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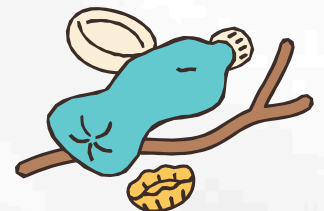
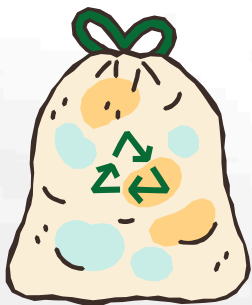
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## International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Drive



Seven students and four faculty members from the Department of Geography and Research Centre participated in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Drive on 21st September 2024 at Utorda Beach, Goa. This drive was organized by the Coast Guard Air Enclave (Goa). The primary objective of this clean-up program was to raise environmental awareness while also preserving the cleanliness and beauty of Goa's coastal areas. By clearing plastic from Utorda Beach and fulfilling the community-driven initiative, the involvement of students and faculty members in this effort contributed to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14, Protection of Seas and Oceans ("Life Below Water").



Students and Faculty at the Utorda Beach, Goa, for the International Coastal Cleanup Drive

## Workshop on Mind Mapping Tool

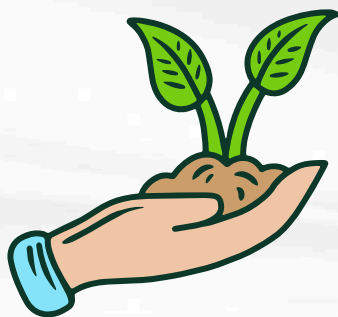
The Department of Geography and Research Centre organized a workshop on "Mind Mapping-A Visual Tool" on 18th September, 2024. The resource person was Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography. He discussed the effectiveness of "Mind Mapping technique," in research methodology that helps to organize information, generate ideas and identify gaps in data. As part of their curriculum, students must understand mind mapping techniques; thus, this session helped them to acquire them. The students then created genealogy charts using mind map software by centering their interests. A total of 18 students comprising of final year M.A. Geography and M.Sc. Geoinformatics attended the workshop.



Students preparing mind maps based on their interests as an activity of the workshop

## Tree Plantation Drive- "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

A Tree Plantation Drive was organized on 16th October, 2024 by the Department of Geography and Research Centre and Community Outreach Cell of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous) in association with Camp Souza and Salcete FC, Goa. Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography, addressed the initiatives undertaken by the Department of Geography and Research Centre, emphasizing the department's commitment to sustainability through various community-driven activities including plantation drives and beach cleanups. He also highlighted that by involving students in these activities; the department not only contributes to environmental conservation but also nurtures a generation of responsible citizens. The plantation drive focused on the theme "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" during which a total of 50 saplings were planted by faculty and students of Geography and "Advitiya Netrutva"-Students' Leadership Group of the college. The main idea of this plantation drive was not only to enhance the green spaces but also cultivate a sense of community and responsibility among students, preparing them to become active, informed citizens. Mr. Antonio Sequeira and Dr. Adrian Ferro coordinated the entire event. One of the students Chandrika Chittem expressed that, it was her first time planting a sapling, and she felt a deep connection to the place where she planted it. She shared her excitement, imagining the day when the sapling grows tall and strong, bringing her joy.



Faculty and students of Department of Geography, Parvatibai Chowgule College for the plantation drive at Pateapur-Nuvm, Goa.

