa.



**Field Trip:** Sixty SYBSc SEC (Microbiology) students, accompanied by Ms. Arina Frank, Ms. Ruella D'Souza, Mr. Siddhesh Menon and Dr. Marielou Ferrao visited the GoVeda Dairy farm on October 3, 2025, to understand the practical aspects of milk production and milk product production and processing. Farm co-founder Mr Rajeev Narvekar explained the preparation of curd and how it is further processed into butter, ghee and buttermilk with the help of churning machines. This visit provided valuable insights into dairy microbiology, indigenous cattle rearing, and sustainable dairy practices.

## BEST PRACTICES

- Students of FY/SY/TY contribute enthusiastically to the bulletin board by submitting articles and creative content on a chosen microbiological theme for the month and organising the data into visually appealing boards. This activity is coordinated by Dr. Valerie Gonsalves.
- With the aim of encouraging and improving critical thinking and presentation skills of students, the Journal Club organises paper presentations and panel discussions for students of FY/SY/TY. The co-ordinator for this activity is Dr. Trelita de Sousa.
- Used cotton plugs are employed during FY/SY/TY practicals to disinfect tabletops and other equipment. Newspapers are used for wrapping plates, flasks, etc. and thus efficiently reused and recycled.
- The laboratories are equipped with designated bins for sorting, collection and proper disposal of different types of waste generated in the laboratories.
- Students are encouraged to bring low-maintenance plants that are easy to grow, care for and which can thrive in indoor conditions. These plants are noted for their air purifying capabilities as well as for their aesthetic appeal, thus creating an engaging, sustainable and healthy environment for students and faculty. Dr. Sheryanne V. Pereira co-ordinates this activity.



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— Sydney J. Harris



**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Publications**

- Dr. Sheryanne V. Pereira's research paper "Assessment of in vitro and in vivo Toxicity Induced by Manganese Dioxide Submicron Particles (MnO<sub>2</sub>-SMPs)" was published in BioNanoscience in July 2025. The paper was co-written with Antara Poi Raiturker, Dialla Fernandes, Shrikant Naik, Sheryanne Velho-Pereira, Anasuya Ganguly and Avelyno H. D'Costa.
- Dr. Sheryanne V. Pereira's research paper "Multifunctional evaluation of phase-pure MnO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles: Antibacterial, antibiofilm, antioxidant and hemolytic activities" was published in Materials Chemistry and Physics in August 2025. The paper was co-written with S. R. Naik, A. Naik, Parmekar, R. Shekrupa, V. Palkar, F. Shaikh, and S. Naik Samant.

**Programmes attended**

- The Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development organised a three-day Training Programme on Climate Change for Faculty undertaking the Minor Research Study on Climate Change from September 9-11, 2025 at GIPARD, Ella Farm, Old Goa. Dr. Wendy Martins, Dr. Suraksha Dongrekar (Department of Botany), Dr. Rheanne Da Silva (Department of Chemistry), Dr. Valerie Gonsalves, Dr. Trelita de Sousa, and Dr. Nadine de Souza (Department of Microbiology) underwent the training programme from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
- Ms. Ursula Barreto attended the XXV Triennial Conference of the Xavier Board on "Empowering Minds, Embracing Change: Reimagining Higher Education for a Global Tomorrow." held from October 18-21, 2025, at St. Aloysius (Deemed to be) University, Mangalore – Karnataka.
- Dr. Sheryanne V. Pereira participated in the Refresher Course on "Environmental Sciences held at UGC-MMTTC, Goa University from September 10-23, 2025.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS****Programmes Attended**

- Ms. Asmi Chowgule and Mr. Kush Kanthamraju, students of TYBSc, attended the a conference on "Climate Change" organised by TERI on September 16-17, 2025 at NIT Goa Campus.
- Ms. Asmi Chowgule and Ms. Suman Prasad, students of TYBSc, attended the Youth Climate UN Conference organised by Act for Goa on September 14, 2025 at Central Library, Panjim.

## Department of Physics

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Alumni Guest Lecture:** Alumna Ms. Erisha Franco spoke to TYBSc and SYBSc (Physics Minor) students on June 25, 2025 and reflected on her academic journey in the department. She advised the SY students to think carefully about their goals and career plans. For TY students, she outlined the Final Year courses, noting that while the NEP structure differs from CBCS, the core content is similar. Emphasising practical academic strategies, she highlighted consistent study habits, regular journal work, timely doubt-clearing, and avoiding last-minute preparation. She also shared useful tips for Practical exams, Project Viva, and preparation for competitive examinations. The talk was coordinated by Prof Bosco Lawrence.

**Internship:** The Department conducted a 60-hour internship programme under the existing MOU with GKB Hi Tech Lenses, Tivim Industrial Estate, Karaswada. The internship, which began on June 3, 2025, offered students valuable exposure to industry-level practices related to the manufacture and handling of optical lenses. Participants were introduced to various stages of lens processing and production, gaining insight into the equipment, precision techniques, and quality control measures used in the industry. The internship provided a practical learning experience, bridging academic knowledge with real-world industrial applications. The internship was coordinated by Mr. Pradeep Morajkar.

**VAC Workshop:** A one-day VAC Workshop on "Transformer and Coil Winding" was conducted on August 14, 2025. The resource person was Mr Lowry Travasso. Mr Travasso explained in clear terms the theory and mathematics behind various types of transformers, motors and coils. He also demonstrated winding of coils and motors and gave the students hands on session on coil and motor winding. Fourteen students participated in the workshop that was coordinated by Mr. Pradeep Morajkar.





**Earthen Vase-Painting Competition:** A Green Initiative activity on the theme “Earthen Vase Painting Competition with a Twist of Physics” on August 26, 2025. Twelve students from SYBSc and TYBSc participated individually or in groups, with a total of eight entries. Participants creatively painted physics concepts, formulas, ideas, and notable physicists on earthen vases. The event aimed to blend environmental awareness with scientific creativity. Prizes were awarded to the top entries: Prof Bosco Lawrence coordinated the event.



*What makes a child gifted and talented  
may not always be good grades in school,  
but a different way of looking at the  
world and learning.*  
— Chuck Grassley



## Department of Computer Science

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

**Workshop on NEP Syllabus:** On July 30, 2025, the Department, in collaboration with the Board of Studies in Computer Science & Technology, Goa University, organised a syllabus workshop. The session focused on the TYBSc curriculum for Semester V of the 2025-26 academic year. The workshop was attended by faculty members from seven colleges offering the NEP B.Sc. Computer Science programme.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Lt. Avani Kharde successfully completed the rigorous 75-day Pre-Commission (PRCN) course at the NCC Officers Training Academy in Gwalior.

### Invited

On September 10, 2025, Ms. Melissa Rodrigues delivered an insightful session titled "Mind Meets Machine - Exploring AI in Everyday Life" as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations at Vasantrao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science & Commerce. The session, attended by 120 Class XI Commerce students, explored modern AI tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, and Suno, featuring live demonstrations on leveraging these tools for academic learning and creativity.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

The project team comprising Mr. Nathan Fernandes, Mr. Kyros Echaporai, Mr. Harrison Amaral, Mr. Bijendra Ekka, Mr. Stephen Fernandes, Ms. Prachi Gaonkar, Ms. Saini Haldankar, and Ms. Esther Gnana received the "Best TYBSc Project 2024-25" award instituted by the college, for their TYBSc Project titled "Project Precision Plant Growing Assistant".

### Participation

TYBSc students Aman Jee Mishra, Vignesh Raul, and Dheeraj Pradhan attended a one-day state-level workshop and exhibition on "Tools and Techniques in Computational Linguistics" on October 3, 2025. The event was held at the Government College of Commerce & Economics, Borda, and was organised in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education-Goa and the Department of Computer Science & Technology, Goa University.

## Department of Commerce

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Digital Marketing Workshop:** The workshop was organised on September 19, 2025 with Guest Speaker Mr. Reuben Rodrigues, popularly known as Mr. Kurkuri, emphasizing the growing relevance of digital marketing in today's social media-driven world. The session showcased Mr. Rodrigues' accomplishments, including successful campaigns and extensive industry experience. A total of 73 students engaged with the content, and explored marketing strategies through real-life examples, practical demonstrations, and creative exercises. Activities encouraged them to think outside the box, plan thoughtfully, and consider how to engage audiences effectively. Students also had the opportunity to conceptualise digital content and brainstorm innovative ideas. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Victorya Rodrigues.



**Library Skills:** A talk was held for TY BCom students on the topic "Click, Read and Learn: E-Resources" on August 16, 2025. The resource person, Librarian Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar made students aware of the role of e-resources in learning and research and guided them towards using credible platforms rather than depending entirely on AI tools. Ms. Zambulkar explained the concept, need as well as the pros of e-resources, explaining why they are essential in today's learning environment due to their accessibility, speed, and ability to store and share knowledge efficiently. Students were introduced to important platforms such as DELNET, which allows students to gain access to interlibrary book loans, provides e-books and research material; NDLI, a free digital library supported by the Government of India that offers books and videos; and SciSpace. The talk was organised by the HOD of Commerce, Dr. Yasmine Shaikh.



### Entrepreneurship Development

**Programme:** The Department collaborated with the Cell for Entrepreneurship, Incubation and Start-up of St. Xavier's College to organise the fourth edition of the Entrepreneurship Development Programme titled "Let's Ignite the Entrepreneur in You 4.0." on October 9, 2025. Mr. Rohit Zantye, CEO of Zantye Cashew Goa and an alumnus of the college was the

Guest. The programme consisted of three sessions – the first was engaged by Mr. Gourov V. Pokle, founder of YIMBY. He spoke about adopting a solution-focused entrepreneurial mindset. The second technical session was delivered by Mr. John DeSouza, deputy general manager at EDC Ltd., who spoke on the available financial support and government schemes for start-ups. The final session featured a panel comprising Ms. Natasha Parekh, Ms. Rashi Shirodkar, and Mr. Bikaji Gawade, who shared their experiences and encouraged students to pursue their ideas with dedication.



**COMQUEST Release:** The E-release of COMQUEST 2024-25, the Annual Newsletter of the Department, on August 15, 2025, marked a celebration of student achievements, academic initiatives, and departmental milestones. The newsletter embodies the spirit of the department—celebrating achievement, collaborative initiatives, research excellence and outreach activities, serving as a testament to the collective efforts of students and faculty alike. The Acting Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto did the honours in the presence of Chief Guest Ms. Jacqueline Monteiro, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Dr. Yasmin Z. Shaikh, Associate Professor and HOD Dept. of Commerce, and Mr. Yash Powar and Elton Ming of TYBCom, Student Editorial Team.

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Awards**

- Vice Principal Prof. Filipe Rodrigues E. Melo bagged the Best Researcher Award for the Academic year 2024-2025. Professor Melo's research stands out not only for its intellectual depth and innovation, but also for its significant contribution to advancing knowledge in his field and inspiring students to pursue rigorous and creative scientific work. His consistent publication record, mentorship, and commitment to research excellence embody the values that St. Xavier's College upholds. The award was presented to Prof Filipe Rodrigues E Melo on October 24, 2025 as a part of the Faculty Development Programme.
- Prof. Oscar Bragança de Melo, Department of Commerce authored and released a book titled "Scraped Knees". It encompasses 184 real life stories covering over three decades of teaching and mentoring.

**Programmes Attended**

- Ms. Sumina daCosta, Dr Santana Fernandes and Ms. Difa Fernandes attended a workshop in the Major of Accounting organised by Cuncolim Education Society (CES) College, Cuncolim, Goa on September 26, 2025, to deliberate on the coverage of syllabi and the Question Paper pattern for the ensuing Semester V Examination November 2025.
- Ms. Kimberly Barros and Prof. Oscar de Melo attended a workshop in the subject Major of Cost Accounting held at Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda-Margao, Goa on August 22, 2025.
- Dr Carmelita D'Mello, Mr. Herwin Furtado and Dr. Yasmin Shaikh attended and participated in a one-day workshop in the Major of Business Management for TYBCom, on September 30, 2025 organised by VM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao.
- Ms. Zarina Chawdari and Ms. Victorya Rodrigues attended and participated in a one-day workshop organised by the VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao on September 30, 2025 in the Major of Banking and Financial Services.
- Dr Carmelita D'Mello and Dr. Yasmin Shaikh attended and participated in a one-day National Level Workshop organised by the Department of Commerce, G.V.M.'s Gopal Govind Poy Raiturcar College, Ponda on "Qualitative Research Methods" on July 5, 2025. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, researchers, and faculty across Goa, focusing on blending traditional qualitative techniques with modern tools like Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Text Mining. There were three technical sessions on Qualitative research methods, NLP and text mining and Thematic Analysis and AI Tools.

## STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

- The project "Role of G.I. in Promoting and Protecting Goa's Unique Products" by Bronson Fernandes, Vallankanni Sequeira, Saloni Shet, Disha Kalangutkar, Astrea D'Souza, Nilasha Deuskar, Yash Marathe and Rosenia Rodrigues, guided by Ms. Alia Agha, was adjudged the Best TYBCom Project for the year 2024-2025.

### Programmes Attended

- Ms. Manisha Kawatra attended and participated in the Webinar titled "Beyond Degree: Skills that drive corporate success" on September 27, 2025. The session was conducted by Ms. Neetu Gaur, who is an experienced Corporate HR Trainer.
- Ms. Bhumi Rawool from SYBCom participated in 'Finance Mirage 2025', a premier intercollegiate financial strategy competition organised by Department of Management Studies, Agnel Institute of Technology and Design, Assagao in Collaboration with The Money Matter Club, on October 17, 2025.
- Mr. Bhikaji Gawade from TYBSc and Ms. Arya Katarpawar from TYBCom., as a part of a MOU between GCCI and St. Xavier's College, attended a cluster level workshop titled "MSME - Cost and Competitiveness of MSME in India" on November 5, 2025, organised by the Office of Development Commissioner(MSME) Goa, held at the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Surendrababu Timblo Convention Hall in Panjim.



*The more that you read, the more things  
you will know, the more that you learn, the  
more places you'll go.*

— Dr. Seuss



## Department of BBA

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**Business with Heart VAC:** A Value-Added Course titled “Business With Heart” was organised for 33 SY BBA students on August 1, 2025 at Xavier’s Retreat House in Baga. The session coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado, a conducted in collaboration with Xavier’s Retreat House and facilitated by Fr. Shannon Pereira (SJ), Ms. Daniella Louella Especiosa Fernandes, Ms. Syona Fernandes, Ms. Micha Fernandes, and Ms. Elricia Mascarenhas. The seven-hour interactive workshop focused on purpose-driven leadership, teamwork, mindfulness, and value-based living. Through experiential activities, group reflections, and guided discussions, students explored the importance of integrating empathy, ethics, and personal purpose into professional life. The session helped students strengthen emotional intelligence, leadership skills, and self-awareness.



**World Entrepreneurs’ Day:** A business-themed Photo Quest for 30 SYBBA students on August 25, 2025 in the Captain of Ports area, Panjim City. Coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado, the activity blended experiential learning with exploration of local businesses and entrepreneurs. Student teams were challenged to locate specific business establishments, interact with owners, and capture photographic evidence linking real-world practices to classroom concepts such as marketing, consumer behaviour, and entrepreneurship. The quest concluded with brief classroom presentations where teams reflected on their findings and connected them to relevant business theories. The engaging activity helped students observe how traditional and modern enterprises coexist, adapt, and innovate in competitive markets. It also strengthened teamwork, problem-solving, and observation skills.

**Museum Field Trip:** Thirty-three SY BBA students were taken to Dharohar: National Museum of Customs and GST, Panaji, Goa, on August 21, 2025. The visit, coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado, aimed to provide students with practical exposure to India’s trade and taxation history. Guided by the museum curator, students explored interactive exhibits and archival collections that traced the evolution of customs regulations and the transition to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) framework. The experience offered valuable insights into the country’s commercial and fiscal heritage, connecting classroom learning with real-world applications. The trip enhanced conceptual understanding of GST, trade policies, and customs enforcement while fostering appreciation for India’s economic development.



**Networking:** An industry networking visit was organised for students to the Goa Hospitality Show 2025 held at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Taleigao on August 21, 2025. The visit, coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado, was designed to provide students with real-world exposure to the hospitality and tourism industry. The national-level trade fair featured stalls on hotel operations, food and beverage innovations, interior design, and sustainable practices. Thirty-three students interacted with exhibitors, hoteliers, suppliers, and service providers to understand product sourcing, supply chain challenges, and emerging technological trends.



**Business Trail:** The Department organised an experiential learning activity titled "Business Trails: Exploring Commerce in Mapusa Market" on October 15, 2025, in collaboration with Soul Travelling. Coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado, the event aimed to expose students to real world business practices and local entrepreneurship. Students formed 28 teams and participated in a business-themed photo scavenger hunt, solving riddles that led them to various stalls and stores within Mapusa Market. Tasks included interacting with vendors, studying marketing techniques, and analysing both heritage and modern retail systems. The engaging activity enhanced teamwork, communication, and analytical thinking while helping students connect classroom theories with Goa's vibrant local economy. Participants gained practical insights into trade, customer behaviour, and business sustainability through a fun and interactive approach to learning.

**Industrial Visit:** TY BBA students went on an industrial visit on August 13, 2025 to Paul John Distillery and The Eden Eco Resort, Cuncolim. Coordinated by Ms. Charmaine Dias and Mr. Vernon Desa, the visit aimed to provide students with hands-on exposure to operations, production, and sustainable business models. At Paul John Distillery, students observed the whisky-making process—from malting to bottling—and learned about quality assurance, branding, and global marketing practices. At The Eden Eco Resort, they studied sustainable tourism initiatives such as solar energy, rainwater harvesting, and eco-friendly hospitality. Resource persons Mr. Jagannath Poke and Mr. Wenceslao Fernandes shared valuable industry insights. The visit successfully bridged theoretical learning with practical application, enhancing students' understanding of production systems, marketing strategies, and sustainability-driven entrepreneurship.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes Attended

- Ms. Vanessa Furtado attended National Level Programme 'Shaping Young Minds' organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA) in collaboration with the Goa Management Association (GMA) on October 10, 2025 at the National Institute of Oceanography Auditorium, Goa.
- Ms. Vanessa Furtado attended the Goa Developers Summit 2.0 – Entrepreneurship Edition held on October 11, 2025 at BITS Pilani, Goa Campus. The event was jointly organised by the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE).

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes Attended

- The Department of BBA participated in the National Level Programme 'Shaping Young Minds' organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA) in collaboration with the Goa Management Association (GMA) on October 10, 2025 at the National Institute of Oceanography Auditorium, Goa. The event featured eminent speakers including Ms. Sundari Nanda (Former IPS Officer), Dr. Shikha Nehru Sharma (Scientific Mentor, RANFORT Wellness), Dr. Ambi M. G. Parameswaran (Brand Strategist & Founder, Brand-Building.com), and Ambassador (Dr.) Deepak Vohra (Special Advisor, Africa and Ladakh). Thirty SYBBA students attended the programme, and two students, Ms. Denisha Franco and Mr. Jayden Simon da Cruz, represented the college as student panellists. Coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado, the programme provided valuable exposure to leadership, ethics, and personal growth, inspiring students to align their learning with real-world experiences and professional aspirations.

- A group of 26 BBA students attended the Goa Developers Summit 2.0 – Entrepreneurship Edition held on October 11, 2025 at BITS Pilani, Goa Campus. The event was jointly organised by the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE).
- Ms. Adelie D'Souza and Ms. Shreya attended a session on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): The Backbone of Innovation and Creativity” held at DMC College on September 30, 2025. The interactive session was conducted by Prof. Varsha Redkar and Sir Pranay Prabhu Govekar, who provided an insightful overview of the importance of IPR in a knowledge-driven global economy.
- Students of the BBA Department, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, participated in “Revelations, a state level management event organised by Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, Mapusa on September 17-18, 2025. The college was represented by five students: Mavlon Pretto (Entrepreneurship), Laila (Human Resources), Siddhi Patel (Finance), Judith Norris (Case Analysis), and Shayon Mitra (Marketing). The competition provided a dynamic platform for students to apply their classroom knowledge in real-world business challenges. Participants engaged in multiple rounds testing analytical ability, creativity, teamwork, and decision-making.
- Val (Human Resources), Aden D'Cunha (Operations), Shayon Mitra (Marketing), Rajil Shaikh (Best Manager), and Casey (Finance) participated in Impression 2025, a national level management fest organised by Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim, on September 24-25, 2025. The event featured challenging competitive rounds across multiple management domains. The team performed well, winning the Teamwork Round and securing the Runners-Up position in Human Resources.
- Rajil Shaikh (Best Manager), Tamara Rodrigues (Human Resources), Aden D'Cunha (Entrepreneurship), Truman D'Costa (Finance), and Shayon Mitra (Marketing) showcased their talent at Cosmocrat 2025, a National Level Management Event organised by Don Bosco College, Panjim, on October 3-4, 2025. The two-day event featured multiple rounds that tested managerial competence, innovation, negotiation, and leadership skills. Rajil Shaikh won first place in the Best Manager category.



*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.*

— **Malcolm Forbes**



## Department of BBA (T&T)

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**X'plorateur 2025:** The inter-college event focused on the theme “A Regenerative Vision for Goa,” encouraging students to propose tourism ideas that restore and protect Goa’s environment and culture. Students coordinated the event through seven teams: HR, Logistics, Rounds, Hospitality, Décor, Finance, and Marketing. Colleges from across Goa participated, including M.E.S. Vasant Joshi College, Rosary College, V.M. Salgaonkar Institute of International Hospitality Education, Dnyanprassarak Mandal’s College, Saraswati Vidyalaya SridoraCaculo College, and Srinivassa Sinai College. Christ University and K.L.E Technological University from Karnataka also took part. The inauguration was attended by Rev. Fr. Antonio F. Salema, Principal Ursula Barreto, Vice Principals Dr. Philip Rodriguez e Mello and Ms. Sandra Fernandes, and Chief Guest Mr. Pifran Fernandes. The student editor, Claral Rodrigues, launched the event magazine, followed by poster competition awards. Team Desert Dynamos (KLE, Hubli) were the overall winners, and Team Moonlight Mavericks were runners-up.

**Naval Aviation Museum:** The TY students were taken on a field trip to the Naval Aviation Museum in Goa, followed by a visit to King’s Nest in Verna on August 13, 2025. The trip aimed to give students practical exposure to tourism resources and enhance experiential learning. At the Naval Aviation Museum, students explored the history of Indian naval aviation through outdoor and indoor galleries. The outdoor section featured thirteen defense aircraft and aviation components, while the indoor galleries, modeled on INS Viraat, displayed ship models, weapons, and naval equipment such as bombs, torpedoes, and sensors. The visit to King’s Nest offered a refreshing natural setting with lush greenery, exotic fish, and birds like parrots, finches, and canaries. Students participated in recreational and team-building activities, making the experience both educational and enjoyable. A total of 32 students attended, accompanied by faculty members Ms. Sarita Mahale and Ms. Chelsea Martins.

**Alumni talk:** A session with Dr. Saurabh Maheshwari was organised, where he provided an engaging overview of Artificial Intelligence explaining its fundamentals, working mechanisms and various functional approaches. Key points included the increasing role of Artificial Intelligence in industrial automation and decision making, the application of blockchain for enhanced security and transparency and the development of AI agents capable of performing tasks autonomously. He also introduced Perplexity as a powerful example of an AI driven research and knowledge assistance tool as well as various points on ChatGPT and Gemini and their features.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Invited

Mr. Rommel Pinheiro was invited to deliver a talk on "Developing the Entrepreneurial Spirit through Quail Farming. The session was held on August 22, 2025 at Auxilium High School, Caranzalem.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

- Students won various awards at Entrada, an inter-collegiate Business Management event organised by Rosary College, Navelim. Mr. Blaine Perieira was Runners-Up for Route Reboot. Mr. Anthony Selain finished Runners Up for Travel Quest. Ms. Daniella D'Souza and Ms. Kati Kasturi finished second for Cultural Cornicles. Ms. Stacy Pinto finished second in the competition Kavi Kanvas.
- Mr. Adrian Fernandes was part of the college team that emerged victorious at Men's basketball championship organised by Goa University.
- Ms. Assuciana Fernandes was part of the college team that won second place at the Women's basketball championship organised by Goa University.
- Ms. Nysa Dhupdale emerged inter class badminton championship winner.



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**— Sydney J. Harris**



## Department of BCA

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**Full Stack Development Workshop:** This was held on October 15, 2025 in the BCA lab for TYBCA students. This session aimed to provide practical knowledge about the Full Stack Development and introduce students to current industry trends. The workshop focussed on essential web development concepts, combining front-end and back-end technologies. It covered ReactJS for creating dynamic user interfaces, Node.js as a back-end runtime environment, and Express.js as a framework for building web servers. The workshop also looked at RESTful services using HTTP methods like GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE. It included database models such as NoSQL (MongoDB) and RDBMS, comparing their flexibility and structure. Overall, the workshop highlighted how different technologies work together to create scalable, efficient, and modern web applications.

**Cansaulim Field Trip:** TYBCA and SYBCA students were taken on a field trip to the village of Cansaulim. The main intent of the field trip was to capture photographs as part of image capture in multimedia. They visited the Chapel of St. Lawrence in Arossim, where they learned about the issue of "Double Tracking" and how the villagers had protested against it, demanding an overpass bridge or some solution to help them move freely. They also visited a small cross, which holds deep significance to the villages and offered a peaceful scenic experience. They also visited the Temple of Shri Damodar in Murdi, Cansaulim as well as the Three Kings Chapel of Cansaulim, located on a hilltop. The trip was co-ordinated by Mr. Worrel D'Souza and Ms Rushita Verlekar.

**Visit to Studio:** On September 18, 2025, SYBCA students visited the Mass Communication and Journalism Studio, under the guidance of Mr Worrel D'Souza. The purpose of the visit was to gain practical exposure to the functioning of media equipment and to understand the process of recording and live editing. Mr. Lisvan Rodrigues from Department of Mass Communication and Journalism explained the talkback system and how it is used for smooth communication between the control room and the studio. Students were instructed on how to maintain the right camera angles, focus, and framing. Through this, they understood how media production requires teamwork and coordination.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Programmes Attended

Ms. Aquilla Afonso attended a 14-Day online Faculty Development Programme on Generative AI and Advanced Tools for Academic Research. The Programme was held from September 1- 14, 2025.

## Department of Biotechnology

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Alumni Guest lecture Series:** A guest lecture was organised on September 19, 2025 on the topic "Mastering smart food choices: Making food your first medicine" by Ms Sharwani Walke, a Registered Associate Nutritionist by Association for Nutrition, UK. The session provided an inspiring insight into choosing the right types of food to eat, how sleep patterns can affect hunger and how proteins delay digestion of complex carbohydrates and prevents sugar spike. Sharwani shed light on the proportions of proteins, vegetable, carbohydrate and fats in a healthy plate.

She debunked many food myths and stressed on how food can be our first and most important medicine. Sixty-eight FY, SY and TY students as well as six faculty members benefited from the session, gaining valuable insights into eating healthier and more mindfully.



**Mr. Farmer Field Trip:** On September 22, 2025, a field trip to Mr. Farmer Nursery, Guirim, was organised for the SYBSc Biotechnology. A total of 12 students participated in the visit, accompanied by Ms. Jenica Rangel, Assistant Professor in Botany. During the trip, Mr. Caraciol guided the students through the nursery, providing insights into various plant categories such as flowering plants, ornamental species, and fruit grafts.

The students also had the opportunity to explore the nursery outlet, which offers a wide range of gardening tools and essentials. On September 24, 2025, another 3 SY Biotechnology students, accompanied by Ms. Emma Fernandes, visited Mr. Farmer nursery. Under the guidance of Mr. Corasho Rodrigues, the students explored the nursery setup, including a wide variety of ornamental, spice, and medicinal plants, along with other facilities, thereby gaining valuable practical exposure to modern nursery management.



**STP Field trip:** A field trip was organised for the First Year Biotechnology students on October 3, 2025 to the Sewage Treatment Plant at Tonca, Panjim. Twenty-four students were accompanied by faculty members Ms. Jenica Rangel, Ms. Nerisa Lobo, and Dr. Larissa Menezes. Mr. Saiprasad Parab, Junior Engineer, explained the plant's functioning, highlighting its 27.5 MLD total capacity and the SBR (Sequential Batch Reactor) technology used. Students observed various stages of wastewater treatment, including screening, oil and grease removal, aeration, sludge separation, and chlorination. They also visited the control room managing pumps and blowers. The visit provided valuable practical insights into sewage treatment processes and concluded with a group photograph.

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**NFSU Visit:** A field trip was organised for the TY Biotechnology students on October 4, 2025 to the National Forensic Science University (NFSU), Goa Campus, Ponda. The visit, accompanied by Mr. Vishal Mardolkar and Dr. Larissa Menezes, aimed to familiarise 20 students with bioanalytical tools and techniques used in forensic science. Students were introduced to advanced instruments such as Gas Chromatography, HPLC, Fingerprint Kits, and PCR Instruments, along with their applications in DNA profiling, toxicology, and crime scene investigation. They also explored the Forensic Science Museum, which showcased major crime case mappings and a model crime scene for practical understanding. The visit provided valuable insight into the integration of biotechnology in forensic analysis, enhancing students' practical knowledge and inspiring interest in careers and research within forensic and allied sciences.



**Transect Walk:** A field trip was organised to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Garden, Mapusa on October 6, 2025 for the SYBSc Biotechnology Batch I students. The students were accompanied by Ms. Jenica Rangel. During the visit, students explored the diverse plant species present in the garden and recorded observations on their scientific and common names, habit, importance, and life span. The activity provided students with a hands-on understanding of plant diversity and helped reinforce theoretical knowledge through field-based learning. On October 8, 2025, SYBSc Biotechnology Batch II students, led by Ms. Emma Fernandes, went to the Garden. Students explored the community garden ecosystem, observing the diverse plant species and their ecological roles in maintaining balance and supporting biodiversity.

**Crossword competition:** An Inter-Class Competition on “Crossword Puzzle” was organised to celebrate National Chemistry Day. The event aimed to promote interest in chemistry through an engaging and educational activity. The competition was open to FY, SY, and TY Biotechnology students, encouraging teamwork and critical thinking. The competition coordinated by Ms. Sonali Kajoli took place on August 7, 2025, providing students an enjoyable platform to test their knowledge and celebrate the spirit of learning through chemistry-based puzzles.

**Food connects us:** In commemoration of National Nutrition Week, the Department of Biotechnology organised a reel-making competition on the theme “Food Connects Us” on September 2, 2025, open to all college students. The event aimed to encourage creativity while highlighting the cultural, emotional, and social connections formed through food. Eight participants from various departments showcased innovative reels depicting healthy recipes, cultural traditions, and the unifying power of food. The event fostered creativity, teamwork, and technical skills, making it a meaningful and enriching experience for all participants.



**Swicy:** A cooking competition was organised on September 3, 2025 to commemorate National Nutrition Week (September 1-7). The event, themed “Swicy: Sweet & Spicy, Healthy & Tasty,” aimed to promote healthy eating through creative culinary expression. Open to all staff and students, participants showcased dishes blending sweet and spicy flavours with nutritional value. Judging criteria included taste and flavour balance, nutritional content, creativity, and presentation. The event, coordinated by Ms. Emma Fernandes, encouraged innovation and awareness of balanced nutrition, aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 – Zero Hunger.



*Learning is not attained by chance; it must  
be sought for with ardor and diligence.*  
— Abigail Adams





**Living flavours:** A fermented food showcase titled "Living Flavours" was organised on August 20, 2025, wherein a total of 30 students participated in the event, forming groups of three. Each group prepared and displayed a unique fermented food item, including sanna, kombucha, ragi ambali, kimchi, curd, idli, lacto-fermented cucumber, tepache, kanji, and buttermilk. The primary objective of the showcase was to help students understand the concept of fermentation, its types, and its applications in daily life and they also learned about the importance of fermentation, its health benefits, traditional recipes, and the origins of various dishes.

The showcase also encouraged creativity and peer learning as students explored diverse preparations from different groups. The event was judged by Ms. Jenica Rangel and Ms. Nerisa Lobo.



**Planters Showcase:** The Department organised a showcase of eco-friendly planters for the SYBSc Biotechnology students on August 25, 2025. The event was conducted by Ms. Jenica Rangel and Ms. Emma Fernandes. A total of 30 students participated, wherein they prepared and displayed a planter containing a plant, creatively designed using waste and eco-friendly materials. The exhibit highlighted students' innovation and environmental awareness while promoting the concept of sustainable gardening. The planters were displayed in the Atrium and attracted enthusiastic visitors, including students and faculty members from various departments.

**Fitness session:** Students from the Departments of MCJ and BCA participated in a fun and engaging fitness session held on October 10, 2025 at the College Gymkhana. The activity was conducted by Ms. Emma Fernandes, who guided the students through a series of simple physical exercises that can be easily incorporated into their daily routines. The session emphasised the importance of maintaining an ideal body weight and promoting overall well-being through regular physical activity. It also encouraged students to adopt a healthier and more active lifestyle, highlighting how fitness contributes not only to good health but also to improved concentration and productivity. The event successfully created awareness about the significance of exercise as an integral part of a balanced and healthy lifestyle.



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**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Programmes attended**

Mr. Vishal U. Mardolkar participated in three-day research and skill development programme on “AI in Cyber security and Forensic Science” organised by National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Goa campus on September 15-17, 2025.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS****Awards**

- Ms. Jyoti Jadhav and Ms. Pooja Lamani, TY Biotechnology, won second place in “Trash to Treasure” competition organised by the Green Initiative Cell, St. Xavier’s College, Goa
- TY student Ms. Sweta Gawas, won the title of Best Singer at the All Goa Inter-Collegiate Ghumat Aarti Competition held on August 23, 2025 at Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College, Cujira- Bambolim.

**Programmes attended**

- TY Biotechnology student Mr. Shreyash Gawas was a part of St. Xavier’s College Kabaddi Team, which emerged as Runners-Up at the Goa University Inter-College Kabaddi Championship.
- SY Biotech student Ms. Auxcilia Cardozo was part of the St. Xavier’s College Women’s Basketball Team that emerged Runner’s Up Champions at the Inter-Collegiate Basketball Championship 2025-26 organised by Goa University.
- FY Biotech student Ms. Pranavi Shetye was part of the St. Xavier’s College Women’s Table Tennis Team, which secured the Runner-up Trophy at the Inter-Collegiate Table Tennis Championship 2025-26 organised by Goa University.
- Ms. Aloma Saldanha and Ms. Sweta Gawas from TY Biotechnology, participated in the Inter-State Youth Exchange Program.
- FY Biotechnology students Ms. Jiya Kolambkar, Ms. Jolisa Monteiro, Ms. Katya Maria Wasley Dsouza, Ms. Manasvi Mangaonkar, Ms. Manasvi Salgaocar, Ms. Akansha Prasad, Ms. Ashna Agarwadekar, Ms. Geetanjali Narvekar, Ms. Pranita Chodankar, Ms. Macdeline Mariya participated in Seed Bomb-making workshop organised by the Department of Philosophy and Botany, on August 9, 2025.
- Mr. Govind Kambli, Mr. Saish Desai, Ms. Katya Maria Wasley Dsouza, Ms. Tanvi Pawar, attended a five-day online workshop on Bioinformatics with AI conducted by Ethical Edufabrica Pvt. Ltd, in association with Wissen AIIMS Bhubaneshwar on October 8-12, 2025.

## Department of Mass Communication & Journalism

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**Lights, camera, college:** The SY students of SEC 'Introduction to Events', organised an ice-breaker called "Lights, Camera, College!" on July 5, 2025 to enable the SY and TY students to greet and get familiar with the FY students. While the event helped build bridges between students across years, it gave the SEC students an opportunity to use the skills acquired in the classroom, conceptualise and organise an event. The event was coordinated by Ms. Jonquil Sudhir.



**How to prepare for a tender:** A guest lecture was organised for the SY 'Introduction to Events' students on "How to Prepare for a Tender" on July 17, 2025. The students gained valuable insights into how an event is planned for and executed through the lecture delivered by Croyden Menezes, director, GT Stagetech, Oman. Using 'Muscat Nights 2024' as a case study, Mr Menezes exhibited to the students how a bid is first submitted and planned for a major event. He then took them through creative development and design, AV and technical setup, event and logistics management, as well as venue coordination, setup and management. Through his detailed presentation, students were able to get an industry-based perspective. The lecture was coordinated by Ms. Jonquil Sudhir.

**Life on the News Desk:** The Department hosted its Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series on August 13, 2025, featuring alumnus and Sub-Editor at The Goan Everyday, Mr. Shailesh Tanpure. The lecture, titled "Life on the News Desk: The Backbone of a Newsroom," drew around 50 students. Mr. Tanpure shared practical insights into the fast-paced functioning of a modern newsroom. He explained the editorial processes at The Goan Everyday, highlighting how news is handled swiftly and accurately under tight deadlines. He also demonstrated techniques for crafting impactful headlines, using examples from the newspaper, and stressed the importance of critical thinking at the news desk. Mr. Tanpure emphasised balancing speed with quality, stating that headlines must hook readers without compromising accuracy. The event strengthened the Department's efforts to connect students with successful alumni and industry experience. The lecture was coordinated by Mr. Lisvan Rodrigues.



**Defiant Journalism:** As part of the Distinguished Alumni Series, alumna and Accountability Journalist Ms. Sherry Fernandes spoke to SY students on “Defiant Journalism: Digging Out Stories They Tried to Bury”, on September 20, 2025. Ms. Fernandes spoke to the students about various investigative stories she had written and the steps followed to conduct her research and interviews. She provided students with the tools required to write pitches for stories and then execute story ideas. The lecture was coordinated by Ms. Jonquil Sudhir

**CV-Writing VAC:** A Value-Added Course on “Get Career Ready – A CV-writing and Acing Interview Skills” was conducted for 23 students across streams from September 11-27, 2025. The course covered topics like how to write a cover letter, CV, and mastering interview etiquette, through interactive sessions and activities. The course culminated with a mock interview conducted by HR professional, Ms. Lourdes Monteiro.



**Story to Screen:** On October 4, 2025, the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, in collaboration with the Department of Hindi, organised a Value Added Course titled “Story to Screen: Creative Skills for Film and TV Production.” The session was led by Mr. Ronak Kamat, an award-winning Goan screenplay writer and director whose work has been recognized at several international film festivals. Kamat shared insights from his filmmaking journey, discussing award-winning projects, experiences with OTT platforms, and his approach to storytelling. An interactive session moderated by Dr. Ramita Gaurav and Ms. Vailarose Fernandes followed. The VAC was coordinated by Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar.



**Cantaram for the Community:** A cultural outreach initiative by Communicare Trust marking its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was held in collaboration with the Department on August 12, 2025. Over 300 students from schools across Goa filled Xavier's Ark with enthusiastic energy. The programme featured live performances by the Entre Nós ensemble—Ginelle Fernandes, Nadia Rebelo, Omar de Loiola Pereira, Selwyn Menezes, Nahil Flores, and Nigel Valves—who presented Goan musical classics. Vinyl collector Leaxan Freitas showcased vintage formats, from shellac discs to analogue gramophones. Celebrating legends like C. Alvares, Frank Fernand, Chris Perry, and Ophelia Cabral, the event concluded with certificate distribution, reinforcing the initiative's aim of preserving and passing Goa's musical heritage to the next generation. The event was coordinated by Ms. Vailarose Fernandes.



**Basics of Photography:** World Photography Day was commemorated by organising a Basics of Photography Workshop in association with Cam Clinic on August 18, 2025. The workshop featured photography experts Satish Kumar, Alpha Specialist, Sony Bangalore; Manjunath, Area Sales Manager, Bangalore; and Alex Anthony, proprietor of Cam Clinic. The speakers shared practical insights into the art and science of photography, covering ISO and its role in light sensitivity, the use of shutter speed to freeze or blur motion, and the importance of camera angles in creating dynamic compositions. They also advised students on choosing suitable cameras for genres such as portrait, landscape, and street photography. The workshop saw active participation from around 50 students and was coordinated by Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar.



**Food Photography:** In celebration of World Photography Day, the Department hosted a vibrant Food Photography Competition on August 19, 2025, bringing together budding photographers, food enthusiasts, and creative minds. The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 40 students and staff members across departments. All photographs were displayed in the college lobby, followed by a prize distribution ceremony. The faculty coordinator was Mr. Dinesh Nirawdekar, Assistant Professor in Mass Communication & Journalism.



**Photowalk:** A photowalk was conducted on October 7, 2025 for FY students. Eighteen students participated in the two-hour walk held in the vibrant streets of Mapusa Market. Students photographed using both smartphones and DSLR cameras, applying core composition techniques such as the rule of thirds, framing, leading lines, symmetry and depth. After the photowalk, a review session was held where.

students' photographs were viewed and discussed. The feedback focused on identifying strengths, refining framing choices, improving balance within the frame and making more deliberate decisions while shooting. The activity strengthened their foundational photography skills and improved their confidence in observing and documenting real-life environments. The session was led by Vibhav Naik

**MOG:** On October 12, 2025, the FY students visited the Museum of Goa. The visit, guided by Ms. Vailarose Fernandes, aimed to deepen students' understanding of contemporary art and its social impact. Founded by artist Subodh Kerkar, the museum features a range of contemporary artworks and installations. The visit concluded with a 15-minute documentary by Subodh Kerkar, offering insights into the inspirations, symbolism, and historical context behind the artworks showcased at the Museum of Goa.



**Purple Fest:** This year, the Department partnered with two significant stakeholders who were part of the international Event 'Purple Fest 2025'. Twenty-five students volunteered for the event. While 12 students aided Soul Travelling from October 9-12, 2025, 13 SY and TY students worked for Purple TV Bharat from October 6-13 as camerapersons, anchors and social media managers for the event.

**BEST PRACTICES**

- The Department conducts a series of media literacy, media awareness and media training workshops for Higher Secondary Schools across Goa. The initiative was designed to help students understand how media shapes opinions, influences behaviour and impacts everyday life. The workshops aimed to build critical thinking, promote responsible media use and introduce students to essential media skills through practical, activity-based learning. Each session provided hands on tasks, demonstrations and guided discussions to help students engage with media more thoughtfully and creatively. In the first phase, four workshops were conducted for students of St. Xavier's Higher Secondary, Rosary Higher Secondary and R M Salgaocar Higher Secondary School. The sessions are being coordinated by Mr. Anzil Fernandes.

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS****Programmes attended**

Ms. Vailarose Fernandes attended a Cinema Appreciation Workshop conducted by Mr. Sachin Chatte on August 24 at ESG, Panaji.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS****Programmes attended**

- SY students of the Reporting and Editing paper attended a workshop for prospective journalists on July 12, 2025 at Don Bosco College, Panaji. Organised by the Laxmidas Borkar Janmashatabdi Samaroh Samiti, the event highlighted contemporary trends in journalism and featured eminent speakers. The students were accompanied by faculty member Mr. Nitin Volvoikar.
- Six final-year students of Mass Communication & Journalism - Prakash Devasi, Suhani Gawas, Swati Suryawanshi, Tanisha Pawar, Veerbhan Singh, and Joysi Yadav volunteered and contributed to the smooth organisation of the PACT Foundation's second foundation day celebration, held on August 8, 2025, at Clube Tennis De Gaspar Dias, Miramar. The student volunteers efficiently handled crowd coordination, backstage arrangements, celebrity assistance and media interactions, ensuring the event ran seamlessly. Their dedication, professionalism, and teamwork were highly appreciated by the organizers.

- On August 23, 2025, FY students attended a workshop on documentary filmmaking and foley sound design, organised by the Department of Hindi. The session was led by Goan filmmaker Siddhesh Naik, co-founder of Antarang Productions and curator of the Bulbul Children's International Film Festival. Naik began by outlining the documentary process—research and development, pre-production, production, and post-production.
- Ms. Sheronne Dias, Ms. Cassandra Pereira, Ms. Joysi Yadav, Ms. Tanisha Pawar, Mr. Manoj Rathod, and Mr. Melster Rodrigues attended a Cinema Appreciation Workshop conducted by Mr. Sachin Chatte on August 24, 2025 at ESG, Panaji.
- Students participated at Cinemania 2025, an intercollegiate media event hosted by the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, Don Bosco College, Panjim, on October 10, 2025. Competing against several leading media institutions, the Xavierites showcased exceptional talent and creativity, winning first place in Intro Video and Quiz, along with second place in Absolute Cinema and Mismatched, and third place in Flopbuster. A contingent of 15 students including Kirti K. Amaresh Patil, Bhumi Deshpandhu, Drushti Borse, Tanushree Harish Nair, Sean Dias, Warren Pereira, Chanel Crizzle, Angelina D'Souza, Samio Guard, Mishka Keny, Tareah Fernandes, Kwyren D'Silva E D'Souza, Yohan Fernandes, and Sania Hallikar.



*The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live.*

— Mortimer Adler



## Department of Psychology - P.G.

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

**Careers in Psychology and Studying Abroad:** As part of its Distinguished Alumni Series a session featuring Ms. Melissa D'Costa, Counselor, Global Reach was held on session on July 17, 2025. Speaking on "Careers in Psychology and Studying Abroad", Ms. D'Costa shared insights from her own academic journey and professional practice, inspiring students to explore diverse domains within psychology such as counselling, organizational psychology, and neuropsychology. She provided practical guidance on higher education opportunities abroad, including university selection, application processes, and scholarships, while also addressing the cultural and academic adjustments required for success overseas. The session was coordinated by Dr. Kshipra Vora.

**Research Coffee Series:** The Department conducted a session under the Research Coffee Series on July 25, 2025, where MA Part II students presented their dissertation proposals before the Department Faculty Council. The session aimed to strengthen research planning, critical thinking, and academic rigor. Students articulated their research objectives, methodology, and theoretical frameworks while highlighting the relevance and potential impact of their studies. Faculty members provided constructive feedback, offered methodological suggestions, and emphasized ethical and contextual considerations. The session was coordinated by Ms. Maryjane De Souza.

**Career Training, Skills and Swagger:** A session titled "Career Training, Skills and Swagger" was conducted on August 12, 2025, led by Ms. Rohini Gonsalves, Trainer at Training and Co. and Founder of Sevarat Nursing Private Limited. The program aimed to enhance students' professional skills, confidence, and career readiness. Ms. Gonsalves highlighted the importance of aligning personal strengths with career goals and cultivating a professional presence. Through interactive exercises, role-plays, and scenario-based learning, students developed communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. Ms. Janice Zuzarte coordinated the session.



**Self-Advocacy and Empowerment for Neurodiversity:** In collaboration with The Owl House, a value-added course on "Self-Advocacy and Empowerment for Neurodiversity" was conducted on August 19, 2025. The session was led by Ms. Jo Chopra, founder of the Latika Roy Foundation, Dehradun, and aimed at sensitising students toward neurodiverse populations and promoting inclusive practices. The course enhanced students' awareness, empathy, and practical skills for supporting neurodiverse individuals. Ms. Vaishnavi Ghosarwadkar coordinated the conduct of the course.

**Challenges and Interventions in Working with Deaf-Blindness:** As part of Distinguished Alumni Series, a session titled “Challenges and Interventions in Working with Deaf-Blindness” was conducted on August 21, 2025 by alumnus and practicing psychologist Mr. Cipriano Fernandes. The session aimed to sensitise students toward the unique challenges faced by individuals with dual sensory impairments and provide guidance on effective interventions. Mr. Fernandes discussed cognitive, social, and emotional aspects of deaf-blindness, introducing evidence-based strategies such as adaptive communication, assistive technology, and individualised therapeutic approaches. Ms. Maryjane De Souza was faculty coordinator for the session.



**Bridging the Gap:** An interactive session between MA Part I and MA Part II students called “Bridging the Gap” was organised on July 17, 2025. Senior students shared their motivations for pursuing psychology and reflected on their learning journey, offering valuable insights into coursework, research, and applied practice. Structured group activities, designed around collaboration and problem-solving, allowed participants to experience key concepts such as group dynamics and interpersonal communication in practice. The event also featured the formal welcome of three newly appointed faculty members to the MA Psychology programme. Their addresses highlighted mentorship, research engagement, and academic growth. Dr. Kshipra Vora coordinated the event.



**Suicide Prevention Day Celebration:** The Department observed Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2025 with a session and creative engagement under the theme “Expressions of Hope”. Ms. Donna Noronha of the Cause of Our Joy Foundation, COOJ, led a session busting myths on suicide, presenting facts, and emphasising strategies to provide support to those at risk. The initiative also included a dance competition in solo and group categories. Dance was highlighted as a therapeutic medium to express emotions, foster resilience, and cultivate hope—an essential element in suicide prevention and broader mental health awareness. Dr. Kshipra Vora coordinated the event.



**Caritas Centre Field Visit:** On September 24, 2025, students participated in a field visit to Caritas Centre for Deaf-Blindness and Fort Aguada. At Caritas Centre, students observed interventions, therapies, and communication strategies for supporting deaf-blind individuals. An inclusive interaction with a few of the inmates provided experiential insights into the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and highlighted the importance of empathy, patience, and tailored support. The visit to Fort Aguada and its museum allowed students to appreciate Goa's rich cultural and historical heritage. Discussions emphasised the influence of local traditions, colonial history, and cultural context on social behaviour and psychological perspectives. Ms. Maryjane De Souza and Ms. Janice Zuzarte coordinated the trip.

**Celebrating Diversity and Inclusivity:** On September 26, 2025, Navratri was celebrated as part of the Department's Diversity and Inclusivity initiatives. The event began with a session explaining the cultural and spiritual significance of the festival, followed by student and faculty participation in traditional ethnic attire. A themed potluck allowed participants to explore and appreciate Navratri-related culinary traditions. Activities highlighted dress, music, language, and rituals, fostering an experiential understanding of religious and cultural heritage. Ms. Vaishnavi Ghosarwadkar was faculty coordinator for the celebration.

### BEST PRACTICES

- Conducting Certificate and Value-added courses in line with professional skill-building.
- Facilitate Buddy Study with a dedicated time allotted in lecture planning for revision.
- Tutorial, remedial add-on guidance on teaching difficult concepts if requested by students.
- Industry interaction for perspective building.
- Celebrating special days like International Day for the Elderly, World Mental Health Day, World Suicide Prevention Day.
- Compulsory Summer Internship experience at the end of Part I and II.
- Organising an alumni interaction and networking meet.
- Organising a dedicated placement drive for Part 2 students.
- Conducting Divyangjan Inclusivity events.
- Promoting and training students in leadership building.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Invited

- A faculty development session on “Mentoring Gen Z” was conducted by Dr. Kshipra Vora at Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management, Khorlim, Mapusa on September 3, 2025. The session focused on understanding the unique psychological, social, and technological landscape that shapes the Gen Z generation.
- As part of the CPDT Workshop for Navodaya Teachers organized by IGNOU Regional Centre, Panaji, at the Navodaya Leadership Institute, Canacona, on September 8, 2025, Dr. Kshipra Vora conducted an insightful session on “Adolescence and Mental Health.”

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Programmes attended

- Students from the Part I participated in a training session organised by the Cell for Diversity and Inclusivity on September 19, 2025. The session was for training students to conduct an accessibility audit on SUGAM Access App. The initiative aimed to sensitise students to accessibility challenges faced by the Divyangjan community and provide hands-on experience in auditing spaces for inclusivity. Dr. Kshipra Vora accompanied the students.
- Students attended a state-level Mental Health Awareness event on September 30, 2025 at Don Bosco College, Panjim. The event, organised by the BA Department of Psychology and the Wellness Club in collaboration with the WOW Foundation and Archicare, was part of Mental Health Week celebrations. Students were accompanied by Ms. Janice Zuzarte.
- Students volunteered at the International Purple Fest Goa 2025 from October 9-12, 2025, following preparatory training sessions on October 3 and 8. Purple Fest is an international platform celebrating persons with disabilities, promoting accessibility, inclusivity, and advocacy. Students were stationed at various locations across Panaji, assisting attendees with mobility challenges, guiding participants, and supporting workshops and performances. Students were accompanied by Ms. Janice Zuzarte & Ms. Maryjane De Souza.



*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.*  
— W.B. Yeats



## Department of Physical Chemistry - P.G.

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



**Workshop on Research:** A three-part workshop titled “Reference Manager Tool Series A, B & C” was organised on August 18, September 16, and September 23, 2025 for M.Sc. Part II students, aimed at enhancing modern research skills and improving academic productivity. The sessions were conducted by Ms. Flavia Travasso. Series A introduced students to reference management fundamentals using Zotero and

Mendeley, with hands-on training in installation, setup, and efficient use of both tools for organizing research bibliographies. Series B focused on mastering essential chemical drawing software—ChemSketch and ChemDraw. Series C advanced students' understanding of scientific data handling through Origin 8 Pro, covering graph plotting, data analysis, and integration with Excel spreadsheets. Ms. Travasso also explained differences between Origin Pro 8.0 and Origin 8, followed by practical demonstrations on data import/export and graph creation. The workshop provided participants with comprehensive, hands-on training essential for effective research documentation and presentation.

**Visit to NFSU:** The Department, along with the Department of Biotechnology, organised an educational visit to the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Ponda, on October 4, 2025. Students were warmly welcomed by the institution's staff, who began with an introductory talk on forensic laws, protocols, and the significance of the field. The group visited several facilities, including the Forensic Chemistry Lab, Biology Lab, Fingerprint and Questioned Document Lab, Cyber Security Lab, and the Crime Scene Museum. Some students also gained hands-on experience in fingerprinting techniques and drone operation. Eleven MSc students, accompanied by faculty members Ms. Fami Fernandes and Ms. Taniya Joshi, participated in the visit.



## Cells, Clubs & Associations

The AICUF Cell organised a vase painting competition on the theme Sacred Journeys Shared Hope to encourage students to share their views of religious harmony through the form of art.

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, the AICUF Cell organised Sadbhavana Diwas on the theme 'Sacred Journeys, Shared Hope' in the College Seminar Hall. The event began with the enthronement of the Holy Quran, Bhagwad Gita, and Holy Bible. Fr. Dr. Ivon D. Almeida was the chief guest.

AICUF organised Revive 3.0—a half-day recollection for 77 Xavierites to spend time in fellowship, faith, and prayer, rekindling their zeal to proclaim Christ's love. The day began with a short video on the essence of the Holy Mass, followed by the Eucharistic celebration by Fr. Ramiro Luis on the theme 'REVIVE: Cleansed within, Renewed in Spirit, Alive in Hope'. Dr. Sam Braganza, the resource person, spoke on believing in miracles and staying rooted in Christ's love through life's challenges.

The AICUF Cell organised the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the 'Choir of the Year' on September 20, 2025. The event had a participation of 10 teams, each comprising 10 members, including one faculty member. The central theme chosen for the event was the virtue of hope.

Every Wednesday, the AICUF members assemble in the Conference Hall during the recess break for the Campus Prayer. Together with Rev. Fr. Ramiro Luis and faculty members, students pray for the various needs of their fellow students and the world at large while also thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon them.

On every first Friday of the month, the AICUF Cell takes charge of organising the first Friday Mass in which faculty and students devoutly partake.



**The Business Club**, in collaboration with Department of BBA, organised an insightful and interactive session titled “Campus to Corporate: Employability Skills for Success” on October 15, 2025. The resource person was Mr. Pratik Joshi, Curations Head at Soul Travelling. The session was coordinated and organised by Ms. Charmaine Dias and Mr. Vernon Desa.

**The Commerce Club** organised Battle of the Brains, a thrilling quiz competition held on October 3, 2025. Twenty students competed in 10 teams. The competition tested general knowledge, reasoning, and quick thinking.

The Commerce Club, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, inducted 10 students to attend the 87<sup>th</sup> Shaping Young Minds Programme (SYMP). The programme was organised by the Goa Management Association (GMA) in collaboration with the All-India Management Association (AIMA) on October 10, 2025 at NIO Auditorium, Dona Paula, Goa. Ten students attended. Ms Elvira Dsouza was the faculty coordinator.

**The Cyber Club** organised Cryptic Chronicles, an online interactive puzzle event designed to develop logical reasoning and creative problem-solving held on October 3, 2025 in online mode. The activity aimed to make analytical and cybersecurity-oriented thinking more approachable through an immersive format. Fifty-eight students participated from various classes and departments.



**Commerce Club:**  
Battle of the brains,  
Quiz Competition



*Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world.*  
— Nelson Mandela



**The Economics Club**, in collaboration with the Department of Economics, organised a skill-based workshop titled “Creative Fingertips: Nail Art for Aspiring Entrepreneurs” on September 15, 2025. Ms. Devashri Kamat, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, served as the Resource Person, while Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza was the Co-ordinator. A total of 34 participants, including students and faculty, actively took part in the session. The workshop provided hands-on training in nail art techniques, tools, and styles, encouraging participants to view creative skills as viable entrepreneurial ventures.

**The Goenchi Asmitai Cell** organised a Folk Storytelling Competition on the theme “Goan Identity” on October 4, 2025. Nine participants took part in the competition, weaving stories that reflected Goa’s unique culture and spirit. The winners received certificates and a potted plant as a token of appreciation, while all participants were awarded certificates for their participation.

**The Literature Club** organised International-Level Quiz on National Book Lovers Day on August 9, 2025. The Know your Book Quiz designed to foster a love for reading and literature drew an impressive participation of 115 students from 13 different colleges including Netherlands, Canada and Dubai. To enhance the experience, a Certificate of Participation was awarded to each student instantly upon submission, acknowledging their general knowledge, enthusiasm and passion.

The Literature Club collaborated with the College Library and IQAC at the Book Review competition held on August 14, 2025 to commemorate National Librarian’s Day. A potted plant was presented to the College Librarian, Ms. Dakshata Zambulkar to symbolically honour librarians in the country and tokens of appreciation were given to Mr. Sarvesh Morje Librarian Grade I and Ms. Lina D’Souza, Librarian Grade II. Thirty-five students presented their book reviews including members of the Literature Club who enthusiastically participated as contestants.

Reflecting the Literature Club’s vision of encouraging self-expression and creativity, a session called “Voices in Ink: Student Writers’ Meet” was held on September 29, 2025 to highlight the importance of writing in today’s world. Twenty-one students participated by reciting their original works ranging from poems to short stories and reflective pieces while others supported the creative spirit of their peers.



Book Review



Goenchi Asmitai Cell



Nail Art



Student Writers Meet



National Book Lovers' Day

The students of the **Music and Dance Club** performed for a Teachers' Conference at the Regis Hotel, Arpora on October 8-9, 2025 as part of an international conference extension service. On October 8, the students performed a dance with catti fugdi, kharvi and dekhni dance styles. On October 9, the students performed corredinho'. The students were presented with a token of appreciation.



The **Student Unit of Microbiologists Society, India (MBSI)** has conducted a series of activities in collaboration with the Department of Microbiology. A reel-making competition, "The Reel Deal", was organised for First Year students on October 11, 2025 to sensitise them to Goa's ecologically significant microbial ecosystems.

The **Public Speaking and Oratory Club** of St Xavier's College, Mapusa organised an elocution competition titled Xavier's Orator on September 15, 2025. There were a total of 15 participants.

The Public Speaking and Oratory Club organised an Interactive Workshop on 'The Art of Debate' on September 25, 2025. The speakers for the workshop were Shivang Shirodkar (TYBSc) and Joseph Samuel (TYBA MCJ). The workshop was attended by 15 members of the Club.

The Public Speaking and Oratory Club organised a debate titled "Battle of the Wits" on October 7, 2025. The motion for the debate was "Is Tourism Destroying Goa's Environment and Heritage?" Nineteen students participated in the debate.

After securing the first place at the elocution competition organised by the Museum of Christian Art (MoCA) on the occasion of World Tourism Day, Club member Reyes Barreto (SYBCom) was invited as a speaker to the TYBA English (Single Major) class, to demonstrate what makes a winning speech on October 6, 2025. Twenty-five students attended this session.



The **Science & Technology Club** organised an inter-departmental Treasure Hunt 2025 to promote scientific curiosity, teamwork, and analytical thinking among students and staff. Designed as a blend of science, logic, and adventure, the event encouraged participants to navigate the campus by solving science-themed riddles and tasks. The activity was held from September 25-30, 2025. The competition received an impressive response with 35 teams, which included 90 students and 18 faculty.

The **Social Sciences Club** organised a screening of the documentary 'Maa Dei – Mother Goddess' on September 30, 2025. The event was attended by students and faculty members, with the objective of creating awareness about the Mhadei River issue and the ongoing conservation efforts.

The **Theatre Club** staged the tiatr "Purple", scripted and directed by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, a faculty member of the Department of Konkani and a mentor of the Theatre Club. The tiatr explored the theme of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), highlighting the struggles, dignity, and inclusion of individuals with special needs through a sensitive and thought-provoking narrative. A total of 37 students participated in this theatrical production and was presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> All Goa Intercollegiate/Higher Secondary School Tiatr Competition, organised by the Tiatr Academy of Goa (TAG), in collaboration with Ravindra Bhavan, Curchorem. The competition was held on September 15, 2025 at Curchorem. The performance earned them the first place at the competition, along with 17 individual and team awards, making it a historic win for the College.

Members of the Theatre Club attended We Will Rock You, a musical comedy on September 15, 2025 at Kala Academy. Directed by the acclaimed Bengaluru-based Leila Alvares, this jukebox musical featured songs of the British rock band Queen.

The Theatre Club and the Department of Konkani, in collaboration with the Tiatr Academy of Goa, conducted a certificate course in acting titled the Theatre Workshop from September 23, 2025 to October 3, 2025, covering 30 hours. Thirty students participated in the course, engaging in hands-on learning experiences that enhanced their understanding of stagecraft and performance. The course was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes.

The Theatre Club organised “Act It Out” on October 6. The event showcased the dramatic and creative talent of the participants through monologues and group skits. The event began with the Monologue Competition, where nine participants captivated the audience with their powerful solo performances. This was followed by the Skit Performances, which brought teamwork, humour, and emotion to the stage. Fifteen students participated in this segment, showcasing their creativity and coordination.

The **Yuva Tourism Club**, in collaboration with the Department of BBA (Travel & Tourism), organised a Poster-Making Competition on the theme “Sustainable Tourism” on September 15, 2025. The competition aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of sustainable tourism practices and to encourage creative expression on the subject. A total of 8 participants took part in the competition, each presenting unique and creative posters that reflected key issues and solutions related to sustainable tourism.

The **Cell for Entrepreneurship, Incubation and Start-up** organised a skill development session on “Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Mushroom Cultivation” was on September 18, 2025, in collaboration with the Institutional Innovation Cell (IIC) and the Department of Botany. The session was coordinated by Mr. Carmelito Dsouza, Prof. Oscar Braganca, and Ms. Sabina Sales. Resource person Ms. Trupti Bhushan Dhakate, Founder of Quality Mushroom Farm, Pune, shared her expertise on mushroom species selection, substrate preparation, cultivation techniques, and marketing strategies.

A one-day Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme titled “Let’s Ignite the Entrepreneur in You 4.0” was organised on October 9, 2025 by the Cell for Entrepreneurship, Incubation and Start-up and the Institutional Innovation Cell (IIC) in collaboration with the Department of Commerce. Coordinators included Mr. Carmelito Dsouza, Prof. Oscar Braganca, and Dr. Yasmin Shaikh. The sessions featured Mr. Gaurav Pokle on innovation in start-ups, Mr. John De Souza on government schemes, and interactive talks by Ms. Natasha Parekh, Mr. Bikaji Gawde, and Mrs. Rashi Shirodkar. The programme provided valuable insights into start-up creation, business strategy, and government support, motivating students to pursue innovation, skill-based enterprise, and self-employment opportunities.



Entrepreneurship Day



Mushroom cultivation

**The Cell for Diversity and Inclusivity**, in collaboration with the NSS unit of St. Xavier's College, organised “**Sugamya Yatra: Accessibility Today, Inclusion Tomorrow**” on September 19, 2025. Supported by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Goa, and the Association of People with Disability (APD), Bangalore, the programme aimed to empower youth to build an inclusive, barrier-free Goa. It sensitised students to challenges faced by persons with disabilities and trained them to conduct accessibility audits using the Yes To Access app. Resource persons included **Mr. Mahadev Dayanand Sawant**, Advisory Member at the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa, and **Mr. N. Srinivasan**, Lead – Volunteer Mobilisation and Social Worker, APD Bangalore.

The Cell for Promoting Diversity and Inclusion organised a special outreach performance of the tiatr Purple on October 5, 2025 at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao, during the parish feast. Coordinated, written, and directed by Nodal Officer Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, the production highlighted the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, fostering awareness, empathy, and respect through performing arts.

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, October 10, 2025, the Cell for Promoting Diversity and Inclusivity, in collaboration with the St. Xavier's College Wellness Centre, organised “**Light of Inclusion**”, an economic empowerment initiative for Divyangjan. The programme aimed to promote awareness, inclusion, and dignity for differently-abled individuals. The event featured the sale of Diwali lamps and lanterns made by children from Sanjay School, Goa, along with festive sweet hampers, trinkets, and baked goodies prepared by members of COOJ, an NGO supporting adults with mental health challenges.



**Lights of Inclusion**



**Sugamya memento**

The Training Internship and Placement Cell organised Entrepreneurship Awareness Talk, on July 22, 2025. Mr. Sai Mani Kumar, a financial analyst and founder of SMK Money Solutions, a growing startup in the financial advisory domain. Drawing from his entrepreneurial journey, Mr. Kumar highlighted the practical challenges and opportunities faced while starting a business in the finance sector. His session was followed by an activity based session by Ms. Durva Sukhathankar –Project Officer, EDII. She delivered an engaging and insightful session, introducing students to the core concepts of entrepreneurship, the importance of innovation, and how startups play a vital role in economic development. She emphasised the mindset shift required to become an entrepreneur and discussed real-life success stories to inspire the participants.



The Training Internship and Placement Cell organised “How to build a career that builds the world” on September 16, 2025. Students attended a session conducted by Ms. Mrigya Mishra, TFI fellow, on the theme “What Must We Change”, focusing on the challenges within the Indian education system. Around 168 students benefited from the session which was coordinated by Mr Clarence Rodrigues and Mr Worrel Dsouza.

The TIP Cell conducted a BFSI Certificate Course from September 24-27, 2025. Resource person Mr. Rajendra D. Dalvi endeavoured to promote financial literacy amongst students and enable them to pursue a career in investment markets as part of an initiative by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Government of Goa to educate students on topics related to Banking, Financial Services, Insurance, Capital Markets, Mutual Funds, and Fintech. After an introduction to the BFSI sector, the faculty explained the functions of banks, types of accounts, and payment systems such as NEFT, RTGS, and UPI. The day also included topics like financial planning, E-KYC procedures, and insurance. Ninety-one commerce students benefited from the session which was coordinated by Ms Ruella Dsouza, Ms Kimberly Barros, Dr Oscar Braganza e Melo.

TIP Cell coordinator Ms. Ruella Dsouza and Entrepreneurship Development Cell Nodal Officer, Mr Carmelito de Souza accompanied four members of the TIP Cell attended World Entrepreneur Day on August 21, 2025 organised by Business Network International in collaboration with Directorate of Higher Education.



*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach  
a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.*  
— Maimonides



The TIP Cell facilitated the attendance of 26 BBA students at the Developers Summit 2.0 Entrepreneurship Edition held on October 11, 2025 organised by Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) at BITS Pilani to provide a platform for students to witness 25 plus expert speakers and leading innovators in tech. The visit was coordinated by Ms Ruella Dsouza and Ms Vanessa Furtado.

The Cell for **Value Education and Personality Development Cell** conducted a series of enriching student sessions every Tuesday from July 15 to October 7, 2025, during the odd semester. The initiative aimed to foster students' inner growth, moral development, and emotional well-being through reflective and interactive learning experiences. The sessions covered a wide range of themes, including building resilience, goal setting, patience and perseverance, leadership and teamwork, ethical decision making, mindful breathing, self-respect, and discovering personal strengths.

The Cell organised a 30-hour certificate course titled Peace Education Programme in association with the Prem Rawat Foundation from August 2 to 14, 2025.

#### Value Ed Certificate Course



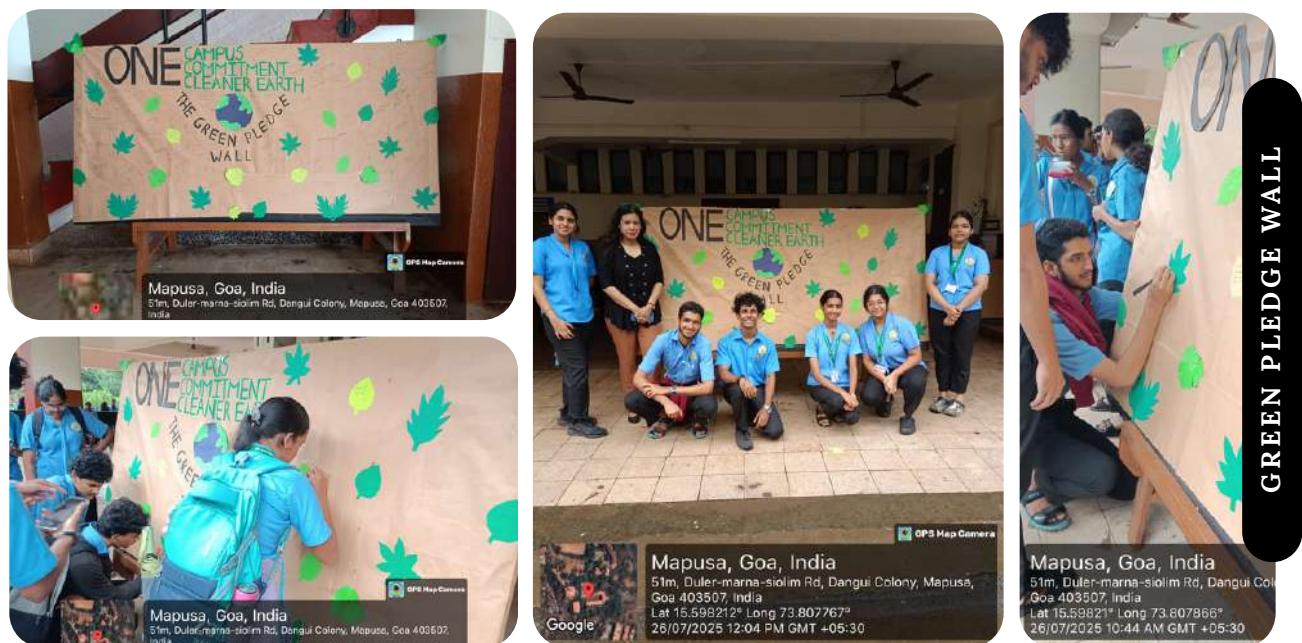
*Learning is the product of the activity of learners.*

— **John Dewey**



As part of the Environment Day celebrations, **the Green Initiatives Cell** organised a “Trash to Treasure” competition on July 14, 2025. Coordinated by Chelsea Martins, the event, themed “Beat Plastic Pollution,” encouraged students to creatively repurpose plastic waste into useful and artistic items. Sixteen students, representing eight departments with two participants per team, showcased their innovation and commitment to sustainability.

The Green Initiatives Cell, in collaboration with Department of Geography, and the Green Cross Society, Assagao celebrated World Environment Day 2025 on July 18, 2025. The programme, coordinated by Prof. Dr. D. M. Jakati, featured Guest Speaker Chetan Talwar and Sunil Korajkar, Chairman of the NGO The Green Cross.



As part of the Van Mahotsav Week celebration, the Green Initiatives Cell organised The Green Pledge Wall on July 26, 2025. Coordinated by Maria Beatriz DeSouza, the activity encouraged students and staff to make personal commitments toward a greener planet. The Green Pledge Wall served as a visual reminder of the college community's shared environmental responsibility.

The **IPR Cell** organised a guest lecture titled “Navigating the World of IPR to Safeguard Your Invention: Idea to Patent” on October 6, 2025. The session was conducted by Dr. Gayatri Kotkar, Assistant Professor in Chemistry at Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal, Pernem. The event was coordinated by Prof. Nelson Lobo, Ms. Sheryl D'Cruz, and Ms. Sneha Talekar. Around 60 students and faculty members attended the college-level session. Dr. Kotkar provided an insightful overview of intellectual property rights (IPR), focusing on the patenting process from conceptualisation to post-grant management.

The **Research and Development Cell** organised a session on September 25, 2025 under the initiative PRAYoG (Promoting Research Among Youth of Goa) for the students of TYBSC. Resource Person Dr. Mahadev Gawas, Assistant Professor in State Higher Education Council, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, spoke on “How to Carry Out Research: From Idea to Impact – Integrating AI, Machine Learning, and Mathematics for Multidisciplinary Research.”

The Research and Development Cell organised a session on September 29, 2025 under the initiative PRAYoG for the students of TYBCom. The event aimed to foster a spirit of research among undergraduate students and highlight the importance of inquiry-based learning at an early stage of academic life. The session was attended by 183 students participated in it along with 18 faculty members of the Department of Commerce. The resource person, Dr. Suraj Velip, Assistant Professor at the Goa Business School, Goa University, delivered a talk on “Research Methodology and Literature Search”.

Later in the day, a PRAYOG session was held themed “Preparing a Research Outline for Project Research Methodology and Literature Review” by Dr Mrunali Jambotkar. Dr Jambotkar explained the definition of research and the enumerated its types. She elaborated on literature review, as a continuous process and hence is required at every stage of the project. Dr Jambotkar listed various sources as Google scholar, EBSCO, Pro Quest, Semantic Scholar and so on.

The R&D Cell organised an event under *Vidnyan Dhara 2025 (4th Edition)*, an initiative of the Goa State Higher Education Council and the Directorate of Higher Education which aims to inspire students and educators across disciplines and promote a multidisciplinary learning environment aligned with the NEP 2020 vision. A session was conducted on January 6, 2025. Resource person Dr. Ramesh Kumar, retired Chief Scientist from NIO, Goa, delivered an engaging talk on “Antarctica – A Natural Lab to Study Climate Change.” Approximately **164 students** attended the session.



**The Career Guidance Cell** organised an awareness session titled “Career in Civil Services (IAS/GPSC)” on August 18, 2025. The programme, coordinated by Prof. Oscar Bragança de Melo, was attended by 140 TY students from the Arts, Science, and Commerce streams. The session was conducted by Mr. Aashay Abhyankar, an accomplished civil services professional from Abhyankar’s IAS Academy, Pune. He also introduced an upcoming three-month online preparatory programme in collaboration with the college, generating considerable interest among the students. The interactive Q&A segment clarified doubts related to optional subjects, timelines, and balancing academics.

## Electoral Literacy Club

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of St. Xavier's College, under the supervision of Mr. Mahesh Nair SVEEP Nodal Officer and faculty in charge of ELC activities at St. Xavier's college, conducted an awareness drive about the use of a new mobile phone application called 'Aadhaar QR Scanner App' promoted by the Govt. of India and available for download to the general public on Google Playstore. This simple tool verifies the authenticity of the Aadhar card by scanning the QR code on it. The awareness drive was conducted over the period of several weeks during the months of September and October 2025. Students of the Club designed and created special posters which were displayed on college notice boards and circulated on student WhatsApp groups. In addition, a video reel was also produced and posted on the college social media accounts.

## The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)



The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, held its Annual General Body Meeting on September 13, 2025, presided over by Officiating Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto and attended by the PTA Executive Committee, faculty, staff, and 507 parents. The meeting began with a prayer and a welcome by Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, who shared updates on recent infrastructural improvements and upcoming plans, including a new canteen, gymnasium, and auditorium. Ms. Barreto emphasised the collaborative role of teachers, parents, and students in holistic education, while guest speaker Rev. Fr. Regan Fernandes delivered a session on balancing academic expectations with emotional well-being. The minutes and financial report were presented and approved, followed by the induction of new PTA Executive Committee members and the felicitation of outgoing members.



The PTA continued its active engagement by organising a vibrant Teachers' Day celebration on September 6, 2025. Marking the start of the celebrations, Heads of Departments lit candles symbolising the theme "Guiding Lights of Knowledge and Care". Chairperson Ms. Patricia D'Souza welcomed the teaching staff and expressed gratitude for their tireless dedication. The celebrations included a range of games and interactive activities, ensuring enthusiastic participation from both teaching and non-teaching staff. Tokens of appreciation were distributed to all staff members to recognise their collective contributions.



The PTA also supported an Intra-Collegiate Cultural Competition, "Xavier's Got Talent 2025" organised by the Student Council on September 30, 2025 under the guidance of Mr. Stalin D'Sa, co-ordinator of Students Council. PTA members Mr. Desmond Menezes, Mr. Simon Fernandes, Ms. Edna Fernandes, and Ms. Merlyn Rodrigues rendered their expertise as judges across various categories. The PTA sponsored prizes and Certificates of Merit for the winning contestants.

## ACADEMIC BANK OF CREDITS (ABC)



The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is a digital platform by the Ministry of Education, Government of India that provides a unique ABC ID to every student, creating a unified digital identity for all their academic pursuits. This ID, linked to DigiLocker, allows for the secure storage, management, and transfer of academic credits earned from various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and potentially even from school education and vocational training in the future, as envisioned by the NCrF. St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa, in collaboration with the Directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation (DPSE), Govt. Of Goa conducted a one-day Aadhaar Update Camp on September 20, 2025 on the college campus. Since the ABC portal and Digilocker are linked to the Aadhaar database, students requiring corrections or updates in their Aadhar benefitted from this camp. The camp was coordinated by Mr. Mahesh Nair SVEEP Nodal Officer and faculty in charge of ABC activities at St. Xavier's college and was attended by approximately 50 participants.

## ANTI - RAGGING COMMITTEE AND SQUAD



On September 20, 2025, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa conducted an Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme to promote a safe and respectful campus environment. The event, attended by all first-year students of the college, began with a welcome address by Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto, who reaffirmed the college's zero-tolerance policy on ragging. DySP Mr. Wilson Cipriano D'Souza and DySP Mr. Braz Menezes delivered an impactful talk on the legal, psychological, and social consequences of ragging. Real-life case studies, a powerful awareness video, and references to Supreme Court judgments enriched the session. Students took a heartfelt anti-ragging pledge, followed by an interactive Q&A with DySP Mr. Wilson Cipriano D'Souza and DySP Mr. Braz Menezes. A token of appreciation was presented to DySP D'Souza by Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, College Administrator. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Prema Rocha, convenor of the Anti-Ragging Squad.

## Prevention of Substance Abuse

- St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, 2025 by organising an awareness programme aimed at sensitising students to the growing menace of substance abuse and encouraging informed, healthy choices. The resource persons for the session were Dr. Sneha Pokle, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, and Ms. Meghna Jadhav, Clinical Psychologist, both associated with the Tele-MANAS initiative at the South Goa District Hospital, Margao. Setting the context, Prof. Afonso Botelho, Nodal Officer against Drug Abuse, emphasised the College's commitment to nurturing informed and resilient individuals capable of making conscious, life-affirming decisions. The programme was attended by 247 students across all streams. It concluded with an appeal to students to remain vigilant, compassionate, and proactive in addressing substance abuse. The Nodal Officer was assisted by Dr. James D'Souza (Botany), Ms. Zarina Chowdari (Commerce), Mr. Clarence Rodrigues (Chemistry), and Mr. Prasad S. Naik (Political Science) in organising the event.
- A related session on "General Awareness on Illegal Use of Narcotic Drugs" was conducted on August 9, 2025 by the UG and PG Departments of Chemistry. Ms. Meghna Jadhav served as the resource person. The session focused on the meaning of drugs, addiction, consequences, and government support schemes. She explained key terms such as "precursors" and "synthetic chemicals" and described the effects of various drug types including opioids, stimulants, and depressants. A live demonstration of the Tele-MANAS helpline familiarised students with how to access mental health support. On August 7, 2025, the College also organised an Essay Competition on "Nasha Mukt Abhiyan", in response to a circular from the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa. Conducted under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, the competition encouraged students to reflect on the ill effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle. Seventy-three students participated.



## Centre for Indian Knowledge System

From August to September 2025, the Centre for Indian Knowledge System, in collaboration with the Department of History, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, organised an enriching Coffee Table Series titled "The Wonder That Was Bharat." This initiative engaged TYBA History students in interactive research discussions focusing on India's cultural, historical, and scientific achievements. The activity provided an informal platform for students and faculty to explore three key aspects of ancient India—Transportation, Art, and Indigenous Food. The activity was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Pais and Fr. Luis Gomes.

## Centre for Value Education and Community Engagement

The Centre for Value Education and Community Engagement of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, in collaboration with the IQAC, organised a session on "Communication & Etiquettes" on December 6, 2025 at Don Bosco, Odexl. The session was conducted by Fr. Ramiro Luis, Convener of the Centre. The programme aimed at developing students' communication skills, enhancing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, and nurturing social etiquette and responsible behaviour, both offline and online. The session was highly interactive and engaging. Games that drew important life lessons were conducted by Fr. Ramiro, through which students were encouraged to reflect on real-life situations. These activities helped participants understand the importance of clear communication, active listening, teamwork, empathy, and respectful behaviour in everyday life. The games also enabled students to recognise how attitudes and responses play a vital role in building healthy interpersonal relationships.



*Education makes a people easy to lead but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.*

— Peter Brougham



## St. Xavier's College Wellness Centre



In celebration of World Mental Health Day 2025, the St. Xavier's College Wellness Centre organised a campus initiative titled Calm Corner - Mindful Moments with Colour on October 10, 2025. Trained student volunteers engaged participants by explaining the concept and benefits of mindfulness. Students were encouraged to express themselves through mindful colouring activities and were provided with colouring sheets containing positive affirmations along with take-away colour bundles. Forty students also registered for a dedicated WhatsApp group managed by the college counsellor, where regular

affirmations, quotes, and well-being tips will be shared. Participants were further guided through a QR code linking them to additional mindfulness resources.

As part of the observance of World Mental Health Day 2025, the St. Xavier's College Wellness Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, organised a student development session titled Mindfulness - The Power of Gratitude on October 10, 2025. The one-hour session was facilitated by Ms. Sandra D'Mello, College Counsellor. The session aimed to enhance students' mental well-being by introducing mindfulness and gratitude-based practices. Students were first oriented to the concept of mindfulness through reflective discussions and the "Three What Skills" - Observe, Describe, and Participate.

Also as part of the observance of World Mental Health Day 2025, the St. Xavier's College Wellness Centre organized a panel discussion titled "The Weight We Carry - Mental Health, Burnout, and the Student Experience" on October 10, 2025. The panellists discussed how students often overestimate their capacities, leading to excessive workloads and emotional exhaustion. The impact of continuous assessments, institutional expectations, discrimination, and broader influences such as the National Education Policy and issues related to self-expression. Emphasis was placed on understanding burnout as a result of academic, personal, and social pressures.

An Organ Donation Awareness Talk was organized by the St. Xavier's Wellness Centre in collaboration with the MOHAN Foundation and the NSS Unit of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, on September 16, 2025. The session aimed to create awareness about organ and body donation while addressing medical, ethical, and legal aspects. Resource person Mr. Gabriel Pereira explained the importance of organ donation, the role of the MOHAN Foundation, and clarified concepts such as brain stem death and circulatory death with the aid of a video. Students were informed about donor types, the urgency of transplants, and procedures for pledging organs. A recipient's testimony added emotional depth to the session. The NSS Unit further reinforced the message through a street play during recess. The talk enhanced student awareness and dispelled misconceptions. A total of 310 students attended the session.

## Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)



St. Xavier's College organised a six-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Open Educational Resources and Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Research" from October 18-24, 2025. The programme was designed to equip faculty members across disciplines with practical skills in AI tools and OERs in alignment with the National Education Policy. The FDP was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Gervasio S. F. L. Mendes, Additional Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, in the presence of college authorities and invited dignitaries.

The workshop-mode FDP featured hands-on sessions led by eminent resource persons. Dr. Osborne Terrence D'Souza introduced participants to prompt engineering and AI tools for teaching and research. Prof. Gaurang Patkar emphasized AI-powered leadership and demonstrated interactive teaching platforms. Communication skills and professional presence were addressed by Mr. Ashwin Mushran through engaging practical exercises. The final sessions by Prof. Santhosh Kumar G and Prof. S. Senthilnathan focused on AI integration in pedagogy, assessment, and access to global OER platforms. The valedictory session was graced by Shri Joshua D'Souza, MLA and alumnus, who highlighted the FDP's transformative potential.

**Staff Enrichment Programme:** A session on Artificial Intelligence was conducted for the non-teaching staff on October 22, 2025. The session aimed to introduce participants to the practical use of AI for improving efficiency and smart working. The resource person, Dr. Gaurang Patkar, highlighted the relevance of AI in routine administrative work. Dr. Patkar's session focused on the basics of AI, the difference between conventional and generative AI, prompt engineering, and the use of AI tools such as ChatGPT for drafting letters, reports, and emails.



## St. Xavier's College: Student Council 2025-26

The elections for the Executive Council and Class Representatives were conducted on August 11-12, 2025. For the second consecutive year, the Executive Council elections were held in a presidential (direct election) format for the four key positions: General Secretary, Sports Secretary, Lady Representative, and Cultural Secretary. The elections for Class Representatives were conducted on the following day.

The elected members of the Executive Council are Mr. Akhil Gurav (General Secretary), Mr. Laxman Shetgaonkar (Sports Secretary), Ms. Bani Dhabolkar (Lady Representative), and Mr. Blaine Pereira (Cultural Secretary). Mr. Jenish Edwards and Ms. Sheronne Dias were elected Male and Female Gender Champion respectively. The Faculty Chairperson of the Student Council is Mr. Aaron-Paul Fernandes. The newly elected Student Council convened for its first meeting on August 18, 2025.

**Teachers' Day Celebration:** Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and gratitude on September 8, 2025. The programme was organised by the Students' Council, under the leadership of the Executive Committee and the Class Representatives, as a mark of respect and appreciation for the teaching fraternity. The celebrations commenced with a lively flash mob performance. The event continued at the College Seminar Hall, where a well-curated cultural programme was presented exclusively for the teachers. The variety programme included melodious songs, thoughtful speeches, interactive games, and a vibrant performance by the College Band, which added to the festive spirit of the occasion. As a token of appreciation, mementos and snacks were presented to 160 teachers, expressing the students' gratitude for their continuous guidance and support. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Blaine Pereira, who expressed sincere appreciation to all teachers, organisers, participants, and supporters for making the celebration a memorable and meaningful one.



## NCC Boys: Unit (1 GOA BN NCC)

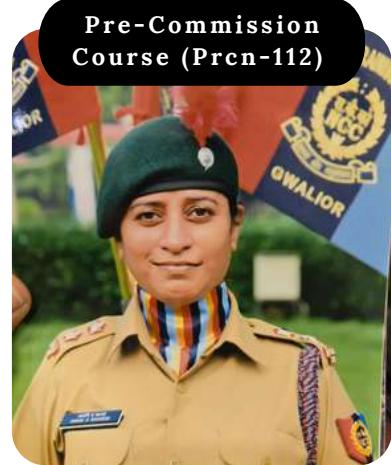
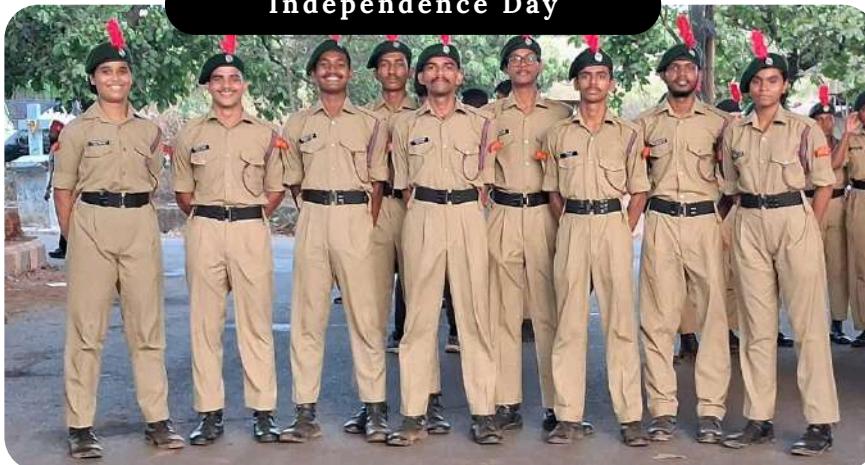
For the academic year 2025-26, the college enrolled 10 new cadets, bringing the total strength of the NCC Unit to 52 cadets. The Caretaker Officer (CTO), Mrs. Avani Anil Kharde, warmly welcomed the newly enrolled cadets and briefed them about the Aims, Objectives, and Motto of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). In addition to the regular Thursday parades and theoretical and practical training sessions on Drill, Weapon Training, Field Craft, Battle Craft, and First Aid, numerous special activities were also conducted during the year.

- **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Birth Anniversary:** Union MoS for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Govt of India, Shri Shripad Naik, flagged off Jai Bhim Padyatra on the occasion of celebration of 134<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R Ambedkar on April 13, 2025, organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs. Five cadets from the NCC Boys Unit participated, showcasing discipline and unity.
- **Operation Abhyas:** A nationwide civil defense mock drill was conducted on May 7, 2025, to test preparedness for emergencies, including hostile attacks. In Goa, the drill took place at multiple locations, including Goa Glass Fibre Ltd in Colvale. Ten cadets participated in the activity.
- **Visit to Jeevan Aanand Sanstha, Sanvedana:** The cadets conducted Yoga Samavesh activity at Jeevan Aanand Sanstha, Sanvedana Ashram in Parra on May 29, 2025. Thirty-five senior citizens attended the programme.
- **World Environment Day:** On June 5, 2025, the cadets participated in a beach cleaning and tree plantation drive at Miramar Beach.
- **Thal Sainik Camp 2025:** PRE-TSC-I(Thal Sainik Camp) was conducted by 26 KAR Battalion from June 8-17, 2025 at Belgaum. Five of our cadets were selected for PRE TSC-1, of which one cadet got selected for advanced camp PRE TSC-2 and IGC. The five cadets are Sgt. Ganesh Rathod, Cdt. Jeet Roy, Cdt. Dheeraj Pradhan, Cpl. Diya Arolkar, Cpl. Roush Fernandes.
- **PRE -TSC -II:** This camp was conducted by 26 KAR Battalion, from June 21-30, 2025. SGT Ganesh Rathod successfully completed the camp.
- **International Yoga Day Celebration:** The 10<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2025 with a session organised by the NCC and NSS units along with St. Mary's School NCC girl cadets. Twelve SD and 18 SW cadets participated. Mr. Manoj Salgaokar, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, was the resource person for the session.
- **Weapon Cleaning Activity:** On July 19, 2025, a weapon cleaning activity was organised by NCC Boys Battalion, Panaji. Five cadets of the college participated.

- **Visit Of Commanding Officer (Co) 1 Goa Bn NCC:** On July 23, 2025, the Commanding Officer (CO) of 1 Goa BN NCC visited Boys unit of the college.
- **Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebration:** Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated on July 26, 2025, which included a tribute at the Martyrs Memorial at Azad Maidan, organised by the All-Goa Ex-Servicemen Association. Nine cadets from St. Xavier's College NCC Boys unit participated in the event with great enthusiasm.
- **Independence Day:** On August 15, 2025, Independence Day was celebrated at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. The programme commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony, followed by patriotic events. Twenty-two cadets were present. The event fostered a spirit of patriotism and unity among students and staff. Fifteen cadets also participated in the event held at Mapusa Collectorate office.
- **Tiranga Rally:** The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs organised a Tiranga Rally as part of the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations. The rally flagged off near the ferry point opposite Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji, by Secretary (Sports) Santosh Sachdeva, in the presence of Dr. Ajay R. Gaude, Director, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs. Twenty-five cadets of Boys unit actively participated in the rally with enthusiasm and patriotic spirit, highlighting the importance of national unity. Total 48 Cadets also answered the online quiz and received certificates.
- **PRE RDC 1:** The camp was conducted by 29 KAR Battalion, from September 11-20, 2025. Cadets JUO. Amanjee Mishra, CPL. Roush Fernandes, CPL. Saniya Phadte. LCPL. Rahul Hadimani, CDT. Mansi Mandrekar successfully completed the camp.
- **PRE RDC 2:** The camp was conducted by 28 KAR Battalion from September 2 to October 1, 2025 at Belagavi. Cadets JUO. Amanjee Mishra, LCPL. Rahul Hadimani, CDT. Mansi Manprekar successfully completed the camp.
- **PRE RDC 3:** The camp was conducted by 24 KAR Battalion from October 9-18, 2025 at Belagavi. JUO Amanjee Mishra and LCPL Rahul Hadimani successfully. Both cadets have been selected for the next Inter Group Competition RDC Camp.
- **RDC IGC 2025:** The camp was conducted by 24 KAR Battalion at ETI Jalahalli, Bengaluru from October 23 to November 1, 2025. JUO Amanjee Mishra and LCPL Rahul Hadimani successfully completed the camp.
- **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat:** Cadet Sarvesh Sawant, NCC Boys Unit, 1 GOA BN NCC completed Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat -II Camp from September 24 to October 6, 2025 at Indore.
- **Gandhi Jayanti:** On October 2, 2025, a voluntary blood donation camp was successfully organised at Goa Medical college, Bambolim, by 1 GOA BN NCC, in collaboration with the GMC Blood Bank, Goa. Our four cadets donated blood and participated in the event.

- **International Day of the Girl Child:** The Directorate of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Goa, celebrated the International Day of the Girl Child at Goa Medical College on October 11, 2025. CPL Sania Phadte, SGT Khushi Mandrekar, CDT Gautami Talekar and CDT Gauri Shetgaonkar, NCC Girl Cadets from our institution Of NCC Boys Unit, 1 GOA BN NCC, were felicitated for their outstanding contributions to NCC.
- **Unity Run:** Cadet Kanak Agarwadekar successfully completed 10 km run in the Unity Run on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, October 31, 2025, marking Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Celebration.
- **Pre-Commission Course (PrCN-112):** Lt. Avani Anil Kharde, Assistant Professor Dept. of Computer Science, of 1 Goa BN NCC Boys unit completed this 75-day Pre-Commission Course (PRCN-112) at the NCC Officers Training Academy (OTA), Gwalior, from July 3 to September 19, 2025 which equips the Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) with the skills and knowledge to train cadets in their respective institutions. She earned a commission as a Lieutenant.

**Bharat Ratna****Blood Donation****Independence Day**

**Girl Child Celebration****Jeevan Aanand Sanstha****Kargil Vijay Diwas****Pre-Commission Course (Prcn-112)****Independence Day****Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat****Visit of commanding officer**

PRE RDC 1 Camp



PRE RDC 2 Camp



PRE RDC 3 Camp



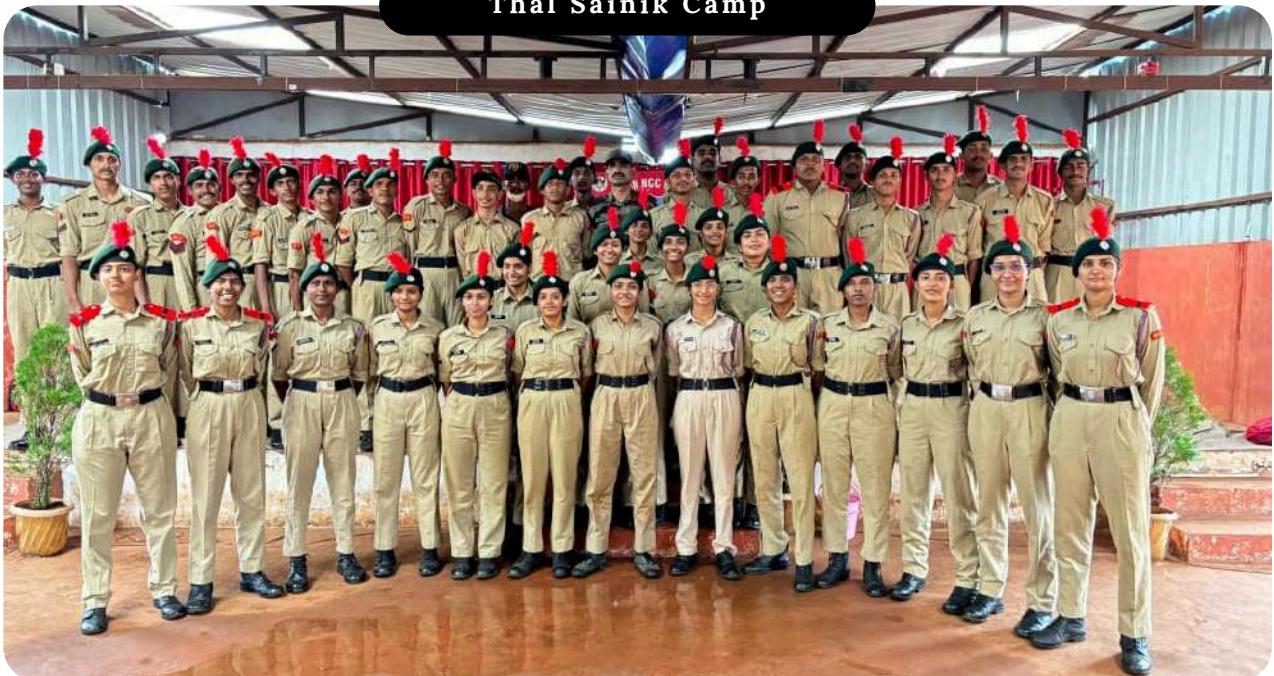
Tiranga Rally



World Environment Day



Thal Sainik Camp



## NCC Girls: Unit (1 GOA BN NCC)

**11<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day:** Yoga Day was celebrated by the NCC cadets, in collaboration with the 1 Goa Girls Battalion NCC, 1 Goa Battalion NCC, and the Yoga Institute, Goa – Yoga Teacher Training. The session included basic yoga postures and concluded with the performance of Surya Namaskar. Over 200 cadets participated in the event. Cadets were from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa (Girls and Boys), St. Mary's High School, St. Britto's High School, Dattaram Mantrawadi High School, Janta High School, and Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Mapusa.

**FY NCC Cadets Selection:** The selection process for the First Year NCC Girls cadets of 1 Goa Girls Battalion NCC was conducted on July 17, 2025 by PI Staff Sunil Yadav in the presence of ANO Lt Victorya Rodrigues. A total of 21 first-year students were present for the selection.

**Independence Day:** The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2025. The NCC Girls Unit took the lead in organising the event, which included a disciplined march past by NCC Girls, NCC Boys, and NSS volunteers, symbolising unity and dedication.

**World Blood Donors Day:** On June 14, 2025, NCC Girl Cadets undertook an online pledge on the occasion of World Blood Donor's Day to promote the spirit of voluntary blood donation.

**Pre-TSC, TSC-IGC:** The Pre-TSC I, II, and III camps were successfully conducted at Belgaum from June 8 to July 26, 2025. The TSC IGC-I was subsequently held in Mysore, Karnataka. Three girl cadets were selected to participate in various events. JUO Steffie Ferrao, JUO Anshu S. Jaiswar, and Cdt. Ranjana Narvekar. Notably, JUO Anshu S. Jaiswar excelled in Tent Pitching, securing third place in the competition.

**Kargil Vijay Diwas Poster Competition:** An inter-company poster competition was organised by the 1 Goa Girls Battalion NCC on July 26, 2025. Cadets displayed their creativity and patriotism through beautiful posters dedicated to the brave soldiers of the Kargil War.

**Har Ghar Tiranga Rally:** The NCC Girls Unit participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga Rally on August 14, 2025 in Panjim, Goa. Twenty-six cadets from St. Xavier's College joined the rally, which began at Ferry Point and concluded at the Sports Complex.

**All India Trekking Expedition:** Cadet Sanjana Narvekar, along with 14 other cadets from the 1 Goa Girls Battalion, was selected for the All India Trekking Expedition held from September 2-9, 2025 at Kulamavu, Idukki, Kerala. The Belagavi Group secured first place in Group Dance and Best Dancer among five Directorates.

**Beach Cleaning Activity:** Twelve first-year cadets participated in a Beach Cleaning Activity on September 14, 2025 at Miramar Beach, Panjim. The cadets also spread awareness about the Puneet Sagar Abhiyaan.

**Annual Training Camp (ATC):** The Annual Training Camp organised by the 1 Goa Girls Battalion NCC was held from September 10-19, 2025 at Sawalwada Multipurpose Sports Complex, Pernem. Twenty-five cadets from St. Xavier's College participated and achieved first place in Group Singing, second place in Guard Mounting, second place in Group Dance.

**Pre-Republic Day Camps (Pre-RDC I & II):** The Pre-Republic Day Camps were held from September 11-20, 2025 at Jadhav Nagar, Belagavi, organised by the 29 Karnataka Battalion NCC. Cadets Ranjana Narvekar, Geetanjali Gupta, Smita Wanjole, and Sanjana Narvekar represented the 1 Goa Girls Battalion NCC.

**Cleanliness Drive:** On October 2, 2025, to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, the NCC Girls Unit organised a cleanliness drive in the college campus. A total of 22 cadets actively participated in the initiative.

**EBSB Camp - Indore:** The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB-II) Camp was held from September 25 to October 5, 2025 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Cadets Seeta Sherpal and Vaibhavi Aeer represented Goa and achieved first place in Tug of War, second place in Quiz, second place in Dance Competition.

**Visit to Old Age Home:** On October 11, 2025, the NCC Girls Unit visited Ishaprema Niketan, Assagao. Thirty-two cadets participated in the visit, where they interacted with residents, distributed essential items, and presented handmade flowers and brochures. The visit fostered a sense of compassion and social responsibility among the cadets.

Independence Day



Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat



International Yoga Day



Kargil Diwas Poster Making





## NSS

**Yoga Day:** The 11th International Day of Yoga was celebrated with great enthusiasm and collective spirit on June 21, 2025. The event saw active participation from both teaching, non-teaching staff as well as students, in a rejuvenating yoga session held in the college seminar hall. The programme coordinated by Dr. Rheane Da Silva commenced with a live telecast of our Honble. PM. Shri. Modiji and followed into the Asanas. Esteemed yoga instructor and alumnus, Mr. Anuj Naik, led the session, skilfully demonstrating various yoga asanas and breathing exercises. A total of 78 participants performed a series of asanas and pranayama techniques with great zeal.

**Drug Abuse:** On June 26, 2025, the NSS Unit observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by organising two impactful activities: a poster-making competition and a street play coordinated by Mr. Sujay Rane and Dr. Prachi Joshi.

**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0:** On June 30, 2025, NSS Unit took up a plantation drive of 100 saplings of various types of plants such as mango, jackfruit, kokum, awla, gulmohur, etc. Each sapling was dedicated to the mother of an NSS Volunteer. This activity was coordinated by Mr. Rahul Naik, Mr. Sujay Rane, Dr. Rheane Da Silvan and the college gardeners Dessai and Satish.

**Blood Donation Drive:** The NSS Unit, in collaboration with the Lions Club of Calangute and the GMC Blood Bank, organised a Blood Donation Drive on July 16, 2025 at the College Seminar Hall for both students and staff. The initiative was coordinated by Dr. Rheane Da Silva, and Mr. Sujay Rane along with PRO Yash Parwar. A total of 80 donors, including students and faculty members, came forward to contribute to this life-saving cause.

**Street Play Competition:** The NSS Unit participated in a Street play competition held at Central Library Hall organised by ARZ on the theme of Human Trafficking and women Safety on July 31, 2025. This activity was coordinated by Dr. Rheane Da Silva and PRO Shanoor Shaikh.

**Kargil Vijay Diwas:** On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa Goa, organised a special talk titled "Setting the Sail for Success: Careers in the Indian Navy". The event was arranged by the Department of History, in collaboration with the NSS Unit and the Cell for Career Guidance and Training for Competitive Exams, on July 25, 2025. More than 50 NSS Volunteers participated in the session addressed by Commodore Srikant B. Kesnur, VSM, PhD (Retd), a respected officer from the Indian Navy. He shared the procedure to join the Indian Navy and the different ways to apply, such as NDA, CDS, or INET exams.

**Tiranga Rally:** On August 14, 2025, the NSS Unit, organised a Tiranga Rally to commemorate India's Independence Day. The Principal, Administrator, and Chief Guest led the rally alongside NSS volunteers, with students enthusiastically carrying the national flag and chanting patriotic slogans. The rally served as a symbol of national pride, unity, and commitment toward the nation. This activity was coordinated by Mr. Sujay Rane.

**Nisha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan:** On August 14, 2025, the NSS Unit organised a rangoli art activity and Pledge as part of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Students designed an expressive rangoli that visually conveyed the message of a drug-free society.

**Independence Day:** Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2025 under the theme "Nation First, Always First." Highlights included a March Past by NSS volunteers, a street play on women safety and a patriotic dance by the NSS Unit. A felicitation ceremony recognised NSS volunteers for their dedication and service. The marching squad was trained by NSS Volunteer Daryl Fernandes and Street play was put together by Shanoor Shaikh and Niraj Zantye, coordinated by POs Dr. Rheane Da Silva, Mr. Sujay Rane and Ms. Mumtaz Mendonca.

**NSS Inaugural:** The Inaugural Ceremony of the National Service Scheme (NSS) for the academic year 2025-26 was held on August 23, 2025. The event witnessed the gracious presence of esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, NSS Programme Officers, volunteers, and students. A warm welcome address was delivered by Dr. Rheane Da Silva, Chief Programme Officer of NSS, who emphasised the importance of service, discipline, and leadership in shaping responsible citizens. Chief Guest Adv. Caroline Colaco delivered an inspiring address, encouraging NSS volunteers to uphold the values of dedication, empathy, and active citizenship.

**MY Bharat-VBYLD 2026 Outreach:** A Reel-Making activity was organised, in collaboration with MY Bharat. Ten enthusiastic students participated in the initiative. Their collective effort resulted in a vibrant and inspiring reel aimed at motivating youth participation in the VBYLD 2026 Quiz.

**Quiz:** The MY Bharat-VBYLD 2026 Quiz was conducted on August 4, 2025 to encourage student participation in a national-level knowledge initiative. The online quiz link was circulated and saw participation from over 250 students.

**Actizen Project Orientation:** The NSS Unit, in collaboration with the Desh Apnayen Foundation, organised an Actizen Project Orientation on September 13, 2025 for North Goa NSS Programme Officers and on September 25, 2025 for NSS Volunteers. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers of St. Xavier's College and other institutions across North Goa. Resource persons Ms. Irene Noronha and Mr. Daniel D'Souza guided participants through interactive discussions and engaging activities on civic responsibility, ethical leadership, and community engagement.

**Organ Donation:** The Health and Wellness Cell, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, conducted a street play in the college lobby to create awareness on organ donation. The play aimed to highlight the importance of donating organs to save lives and promote a culture of compassion and social responsibility.

**“Step into the Shoes”:** This event, coordinated by Dr. Rheane Da Silva along with PROs Reema Bhaip and Garvit Jaitawat in association with Cell for Inclusivity and Diversity, (Divyangjan) was a beautiful experience that helped participants understand what it truly means to empathise with people who face disabilities in their daily lives. Posters were displayed in the background for the deaf, the blind, and those with other physical disabilities to spread awareness and encouraged empathy. Through fun yet meaningful activities like blindfold challenges, the Whisper Challenge, letter writing, and hopscotch, students and teachers got a small glimpse of the struggles that others go through, and how a bit of patience and understanding can make a big difference.

**Cleanliness drives:** Regular cleanliness drives have been held on all working days. NSS volunteers actively participated in cleaning outdoor areas such as pathways, courtyards, gardens, and open spaces across the campus.

**Clothes Donation Drive:** A clothes donation drive was held in collaboration with Sampurn(E)arth Environmental Solutions Pvt. Ltd., from September 24-29, 2025. The drive aimed to promote sustainability and social awareness in line with Sustainable Development Goal 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production. Dr. Prachi Joshi coordinated the drive.

**Food & Grocery Donation:** A Food and Grocery Donation Drive from September 21-27, 2025 at the NSS Office. The initiative aimed to promote social responsibility and encourage students to contribute toward supporting community welfare.

**Purple Fest Training:** The Purple Fest Volunteering Orientation was organised on October 3, 2025 to train NSS volunteers from colleges across Goa for the International Purple Fest 2025. The programme aimed at empowering youth and communities to build an inclusive, barrier-free Goa by sensitising them towards the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and equipping them for the Purple Festival 2025. The event featured resource person Mr. Mahadev Dayanand Sawant, Advisory Member at the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa, and Executive Member of the National Association for the Blind, Goa.

**International Purple Fest 2025:** The event was from October 9-12 under the theme “Universal Design and Inclusive Thinking in Action.” The event served as a global platform promoting inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities, featuring interactive sessions, exhibitions, and adaptive sports. Over 50 NSS volunteers gained valuable exposure to assistive technologies and contributed to the smooth functioning of the event through their active participation and leadership.

**Beach Clean-up:** India's coastal cleanup event, held on September 20 at Calangute Beach, Goa, was a resounding success, with participants collecting significant amounts of waste, including plastic bottles, fishing nets, and gutka sachets. The total waste collected included 600 kg of recyclable plastic and 700 kg of other dry waste. The event was organized by the Union Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Naval Unit of Goa. This activity was coordinated by Mr. Swapnil Belekar.

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

A delegation from Goa, comprising 22 students, faculty, one Nodal Officer, and one Escort Officer, participated in the Interstate Youth Exchange Programme held in Kurukshetra, Haryana. The programme, which spanned five days of core activities from July 22-26, 2025 focused strategically on promoting youth empowerment, skill development, cultural exchange, and national integration among various participating states. The Goan Mando and Goan Folk Dance were featured by our students, as part of the programme.

A formal invitation was shared to attend the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Ceremony at Red Fort in New Delhi. This invite from the Ministry of Culture extended special guest status to NSS Volunteer, Shivang Shirodkar, and his mother, Ms. Shivani Shirodkar.

NSS Volunteer Ms. Sumaiya Khan was, selected for "Know Your Leader" - participation of youth in paying home to our national leader programme in Central hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi on October 31, 2025.

Chief Programme Officer Dr. Rheane Da Silva was felicitated at the hands of State Commission for persons with Disabilities Goa and Department of empowerment of person with Disabilities for the dedicated service and valuable support towards the success of Purple Fest 2025.



*The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.*

— Plutarch



## NSS Special Camp 2025

The NSS Special Camp 2025 was held from November 11-17, 2025 at Zogati Farm, Birondem, Valpoi, with 45 NSS volunteers participating. Upon arrival at the campsite, volunteers settled into their accommodation, attended an orientation briefing by Programme Officers Dr. Rheane Da Silva, Mr. Sujay Rane, and Mr. Swapnil Belekar, and later participated in team-building and cultural activities.

Throughout the week, volunteers engaged in meaningful community service and educational sessions. Agricultural work included soil preparation, sowing Chavli, and planting 45 arecanut saplings, giving students hands-on exposure to rural farming practices. An inaugural ceremony on November 12 was graced by Mrs. Ranjana Rane, Panch member of Birondem, and Rev. Fr. Eusico Pereira, followed by cultural performances showcasing Goan heritage.

Several enriching talks were conducted during the camp. Senior volunteers Shanoor and Kashish shared insights from State and National NSS camps, while renowned environmentalist Mr. Rajendra Kerkar delivered a powerful session on the ecological significance of the Mhadei River. NSS alumnus Mr. Kushal Kerkar led a motivating session on leadership, confidence, and the long-term benefits of NSS participation. Additional sessions by Sir Aaron Paul, Ms. Viola Fernandes, and Ms. Alia Agha focused on communication skills, personality development, life skills, and teamwork through interactive exercises.

Volunteers organised a Children's Day celebration at the Government Primary School, Birondem, featuring action songs, games, a skit on grandparents, and distribution of gifts. They also conducted an awareness rally on the emergency number 112 for villagers. The camp concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony attended by Dr. Nitin Sawant, NSS Coordinator-Goa State, where awards were presented for exceptional performance, followed by a campfire and sharing of reflections.

### Blood donation drive



### Actizen





NSS Special Camp



NSS Special Camp



Cleanliness Drive



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Drug Abuse



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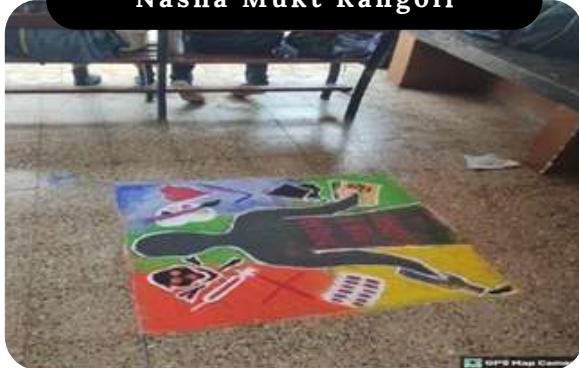
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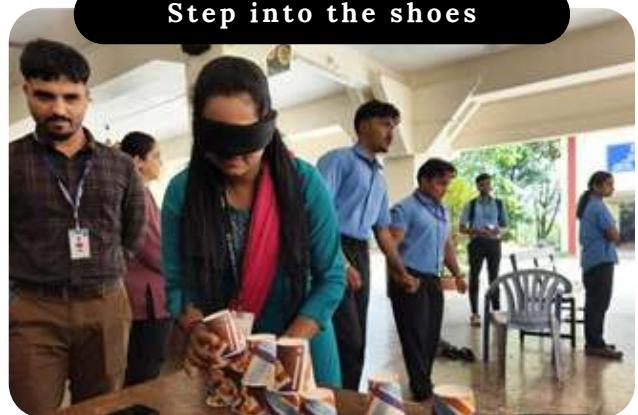
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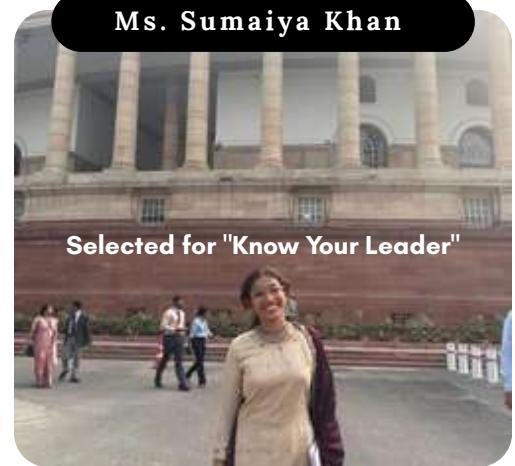
Step into the shoes



Tiranga Rally



Ms. Sumaiya Khan



*The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.*

— John F. Kennedy



## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organises inter-class events for the students to promote the sport and for the purpose of selecting players for inter-collegiate tournaments. The Department organised the following inter-class tournaments in the first phase and second phase for the academic year 2025-2026.

**Table Tennis:** Table Tennis Inter-Class tournament was organised for men and women on June 27-28, 2025. In the Men's category, Soham Dabholkar of FYBCom won first place and Jordan Lobo from TYBA secured second place. In the Women's category, first place was won by Stuti Shivani from TYBCom while Puravi Shetye of FYBA came second. Twenty students participated in the tournament.

**Chess:** Chess Inter-Class tournament was conducted in mix format (men and women) from July 2, 2025 onwards. Dwinnie Fernandes of FYBA MCJ won the finals and emerged champion. Shreyash Gawas of TYBSc Biotechnology came second. Twelve students participated.

**Badminton:** Badminton Inter-Class tournament was organised from July 8, 2025 onwards. In the Men's category, first place was won by Ashmeet Parsekar of SYBCom while Rishad Abid Hussain of FYBCom came second. In the Women's category, Nysa Dhupdale of FYBBA came first and Daniella D'Souza of FYBA was second. Twenty-seven students participated.

**Football:** Football Inter-Class tournament was organised for men from July 21, 2025 onwards. FYBCom emerged winners and SYBCom were runners up. Twelve teams participated.

## INTER-COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENTS



Winners at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Swimming Championship



Runners up at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Table Tennis Championship



Runners up at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Table Tennis Championship



Winners at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men Badminton Championship



Winners at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men Basketball Championship



Runners up at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Basketball Championship



Runners up at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Kabaddi Championship



Third place at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Football Championship



**Third place at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Football Championship**

### INTER-COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENTS INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Swezial D'Souza, MA Part II, won a gold medal and also won Player of the Tournament Award at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's X-Country Championship.
- Player of the Tournament at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women's Swimming Championship.
- Shantesh Mapsekar, SYBCom, won the Player of the Tournament Award at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Table Tennis Championship.
- Yousuf Shaikh, FYBA MCJ, won the Player of the Tournament Award at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Badminton Championship.
- Piyush Harmalkar, SYBA, won Player of the Tournament at Goa University Inter-Collegiate Men's Kabaddi Championship.



**Swezial D'Souza**



**Shantesh Mapsekar**



**Yousuf Shaikh**



**Piyush Harmalkar**

## NATIONAL LEVEL



**Yousuf Shaikh, FYBA MCJ, won Bronze Medal at Yonex-Sunrise Inter State West Zone Badminton Championship held at Campal, Miramar, Panjim.**



**Chanel Crizzle, TYBA MCJ, won Gold Medal at Crocs RFC officially represented Goa at the Bengaluru 10s - Season 3 in the Mixed Touch Rugby Category**

## STATE LEVEL

St. Xavier's College emerged Runners up at All Goa Inter Collegiate Women's Weightlifting Tournament organised by Vidya Prabodhini College, in collaboration with Weightlifting Association of Goa and Khelo India. Elita Coelho SYBA won Bronze medal in up to and including 53kgs. Saniya Santosh Phadte SYBA won gold medal in up to and including 63 kgs. Rizel Agnela Fernandes MA part II won gold medal in up to and including 69 kgs. Akansha Ashok SYBA won gold medal in above 86 kgs category.



**Eldridge Fernandes won silver medal in 100 ms and 200 ms events at State Athletic Championship organised by the Athletic Association of Goa.**



**Swizel D'Souza of MA Part II won first place by completing the run in 21mins 55secs at Red Run 3.0, organised by GSACS.**

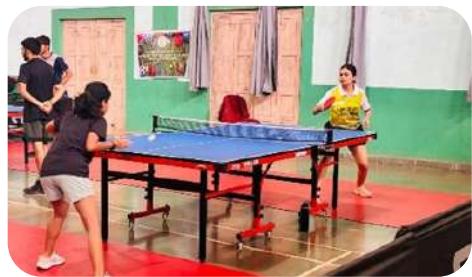


**Swezial D'Souza of MA Part II won first place at Fit Goa run 2025 organised by Goa Police.**

### Gallery



**Table Tennis Boys**



**Table Tennis Girls**



**Badminton Boys**



**Badminton Girls**



**Chess**



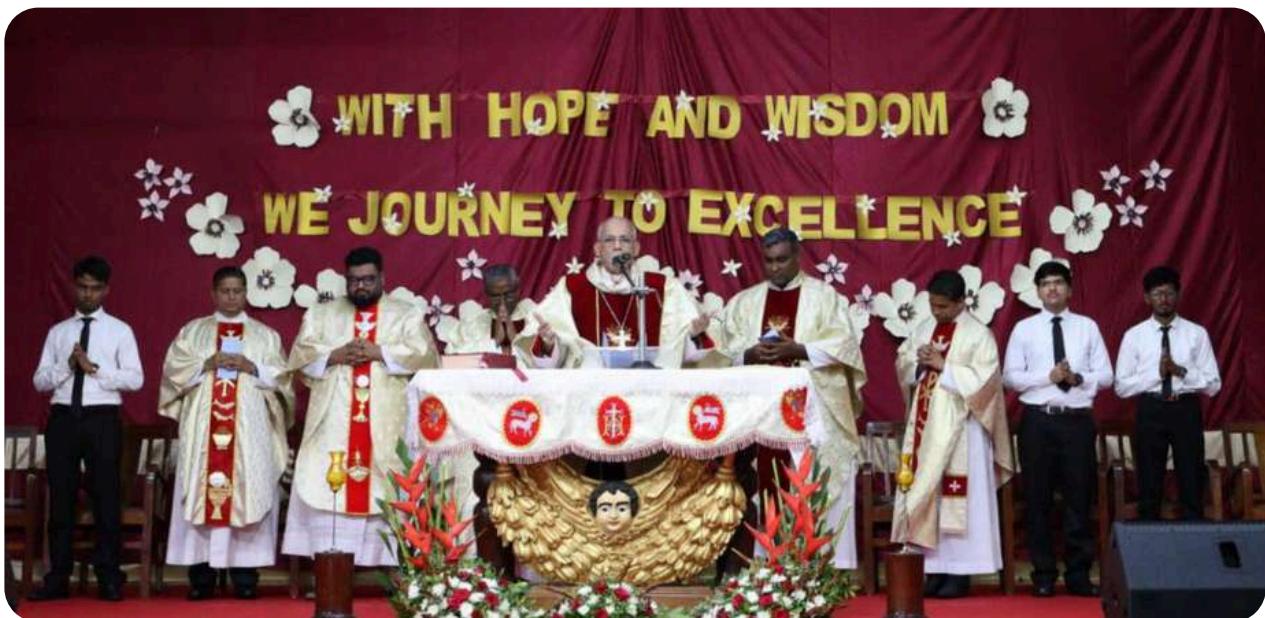
**Football**

## College Activities

St. Xavier's College marked the beginning of its 63<sup>rd</sup> academic year with a solemn Inaugural Ceremony on July 12, 2025. The programme commenced with a Eucharistic celebration presided over by His Eminence Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman. The event revolved around the theme "With Hope and Wisdom, We Journey to Excellence." The ceremonial lamp was lit by the Archbishop, along with key college figures including Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema (Administrator), Fr. Joism D'Souza, Principal Ms. Ursula Barreto, and Vice-Principal Prof. Filipe Rodrigues e Melo. In his welcome address, Fr. Salema inspired the gathering with the words of Pope Francis, urging all to embrace the year ahead with resilience and optimism. Ms. Barreto highlighted the college's academic and co-curricular achievements and expressed gratitude to faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication. She also acknowledged the service of retiring staff members.

Prof. Afonso Botelho delivered the Lectio Brevis titled "Exploring Goan Behaviour in Everyday Life through the Dramatic Lens of Erving Goffman," providing sociological insights into Goan identity and social interaction. Three publications—The Halcyon (edited by Ms. Sunita Mesquita), The Xavierwrite (e-release by Ms. Freda Tavares), and Spectrum (digital release by Mr. Zen Lobo)—were officially launched. Retirees Ms. Alice D'Cruz, Ms. Anuradha Kakodkar, and Mr. Suresh Parsekar were honoured for decades of service.

In his keynote address, Cardinal Ferrão emphasized the importance of gratitude as a foundation for humility and personal growth. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Gema Athaide, followed by a cultural programme featuring classical dance, spoken word, and an a cappella performance by students.





### With Gratitude: A Farewell

On July 12, 2025, the College honoured the dedicated service of teachers Dr. Anuradha Kakodkar and Ms. Alice D'Cruz, along with non-teaching staff member Mr. Suresh Parsekar, who concluded their professional journey with the institution. The programme was marked by warmth, gratitude, and heartfelt appreciation for their invaluable contributions to the academic and administrative life of the college. Colleagues shared fond memories and spoke about the commitment, sincerity, and positive influence the retiring members had on students and staff alike. The occasion reflected on their years of dedicated service, professionalism, and the lasting legacy they leave behind. The farewell concluded with the presentation of tokens of appreciation and best wishes for a fulfilling and healthy post-retirement life, expressing collective gratitude for their unwavering dedication to the institution.



## FY Orientation

The Orientation Programme for First Year BCom students and their parents was held on July 1, 2025 while the orientation for FYBA, FYBSc and self-financed courses were held on July 2, July 3 and July 7, 2025 respectively. Administrator Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema welcome parents and students at all sessions and emphasised discipline, parental involvement, and value-based education as key elements of student development. Principal Ms. Ursula Barretto encouraged students to begin their academic journey with purpose and reminded parents of their essential role in supporting their children.

During the programme, faculty presented an overview of the college's infrastructure, facilities, and support systems such as counselling, mentoring, certificate and value-added courses, cells, and clubs, while stressing the importance of discipline, uniform, and identity card usage. Students and parents were also spoke to on the NEP's flexible, multidisciplinary credit-based structure, and examination ordinance OA 38.14 was also outlined. Librarian Ms. Dakshata Zambaulikar highlighted library services, and faculty members also introduced NSS, NCC, and Sports activities.

**FYBA Orientation**



**FYBCom Orientation**



*Knowledge is power. Information is liberating.  
Education is the premise of progress in every  
society, in every family*

— Kofi Annan



## MoU Activities



**MoU with Xavier Centre of Historical Research Porvorim**, the Department of History conducted an internship programme. Twelve students participated in the programme, working with the visual art of Grittli von Mittwalner. The programme was conducted by Dr. Sharmila Pais and supervised by Fr. Rinald D'Souza, Director of XCHR.

**MoU with Dalgado Konkani Academy:** The Department of Konkani initiated a Certificate Course on Romi Orthography under the MoU. The course commenced in June 2025 and is scheduled to conclude in February 2026. The programme aims to enhance students' linguistic competence in reading, writing, and standardising Konkani in the Romi script, which holds significant cultural and literary importance. A total of 19 students from St. Xavier's College enrolled for the course. The curriculum includes theoretical inputs on the evolution and standardisation of Romi orthography, along with practical writing exercises and guided discussions to ensure accuracy and consistency in usage. The course is jointly coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, Department of Konkani, and Mr. Celso Fernandes, President, DKA. Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes also serves as the Resource Person.



**MoU with GKB Hi Tech Lenses:** The Department of Physics organised a 60-hour internship programme under the MoU with GKB Hi Tech Lenses, Tivim Industrial Estate, Karaswada, Mapusa, under the Memorandum of Understanding signed on February 15, 2025. The internship was conducted from July 3, 2025 and aimed to provide students with practical industrial exposure relevant to their academic learning. The programme offered students

offered students hands-on experience in an industrial environment, enabling them to understand real-world applications of physics concepts in lens manufacturing and related technologies. The internship facilitated interaction with industry professionals and familiarised students with industrial practices, work ethics, and technical processes. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Pradeep Morajkar, with Prof. Nelson Lobo serving as Head and Co-coordinator. A total of five students participated in the internship and successfully completed the required duration. ‘



The 24<sup>th</sup> Shenoi Goembab Kathamall, a prestigious Konkani storytelling competition, was successfully conducted on August 2, 2025, under the **MoU with Konkani Bhasha Mandal (KBM)**, Margao. Held simultaneously at 19 centres across Goa, St. Xavier's College served as the Bardez taluka centre for this state-level literary initiative. The competition aimed to promote the Konkani language and nurture

storytelling skills among school students and was conducted across three categories: Std I-IV, Std V-VII, and Std VIII-X. At the Mapusa centre, 162 students from various schools in Bardez taluka participated enthusiastically, while approximately 1,227 students participated across the state. A panel of 27 judges ensured fair and systematic evaluation. The first and second prize winners from each category qualified for the final round at the state level. The event celebrated young linguistic talent and reinforced collective efforts to preserve and promote Konkani language and culture.



**MoU with BNI:** St. Xavier's College, Mapusa entered into a MoU with BNI on June 27, 2025 with the Centralized Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Cell of the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) and Business Network International (BNI) to foster student mentorship, entrepreneurial guidance, and hyper-local business networking. As part of this collaboration, a World Entrepreneur Day event was held on August 21, 2025 under the theme "Swayampurna Yuva - Viksit Goa" at Terminal Banquets, Caculo Mall, Panaji. The event aimed to encourage entrepreneurial thinking among students and provide access to central and state-level financial and mentoring support. Resource persons, including Mr. Floyd Tavares and Mr. Mousin Shaikh, shared insights on entrepreneurship and business development. BNI and DHE felicitated Mr. Bhikaji Gawade (TYBSc Electronics) as "Young Best Student Entrepreneur." Four students participated, accompanied by faculty coordinators. The initiative strengthened industry-academia collaboration and promoted entrepreneurship among students.

**Under the MoU with Kilowatt** a Roadshow and Pre-Placement Talk was organised on September 10, 2025 by the Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Cell in collaboration with the BBA, BCA, and Mass Communication and Journalism departments of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. The session was held in Room No. 322, Library Block, and was conducted by representatives of Nordic Intent, a venture studio based in Europe and the United States, along with Kilowatt. It enabled students to gain clarity about potential placement opportunities and the importance of skill development. A total of 78 students benefited from the session.

**Internship:** The Department of Konkani organised a 60-hour Internship Programme on Translation and Transliteration in collaboration with **Konkani Bhasha Mandal (KBM)**, Margao, under the existing Memorandum of Understanding. The programme was conducted from September 6-26, 2025. The internship aimed to enhance students' practical language skills and familiarise them with professional applications of Konkani. It comprised two modules of 30 hours each. The Translation module, conducted by Ms. Sneha Sabnis, focused on translating literary and functional texts with attention to accuracy, context, and linguistic nuances. The Transliteration module, handled by Mr. Valley Quadros, trained students in systematic script conversion while maintaining phonetic and linguistic integrity. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes and Ms. Ratnamala Divkar.



**MoU with Prudent Media:** The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism organised an industry visit to Prudent Media (Goa) Pvt. Ltd., Panaji, on September 25, 2025 as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the functioning of television and print newsrooms. Students visited Prudent TV News Channel, The Goan Everyday, and Bhaangarbhui, where they were briefed on newsroom operations, programme production, and news reporting processes by Mr. Kuldeep Asgaonkar, Programme Producer, and Ms. Austina Fernandes, Senior Manager (HR). Mr. Pramod Acharya, Editorial Director, interacted with students on media practices in Goa, emphasizing fact-checking, digital transformation, audience engagement, and ethical challenges in journalism.



**MOU with Kilowott:** St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kilowott on September 30, 2025. The agreement was formalised by Mr. Kirk Duarte (Manager - HR, Kilowott), Ms. Rachel D'Souza (HR Executive), Ms. Ursula Barreto (Officiating Principal), and Ms. Vanessa Zita Furtado (Assistant Professor and Coordinator). The MoU aims to strengthen industry-academia collaboration by providing students with opportunities for internships, live projects, placements, and hands-on learning in the fields of digital strategy, branding, and business consulting. It also seeks to enhance faculty-industry interaction to ensure academic content remains relevant to current market trends. This partnership is expected to enhance student employability, foster innovation, and build stronger linkages between the institution and the corporate world. The MOU is being coordinated by Ms. Vanessa Furtado.

**MoU with Soul Travelling** This year, the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism partnered with a significant stakeholder as part of its MoU with Soul Travelling, who were part of the international Event 'Purple Fest 2025'. Twelve students aided Soul Travelling from October 9-12, 2025.

**MOU with Skills World:** A Memorandum of Understanding between St. Xavier's College and Skills World, Computer Institute was entered into on October 9, 2025. On October 13, 2025, St. Xavier's College, Goa formalized its partnership with the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).





**MoU with Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry:** A Cluster Level Workshop on “MSME – Cost and Competitiveness of MSMEs in India” was held on November 5, 2025 at the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Surendrababu Timblo Convention Hall, Panjim, Goa. The workshop was organised by the Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), Goa, with the objective of understanding challenges faced by MSMEs and exploring strategies to enhance their competitiveness and sustainability. The college was represented by Mr. Bhikaji Gawade (TYBSc) and Ms. Arya Katarpawar (TYBCom), accompanied by Mr. Vernon Desa, faculty member from the BBA Department. The sessions highlighted opportunities and challenges in sectors such as shipbuilding, food processing, and pharmaceuticals. Key issues discussed included access to finance, regulatory constraints, market linkages, and technological adoption. The workshop provided valuable insights into government policies, MSME schemes, and real-world business challenges, enhancing students' understanding of the critical role MSMEs play in India's economic development.

**MoU with St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad:** St. Xavier's College hosted a Student Exchange Programme on November 13, 2025 under the Memorandum of Understanding with St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad. The programme was organised by the Department of Microbiology and aimed to promote academic collaboration, cultural exchange, and mutual learning between the two institutions. A total of 42 undergraduate and postgraduate students from St. Francis College for Women, accompanied by faculty members, participated in the programme. The event began with a prayer service followed by an inaugural session, during which the Officiating Principal highlighted the importance of collaborative learning and exchange initiatives. The academic segment included two technical sessions delivered by faculty members of the Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College, on emerging areas of microbiology. The programme also featured cultural performances showcasing Goan traditions, followed by a guided tour of the campus and laboratories. The exchange programme successfully strengthened academic ties and encouraged future collaborative initiatives between the two institutions.





**Under the MoU with Sodiem Village Panchayat**, a training programme was held on Mushroom Cultivation for women entrepreneurs on September 19, 2025

**MoU with Glenmark Pharmaceuticals:** Five students from Department of Chemistry and Biotechnology were selected under the prestigious ATOM programme of Glenmark industry in the summer vacation. The students experienced and learned various working strategies in the pharmaceutical area. The activity was conducted under the MOU with Glenmark Pharmaceutical Ltd.



**MoU with Kripa Foundation, Anjuna** A Summer Internship Programme was conducted at Kripa Foundation, Anjuna, from May 6, 2025 to June 21, 2025, coordinated by Ms. Elvira Pereira, Assistant Professor and Convenor of the MoU, Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. A total of 26 students participated in the programme. The internship provided students with hands-on exposure to drug de-addiction and rehabilitation services. Participants observed and engaged with various aspects of the rehabilitation process, including counselling sessions, group

sharing activities, and the daily functioning of a therapeutic care setting. The programme helped students understand the psychological, emotional, and social dimensions of addiction and recovery.

International Drug De-addiction Day was observed on June 26, 2025 at Kripa Foundation, Anjuna, with the aim of creating awareness about the growing problem of substance abuse and promoting preventive strategies. The programme was attended by 25 students, accompanied by Ms. Elvira Pereira, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. The event was graced by several dignitaries from law enforcement, social welfare, and allied sectors, including the Superintendent of Police and local MLA Mrs. Delilah Lobo. A key highlight of the programme was an informative session by Mr. Manguesh Pednekar, In-charge of the Anti-Narcotic Cell, who addressed the alarming rise in drug abuse, particularly among youth. He emphasized the role of enforcement agencies and the shared responsibility of educational institutions, families, and society in combating substance misuse.





Certificate Course in Spoken Konkani was successfully conducted from June 24 to July 19, 2024 as a state-level academic initiative. The course was organised by the Department of Konkani, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in collaboration with the **Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr (TSKK), Porvorim**, as part of the MoU between the two institutions. Held at the TSKK Seminar Hall, the course spanned 40 hours

over 20 days, with daily sessions conducted from 2:30-5:30 pm. A total of nine students enrolled in the course, which aimed to strengthen spoken Konkani skills through structured and practical learning. The programme featured expert sessions by distinguished resource persons. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Mr. Silvester Vaz, Ms. Aashita Naik, Fr. Jose Silveira, Ms. Swara Pednekar, and Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, with coordination by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes and Fr. Kelvin Monteiro.

The Abbé Faria Postgraduate Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, organised a one-month internship under its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Sethu Centre for Child Development and Family Guidance, Saligao**, from May 8 to May 31, 2024. The internship was undertaken by Ms. Heloise D'Souza, a postgraduate student of Psychology, with the objective of providing hands-on professional exposure in the field of child development and mental health. The internship offered valuable experiential learning by bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world practice. Ms. D'Souza was exposed to a multidisciplinary clinical environment and observed the work of paediatricians, clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and physiotherapists.

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa in collaboration with **Vidhya Prabhodini College, Porvorim**, organised a lecture on "Electronic Journalism" on October 4, 2025. The programme was conducted as an intercollegiate MoU activity, strengthening academic collaboration between the two institutions. The session was led by Shailendra Mehta, a noted journalist and Konkani writer, who delivered an engaging and informative lecture on the evolving field of electronic journalism. A total of 39 student from both colleges participated in the programme. The lecture was coordinated by Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes. During the session, the speaker discussed the concept, significance, advantages, and limitations of electronic journalism, along with a brief historical overview of electronic media and its impact on contemporary journalism.



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An educational visit to Sangath, Porvorim, was organised on September 16, 2025 for 30 FYBA Psychology (Major) students. The visit formed part of an academic exposure programme, facilitated by an **MoU with Sangath**, aimed at providing students with practical insights into the field of psychology and mental health. During the visit, students attended interactive sessions conducted by professionals associated

with Sangath, who shared their personal experiences and professional journeys. These sessions highlighted the organization's contribution to mental health research, interventions, and community-based work. The open and engaging format encouraged students to ask questions and actively participate in discussions, helping them gain clarity about career opportunities and pathways in psychology. The students were accompanied by Dr. Eulalia Fernandes.



The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with Sangath, organised a workshop titled "Empathy in Action: Building Counselling Skills" on September 30, 2025 for TYBA Psychology students. The workshop witnessed active participation from 26 students and aimed to strengthen practical counselling competencies. Conducted as an activity under the MoU signed under the two institutions, the session was conducted by a resource person.

Ms. Miriam Sequeira, Interventions Program Lead at Sangath. Ms. Sequeira initiated the session by explaining the core foundations of counselling, emphasizing essential qualities such as listening, empathy, and genuineness. She further elaborated on key counselling skills including reflecting feelings, summarizing concerns, and fostering hope in clients. To enhance experiential learning, Ms. Sequeira, along with her colleagues Ms. Lallan and Ms. Sejal, conducted interactive role-plays demonstrating effective counselling techniques. Students actively identified and discussed the skills showcased. The session was coordinated by Dr. Eulalia Fernandes.