

Instituto Camões and colleges of Goa signed cooperation protocols

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The Camões Institute and two higher education institutions in Goa signed cooperation protocols aimed at supporting the hiring of local teachers of Portuguese language and culture.

The two protocols were signed on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to information on the website of Camões - Institute for Cooperation and Language.

The first protocol was signed with Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, in Margão, and the second with St. Xavier's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, in Mapuçá.

The agreements were signed by the principals of the colleges, Shaila Ghanti, from Colégio Chowgule, and Blanche Mascarenha, from Colégio São Xavier, and by the consul general of Portugal in Goa, António Chrystêllo Tavares, representing the president of Camões, João Ribeiro de Almeida, who was accompanied by Delfim Correia da Silva, a reader at that institute at the

University of Goa and responsible for the Portuguese Language Center (CLP) in Panjim.

"Cooperation with these institutions dates back to 2008, in the case of Colegio Chowgule in Margão, and to 2015, in the case of Colégio de St. Xavier, in Mapuçá", the note reads.

"These new protocols aim to support the hiring of local teachers of Portuguese language and culture, in order to implement a set of initiatives, such as the offer of free courses in Portuguese, coordinated by the CLP in Pangim, the realization of cultural activities, as well as promoting Portuguese Studies at the level of BA (Bachelor of Arts), an academic degree that corresponds to the first cycle of higher studies", it adds.

Chowgule College, assessed and accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council with the maximum grade of Grade A, was created in 1962, and in 2014 was granted the status of UGC (University Grants Commission) "Autonomous" College, since then, in academic terms, has not been dependent on the University of Goa.