



# Botany Department Newsletter

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## GREEN PAWS .....Adding life to Life Sciences

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### FACULTY PARTICIPATION

Dr. Uma Masoor HoD Department of Botany and Ms. Sonali Gaonkar, Assistant Professor of Botany department participated in Capacity Building Workshop on "Leveraging Generative AI for Pedagogical Excellence in Higher Education" for Science Cluster organized by the Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Goa and Goa State Higher Education Council on 10th June 2024.



Dr. Uma Masur, HoD Department of Botany, along with 3 other faculties of the college participated in the Green Goa Summit, a one day programme which focused on accelerating Environmental Social Governance (ESG's) and Sustainable Development Goals in Goa.



### NEWLY JOINED FACULTY FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025



Dr. Shravani N. Korgaonker

She has completed her B.Sc in Botany from St. Xaviers College- Mapusa, did her M.Sc in Botany at the Goa University and has completed her Ph.D under the guidance of Dr. Rupali Bhandari at the Goa University. Also she's is MH- SET qualified.



Ms. Ashweta A. Gaude

She has completed her B.Sc in Botany from Parvatibai Chowgule college of Arts and Science- Margao, did her M.Sc in Botany at the goa University, is MH-SET and XL - GATE qualified.



Ms. Ansifa M. Simoes

She has completed her B.Sc in Botany from Government college of Arts, Science and commerce- Quepem, did her M.Sc in Botany at the goa University and is MH- SET qualified.

## FACULTY PARTICIPATION Cont.....

DDr. Shravani N. Korgaonker, Assistant Professor of Botany department participated in Workshop on AI and google tools in education organized by Dynamic Minds group on 01 September 2024.



## INDUCTION CEREMONY OF CLUB BOTANICA



Club Botanica held its induction ceremony on 1st August 2024 in A208 lab, officially introduced the club to the newly joined members focusing on its initiative of promoting botanical knowledge and awareness. Dr. Uma Masur, HoD of the Botany Department, welcomed everyone and outlined the club's goals. Students discussed the various activities to be held during the academic year 2024-2025 like field trips and workshops. The new committee for the academic year was elected the elected members were:

President: Ms. Anisha Uday Gaonkar  
Secretary: Sanskruti Sawant Dessai  
Treasurer: Tamanna Singh.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Shravani N. Korgaonker, Ms Ashweta a. Gaude and Ms. Ansifa Simoes, Assistant Professors of Botany Department have cleared the MH-SET for eligibility for Assistant Professor, Held on 7 April 2024 in Life Sciences.



## DEPARTMENTAL FRESHERS 2024

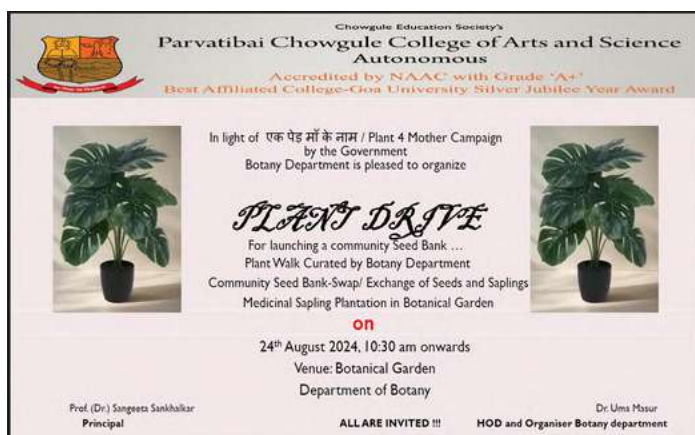


Club Botanica organized the yearly freshers for the newly enrolled students of the Botany Department. The event commenced with a welcome speech by Rajasi Naik, warmly welcomed the newcomers. Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Sankhalkar (Principal of Parvatibai Chowgule college) gave some instructions to newcomers and welcomed them. Dr. Uma Masur encouraged them to make the most of their time at the institute. The evening was enlivened by a series of cultural performances including dance presented by Tamanna Singh, Singing by Samaira Furtado and Group dance by TYs. These performances showcased the diverse talents of students and were met with great applause. Several interactive games and activities were organized to foster interaction between the students. One of the main attractions of the evening was the Mr. and Ms. Freshers contest. The contestants participated in various rounds including a Ramp walk, introduction, a question and answer session. Lisa Afonso was crowned Ms. fresher and Pushpraj Naik was crowned Mr. fresher 2024. The fun filled evening ended with some music and dance.

## SOME MORE GLIMPSSES OF THE PLANT DRIVE



## PLANT DRIVE



The department of Botany organised the plant drive with an objective of launching a community seed bank and to raise awareness towards the importance of planting and saving trees. Plant Drive consisted of 4 main activities:

1. 'Ek pedh maa ke naam' campaign
2. Plant Walk curated by the Botany Department
3. Exchange of seeds and saplings
4. Medicinal sapling plantation in Botanical Garden.

The Plant Drive commenced with planting of a sapling at the hands of the Vice-Principal Mr. Kumaresh V.C, followed by the HoD of the Botany department, Dr. Uma Masur, and other faculties of the department along with the students. The activity fostered a sense of environmental responsibility and building love for plants and the importance of green living. The activity also offered an insightful journey through the diverse plant life in our campus which was led by the S.Y. and T.Y.BSc. students which highlighted the significance and ecological role of the plant. The walk aimed to deepen participants' connection with nature and appreciate the rich botanical diversity found within the campus grounds. In a bid to strengthen our institution's green initiative, the plant exchange program provided an opportunity for students and faculty to come together and swap plants, seeds, and saplings, which enriched the diversity of plant life on and off campus. The initiative of planting a variety of medicinal plants, known for their healing properties, aimed to create an educational garden where students and visitors can learn about the importance of natural healing and holistic medicine. The plant drive successfully fostered environmental awareness and strengthened community bonds, leaving a lasting impact on both participants and our campus ecosystem.

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