



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Name of Activity	“Biowizards -Potential Unleashed”
Date/ Duration	9 February 2026, 9.00 am to 4.30 pm
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Biotechnology
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Event Co ordinator	Mr. Vishal Mardolkar
Stratum of Event	Inter Higher Secondary Event
Name & details of Chief Guest if any	Mr. Donovan Rodrigues, Co-founder of MyOwnBrews
Report	<p>The Department of Biotechnology successfully organized the 9th edition of an Inter Higher Secondary event “Biowizards – Potential Unleashed” bringing together budding scientists under the dynamic theme “<i>BioFrontiers – Innovating Tomorrow.</i>” The event was conceptualized as a vibrant platform to ignite curiosity, creativity, and scientific thinking among higher secondary students, while familiarizing them with the ever-expanding frontiers of biotechnology and its transformative role in shaping the future. The seminar hall resonated with enthusiasm and anticipation as participants from various institutions gathered to showcase their knowledge, innovation, and talent.</p> <p>The inaugural ceremony commenced on an auspicious note with an invocation, setting a reflective and positive tone for the event. This was followed by the ceremonial watering of the plant by the dignitaries on the dais, symbolizing growth, knowledge, and new beginnings. The Principal In-Charge and Administrator formally welcomed the gathering and addressed the participants, highlighting the achievements and vision of the department and emphasizing how Biowizards serves as a catalyst in inspiring students to explore diverse academic and professional avenues in biotechnology and allied sciences. During the inaugural function, the departmental newsletter titled “<i>Sequence – Unravel Yourself</i>” was officially released at the hands of the dignitaries on the dais along with the editor of the newsletter, Dr. Larissa Menezes, marking another significant milestone for the department. The inaugural ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by the event coordinator, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, participating institutions, faculty members, student volunteers, and all contributors who made the event possible.</p>

	<p>The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from five Higher Secondary Schools, namely St. Xavier’s Higher Secondary School, Mapusa; Shri Vijayanand Dnyan Sauntha’s Higher Secondary School, Mayem; Diago Vaz Higher Secondary School, Colvale; Harmal Panchakrushi Higher Secondary School, Harmal and Shri Shantadurga Higher Secondary School, Bicholim. A total of 70 students actively competed across eight thoughtfully curated competitions aligned with the central theme. The competitions included Biogeniuses, which tested scientific aptitude and analytical reasoning; Biocanvas, blending artistic expression with scientific imagination; Biobuild, encouraging innovation and structural creativity; Biopitch, where entrepreneurial and research-based ideas were presented; Voguesta, integrating thematic expression and presentation skills; Silent Stage, showcasing creativity beyond words; Reelgenix, focusing on digital storytelling and scientific awareness; and Meme-tosis, creatively communicating science through humor and wit. Each competition provided a dynamic space for students to demonstrate their multifaceted talents, ensuring that both intellect and imagination were celebrated.</p> <p>The atmosphere throughout the day was marked by vibrant energy, healthy competition, and collaborative spirit. Participants displayed remarkable confidence, originality, and scientific insight, reflecting the event’s success in nurturing young talent. After an engaging series of performances and competitive rounds, St. Xavier’s Higher Secondary School emerged as the Overall Champion of Biowizards 9th Edition, followed by Harmal Panchakrushi Higher Secondary School as the First Runner-up and Shri Shantadurga Higher Secondary School as the Second Runner-up. Winners of the individual competitions were also felicitated with certificates and prizes in recognition of their excellence and dedication.</p> <p>The event culminated in a brief valedictory segment during which the Chief Guest, Mr. Donovan Rodrigues, Co-founder of MyOwnBrews, addressed the gathering and shared his inspiring journey from being a biotechnology student to establishing himself as an entrepreneur. He elaborated on how biotechnology shaped his professional outlook, nurtured his innovative thinking, and influenced his current venture. His interaction encouraged students to think beyond conventional career pathways and to embrace innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and entrepreneurship. The closing moments of the programme reflected a sense of achievement, inspiration, and renewed enthusiasm among participants.</p>
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List of participants with signatures	NA
Certificate	NA