



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Careers Guidance Session “Food Safety Professionals: Roles, Regulations and Career Opportunities”
Date/ Duration	13 th March 2026
Venue	Seminar Hall, St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa-Goa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Microbiology
In collaboration with	Microbiologists Society India
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. Valerie Gonsalves
Stratum of Event	College Level
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Ms. Safia Khan, Food Safety Officer, The Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration (FDA), Bambolim - Goa
Report	<p>This Career Guidance session was held to create awareness among students about food safety practices from a consumer’s perspective, to introduce career opportunities in the food sector and to provide guidance on starting a food-related business and the precautions involved. The session began with an introduction to food safety from a consumer’s point of view, emphasizing the importance of hygiene, quality standards, and informed choices. The speaker then guided students through the process of starting a food business, highlighting the necessary precautions, legal requirements, and good manufacturing practices. Further, Government initiatives aimed at strengthening food safety were also discussed. Additionally, the students were introduced to diverse career opportunities in the food industry and the role of FDA Goa.</p> <p>The students gained awareness about safe food practices and consumer responsibilities. Through the session the students understood the process of starting and managing a food business. The were exposed to careers in the food sector. The session was attended by 109 students from the Department of Biotechnology, Botany and Microbiology.</p>
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