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World Population Day-2024

The Department of Geography and Research Centre at Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) honours "World Population Day" on July 11th every year. This year, the department continued the practice with a broader focus on the Sustainable Development Goals and in collaboration with the college's other Social Science Departments. A session was organized for faculty and students to provide a more in-depth understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and its perspectives. There were four speakers: Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant (Head, Department of Geography and Research Centre), discussed on "The Growing Concern of Population in the 21st Century," and Dr. Rupali Tamuly (Head, Department of Economics), spoke on "Population and Health." Dr. Sobita Kirtani (Head, Department of Psychology) focused on the theme "Ajii na Kay Naka," while Dr. Sachin Moraes (Head, Department of Sociology) highlighted "India's role in achieving quality and equitable education." Post Graduate students, Miss Thereza Saviolla Estefania Pereira compered the entire programme while Miss Avyakta Bhonsle proposed the vote of thanks.

A poster competition for students was also organized, with the focus on the Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality, which emphasized on guaranteeing equal opportunity for women and girls. The winners for this competition are Miss Virginia Dias, student of M.A. English (First Place), Miss Avyakta Bhonsle student of M.A. Geography (First Place), Miss Thereza Pereira, student of M.A. Geography (Second Place), and Miss Dhruvi Bandodkar, student of M.A. Geography (Third Place). Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor of Geography, coordinated the entire event.

Remembering Hiroshima-Nagasaki

The Department of Geography and Research Centre observed the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day on 09th August, 2024. This is a day of remembrance of the atomic bombings that took place on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Every year on this day the department observes this day and pays tribute to the victims who fell prey for the atomic bombings. Mr. Sameer Gaonkar, Assistant Professor in Geography demonstrated to the students of how to prepare an origami crane, which signifies the symbol of peace in Hiroshima and which relates to Sadako Sasaki, a 12 year-old girl who lost her life to radiation caused by the bombing. The students then wrote each of their names on these origami cranes as a sign of peace and pinned them on the display board in the department. A movie was screened to the students and faculty on "Hiroshima: Past and Present" depicting the bombings, the present life of the people who have survived from the bombings and how Japan emerged as a powerful nation. Prof (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant, Head of the Department of Geography and Research Centre, highlighted on the importance of the day and why does the department pay respect to the victims. Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography organized the event to commemorate the atomic bombings. A total of 16 students comprising of T.Y.B.A. and M.A. Geography Part I and II and 05 faculties attended the event.

Field Visit to ITC Grand Resort and Spa, Arossim-Goa

The Post Graduate Department of Geography and Research Centre (M.A. II) students visited the ITC Grand Resort in Arossim on the 27th of August 2024. The visit was organized allowing for an interaction and exposure into the hotel industry. The students and faculty members were welcomed by Ms. Vandana Yadav, L&D Manager who is also the hospitality training head of the hotel greeted the gathering and conducted an interactive session. She gave an insight into the hotel industry, how it functions and also narrated her personal growth and experience that has contributed to the position she currently holds in the hotel. After the session a walk through the resort was arranged for the students and faculty. The primary goal of this hotel familiarization was to help students understand how geography is crucial in the tourism industry, as well as to pique their interest in a field that will benefit them in the future. A total of 13 students visited the resort and was accompanied by Dr. Adrian Ferro and Miss Sukhada Prabhugaonkar, Assistant Professors in Geography.

Ms. Vandana Yadav (L&D Manager) (Extreme right first row) with the Students of M.A. Geography Part II along with faculty Dr. Adrian Ferro and Ms. Sukhada Prabhugaonkar at ITC Grand Resort and Spa, Arossim, Goa.

