



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	‘From News to Use: Handmade Newspaper Bags for a Greener Tomorrow’
Date/ Duration	2.1.2026 to 14.1.2026.
Venue	Mapusa, Tivim, Calangute, Pernem, Saligao, Aldona, Calvim and Candolim.
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Economics
In collaboration with	Not applicable
Name/s of Faculty Co-ordinator	Ms. Ana Andrade e Souza
Stratum of Event	North Goa
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Not applicable
Report	<p>The Department of Economics engaged in a paper bag-making initiative over a period of two weeks</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Promote Eco-Friendly Alternatives – Encourage the use of newspaper bags as a sustainable replacement for plastic bags while fostering teamwork and social responsibility. 2.Reduce Waste and Reuse Materials – Utilize old newspapers to create useful products, minimizing paper waste. 3.Raise Environmental Awareness – Educate people about the harmful effects of plastic pollution and the importance of sustainable practices. 4.Foster Sustainable Habits – Inspire long-term environmental responsibility and encourage everyday eco-friendly choices. <p>83 students across the Commerce and Arts streams participated enthusiastically in the Paper bags project. Each student had to make and distribute 25 bags each. The 2075 paper bags were distributed to hardware shops, stationery shops, general stores, chemists, restaurants, bakeries, tailors, paint shops as well as food stalls. This approach helped spread awareness across a variety of businesses across different pockets of North Goa like Mapusa, Tivim, Calangute, Pernem, Saligao, Aldona, Calvim and Candolim. Each student personally handed over their paper bags, explaining the importance of reducing plastic usage. The shopkeepers appreciated the initiative and welcomed the idea of using paper bags. To document the process, students took photographs with the shopkeepers and collected their signatures. This interaction allowed students to engage with the local business community and understand their perspectives on sustainability.</p> <p>The response from the beneficiaries was very positive. Many expressed gratitude for the thoughtful effort and recognized the importance of shifting to sustainable practices. They appreciated the students’ work and showed interest in using paper bags in their businesses. Beyond promoting sustainability, the activity encouraged teamwork and collaboration among students. Working together to create and distribute</p>

	<p>paper bags strengthened their communication and organizational skills. It also provided practical exposure to real-world social responsibility, making the learning experience more impactful.</p> <p>At the end of the project, each group submitted a detailed report to the teacher, reflecting on their experiences. This initiative was not only educational but also rewarding, leaving a lasting impact on all participants. The success of this activity serves as inspiration for future projects that promote environmental awareness and community engagement.</p> <p>OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Reduced Plastic Usage – Increased adoption of newspaper bags as an alternative to plastic. 2.Waste Reduction – Effective reuse of old newspapers, minimizing paper waste. 3.Environmental Awareness – Greater public understanding of sustainability and eco-friendly practices. 4.Long-Term Impact – Encouragement of sustainable habits and continued eco-conscious behaviour. <p>BENEFICIARIES: Hardware shops, stationery shops, general stores, chemists, restaurants, bakeries, tailors, paint shops as well as food stalls, spread across a variety of businesses across different pockets of North Goa like Mapusa, Tivim, Calangute, Pernem, Saligao, Aldona, Calvim and Candolim</p>
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Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/images-for-From-News-to-Use-Handmade-Newspaper-Bags-for-a-Greener-Tomorrow.pdf
List of participants with signatures	Not Applicable
Certificate	Not Applicable