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## EDITORIAL

The students of the History Department are at the very core of its being and they define the purpose and mission of the department. Students bring along their vibrancy, fresh perspectives and enthusiasm, which helps contribute to making the study of History purposeful and relevant. The faculty at the Department of History strives to provide its students with the foundation of values and historical analysis while also exposing them to various historical developments which resonate with their own experiences. History thus comes alive through a myriad of experiences. This issue of the newsletter highlights how the students and faculty continue doing what we love to do...study, explore and experience History!!

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# HISTORY FORUM

## INAUGURAL

Faculty of the History Department L-R: Asst. Prof. Vanessa Barros Colaço, Assoc. Prof. Sarita Naik Tari, Asst. Prof. Suraj Mandekar.

The History Forum in collaboration with the Department of History organized the Inaugural of the History Forum and the Freshers for the Year 2023-2024 on July 21, 2023. The Inaugural commenced with the lighting of the Lamp by the faculty and forum members and was followed by the pinning of the badges for the members, a speech by the Head of the Department and was concluded by the distribution of the mementos for the current FY Batch.



Picture Courtesy: Adin Cardozo

**Faculty and Forum members of the History Department**



Picture Courtesy: Noshin Khan

### Elected members of the Forum of History(2023-2024)



Krithik Virdikar      Shalaka Naik      Saachi Kale  
President      Student Secretary      Treasurer

### E-Invitation for the Freshers Program



Courtesy: Azmatulla Khan

# FRESHERS

The Theme for the freshers was 'Time Travel'. The program was hosted by students of the History Department: Master Vernon Xavier Madre de Deus (TYBA) and Miss Saachi Kale (SYBA). The Program included various fun activities like games, dances, songs and a video presentation of the activities conducted by the department in the previous years. The program concluded with the cutting of the cake ceremony.

~ Alessia Fernandes

### Cake cutting Ceremony



### Freshers Program



Picture Courtesy: Adin Cardozo

# G20 'UNIVERSITY CONNECT' – QUIZ COMPETITION



BITS-PILANI, K K Birla Goa Campus organized a brainstorming session on "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction" with a special focus on the impact of climate change in Goa as part of the ongoing Youth 20 (Y20) events in India on August 1, 2023. The aim was to encourage young participants to engage in G20 activities, facilitating student discussions on climate change challenges and practical solutions. Students from different departments participated in this event and were accompanied by Professors.

Throughout the event, the speakers highlighted Goa's rising temperatures, extreme rainfall, and their impact on agriculture due to climate change. Students also learned about citizen science initiatives addressing climate change in Goa and gained insights into citizens' perspectives on the issue. The session also introduced environmental management organizations.

## Lecture on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction in Goa



Pic Courtesy: Krithik Virdikar

## Winners of the Quiz along with Principal Professor (Dr.) Sangeeta Sankhalkar and Head of the History Department, Assoc. Prof. Sarita Naik Tari.



After the brainstorming session, a climate change quiz competition was held. Students of the History Department- Master Krithik Virdikar (TYBA) and Miss Saachi Kale (SYBA) participated in the quiz and won. The event provided valuable learning opportunities, raising awareness of environmental issues and motivating students to take action against climate change.

– Saachi Kale

Picture Courtesy: Asst. Prof.(Dr.) Adrian Ferro

# VISIT TO GOA STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



**Group photograph of the students along with the faculty, watching the proceedings of the Assembly.**



Picture courtesy: Goa Legislative Assembly

The Department of History of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science organized a visit to the Goa Legislative Assembly and Secretariat to attend the ongoing Fifth Session 2023 of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of 2022. The Goa Legislative Assembly situated in Porvorim is the unicameral legislature of Goa which joined the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) on the 15th of August, 1947. The in-person experience was enlightening and educational for the Second Year studying the 'Introduction to the Constitution of India', an elective course offered by the Department of History. The students witnessed the Speaker; Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, followed by other MLAs who discussed about matters and issues related to the development of Goa.

**Group photograph of the students along with the faculty at the Goa State Legislative Assembly**

The visit was successful and provided an important and hands-on insight into the affairs and formalities of the Goa Legislative Assembly, the unfolding of the democratic process and its importance to the existence of a Constitution and Parliamentary body.

~Krutiksha Naik



Picture courtesy: Azmatulla Khan



# MERI MAATI MERA DESH



To save our mother Earth and to honour our freedom fighters and brave hearts who sacrificed their lives for the country, the Government initiated the "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" campaign from 9th, August, 2023 onwards by organizing various programs.



## Students and Faculty of the History Department participating in the plantation drive



Picture courtesy: Shalaka Naik

Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) participated in this campaign through a plantation drive and awareness program. The program was attended by the Officiating Principal, Vice Principal and NSS Officer of the college, the event began with Jairaj Dessai giving a speech on "Mother Earth (Dhartari Mai) as well as reciting a poem with the same name, through which he explained the problems faced by our Mother Earth because of everyday human activities such as different types of pollution, deforestation, etc.

The morals conveyed through his statements were that becoming a successful person in life is important but becoming a well valued person is more significant, not only respecting humans but even animals, plants and the environment, can make our future better for the upcoming generation, so we must remember next time, cutting a tree means cutting a life, planting a tree means planting a life, and saving a tree means saving a life.



## Master Jairaj Dessai (SYBA) giving a speech.



Picture courtesy: Shalaka Naik

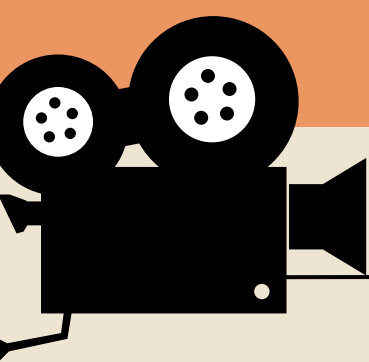


Picture courtesy: Shalaka Naik

After the speech, the Officiating Principal, Professor (Dr) Sangeeta Sankhalkar gave a short speech herself, on Meri Maati, Mera Desh, soon after which the pledge was taken and the plantation of saplings was concluded by the faculty of the college and students.

~Jairaj Dessai





# MOVIE SCREENING: TRAIN TO PAKISTAN

## Screening of the movie in the Lower Auditorium

The Department of History hosted a screening of 'Train to Pakistan' on August 14, 2023. The film, based on Khushwant Singh's novel, depicts the brutality faced by people on both sides during partition. It highlights how educated Indians under British rule contributed to the violence, failing to support their fellow countrymen.

The movie provided a reality check on how just a few days before independence, people were clueless on whether they were in India or in Pakistan, it also shows us how the Independence of India was achieved after so much of struggle and how the sacrifice of so many young lives were and still remain forgotten.



## Students watching the movie



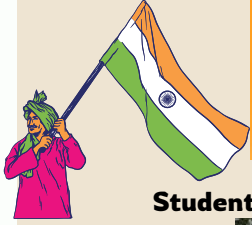
**Head of Department, Assoc. Prof. Sarita Naik Tari addressing the audience.**



This initiative by the Department of History was an eye-opening experience for all the students as they witnessed the brutality so often showered on our people. It also shows the brotherhood between people of different religions and how the British decided to remove that unity in an attempt to make things worse for our country. Movies like these are essential to understand that a day of celebration for a nation was made possible only because endless people fought and laid their lives down for it and it is our duty to honor their sacrifice and be appreciative of the freedom they fought for. Overall, this movie helped students understand the aftermath of partition and ignite feelings of patriotism.

~ Yashashree Yoguish





# Independence Day

**Student performers of the day along with the Principal and Faculty of the History Department.**



**NCC Cadets of the college attending the flag hoisting**

The Independence Day celebration at Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) commenced on 15 August, 2023 with the flag-hoisting ceremony, followed by the National Anthem. The NCC cadets of the college then took the Pledge on anti-dowry and 'Nasha Mukh Bharat'.



The students of the History Department sang a patriotic song in Konkani and Hindi which spoke of the unity that Indians possess despite the diversity in India. Miss Swaraa Prabhudesai, a student of the History and English department, addressed the audience about India's past and present in terms of culture, economy, etc., as well as her vision for India's future.

-Swaraa Prabhudessai

**Group photograph of the students along with the Faculty.**



# FOUNDER'S DAY

On August 25th, the College commemorated Six Decades of Excellence and Contribution to Higher Education which coincided with Founder's Day.

Ms. Vanessa Barros Colaço, Assistant Professor, Department of History, hosted the whole event.



**L-R: Asst. Prof. Vanessa Barros Colaço hosting the event, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sankhalkar along with the esteemed guests.**

The evening featured student renditions of Indian jewels like Bharatnatyam and Kunbi, as well as cross-state dance performances and a unique multi-lingual debate on the significance of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam in the twenty-first century. The overall program concluded with a lovely Jugalbandi rendition.

~Shalaka Naik



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