



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2026- 2027

Name of Activity	"Kathapatt Series VII"
Date/ Duration	4 th July – 25 th July 2026
Venue	Held Online
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Konkani
In collaboration with	Ashawadi Prakashan Goa Konkani Akademi Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Akademi Dalgado Konkani Akademi St. Aloysius University (Deemed) Fr. Agnel College Pilar, Carmel College Nuvem Rosary College Navelim Govt. College Pernem College of Arts, Delim Govt. College Quepem.
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. Fr. Luis Xavier Gomes
Stratum of Event	Collegiate
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Dr. Chandralekha D'Souza Fr. Luis Gomes Anju Sakhardande Dharma Chodankar Dr. Reshma A. Kholkar
Report	St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in association with Ashawadi Prakashan, participated in the International Webinar Series – KATHAPATT, Series VII, a webinar series dedicated to the study of Konkani short stories. The programme was organised in collaboration with Goa Konkani Akademi, Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Akademi and Dalgado Konkani Akademi, with the association of St. Aloysius University (Deemed), Fr. Agnel College Pilar, Carmel College Nuvem, Rosary College Navelim, Govt. College Pernem, College of Arts, Delim and Govt. College Quepem. The series was supported by Michael D'Souza, Dubai, and focused on the short stories of noted Konkani writer Edwin JF D'Souza. The programme brought

	together eminent writers, scholars, editors and academics, including participants with international connections. The Inaugural Webinar, held on 4 July 2026, featured Jane Edwin D’Souza, Author and Columnist, as the inaugurator. The keynote speakers included Dr. Chandralekha D’Souza, retired HOD, Goa University; Fr. Luis Gomes, St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa; Anju Sakhardande, Dhempe College, Miramar; and several prominent authors and editors. The second webinar, held on 11 July 2026, featured Dharma Chodankar, HOD of Konkani, St. Xavier’s College, Goa, who presented a paper on Edwin JF D’Souza’s best short stories. The third webinar, held on 18 July 2026, featured Dr. Chandralekha D’Souza, who presented a review of Chol Don Chondrank, described as a book consisting of study articles on Edwin JF D’Souza’s stories. Dr. Reshma A. Kholkar, Assistant Professor of Konkani, Govt. College, Khandola, presented a paper on Edwin JF D’Souza’s best short stories. The series concluded with the Valedictory Webinar on 25 July 2026. Ms. Ursula Barreto, Principal, St. Xavier’s College, Goa, inaugurated the session. The chief guests and participants included Dr. Ramu Murthy, Principal, Dhempe College, Goa; Dr. Austin D’Souza Prabhu, USA, Editor, Veez e-weekly; Dharma Chodankar, HOD of Konkani, St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa; Fr. Luis Gomes; Fr. Chetan Lobo, Editor, Kuttmacho Sevak; Dr. Chandralekha D’Souza, retired HOD, Goa University; Prakash D. Naik and Mahesh R. Nayak, publishers of Kallachchu Prakashan; Monica Dsa Mathias, Dublin, award-winning author; and Anju Sakhardande, Dhempe College, Miramar. The participation of Dr. Austin D’Souza Prabhu from the USA and Monica Dsa Mathias from Dublin, along with the support of Michael D’Souza from Dubai, gave the programme a distinct international dimension. Their participation also demonstrated the wider reach of Konkani literature and its continued engagement with Konkani writers, scholars and literary enthusiasts beyond India. The International Webinar Series provided an important platform for the academic study of Edwin JF D’Souza’s short stories and encouraged interaction among writers, researchers, teachers, editors and students. The active involvement of St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa, through its Department of Konkani, contributed significantly to the academic and literary objectives of the series.
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	The successful organisation of KATHAPATT – Series VII is also a significant activity under the MoU between St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa and Ashawadi Prakashan, strengthening institutional collaboration in the promotion, study and development of Konkani language and literature.
Beneficiaries	110
Brochure/Poster	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/poster-of-Kathapatt-Series-VII.pdf
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/images-of-Kathapatt-Series-VII.pdf
List of participants with signatures	NA
Certificate	NA