



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2025-26

Name of Activity	<i>Herança Portuguesa</i> <i>A Day dedicated to Portuguese Language & Culture</i>
Date/Duration	28/04/2026 8.30 am to 1.30 pm
Venue	Seminar Hall
Name of organizing Department/Cell	The Cell for Promoting Diversity and Inclusion of St. Xavier's College
In collaboration with	in collaboration with the <i>Fundação Oriente</i> , Panjim
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Fr. Dr. Ramiro Luis - Coordinator Dr Sharmila Pais Ms Sunita Mr Vijay Talvar Mr Herwin Furtado Dr Kshipra Vora Ms Jonquil Sudhir
Stratum of Event	<i>Cultural and Educational Event</i> <i>Inter-school / Inter-institutional Event</i>
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	Dr. Paulo Gomes – Chief Guest Director of Fundacao Oriente
Report	<i>Herança Portuguesa – A Day for Portuguese Language & Culture</i> <i>Herança Portuguesa</i> , a vibrant celebration of Portuguese language and culture, was organized by the Cell for Promoting Diversity & Inclusion of St. Xavier's College,

Mapusa–Goa, in collaboration with Fundação Oriente, on 28th April 2026 at the Seminar Hall of the College. A total of 12 teams participated in the event, including 8 schools and 4 Higher Secondary Schools of North Goa.

The programme commenced with a prayer, invoking God’s blessings on the gathering. The event was gracefully compered by Dr. Sharmila Pais and Dr. Arina Frank, who ensured the smooth flow of the programme with poise and enthusiasm. This was followed by the Opening Remarks delivered by Rev. Dr. Ramiro Luis, the coordinator of the event, who warmly welcomed the dignitaries and highlighted the importance of appreciating the Portuguese cultural heritage in Goa.

The Officiating Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto, addressed the gathering, encouraging students to value linguistic diversity and cultural roots. The Chief Guest, Dr. Paulo Gomes, Director of Fundação Oriente, delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the role of such collaborations in strengthening cultural ties and promoting mutual understanding. He also expressed the need to study one foreign language.

The cultural segment of the programme showcased a rich blend of performances and activities. The musical presentation “Fado meets Dekhnni” by the Xavier’s ensemble beautifully fused Portuguese and Goan musical traditions. This was followed by a Portuguese Reading contest, where students demonstrated clarity and confidence in the language. A Canva painting activity also formed part of the event, allowing participants to creatively express Portuguese cultural themes through art.

The audience was then treated to a lively Goan dance performance by the students, followed by the screening of reels prepared by the participating teams for the Reel Making Contest, creatively capturing elements of Portuguese influence in Goa. The Portuguese Dance Performance by the BBA students added grace and vibrancy to the event.

One of the highlights of the day was the *Personalidade Portuguesa* Contest, where participants showcased their knowledge, personality, and connection to Portuguese culture with great enthusiasm.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks

	<p>proposed by Mr. Herwin Furtado, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, organizers, participants, and collaborators for making the event a grand success. This was followed by the Prize Distribution ceremony, recognizing the efforts and talents of the participants. The event came to a fitting close with the College Anthem.</p>
Brochure/Poster	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/poster-of-Heranca-Portuguesa.pdf</p>
Photographs	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Photos-of-Heranca-Portuguesa.pdf</p>
List of participants With signatures	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/participants-of-Heranca-Portuguesa.pdf</p>
Certificate	<p>https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Certificate-of-Heranca-Portuguesa.pdf</p>