



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Intercollegiate Event "PARADOX"
Date/ Duration	01 day, 23 rd February 2026, 09:00 am – 04:30 pm
Venue	Seminar Hall , St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – Goa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Mathematics
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. B.C.NAIR , MR.SOHAM G ASHVEKAR
Stratum of Event	Intercollegiate
Name & details of Chief Guest/s if any	Mr. Shivaji Shripad Gaonkar HOD, Department of Mathematics, St.Xavier Higher Secondary School, Mapusa Goa.
Report	<p>PARADOX 2026 — Event Report</p> <p>PARADOX, an intercollegiate event organised by the Department of Mathematics, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, was held on 23 February 2026 to commemorate National Mathematics Day. The programme opened with a moving prayer performed by students accompanied by violin and guitar, setting a reflective and focused tone for the day. The inaugural session featured the presence of Ms. Ursula Barreto (Officiating Principal) and Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema (Administrator). Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema delivered the welcome address, after which Dr. Balakrishnan C. Nair, Head of the Department of Mathematics, addressed the gathering outlining the objectives and academic spirit of the fest. The formal opening was announced by the chief guest, Mr. Shivaji Gaonkar, HOD, Department of Mathematics, St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Mapusa, who declared PARADOX officially open. Student coordinator Mr. Daniel Pinto Abreo then described the day's proceedings and logistics to participants and guests, ensuring clarity on event flow and rules; the inaugural proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Anson Fernandes, the second student coordinator. The on-stage segments were smoothly compered by</p>

	<p>SYBSc Mathematics majors Miss Pearl Fernandes and Mr. Neil Vaz, whose clear announcements and timekeeping helped maintain momentum throughout the day.</p> <p>Nine college teams participated in a full programme that blended intellectual, creative and physical challenges: Prime Olympiad, GeoGebra-Art, The Gordian Knot, Co-ordinate Quest, Fractal Lens, 67 (Meme Making), Absurdus!, MET-GAMMA, Trajectory, and Mr & Ms Paradox. After closely contested rounds and consistent performances across Set A and Set B events, Carmel's College of Arts and Science, Nuvem emerged as overall winners, with Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal finishing as runners-up. Several judges—many of whom are proud alumni of St. Xavier's College—brought experience and impartiality to adjudication, contributing to fair and respected outcomes.</p> <p>A remarkable team of 70 volunteers drawn from FY, SY and TY BSc Mathematics students worked tirelessly behind the scenes; they managed registration, timekeeping, venue logistics, PC setups for GeoGebra, clue placements for the Co-ordinate Quest, backstage coordination, and documentation. Their dedication was instrumental in the smooth fruition of the event and in providing visiting teams with timely assistance. Technical arrangements, including PCs for digital events and AV for on-stage rounds, functioned effectively, and refreshments and lunch were provided as planned. Highlights of the day included inventive GeoGebra artworks, striking nature-inspired photographs in Fractal Lens, a tense and exciting Co-ordinate Quest, and entertaining stand-up acts in Absurdus! that engaged the audience.</p> <p>Organisers observed that while the event ran successfully overall, tighter time buffers between rounds and earlier circulation of submission specifications would improve future editions; publishing interim leaderboards and assigning a dedicated media volunteer would further enhance spectator engagement and publicity. In conclusion, PARADOX 2026 achieved its aim of promoting deeper mathematical thinking, creativity and inter-college camaraderie. The combined efforts of the organising committee, judges, chief guest, student coordinators, comperes, and the 70 student volunteers made the fest a memorable and educational success.</p>
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