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Student Achievement

Department is pleased to announce that Master **Sydney F. J Rodrigues** bagged Second Place with 92% for an Online quiz competition, ChemQuest 3.0: Chemistry Nobel Laureates on 28th February 2022 as a part of celebration of national Science day. Department of Chemistry of St Xavier's College Mapusa Goa organized the same



Felicitation of “Blue Cross Scholarship Winners”

The Students' Welfare committee of our college felicitated and handed over Blue Cross Foundations Laboratories scholarships to our students. The Scholarship handover program was scheduled on 15th March 2022. Ms. Ajanta Burman CSR Director of Blue Cross Foundations Laboratories was a Chief Guest for the same. The students who received the scholarships for AY-2021-22 from Botany Department are

- 1) **Vaishnavi Manjunath Raikar** (FYBSc)
- 2) **Siddhi R. Naik** (TYBSc)



Ms. Vaishnavi Raikar With Blue Cross Scholarship.



Ms. Siddhi Naik expressing her gratitude after receiving Blue Cross scholarship

Faculty Activity



Dr. Uma Masur along with Prof. Vikas Pissurlekar Principal of PES RSSN'S College, Ponda and Prof. Satish Keluskar Vice Principal of PES RSSN'S College, Ponda inaugurating Shakti Sthapana Diwas event

Pradnya Shakti Goa unit celebrated Shakti Sthapana Diwas on 26th March 2022 at Swami Vivekananda Hall, PES RSSN'S College of Arts and Science Ponda. Dr. Uma Masur, Secretary of Pradnya Shakti alongwith Prof. Vikas Pissurlekar Principal of PES RSSN'S College, Ponda and Prof. Satish Keluskar Vice Principal of PES RSSN'S College, Ponda inaugurated the event. Dr. Lata Gawade Assistant Professor, Microbiology Goa University was conferred with Shakti Prerna Puraskar and Ms. Sylvia Pereira, student of PES RSSN'S college was selected for I Shakti Support.

International Women's Day

Women's Welfare Cell and Career And Personal Counselling Centre organised various activities from 7 th March-10 th March, 2022 for college staff and students.

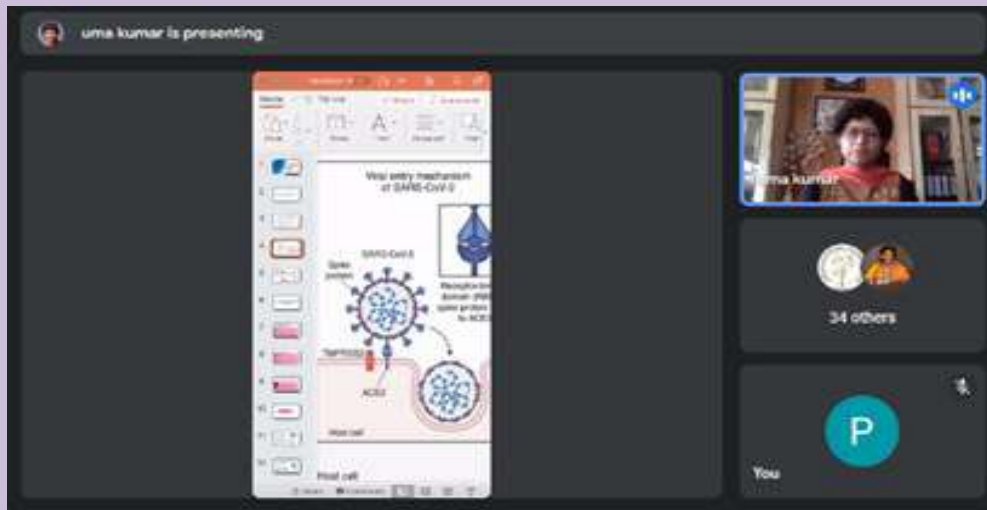
The International Women's Day celebration was held from 2.00pm-4.00pm which began by lighting a lamp, For which Offg Principal. Dr. Shaila Ghanti, Vice Principal Dr. Ananya Das ,Mr.Parijit Sinha , Dr.Uma Masur Convenor of Women's Welfare Cell , Cleaning Staff - faculty - were present.. Dr. Uma Masur welcomed the college staff and students and executed overall program. Poster and Oral competitions were conducted alongwith Bazaar day. There was also an online talk by Dr. Uma Kumar Associate Prof. of Rheumatology at AIIMS, New Delhi on Post Covid symptoms in women



Offg Principal. Dr. Shaila Ghanti, Vice Principal Dr. Ananya Das ,Mr.Parijit Sinha , Dr.Uma Masur Convenor of Women's Welfare Cell , Cleaning Staff - faculty lighted the lamp



Bazaar Day



Online Awareness talk on "Health Issues in Women Post COVID infection" Dr. Uma Kumar (Prof and HOD OF Department of Rheumatology, AIIMS, and New Delhi)

Department Activity

To provide students a platform to showcase their extracurricular skills **Botany Department Organised Competition On 'Painting With Plant Pigments'** on 12th March 2022. 1st place winner is Ms. Vaishnavi Raikar and 2nd place won by Ms. Siya Mamlekar, FYBSc, Department of Botany.



Ms. Vaishnavi Raikar



Ms. Siya Mamlekar

Science News

A single gene controls species diversity in an ecosystem

To test if a single gene could affect an entire ecosystem, a research team conducted a lab experiment with a plant and its associated ecosystem of insects. They found that plants with a mutation at a specific gene foster ecosystems with more insect species. The discovery of such a 'keystone gene' could change current biodiversity conservation strategies.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/03/220331151448.htm>

A State-wide Science Lecture Series 2022 talk

To promote science in higher education A State-wide Science Lecture Series 2022 talk on the Topic 'The Role of Microbial Sciences in Creating a Sustainable Future' was organized by Directorate of higher education in association with Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Autonomous on 11.03.2022. The talk was given by Dr. Gauri Achari Assistant Professor of Microbiology from Govt. College of Arts , science and Commerce, Khandola. Department of Botany Head Dr. Uma Masur, coordinated the event. Dr. Sankrita Gaonkar compered and Dr. Aduja Naik introduced the speaker. Vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sushama Salgaonkar. The talk was attended by students and faculty of all disciplines.



Dr. Gauri Achari at State-wide Science Lecture Series 2022 talk on the Topic 'The Role of Microbial Sciences in Creating a Sustainable Future'



Dr. Gauri welcomed by Dr. Shaila Ghanti Offg. Principal

Poem by Joshvel Fernandes, FYBSc Botany

I choose not to place 'dis' in my 'ability'

*In every hole, in every crack
There is a different green
It's not what I lack
That is to be seen.*

*I have the strength to be outspoken
To illuminate and shine
My skills as a token
All achievements are mine.*

*Does it come as a surprise?
That we aren't completely lame
Don't you know that our magic lies
In how we're not the same.*

*Roaring strength and inner light
One that shines ever so bright
So see me for my might
And not this condition that I have to fight.*

*I choose not to place 'dis' in my 'ability' and I rise
To roar and soar
To set foot on different skies
And to explore!!*



Lets laugh a bit



**DON'T DRINK WATER WHILE
STUDYING. BECAUSE
CHEMISTRY SAYS THAT**



**CONCENTRATION DECREASES
ON ADDING WATER**

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