



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	Field Trip to Nestle India Ltd, Ponda
Date/ Duration	10am -12.30pm on 28 th March 2026
Venue	Nestle chocolate factory, Ponda
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Biotechnology
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr Larissa Menezes
Stratum of Event	Departmental
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	N/A
Report	<p>As part of the practical component of the major paper GBT-322 Food Biotechnology offered during Semester VI, a field trip was organized to Nestle India Ltd, chocolate factory at Ponda. 19 TYBSc Biotech students accompanied by Dr Larissa Menezes, teacher-in charge arrived at the factory by 10am. On arrival, Ms Prithvy Velingkar, HR incharge and our point of contact, briefed everyone about the tuct procedures of attire and behaviour at the factory during visits. All 20 visitors were provided safety shoes, full lab gowns, and passed through thorough vacuuming, lint removal and disinfection of hands and gowns, prior to entering the production area. Mr Sawant explained about the various procedures of machine manufacturing of kitkat production line- baking of wafer, cooling and maturing, layering with chocolate, moulding to make finger, cooling and drying demoulding, wrapping and packaging were all observed. German machinery was used by skilled and trained employees. Initial separate rooms of raw material mixing, sieving of cocoa powder to make the molten chocolate, etc., was shown and explained. Final boxing of individual kitkats and paleting was fully automated, which was explained to be a recent upgrade. The visitors were then given refreshments and a Q & A session took place with Ms Prithvy, where she explained how they source raw materials, how HACCP is followed and how they deal with inflation. Students were enlightened about job opportunities at Nestle. It was an enjoyable and enlightening trip.</p>
Brochure/Poster	N/A
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Images-of-Field-Trip-to-Nestle-India-Ltd-Ponda.pdf

List of participants with signatures	NA
Certificate	NA