



ST.XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSAGOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2026-27

Name of Activity	Sustainable Tourism Field Trip to Tato Kulagar. Chorao Island.
Date/Duration	29/08/2026 @ 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM
Venue	Tato Kulagar Chorao
Name of organizing Department/Cell	BBA (Travel and Tourism)
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Ms.Chelsea Martins and Ms.Sarita Mahale
Stratum of Event	NA
Name & details of Resource Person/s	Mr. Machindranath Kauthankar
Report	Our field trip to Tato Kulagar Spice Farm on Chorao Island provided us with a valuable practical understanding of sustainable farming, rural livelihoods, traditional Goan practices, and community-based ecotourism. The visit offered an opportunity to move beyond classroom learning and experience firsthand how tourism can contribute to environmental conservation, cultural preservation, and rural development. During the visit, Mr. Machindranath Kauthankar introduced us to the history and significance of the farm. He explained that the name <i>Kulagar</i> is derived from the words <i>kul</i>, meaning family, and <i>agar</i>, referring to a home or plantation. The farm has been traditionally managed by his family and has supported generations through environmentally friendly agricultural practices. Its continued operation demonstrates how traditional knowledge and sustainable practices can contribute to the livelihoods of future generations. Chorao Island, the largest of Goa's 17 islands, is also known for its rich biodiversity and is home to more than 50 species of birds. The island houses the Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, making it an important destination for nature and bird enthusiasts. During the visit, we learnt about the traditional Khazan land system, an ingenious system of land and water management developed to support agriculture and fishing in Goa. The system uses wooden sluice gates, locally known as <i>manos</i>, which work in harmony with the tides. These gates prevent saline river water from entering agricultural fields during high tide while allowing

	excess rainwater to drain during low tide. This traditional form of natural engineering continues to support both farming and local fishing communities. The visit also highlighted the role of community-based tourism in rural development. To promote tourism in village areas and generate employment opportunities for local communities, Tato Kulagar has partnered with a tourism agency to offer visitors an authentic experience of Goa's flora, fauna, food, and cultural traditions. This initiative helps present Goa as a destination that extends beyond its popular beaches and nightlife, showcasing its rich rural heritage and natural environment. One of the most memorable experiences of the visit was the hands-on workshop on preparing Patoli, a traditional Goan sweet. We collected fresh turmeric leaves, washed them, and prepared the rice-flour dough. The dough was then filled with a delicious mixture of grated coconut and jaggery, folded into the turmeric leaves, and steamed. The activity allowed us to experience Goan culinary traditions while understanding how local ingredients and traditional cooking methods contribute to cultural sustainability. Following the workshop, we explored the spice plantation, which contains more than 1,000 plants. We observed a variety of traditional agricultural practices and came across non-electric stone tools such as the <i>rogdo</i>, a traditional wet grinder, and the <i>fanto</i> or <i>danto</i>, traditionally used as a flour mill. These tools demonstrated how communities have historically relied on simple, locally available resources while minimising dependence on electricity and modern machinery. Our exploration continued through the mini agricultural fields towards the quarry and the riverside, where we observed the traditional wooden boats used by local fishermen. This part of the visit helped us understand the close relationship between the island's natural environment, agriculture, fishing, and the livelihoods of its communities. The field trip concluded with an authentic Goan meal. The experience ended on an interactive note with a bird identification activity, where we tested our knowledge by identifying and arranging local bird species.
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Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/images-of-Sustainable-Tourism-Field-Trip-to-Tato-Kulagar.-Chorao-Island.pdf
List of participants With signatures	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/attendance-of-Sustainable-Tourism-Field-Trip-to-Tato-Kulagar.-Chorao-Island.-.pdf

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