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# HIGHLIGHTS – MAY, 2022



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It is my pleasure to present the monthly report of exemplary activities and remarkable achievements for the month of May, 2022.

### Highlights of the Month

#### **Orientation and Open Day**

An 'Orientation and Open Day' was held in the College on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 for newly passed out students of Class XII to update them on the various unique programs and combinations available to pursue Under-graduate degree at the college. The students registered through the google form provided on social media.

Dr. Shaila R. Ghanti, Offg. Principal and Dr. Ananya Das, Vice-Principal welcomed the attendees. Two sessions were held each day for the Arts & Science Stream. Dr. Sachin S. Moraes, Dean of Arts and Dr. Meghana Devli, Dean of Sciences presented the Course Structure for the Arts & Science Stream students. Mr. Kumaresh V.C, Admission Committee explained the Admission Process. Parents and students visited the department stalls in the Tigers Ghol, they interacted with the faculty and also visited the infrastructure within the college. A total of 196 attendees were present.



*Dr. Shaila R. Ghanti, Offg. Principal and Dr. Ananya Das, Vice-Principal addressing the attendees*



*Dr. Sachin S. Moraes, Dean of Arts and Dr. Meghana Devli, Dean of Science presenting the Course Structure*



*Attendees on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2022*



### **Students Achievements**

- Ms. Jisha Ponnachan and Ms. Sneha Umarye, students of MA English Part - II under the guidance of Ms. Shubhaangi Thakur, Assistant Professor, Department of English published the following papers:

Ponnachan Jisha (2022). Liberal Goddesses: Feminine Agency in Tribal Hindu Mythology. In Ruby Bhardwaj and Charu Kala (Ed.). *Tribes of India Realities and Representations* (pp. 161-178). New Delhi, India: Vitasta Publishing Pvt Ltd. (ISBN- 978-93-90961-92-4)

Umarye Sneha (2022). Goan Tribes & Personal Narratives: A Postcolonial Reading. In Ruby Bhardwaj and Charu Kala (Ed.). *Tribes of India Realities and Representations* (pp. 217-229). New Delhi, India: Vitasta Publishing Pvt Ltd. (ISBN- 978-93-90961-92-4)

- 16 students for the Department of Sociology participated and secured the *Second place* for 'XTRAVAGANZA', a one-day inter-collegiate event organized by the Department of Commerce, Sant Sohirobanath Ambiyee Government College of Arts & Commerce, Virnoda, Pernem - Goa on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.



Second place winners of 'XTRAVAGANZA'

### **Papers Published**

- Ms. Shubhaangi Thakur, Assistant Professor, Department of English published the following paper:

Thakur Shubhaangi (2022). Tribal Subaltern Narrative: The Adivasi Will Not Dance. In Ruby Bhardwaj and Charu Kala (Ed.). *Tribes of India Realities and Representations* (pp. 230-244). New Delhi, India: Vitasta Publishing Pvt Ltd. (ISBN- 978-93-90961-92-4)

### **Faculty Participation**

- Dr.(Ms). Sameena Falleiro, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science attended an Online Interactive Session on Reframing on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 organized by Mr. Clifford D'Silva, Goa Institute of Counselling.
- Mrs. Sushama Salgaonkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany participated in a One-Week Online National Faculty Development Program/Certificate on 'ICT Enabled Teaching in Higher Education' organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, a Centre under PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education, Government of India in collaboration with Mahatma

Gandhi Vidyamandir's Loknete Vyankatrao Hiray Arts, Science and Commerce College, Nashik held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

### Invitation as Plenary Speaker/Resource Person

- Dr.(Ms). Sameena Falleiro, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science was invited as a resource person by Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce, Bori, Ponda, Goa on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. She delivered a session on "MOOC" for the faculty & students of the college.



*Dr.(Ms). Sameena Falleiro delivering the session*

- Mrs. Pooja Prabhudessai, College Counsellor was invited as a resource person by Human Touch Foundation (NGO with a Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), United Nations) to conduct a session on "Healthy Coping Mechanisms" for Adolescents and Young People living with HIV (A&YPLHIV) at Jungle Book Resort, Collem-Goa on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.



*Mrs. Pooja Prabhudessai delivering the session*

*Participants*

- Mrs. Ashweta Anand Fondekar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science was invited as a Mentor for Paper-I for the NET/SET Mentoring Programme by the Directorate of Higher Education from 17<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022.

The extensive mentoring sessions were provided to the aspirants to guide them to crack the NET/SET exam at the two centres mentioned below:

- 1) Multipurpose Hall, Directorate of Arts and Culture, Panaji Goa - North Goa Aspirants.
- 2) Government College, Borda Margao Goa - South Goa aspirants.



*Mrs. Ashweta Anand Fondekar delivering the session*

## Other Activities by Departments

### 1) Department of Biotechnology

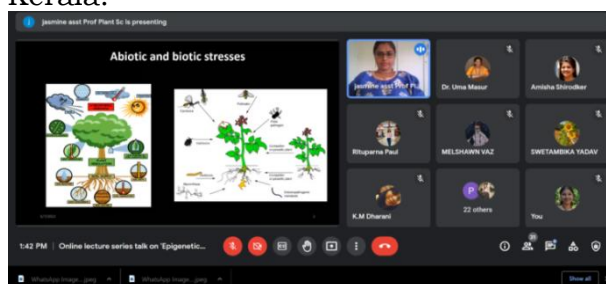
The Department organized screening of the film 'Let Goa Breathe' directed and produced by TY Biotechnology students Ms. Swati Mishra, Ms. Shriya Gaunekar and Ms. Melisha Cardoso on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022 in the College. The film was short listed amongst the top three Environmental Science films organized by Science Film Festival of India, Entertainment Society of Goa, Panjim. Faculties and students from the Departments of Biotechnology, Biochemistry and Geography attended the same.



*Screening of the film*

### 2) Department of Botany

- The Department organized an online lecture series talk on 'Epigenetic regulation and transfer of stress-induced memory in plants' on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 to make students aware about the different genetic regulations and mutations in plants. The resource person was Dr. Jasmine Shah, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Science, School of Biological Sciences Central University of Kerala.



*Snapshot of the talk along with the resource person Dr. Jasmine Shah*

- To commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Goa liberation, Department of Botany organized a screening of a Science film 'Playing God' on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 in college.



*Participants along with the faculty members*



- Field trip

Students of T.Y.B.Sc. along with faculty members Mrs. Amisha Pednekar and Mrs. Sushama Salgaonkar visited Tanshikar Farm in Netravali Goa on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The study visit was a part of the practical sessions in Economic Botany.



Field trip to Tanshikar Farm

- Organized an online photography competition in association with SEB Goa chapter in memory of late Prof S.K. Jain, Father of Indian EthnoBotany on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. A total of 24 students from the Departments of Botany, Zoology and Chemistry participated in the competition. Mr. Premkumar (Botany Department) won *first place*, Ms. Jenny Vales (Botany Department) won *second place* and Ms. Franzila Crasto (Zoology Department) won the *third place*.

### 3) Department of Computer Science

- Faculty from the Department of Computer Science visited Matruchaya-Balika Kalyan Ashram, Gogol Margao in the month of May 2022. There are about 21 girls from the age group 6-19 years in the Ashram. The faculty supported them by donation of some grocery items, utensils and some financial assistance was given to them for school uniforms. This noble cause was supported by the department faculty Dr. Shaila R. Ghanti, Dr.(Ms). Sameena Falleiro, Mr. D. Prabhakar, Ms. Suchitra Bhat, Mr. Kumaresh V.C, Mr. Abhishek Gudekar, Ms. Sanas Shaikh and Ms. Nagalakshmi.



Faculty visit at Matruchaya-Balika Kalyan Ashram, Gogol Margao

- As a part of Community Outreach Programme, the Department of Computer Science in association with FIREBITS Club organized 'The Scratch programming workshop' for FY's and the children of our college's community assistance on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The first day was dedicated to fundamental programming, followed by an advanced session the next day. The major goal of this programme was to teach students about animation and inspire them to make games and interactive art projects. Students would be able to understand programming much better if they used scratch since it is visual. Mrs. Ashweta Anand Fondekar was the faculty coordinator for the same.



Faculty along with the student coordinators



Faculty along with the participants

#### 4) Department of English

- The students of the Department of English organized the following events as a part of their internal evaluation on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022:
  - a) SYBA Visual Literature students organized COMIX DAY - their annual student academic exhibition, which involved games, cosplay and featured students sharing their knowledge about the graphic novels that they study in the course. Over 150 students visited the stalls of the nine students.
  - b) TYBA Latin American Literature students organized LATIN DAY - their annual student academic exhibition, which involved food, games, costumes, songs and featured students sharing their knowledge about the various Latin American countries that they study in the course. Over 200 students visited the stalls of the 17 students.
  - c) MA-Part II students organized World Literature Day- GAIA, their annual student academic exhibition, which involved a showcase of the culture of the countries that they study in their World Literature course. Over 100 students visited the stalls of the seven students.

A highlight of the above three events - a contingent of English Literature students with their faculty, Ms. Natasha Guarda, Assistant Professor, Government College, Quepem visited the college to participate in the Day celebrations.

- Departmental interns organized a TY/MA Part-II Photoshoot on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 to not only put into practise what they learnt, but also to give the TY students well-clicked snaps for them to use as they graduate.
- Under the Future Connect initiative, the Department of English organized a career talk on the topic 'Crafting and Grafting Words' on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The resource person was Mr. Antonio D'Silva, Sub-Editor, The Goan newspaper. Through his talk, Mr. D'Silva aided students in better understanding the field

of Journalism in Goa, with special reference to newspapers. He recounted his experiences in the field and gave real-world advice as to how one should approach sub-editing, the job requirements, and its challenges. Through the Future Connect initiative the department hopes to encourage students to pursue careers that fulfill creative passions and contribute to the demand for English professionals in various fields. Mr. Shubhankar Shah, Assistant Professor, Department of English was the coordinator. The talk was attended by 52 students and faculty.



Mr. Antonio D'Silva delivering the session



Participants along with the resource person

- Talking Tree Series

Under the *Talking Tree series*, the Department of English organized two subject talks. Through the *Talking Tree Series* the department invites eminent scholars, authors, novelists etc. to keep us abreast of the nuances and intricacies of literature and allied subjects. Mr. Shubhankar Shah, Assistant Professor, Department of English was the coordinator.

- a) Subject talk on the topic 'The Essential Spivak' on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The resource person was Dr. Lucy James, Associate Professor and Vice-Principal, SSA Govt. College of Arts and Commerce, Pernem. Through her talk, Dr. Lucy James introduced students to the works of Gayatri Chakraborty Spivak, a renowned Literary Theorist and familiarised students with the field of Subaltern Studies as well as Postcolonial literature. The talk was attended by 32 students and faculty.
- b) Subject talk on the topic 'Jayanti Naik: A Writer's Reflection of her Oeuvre' on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The resource person was Dr. Jayanti Naik, Sahitya Akademi Awardee and a renowned Folklorist and Researcher at the Goa Konkani Akademi. Through her talk, Dr. Naik introduced students to her fiction and non-fiction work and acquainted them with Konkani literature in general. The talk was attended by 28 students and faculty.





*Dr. Lucy James delivering the session*



*Dr. Jayanti Naik delivering the session*

- The Department of English in association with Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes South Goa District organized Spectra - a panel discussion and audience interaction session on the topic 'Fostering a Safe and LGBTQ+ Inclusive Environment Educational Institutions' on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The Panel Discussion was an initiative by the Third Year students for their course Representation of Gender and Sexuality in Literature, organized under the guidance of Ms. Loretta Rodrigues, Assistant Professor. The panelists were Mx. Sabah Shaik, Founder and Sr. Therapist, Mehfooz; Mr. Francis Fernandes, Co-founder and Chairman, Goa Rainbow Trust and Ms. Antara Bhide, Assistant Professor, Performing Arts, GVM's DDV College of Education. The panel discussion was a great success with about 50 attendees.



*The panelists Mx. Sabah Shaik; Mr. Francis Fernandes and Ms. Antara Bhide*



*The participants along with the panelists and the faculty members*

- The Department organized a Bonding Camp to Paradise Farm, Quepem on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Over 90 students of the department from FY to MA Part-II organized a get together to get to know each other at Paradise Farms, Quepem. A first for many of the departmental students as it was organized after 3 years!



Students of Bonding Camp

- MA Part-I students organized 'Drama day' under the guidance of Ms. Archa Sancou, Assistant Professor on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 as part of their Continuous assessment for their 20<sup>th</sup> Century Drama course, while creating original plays to showcase their learning. Students had to apply the elements studied throughout their syllabus and come up with an original play.



Participants of 'Drama day'

- Students of the Children's Literature course organized 'Children's Literature Day' under the guidance of Ms. Archa Sancou, Assistant Professor on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 where they role-played various characters from the texts that they had studied, while bringing in to focus a variety of perspectives from a range of readings.



Participants of 'Children's Literature Day'

- The MA English students organized 'Scribbles', a one-of-a-kind Kids Summer Workshop in collaboration with AJ's restaurant under the guidance of Ms. Loretta Rodrigues, Assistant Professor. The event was held at AJ's Goa on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, with over 20 kids in attendance between the age group of 5-10 years. For the first time in Goa students of a Master of Arts program had organized a workshop of this kind. It was in initiative by the students for their course English Language and Literature Teaching and also a part of their course assessment.



The participants along with the organizers

## Club Activities:

- Club Carpe Diem

As a part of etc. (english tygers club) Club Carpe Diem met regularly every Friday to share poems, anecdotes, music and stand-up!

- a) 06 May 2022 - Session #12 of Club Carpe Diem was themed as Escapades. The two hour session was a cozy sharing of ridiculous anecdotes.
- b) 13 May 2022 - Session #13 of Club Carpe Diem was a special on Creepy Pasta & all things supernatural! What a coincidence that the 13th session fell on Friday the 13th! It was too good of an opportunity to pass, and the First year students took it as a challenge to not only host, but also to put up spooky and scary performances. With over 40 students in attendance, the event was hosted by Ms. Jeslinda Barreto & Ms. Elria Fernandes with many students who had also cosplayed for the session.
- c) 20 May 2022 - Session #14 of Club Carpe Diem was a session on Diasporic themes. The event was hosted by Ms. Ritzel Rebelo & Ms. Nidhi Naik. Special musical performances and poems on Disaporic themes was the highlight of the event.
- d) 27 May 2022 - Session #15 of Club Carpe Diem was a special last session devoted to the graduating Third year and MA Part-II students. With heartfelt messages, and anecdotes, as well as poems shared on the day, it was a bitter-sweet session. Hosted for the last time by Mr. Ryle Souto, the session saw over 60 students in attendance.
- e) 27 May 2022 - Session #16 of Club Carpe Diem was a special collaboration with Club Human of Sociology Dept - A special Pride month Open Mic. Hosted by Ms. Nadia Sadiq, it saw students share their creative writings on LGBTQ themes.

- Book.ish - Book Chat Club

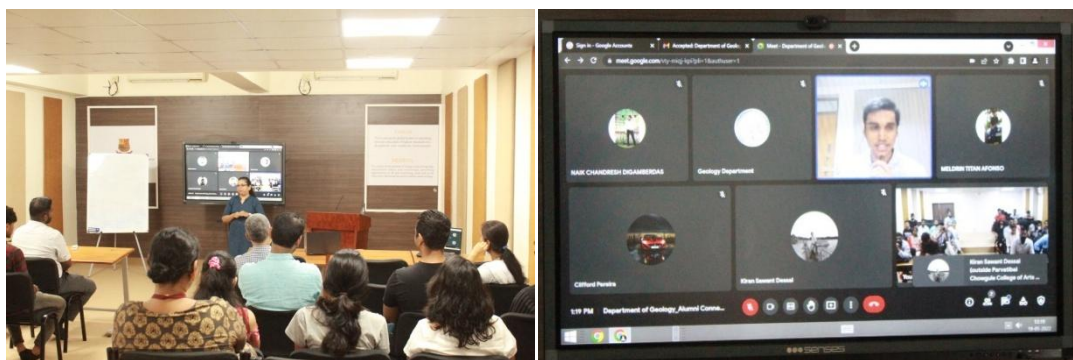
Ms. Archa Sancou, Assistant Professor organized book chats in collaboration with the department's club Ignite and Book-ish as a part of Children's Literature Elective. Students had a book chat as a part of their Continuous assessment. Each of these book chats focussed on different aspects of analysis such as common tropes, illustrations, hidden motives, reflections of author's repressions, etc. Almost all the book chats were attended by 25-30 students



- a) 09 May 2022- *A Discussion on the Power of Imagination in Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are*, handled aspects such as importance of illustration, textures and colors of illustrations, etc. Ms. Stesha Pereira was the resource person and almost 25 students actively participated in the book chat.
- b) 09 May 2022- *Aesop's Fables v/s Arabian Nights: Fables or Folktales*, handled aspects such as features of fables and folktales, recurring archetypes, etc. Ms. Ishrat Kamalsha and Ms. Schwelen Gomes were the resource persons and almost 25 students actively participated in the book chat.
- c) 11 May 2022- *Pearls of Wisdom*, handled aspects such as morals and values in fables, regional nuances etc. Mr. Amayas Quadros and Ms. Krutika Naik were the resource persons and almost 25 students actively participated in the book chat.

## 5) Department of Geology

- The Department of Geology organised an 'Alumni Academia Connect – Chapter 1: A Pathway for Career Guidance' in association with Club Nebulites-A students Venture on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The main objective was to allow students to explore various career opportunities in the field of Geology and create awareness about the various domains. The event was organized to commemorate 60 years of establishment of Chowgule College. The alumni spread across different continents interacted with the students in the offline and online mode.



Alumni interacting with the students in the offline and online mode

## 6) Department of Sociology

- Field Trip

The Department organized an overnight field trip to Kurdi, for the students of the department on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Two elders of the community spoke about the history and culture of the village. The next day, students

visited the settlement of one of Goa's most commonly found tribes; the Dhangars. The place was called Dhangarwada and the neighbourhood mostly consisted of small houses and traditional way of living. The students interacted with the locals and learned about their lifestyles, religious activities, food habits etc.



*Field trip to Kurdi*

- Sociology Department in collaboration with the HUMAN CLUB and ETC conducted Parvatibai Chowgule college's first PRIDE rally outside the college canteen as ETC had their Carpe diem on the topic 'Pride' on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Handmade bands were distributed and a face painting booth was set up. The rally was guided around the college campus as they shouted the slogan "Equality, Love, Pride".



*Participants of PRIDE rally*

- Sociofare  
The Department in collaboration with the D.O.S.T.O Club organized the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Sociofare Awards' on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022. Awards were given to the students, in order to encourage and motivate them to excel in academics as well as non-academic fields. Awards such as *Start of the Department*, *Pillar of the Department Award* and *Student of the Year* awards were given to the students from the Sociology Department.



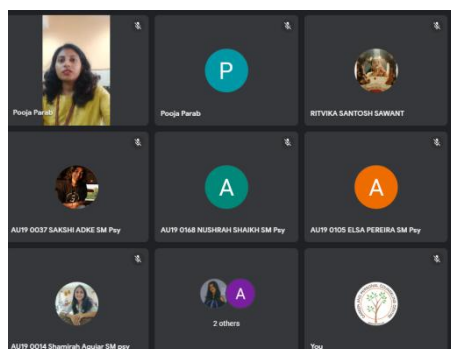
*Sociofare Awards*

## 7) Career and Personal Counselling Centre

In the month of May 2022, the Career and Personal Counselling Centre witnessed a total of 37 Counselling sessions on academic and personal issues, there was one new student for personal counselling. 8 follow up sessions were conducted for B.A. and B.Sc. students and the issues addressed were regarding Career, Academic and Personal issues. 5 students approached the Centre for career guidance and 12 follow-up sessions were conducted for them. 11 new students from other schools and colleges also visited the Centre for psychometric testing and career guidance.

The Career and Personal Counselling Centre organized the following:

- Online talk on 'Anger Management' for all undergraduate and postgraduate students on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The resource person was Mrs. Pooja Prabhudessai, College Counsellor. The aim of this talk was to guide students towards healthy anger management strategies. A total of 33 students attended the talk.
- Guest lecture on 'Emerging Trends in Media and Communication' to provide information and guidance to students interested in pursuing further studies and career in the field of media on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The guest speaker was Prof. Jenin Raj. S, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, St. Pauls College, Bangalore. He started with a brief introduction on Trends in Media and Communication Today in contrast to the form and working of media a decade ago, about the scope of media studies and the emerging careers in the field of digital media, cultural and creative industry. A total of 8 students attended the talk.
- Talk on 'Work Life Balance' was held for the non-teaching staff of college on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The resource person was Ms. Prachi Manerikar, Clinical Psychologist. She spoke about the causes and signs of imbalance, benefits of WLB audit for employees, strategies to deal with imbalance. A total of 28 participants attended the talk.



Snapshot of Mrs. Pooja Prabhudessai delivering the session on 'Anger Management'



Participants attending the talk on 'Work Life Balance'





*Guest speaker Prof. Jenin Raj. S delivering the session on 'Emerging Trends in Media and Communication'*

**Dr. Shaila R. Ghanti**  
**Officiating Principal**

**Date: 14/07/2022**