



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	INNOVATEX-2026 AI for Sustainable Development, Ideathon Challenge
Date/Duration	16th March 2026
Venue	Conference Hall (Post Graduation Block)
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Science And Technology Club Of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Faculty Coordinator:- 1. Ms. Nerisa Lobo(Biotechnology Dept) 2. Ms. Emma Fernandes (Biotechnology Dept) Student Coordinator:- Ms. Lizanne D'souza (SY BSC Microbiology)
Stratum of Event	InnovateX 2026 brought together student teams from diverse academic disciplines for a two-stage ideathon, comprising abstract submission and a final presentation round. Participants worked in teams of two, proposing AI-driven solutions aligned with the theme " <i>AI for Sustainable Development</i> " and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Shortlisted teams presented their ideas on 16th March 2026 in the Conference Hall before a panel of judges. The event was efficiently organised by the Science & Technology Club, with student coordinators managing operations under the guidance of faculty mentors.
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	

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Introduction

The Science & Technology Club of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa–Goa, organized **InnovateX 2026 – Ideathon Challenge** as part of its National Science Day initiative. The event aimed to foster innovation, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration among students by encouraging them to develop solution-oriented ideas addressing real-world challenges.

About Event

InnovateX 2026 was centered around the theme “*AI for Sustainable Development.*” The event provided a platform for students to conceptualize and present innovative solutions aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with an emphasis on meaningful integration of Artificial Intelligence.

Participants were encouraged to identify real-world problems and propose feasible, impactful, and technology-driven solutions.

Event Structure

The competition was conducted in two stages:

- **Round 1 – Abstract Submission:**
A total of **8 teams** participated in this round by submitting structured abstracts outlining their problem statement, SDG relevance, proposed solution, and AI integration.
- **Round 2 – Final Presentation:**
Based on evaluation, **6 teams were shortlisted** for the final round. Each team was allotted **6–7 minutes for presentation**, followed by a brief **Q&A session**.

The final round was conducted on **16th March 2026** at the college premises, followed by evaluation and prize distribution.

Judging Panel

The event was evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges:

- **Ms. Emma Fernandes**, Department of Biotechnology
- **Ms. Vilma Fernandes**, Department of Electronics
- **Mr. Soham Ashwekar**, Department of Mathematics

Participation

The event witnessed participation from student teams representing diverse academic backgrounds. Teams of two collaborated to present interdisciplinary ideas, contributing to a dynamic exchange of perspectives and solutions.

Outcome and Winners

	<p>The competition showcased innovative ideas addressing contemporary challenges through AI-based solutions. Based on evaluation criteria such as innovation, feasibility, SDG alignment, and presentation quality, the top teams were selected.</p> <p>Winners List:</p> <p>First Place: Team Name: CODE RED Participants: SMRITI S. NAIK — S.Y.BCA TASMIYA KHANUM SOUDAGAR — S.Y.BCA Project Title: CIVIC BHARAT</p> <p>Second Place: Team Name: DATA DYNAMOS Participants: JENISH EDWIN — T Y BCOM RITESH NILESH LONI — T.Y.B.COM Project Title: STARTSMART A</p> <p>Additionally, as per the event initiative, mentorship support will be provided to the 1st and 2nd place teams to further develop their ideas.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>InnovateX 2026 successfully fulfilled its objective of promoting innovation and analytical thinking among students. The event served as a valuable platform for exploring the intersection of technology and sustainability, encouraging participants to think beyond conventional approaches.</p> <p>The Science & Technology Club looks forward to organizing future editions of InnovateX with enhanced participation and continued emphasis on impactful innovation.</p>
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