



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2026-27

Name of Activity	11 th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF INNOVATION: GOA'S YOUNG INNOVATORS
Date/Duration	29 th September, 2026 Half day event
Venue	Seminar Hall St. Xavier's College, Mapusa - Goa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	Department of Chemistry St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – Goa In Collaboration With the IIC of SXC
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Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Ms. Sheryl D'Cruz Assistant Professor St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – Goa
Stratum of Event	A one day State level workshop for students from various Schools, HSS and Colleges across Goa.
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	Mr. Bhikaji Gawade, STEM enthusiast and Innovator
Report	The Department of Chemistry, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised the 11th Annual Festival of Innovation: Goa's Young Innovators on 29th September 2026, in commemoration of the Birth Centenary celebrations of Late Rev. Dr. Nicolau Pereira, the longest-serving Principal of the College. The programme began with an address by the Principal, Prof. Ursula Barreto, who acknowledged the dignitaries and the gathering. She spoke about the remarkable growth of St. Xavier's College since its inception under the able leadership of Late Rev. Fr. Nicolau Pereira. This was followed by the welcome address by Ms. Janesline Fernandes, Head of the Department of Chemistry, who warmly welcomed the dignitaries and participants. She noted that the festival is not just a competition, but an opportunity for young minds to innovate and showcase their creativity. The event was graced by Shri Kabir Shirgaonkar, Director (Information Technology, Electronics & Communication), Director of the Startup &

	IT Promotion Cell (SITPC) & MD, Info Tech Corporation of Goa Ltd., as the Chief Guest. He provided valuable insights into the various start-up schemes and opportunities available for young innovators in Goa. Mr. Bhikaji Gawade, STEM enthusiast and Innovator, was the Keynote Speaker for the occasion. In his inspiring address, he encouraged students to realize their inner strengths and emphasized that knowing one's own attributes is crucial to becoming a great innovator. A total of 28 institutions from across Goa participated in the festival, making the campus an arena vibrant with enthusiastic young innovators and their splendid creations. The event was co-ordinated by Ms. Sheryl D'Cruz and was compered by FYBSc students, Ms. Swella Miranda and Mr. Aaron Almeida. The prize winners at the 11th Festival of Innovation : Goa's Young Innovators, a One day state level workshop for Schools, HSS and Colleges across Goa, organized by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the IIC in commemoration of the Birth Centenary Celebrations of Rev. Dr. Nicalau Pereira held on the 29th of September , 2026 are: *POETRY WRITING COMPETITION ON THE THEME AI: CAN WE DRAW A LINE BETWEEN THE REAL AND THE IMAGENARY?* *SCHOOL CATEGORY* : *1st Place* : Ms. Jivya Narvekar from Our Lady Of Fatima Convent, Margao. *2nd Place:* Ms. Nitya Shirgaonkar of St. Clara's High School Assonora Bardez Goa. *3rd Place* Miss. Riya Yadav and Miss. Khushi Thakur of St. Xavier's High School , Moira. *HSS CATEGORY:* *1st Place :* Ms. Vedaiyee Khandeparkar and Ms. Liza Pereira of Santa Cruz Higher Secondary School. *2nd Place* : Ms. Aparna Anil Kawre and Ms. Siddhi satyawan GawadeShri Bhumika Higher Secondary School, Parye. *3rd Place:* Ms. Asmi Bhupesh Wadji and Ms. Roma Balkrishna Kamat of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Panjim. *COLLEGE CATEGORY* : *1st Place* Ms. Manisha Das and Ms.Sumankumari Ray of Carmel College for Women. *2nd place:* Mr. Siddhant Shailendra Alornecar of DMC, Assagao. *3rd Place:* Ms. Disha Naik of Ganpat Parsekar College of Education Harmal. *THE YOUNG INNOVATOR'S COMPETITION:* *SCHOOL CATEGORY:* *1st Place:* Mr. Rajveer Sameer Naik amd Mr. Shubh Jayant Mudras of THE ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL. *2nd Place:* Mr. Tanish Gauns and Mr. Niketan Jadhav of Santa Cruz High School. *3rd Place:* Mr. Preetam Somappa Madar and Mr. Prateek Maurya of St. Joseph's High School, Arpora. * *HSS CATEGORY:* *1st Place:* Mr. Egwin Fernandes and Cayden D'Souza of St. Xavier's HSS, Mapusa. *2nd Place* Mr. Alfarhan A Kuptur of Santa Cruz HSS. *3rd Place:* Mr. Ethan Eric Xavier and Mark Vincent Gonsalves of Don Bosco HSS. *COLLEGE CATEGORY:* *1st Place:* Mr. Royston Gracias and Suprabha Shirodkar of DCT's Dhempe College (Autonomous). *2nd Place:* Mr. Siddhant Shailendra Alornecar and Ms.Riya Mayeka of DMC, Assagao. *3rd Place:* Ms. Mehak Shaikh and Ms. Anjali Sharma of Carmel College for Women.
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