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EDITORIAL

History as a discipline is the exploration of the past for illuminating the present. This exploration is undertaken for seeking inspiration and meaning in the present for charting the future endeavours.

History is also a vital component in shaping our identity and thus when we celebrate history, we also foster unity and identity.

To achieve the above-mentioned noble experiences, the Department of History organized the annual field trip and participated in the Goan Day. These enriching experiences have been chronicled in this issue.

This issue also celebrates the achievements of our students past and present, their journey of learning and achieving success in their endeavours.

We wish our readers an inspiring experience reading this issue of Chronicle!!

Suraj Tukaram Mandekar
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ANNUAL FIELD TRIP

The History Forum Club organized an Annual Field Trip for the students of the Department of History on the 16th of September, 2023 to various historical sites in Goa. The sites visited were the Saptakoteshwar Temple at Narve, Mae de Deus Church, Saligao and Reis Magos Fort, Verem. The objective was to acquaint the students with the rich history of various periods in Goa through an exploration of the art and architecture found at historical sites. The first destination on the itinerary was the Saptakoteshwar Temple in Narve.

Shlok Bhat and Krutiksha Naik from the SYBA briefed the students about the history of the temple. Vernon Madre de Deus of TYBA provided a detailed explanation of the temple's architecture and of the Kavi art which is painted in the interiors of the temple.

Post Lunch, the students visited the Mae de Deus Church in Saligao, a 19th century Neo-Gothic church. Vernon Madre de Deus beautifully guided us through each and every part of the church. The third place we visited was Reis Magos Fort in Verem, a 17th century fort which was constructed first by Adil Shah and then expanded by the Portuguese for protecting the coast from foreign invasions.

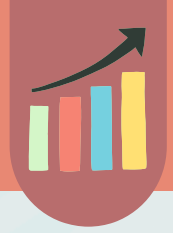
Jude Rodrigues and Jay Gaude FYBA students, along with Vernon Madre de Deus, shared insights into the fort's history, significance, and architectural features. Additionally, the students explored the art galleries at the fort, offering a comprehensive overview of Goa's history. To conclude, the trip was an enriching experience for the students, providing valuable knowledge about these historic landmarks.

Group photograph of the students along with the faculty at Mae de Deus Church, Saligao



Picture courtesy: Adin Cardozo

X'PLORATEUR



The Department of Bachelor's of Business Administration (Travel and Tourism) of St. Xavier's College organized a State Level Inter-Collegiate Event called 'X'plorateur' on the 27th of September, 2023 to commemorate World Tourism Day with the theme "Harmony in Nature's Embrace: Creating a Symbolic Relationship between Tourism and Nature" and invited students of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) to participate in it.

The selection of the candidates for the participating team was undertaken by Mr. Krithik Virdikar, Ms. Marushka Cruz and Ms. Ana Gracias as well as the supervision of the team's preparations for the competitions under the event. The team qualified for participation in the main event on the 27th amongst five other colleges by completing the Prior Round events of Green Tourism Marketing, Video Making and Brochure Making which were submitted on the 16th of September, 2023.

Group Photograph of the participants of X'plorateur along with Asst. Professor Dr. Adrian Ferro



"WE THE TIGERS! CHOWGULE TIGERS!"

The results were declared with Ms. Swaraa Prabhudesai and Ms. Alessia Fernandes winning 1st Place in Treasure Hunt and the HR Rounds, Mr. Ashish Jadhav winning 1st Place in Brains & Brawns and Mr. Abdul Shaikh, Ms. Swaraa Prabhudesai, Mr. Aren D'Souza, Ms. Danisha Rodrigues and Mr. Trazer Almeida winning 1st Place in Battle of Bands. Finally, Team Water of Chowgule College were announced as the Winners, the team broke out in happiness and excitement chanting "We the Tigers! Chowgule Tigers!" and took several winning photographs with the Winners trophy on stage



The team performed phenomenally across all events, complied with the rules of the X'plorateur, co-operating with the organizing and volunteer committees of St. Xavier's College and maintained decorum throughout the duration of the event.

~Krithik Virdikar

GOAN DAY

A full-fledged program for Goan Day was organized by the third year students of three departments-History, English and French on the 20th of October, 2023. The students had very carefully planned out a series of performances and a display of a variety of native Goan food; presenting the diverse culture within the small state of Goa. The decoration of the venue included hanging paper cut outs all over the place which really gave it the vibe of a festival. The event began at around noon, when the students began setting up their food stalls to sell the food brought by them. The food items presented included main dishes as well as sweet dishes like pinaca, baath, mangane, shevyo, bebinca etc. There was also a book stall, which displayed books about Goa and it's complexities.

Following the food tasting , the cultural performances began. The third year students of the English department presented a Khel Tiatr, in which the students showcased their fabulous acting skills. This was followed by local Goan dance performances by the students, like the kotti dance, the dekhni and the corridinho. After this, the students of the history department presented a beautiful mando performance, which left everyone mesmerized, swaying to the harmony of the music. The event was a huge success, and all the students and faculty members enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

~ Arya Parker



Group photograph of the Mando participants with the faculty.



Students performing the Mando.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Sohail Hangal - SYBA

NCC Rank- Corporal

“ In my first year of college in 2022, NCC selections were conducted, with approximately 50 cadets participating. Out of this group, 30 cadets were to be selected through a physical test, and I successfully secured a place in the NCC. During my first year in the NCC, I was honored with the title of the best Cadet in my college among the first-year cadets. I progressed from the rank of Cadet to Corporal, signifying my commitment and growth within the NCC. I was part of the marching contingent representing 1 GOA BATTALION during the event held in Panjim on 19th December 2022. I also had the honor of being part of the Parade contingent representing 1 GOA BATTALION during the event held in Panjim on 26th January 2023.



In July 2023, I had the valuable opportunity to attend an Army Attachment Camp held in Belgavi. During this camp, I had the privilege of representing '1 GOA BATTALION' alongside fellow cadets from the Karnataka Battalion. ”

Smackton Pereira - TYBA

Futsal Player

“ I represented our history department Futsal team since first year also our college team since first year . I play as a striker mostly depending on the situation of the game and tactics . I've represented our college team outside our campus too . I've improved a lot in Futsal and I get many offers to join teams . Also I've started to teach Futsal in YFA for kids in Margao under Joshua Vaz (coach of Indian Futsal men's team). ”



STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Krithik Virdikar - TYBA Chairperson of CCSLG



“During my third year, I was honored to become the President of the History Forum, which proved to be a significant milestone for me.

Additionally, I had the privilege of serving as the Canadian Advisor for the Mock G20 Summit, held in 2023 by Yuva Manthan. My oratory skills were put to the test when I delivered some inspiring speeches during the Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations in 2022. I was the organizer of several of the Movie Screenings under the History Forum. I was the supervisor for many trips of the History Department, such as our trip to Ancestral Goa - Big Foot and Hampi and Badami, which was an incredible experience. I also helped in organizing the department's first-ever interdepartmental competition, Goemchi Asmitai, held in 2023, alongside Asst. Prof. Arya Prabhudessai.

Moreover, I participated in the UN Day Intercollegiate Competition 2022 at SIAS, Goa University, where I outperformed in Elocution, Essay, and Quiz. Additionally, I was also the chief organizer for events such as the History Forum Farewell, Freshers, and Astra 2K23 (Fun Week) under the Chowgule College Student Leadership Group (CCSLG).

My role as the Chairperson of the CCSLG was to manage the internal body of the Student Council, ensure that all events met the mark as per our policies and guidelines, address and voice the issues of our students as well as redirect them to the appropriate authorities, creating a healthy campus environment and representing a leadership model to the future Student Council to come.”

ALUMNUS'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Suvidhya Dharwadkar -

UG(2018-21) and PG(2021-22)

Assitant Professor- Hindi

“As a student of Double Major in Hindi and History, I received great exposure to two different kinds of disciplines at the same time. I am very fortunate enough and proud to call myself a student of History department because this department is privileged having great, passionate, research minded and enthusiastic teachers like Ma’am Sarita and Ma’am Vanessa. I have received tremendous guidance from both the teachers. However, I ended up pursuing Hindi as my career line . I cleared the SET exam in my first attempt and now I am appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Hindi (UG and PG) and Hindi Research Centre at Government College of Arts Science and Commerce Sanquelim.

During my B.A various programmes were organised by the History Department, such as National Days, Cultural events, departmental and inter-departmental events through the History Forum. Apart from participation in college, my teachers tremendously supported me to participate in National and International Seminars where I spoke on few topics and published my works too.

Becoming a recipient of the Heera Wagh Award, was my dream when I joined the college in 2018. Heera Wagh Award is the most prestigious award conferred to a student for their overall performance. After pursuing my B.A, I began pursuing my M.A in Hindi in this college, in 2021. In order to achieve my dream, I worked very hard to score good marks, was focused throughout my B.A and with the blessings and constant guidance of my teachers, I received this award recently at the culmination event of 60 years of excellence of PCCAS.

I am aspiring for the Ph.D programme as well. During my free time I involve myself in writing reviews on eminent writers’ literature, translation work and much more. I have plans of publishing a book in Goa in our national language Hindi through the Education Ministry, Central Government.”





Gratitude Corner

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