



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA GOA

Report of Activity conducted in the Academic Year 2026-27

Name of Activity	Sadbhavana Diwas 2026 – “Many Paths, One Humanity”
Date/Duration	17 th August 2026, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Venue	Seminar Hall, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa
Name of organizing Department/Cell	AICUF – St. Xavier's College, Mapusa
In collaboration with	
Name/s of Faculty Coordinator	Fr. Ramiro Luis – Convenor, AICUF
Stratum of Event	College Level
Name & details of Resource Person/s If any	Rev. Fr. Elvis Hilton Fernandes, member of the Society of Pilar. Convenor of SADBHAV
Report	Sadbhavana Diwas 2026 was celebrated at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, on 20 August 2026 with the theme “Many Paths, One Humanity.” The programme was organized by AICUF under the guidance of Ms. Ursula Barreto, Principal, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, Administrator, and Fr. Ramiro Luis, Convenor of AICUF. The celebration aimed to promote national integration, communal harmony and goodwill among people belonging to diverse religions, languages, cultures and traditions. The programme commenced at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminar Hall in the presence of Ms. Ursula Barreto, Principal; Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, Administrator; Rev. Fr. Elvis Hilton Fernandes, Chief Guest and Convenor of SADBHAV; and Fr. Ramiro Luis, Convenor of AICUF. The programme was compered by Ms. Nicole and Ms. Hanna. The formal inauguration began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the beginning of the celebration. This was followed by an address by the College Administrator, Rev. Fr. Antonio Salema, who spoke about the significance of Sadbhavana Diwas and emphasized the importance of unity in diversity, appreciation of differences, harmony and togetherness. The Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto, addressed the gathering and

highlighted the importance of dialogue and communication in creating a healthy and inclusive campus environment. She also encouraged greater involvement of freshers in student groups and proposed initiatives to support them academically, including helping them access study materials, thereby encouraging their integration into the college community.

A significant component of the celebration was the Interfaith Scripture Reading and Reflection, which brought together three student representatives Ms. Donella Angel Fernandes, Ms. Kashish Shaikh and Ms. Sneha Subhash Sawai, representing three different faith traditions. Selected passages from their respective sacred scriptures were shared, followed by reflections on peace, harmony, understanding and human relationships. The segment provided an opportunity to appreciate diverse faith traditions while recognizing the values shared across religious boundaries.

The interfaith reflection was followed by an a cappella rendition of Michael Jackson's "Heal the World" by the college choir, conveying a message of compassion, peace and responsibility towards one another. This was followed by a solo dance performance by Ms. Gresal, SYBA, which added a creative and expressive dimension to the celebration.

The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Elvis Hilton Fernandes, Convenor of SADBHAV, then addressed the gathering. He spoke about India's rich cultural, linguistic and traditional diversity and explained the meaning and significance of Sadbhavana, emphasizing goodwill, harmony and understanding. He also reflected on the Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" – the world is one family, highlighting the interconnectedness of humanity and the importance of looking beyond differences. His address concluded with a peace prayer/chant, reinforcing the message of peace and universal fellowship.

The programme continued with a solo rendition of "Ae Watan, Tere Liye" by Ms. Divyashree, SYBCA, which added a patriotic dimension to the celebration and expressed a sense of love and responsibility towards the nation. The gathering then participated in the Sadbhavana Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to peace, harmony, respect and goodwill.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, Principal, Administrator, faculty, organizers, participants and volunteers who contributed to the successful conduct of the event. The National Anthem brought the celebration to a formal close.

The celebration witnessed active participation from students, AICUF members, NSS volunteers, faculty and the organising team. Their collective involvement contributed significantly to the smooth and meaningful conduct of the programme.

Sadbhavana Diwas 2026 served as a meaningful platform for reflection, dialogue and appreciation of diversity. The programme reinforced the understanding that differences in religion, culture, language and tradition need not become barriers to unity. Instead,

	through communication, understanding and mutual respect, diversity can become a source of strength and enrichment. The event concluded with a renewed appreciation of the theme “Many Paths, One Humanity,” encouraging the college community to carry forward the values of peace, harmony, dialogue, mutual respect and fraternity in their everyday lives.
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Photographs	https://xavierscollegegoa.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/image1-1.pdf
List of participants With signatures	-
Certificate	-