



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2024-25

Name of Activity	One-Day National Seminar titled “Decolonizing Ethnography: Critical Sociological and Philosophical Perspectives on the Tribes of Goa”
Date/ Duration	20 February 2026
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Departments of Sociology and Philosophy
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Convenors: Prof. (Dr.) Afonso Botelho HOD, Dept. of Sociology & Ms. Aletthra C. Vieira, Assoc. Professor & HOD, Dept. of Philosophy Organising Secretary: Sayed Rizwana P. Organizing Committee: Dr. Shefali Kale, Ms. Elizabeth Bara, Ms. Shivani Calangutcar, Ms. Simran Kumar & Ms. Chanda Acharya
Stratum of Event	National
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi. Prof. Xaxa is a leading scholar in Tribal and Adivasi Studies in India.
Report	<p>The Departments of Sociology and Philosophy of St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa-Goa, jointly organised a One-Day National Seminar on 20 February 2026 titled “Decolonizing Ethnography: Critical Sociological and Philosophical Perspectives on the Tribes of Goa.” The seminar aimed to encourage critical engagement with ethnographic traditions and to explore sociological and philosophical perspectives on the study of tribal communities, particularly in the Goan context.</p> <p>In his keynote address, Prof. Xaxa reflected on the historical biases embedded in the understanding of tribal communities due to colonial influences. He also discussed the question of who constitutes a tribe and underscored the importance of studying tribal societies through both sociological and philosophical perspectives. The Seminar included two technical sessions, titled “Decolonizing History, Identity, and Institutions.” and “Ritual, Livelihood, and Resistance in the</p>

	Tribal Landscape.” Prof. Ganesha Somayaji, Chief Guest for the valedictory programme spoke on the importance of understanding tribal communities within their historical and cultural contexts.
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