ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2026-27

Name of Activity	**Educational Visit to the Potter's Traditional Workshop of Mr. John Vales, Succor, Bardez**
Date/ Duration	**Date:** 24 July 2026 **Time:** 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Venue	St. Xavier's College
Name of organizing Dept.	Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Co ordinator	Dr. Sharmila Pais
Stratum of Event	COLLEGE LEVEL
Name & details of Resource Person/s if any	Mr. John Vales and family from Sucorro village
Report	**Objectives:** 1. To introduce students to the traditional age-old Goan craft of pottery 2. To provide experiential learning through direct interaction with a practicing traditional artisan. 2. To understand indigenous methods of preparing clay, pottery making, and kiln firing. 3. To appreciate the scientific knowledge, sustainability, and environmental friendliness of traditional Goan craft practices. As part of its commitment to promoting India's rich traditional knowledge systems and indigenous crafts, the **Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (CIKS)** organised an educational field visit to the pottery kiln of **Mr. John Vales,** the sole traditional potter of the village of Succor in Bardez Taluka, Goa. The visit aimed to provide students with first-hand exposure to one of India's oldest surviving craft traditions and to foster an appreciation for the

	knowledge, skills, and cultural heritage embedded in traditional pottery. A group of **38 students**, accompanied by Fr. Luis Gomes(Convenor of the Centre), Dr. Sharmila Pais, Ms. Pamela Fernandes, Dr. Magdalene D'Souza, and Dr. Maria D'Souza, departed from the college campus at **10.00 a.m.** and reached the pottery site, "Mr Potter" at around 10.20 am.
Brochure/Poster	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Brochure-of-Educational-Visit-to-the-Potters-Traditional-Workshop-of-Mr.-John-Vales-Succor-Bardez.pdf
Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Images-of-Educational-Visit-to-the-Potters-Traditional-Workshop-of-Mr.-John-Vales-Succor-Bardez.pdf
Beneficiaries	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/attendance-of-Educational-Visit-to-the-Potters-Traditional-Workshop-of-Mr.-John-Vales-Succor-Bardez.pdf
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