



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA -GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Visit to the Goa Book Festival 2026
Date/Duration	4 th to 8 th February 2026
Venue	D.B Bandodkar Ground, Panjim
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Literature Club
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Ms. Sunita Mesquita. Mentor, Literature Club
Stratum of event	--
Report	<p>At a time when most of us are glued to digital screens, the Goa Book Festival 2026 reminded us of the simple joy of reading. Organised by the National Book Trust (NBT) and held in Panjim, the festival brought together book lovers from across the state. Students from the Literature Club of St. Xavier's College visited the festival from 4th to 8th February 2026 and experienced a lively celebration of stories, ideas, and conversations.</p> <p>The festival featured over 200 book stalls by publishers across the country, offering books in English, Konkani, Marathi and other Indian languages. The students explored and interacted with booksellers as well as writers and purchased books at discounted rates. Special exhibitions of children's literature and illustrated works were also on display, highlighting the creative richness of Indian storytelling.</p> <p>Vaibhavi Kerkar from FYBA says "One of the best parts of the festival was definitely the availability of and focus on acclaimed classics, rather than overhyped internet famous books that dominate most other book stores. That being said, there was still an amazing amount of variety in genre and language."</p> <p>Vismaya Raut from SYBA described the store as a haven for book lovers, offering everything from fiction and non-fiction to children's, academic, and competitive exam books. She especially loved the collection of magnetic bookmarks. She mentioned that if not for the limited timings, she could have spent the entire day there. However, choosing a book was difficult, as many titles were already on her</p>

	<p>bucket list.</p> <p>The visit was a valuable academic and cultural experience for the students. It encouraged reading and helped them become familiar with contemporary literary trends. The festival highlighted the continued importance of books in the present digital age.</p>
Photographs	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Book-Festival-at-Panjim.pdf</p>