



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-2026

Name of Activity	Outstation trip to Thrissur, Kerala
Date/ Duration	25 November 2025 – 30 November 2025.
Venue	Thrissur Kerala
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Biotechnology
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Ms. Jocelyn Fernandes, Mr. Vishal Mardolkar
Stratum of Event	Department level
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	
Report	<p>. The Department of Biotechnology organized an outstation academic visit combined with participation in a National Symposium titled “Advances in Cancer Research: Taming Cancer – Progress and Promises,” at the Amala Cancer Research Centre, Thrissur, Kerala. This programme was undertaken in collaboration with TripsJunction Travel Agency and involved the active participation of faculty members Ms. Jocelyn Fernandes and Mr. Vishal Mardolkar, along with eleven Third Year B.Sc. Biotechnology students, namely Taniel Pereira, Abhidnya Sawant, Alethea Fernandes, Blossom Barreto, Jyoti Jadhav, Pooja Lamani, Mitali Bagkar, Jaherul Mallick, Saloni Sangodkar, Shreyash Gawas, and Kushi Yadav. The academic excursion was designed with the primary objective of exposing students to contemporary developments and emerging trends in the field of cancer research, thereby enhancing their theoretical understanding of cancer biology, diagnostic methodologies, and therapeutic interventions. Additionally, the programme aimed to bridge the gap between classroom-based learning and real-world scientific research by facilitating direct interaction with eminent scientists, clinicians, and researchers, thus providing students with valuable insights into ongoing advancements in oncology and biomedical sciences.</p> <p>A significant component of this visit was the participation of the students in the two-day National Symposium conducted on 27 and 28 November 2025 at the Amala Cancer Research Centre, Thrissur, which served as a platform for academic enrichment and scientific exchange. The symposium brought together distinguished experts from reputed national institutions who delivered comprehensive lectures and presentations on a wide range of topics pertinent to cancer research. These included cancer</p>

	<p>therapeutics, clinical challenges in oncology, advancements in genomics and epigenomics, tumor metabolism, and innovative treatment strategies that are currently being explored in translational and clinical research. Through these sessions, students were introduced to cutting-edge research methodologies, novel diagnostic approaches, and evolving therapeutic paradigms that are shaping the future of cancer treatment. The exposure to such high-level scientific discourse not only broadened their academic perspectives but also enabled them to appreciate the complexity and interdisciplinary nature of cancer research. In addition to gaining academic knowledge, students were also able to explore potential career opportunities in oncology, biotechnology, and related biomedical fields, thereby aligning their academic interests with future professional aspirations.</p> <p>Beyond the academic component, the programme was thoughtfully structured to include cultural and educational visits to prominent heritage sites in Kochi, thereby ensuring a holistic learning experience. The students visited historically significant locations such as the Dutch Palace, Hill Palace, and Fort Kochi, which provided them with insights into the rich cultural heritage and historical legacy of the region. These visits not only served as a means of relaxation after intensive academic sessions but also contributed to the overall development of the students by broadening their cultural awareness and appreciation for history. The integration of cultural exploration with academic learning played a crucial role in making the programme more engaging and memorable, as it allowed students to experience a balance between intellectual growth and cultural enrichment.</p> <p>Overall, the outstation trip and participation in the National Symposium proved to be a highly informative and enriching experience for all participants. The programme successfully fulfilled its objectives by providing students with valuable exposure to advanced research in cancer biology and by fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the field of oncology. It also contributed significantly to the academic growth of the students by enhancing their knowledge base, stimulating their interest in research, and encouraging them to think critically about scientific problems. Moreover, the inclusion of cultural visits added an important dimension to the programme, promoting holistic development and making the experience both educational and enjoyable.</p>
Brochure/Poster	NA
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Images-of-Outstation-trip-to-Thrissur-Kerala.pdf
List of participants with signatures	NA
Certificate	NA