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# **HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 2023**



# College celebrated Six Decades of Excellence & Contribution to Higher Education

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# Activities and remarkable achievements for the month of August 2023

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# From the Principal's Desk



Dear All,

# Greetings!

I hope this message finds you well. We are happy to share some of the highlights and achievements that have taken place within our College community in the month of August.

The August month highlights revolve around Formal Appointment of the College Principal, Observatory Days of National significance to Excellence, Achievements Academic and Participation of the staff and students, activities Community Outreach and the Department activities.

My congratulations to all the students and staff members who received special recognitions / prizes and awards this month. Your efforts and contributions do not go unnoticed.

May the spirit and enthusiasm be reflected forever.

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar Principal

# Highlight of the Month

#### • Appointment of Principal

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar has being appointed as the Principal of the Chowgule Education Society's, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Autonomous w.e.f. 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, a first lady Principal of the College.

A Professor of Botany since 2016, a recognized Ph.D. guide by Goa University, has availed International and National Fellowships and has served the College in various capacities since 19/08/1999.

The only Autonomous College of Goa has entered the NEP implementation phase under her leadership.



Principal being congratulated by the staff

# **Observatory Days**

#### • 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' - Plantation Drive

Chowgule Education Society's, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Autonomous participated in 'Vasudha Vandhan', one of the programmes as a part of 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign initiated by Government of India through a 'Plantation Drive and Awareness Program' on 14th August, 2023.

SYBA Student Mr. Jairaj Dessai, Department of History composed and recited a poem 'Mother Earth- *Dhartari Mai*' which highlighted the problems faced by Mother Earth because of the impact of human activities.

A total of 60 students participated in the same.



Faculty and students of the History Department, participating in the 'Plantation Drive'



Mr. Jairaj Dessai reciting the poem on' Mother Earth
Dhartari Mai'

# • Independence Day Celebration

College celebrated Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The National Flag was hosted by the Principal. In her speech she proudly stated that India is heading towards Nation progress and urged all to work together for the progress of College, Society and Nation at large.

Ms. Swaraa Prabhudesai, student of TYBA, Department of History delivered a speech which highlighted India's past and focused on India's present. She shared her vision for India @75 Years of Independence.

This was followed by cultural programme i.e dance performance by the students and patriotic group songs by the students, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff. NCC Cadets administered oath in 'Anti Dowry'.



Hoisting of the National Flag



Student Ms. Swaraa Prabhudessai delivering the speech



Cultural programme by students and staff



NCC Cadets administering the 'Anti Dowry' oath



#### Staff

# • Six Decades of Excellence & Contribution to Higher Education (CC@60 culminating event)

College celebrated Six Decades of Excellence & Contribution to Higher Education that coincided with the Founder's Day on 25th August, 2023.

Prof. Suman Kundu, Director, BITS Pilani KK Birla, Goa Campus, Guest of Honour delivered the keynote address complimenting the College for its futuristic vision. In his inspirational address to the large gathering of students, teachers, staff, alumni and retired employees, he mentioned that Chowgule College has already achieved autonomy which NEP 2020 aims and

some of the topmost Colleges of India till date aspire for it. He urged everyone to continue achieving higher goals. On a poetic note, he drew reference to Rabindranath Tagore quoting from his poem "Ekla Cholo Re" meaning 'Walk the path alone, till others follow suit'.

Mr. Aditya Chowgule, Vice-President, Chowgule Education Society congratulated teachers, staff, students and alumni and called upon everyone to "Embrace the past, empower the present and envision a future where aspirations become reality".

A major highlight of the evening was an invigorating conversation with Mr. Lalit Saraswat, past Chairman CII and renowned youth mentor, Shri. Milind Sardessai, alumni and corporate leader who deliberated on the youth's role in a VUCA World.

Endowments Prizes were given to the students. The evening was studded with student renditions of Indian pearls such as Bharatnatyam, Kunbi, cross state dance performances, a unique multi-lingual debate on the relevance of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam in the 21st Century. It ended with a melodious Jugalbandi recital.

Prof.(Dr.) Sangeeta Sankhalkar, Principal of the College invoked blessings for continued excellence and urged upon each teacher, staff, students and alumni to continue contributing to growth of the institution to newer heights. Mr. Kumaresh V C, Vice-Principal presented the vote of thanks.



Sitting Left to Right: Shri. Milind Sardessai, Alumni and Corporate Leader; Prof.(Dr.) Sangeeta Sankhalkar, Principal;
Mr. Aditya Chowgule, Vice-President, Chowgule Education Society; Prof. Suman Kundu, Director,
BITS Pilani KK Birla, Goa Campus; Mr. Lalit Saraswat, Past Chairman CII and Renowned Youth Mentor



Mr. Aditya Chowgule, Vice-President, Chowgule Education Society lightning the lamp along with Prof. Suman Kundu, Director, BITS Pilani KK Birla, Goa Campus; Prof.(Dr.) Sangeeta Sankhalkar, Principal and Mrs. Chowgule



Cultural Programme by Students

#### **Students Section**

#### **Students Achievements**

• Mr. Moses Mascarenhas, student of MA in English, Part-I participated in the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Interstate Senior Athletics Championship at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, India from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 and was the semi-finalist of the championship in 100 meter category.



Mr. Moses Mascarenhas(3<sup>rd</sup> from left) competing in the Championship

 Ms. Valanka Jilda Rebelo, student of MA English Part-I has been awarded for excelling at the T.Y.B.A. examination for the academic year 2022-23 at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim, Salcete, Goa during the Inaugural Function for the Academic Awards at Rosary Parish Hall, Navelim, held on 20th July, 2023.

She has topped the examination at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim with 9.46 as her F.G.P.A. score obtaining Grade A+ for the same.



Ms. Valanka Rebelo being felicitated for excelling at the T.Y.B.A. examination

• The College Women Badminton Team finished on third position in the Goa University Inter-collegiate Badminton Tournament held at SAG Indoor Stadium, Campal, Panjim from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The team comprised of Ms. Dhiti Santosh Lotlikar (TYBSc Biotechnology), Ms. Pratishtha Shenoy (FYBA Psychology & English), Ms. Mareshah Pereira (TYBA Psychology) and Ms. Neeti Rupesh Kamat (SYBA English).



Third Place Winners
'Badminton Tournament

• Mr. Anish Agni, student of MA English Part-II was selected as a delegate to represent IIT Goa under Yuva Sangam at New Delhi on 29th & 30th July, 2023. The programme aims to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of different states and Union Territories. The paired states and Union Territories carried out various activities to promote a cultural connect in the areas of language learning, culture, tradition etc.

Mr. Anish was further nominated to attend an exhibition at New Delhi held to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of New Education Policy where he was granted the opportunity to interact with Honorable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi.



Mr. Anish Agni being felicitated at the event under Yuva Sangam

Nine Students from the Departments of Biotechnology, Botany, Geology, Zoology, Geography, History, and English and two faculty Mr. Sachit Kuttikar, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology and Mr. Adrian Ferro, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Center (PG) participated in the Y20 Brainstorming Session and the 69th G20 University Connect Lecture Series on "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life" in Goa at the day long G20 events organized by BITS Pilani, KK Birla, Goa Campus on 1st August, 2023. The brainstorming session specifically sought to discuss climate change and its impacts on Goa and ways to better adapt to these impacts – including discussions on technical and financial mechanisms.

Our College students Ms. Saachi Damodar Kale (SYBA-History), Ms. Siya Vernekar (SYBSc-Geology); Mr. Krithik Virdikar (TYBA-History); Ms. Radhika Dhuri and Ms. Sukhada Prabhugaonkar (MA Geography Part-II) along with a total of thirty students from various colleges across Goa

participated in the **Quiz Competition** on the theme 'Climate Change and India's G20 Presidency' for the G20 University Connect Lecture Series on 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction' and were declared as winners. The winners were felicitated with a memento and a certificate.



Winners of Quiz Competition "Climate Change and India's G20 Presidency' along with Principal and faculty Mr. Sachit Kuttikar, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology & Dr. Adrian Ferrao, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Center (PG)

• The **College Women Swimming Team** comprised of Ms. Ratika Naik (TYBSc Biotechnology) finished in **third position** in the **Inter-Collegiate Swimming Championship 2023-24** organized by **Goa University** at SAG Swimming Pool Complex, Campal, Panjim on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

Ms. Ratika Naik won  $Gold\ Medal\ in\ 50m\ Backstroke\ \&\ Bronze\ Medal\ in\ 50m\ Freestyle\ event.$ 



Ms. Ratika Naik (TYBSc Biotechnology) Gold Medal in 50m Backstroke & Bronze Medal in 50m Freestyle event

- Mr. Vyom Desai, student of the SYBSc, Department of Computer Science has developed software for Mumbai Hackathon on 'Use of LLMs to condense and summarise PDFs worth of scholarly papers'. He also developed a software solution that can have conversation with a PDF (like a document) u can ask it and converse about the details and facts about the same and presented in Pune on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. He worked on this from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.
- **Ms. Jyoti Ramanand Pandey,** student of MA in English Part-II was awarded the '*Hira Wagh Award*' for the **academic year 2021-2022**, among the most prestigious awards of the esteemed institution during the CC@60 Culmination Programme on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

'Hira Wagh Award' is awarded to the deserving Undergraduate student of the year in the College on the grounds of achievements in studies, sports and extra-curricular activities.



Ms. Jyoti Pandey receiving the 'Hira Wagh Award'

• Miami Fusion Elites (Miami FE), a team from the Department of Computer Science and MSc in Information Technology Programme won the Intra-Collegiate Futsal Tournament organized by the College on 28th August, 2023. In the finals Miami FE won 4-2 against Socious Squad. Mr. Kahlil Barreto was announced as 'Man of the Match' who scored a brace and provided 2 assists.



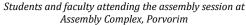
Winners of Intra College Futsal tournament Miami Fusion Elites (Miami FE)

• Student **Ms. Yuga Karambalkar** attended a One Day State Level Seminar on 'Gains From Grains' organized by Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. She won the **Second Place** in the 'Millet Recipe' Competition.

#### **Students Participation**

 42 students and 3 faculty members of the Department of History visited the Goa Legislative Assembly and Secretariat. They attended the Fifth Session 2023 of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of 2022 at the Assembly Complex, Porvorim on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.







Students and faculty at the Assembly Complex, Porvorim

• The students and faculty of Department of Zoology participated in the 'Goa Bird Atlas Training Program' organized by Arranya Environment Research Organisation (AERO) on 9th August 2023.

The training programme comprised of two sessions. The resource person for the first session was Dr. Pronoy Baidya, Principal Investigator of Goa Bird Atlas Initiative. The session was an introductory lecture on 'Goa Bird Atlas'. He enlighted the students on 'Bird habitats of Goa and associated birds' and encouraged the students to be a part of the one-year initiative.

The resource person for the second session was Mr. Jalmesh Karapurkar, State Coordinator of Goa Bird Atlas. He explained the 'Protocol of Goa Bird Atlas'. A total of 54 students and faculty attended the same.



Flyer of 'Goa Bird Atlas Training Program'



The resource person Dr. Pronoy Baidya delivering a talk on 'Goa Bird Atlas , Habitats and associated birds'



Participants for 'Goa Bird Atlas Training Program'

• Eight students participated (online) in the 'National Students Paryavaran Competition (NSPC) 2023' under the aegis of Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi'. Ms. Valerie Temudo, Ms. Shifa Sayyad, Ms. Derissa Ann Sequeira,

Ms. Ankita Nilu Dessai, Ms. Tirtha Karmali, Ms. Vishaka Parker, Ms. Dhruti Bandodkar, students of MA in Geography Part-I participated in the *Quiz Competition* and Ms. Cybil Victoria Antao, student of MA in Geography Part-II participated in the *planting 10 seeds initiative* conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change from lst July, 2023 to 2lst August, 2023.

 Students Ms. Yuga Karambalkar, Ms. Anisha Gaonkar, Ms. Sanika Naik (SYBSc), Ms. Siya Mamlekar and Ms. Mayola Colaco (TYBSc) Department of Botany attended a One Day State Level Seminar on 'Gains From Grains' organized by Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim on 30th August, 2023.



Students at the One Day State Level Seminar on 'Gains From Grains'

• 14 students and faculty of Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC), Department of Zoology participated in 3 bird trails conducted by Ms. Harshada Gauns and Dr. Pronoy Baidya, Core Members of 'Goa Bird Atlas Initiative' at Curtorim and Margao, Salcete Taluka on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023. The birds were documented according to the protocol of Goa Bird Atlas Initiative and accordingly submitted on the e-bird platform as a contribution towards the Atlas.



Students and faculty of Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC), Department of Zoology for the Goa Bird Atlas Initiative Trails at Curtorim and Margao, Salcete Goa

• Five students Ms. Umra Rashid Bepari, Ms. Nikita McHall (FYBA-Sociology), Ms. Dipika ITI (SYBA-Sociology), Ms. Lizelle Azavedo (TYBA-French) and Ms. Riddhi Rupesh Naik (TYBA-Hindi) participated in the Career and Entrepreneurship programme 'Aspire to Inspire: A day of career insights and motivation' organized by the Regional Employment Exchange, Model Career Centre (MCC) at Daivadnya Bhavan, Colconda, Margao on 30th & 31st August, 2023 respectively.



Students for the Career and Entrepreneurship programme 'Aspire to Inspire: A day of career insights and motivation'

• Three students Mr. Aditya Lobo, Mr. Isaac Azavedo and Mr. Aryan K.S, students of the Department of Computer Science accompanied by Dr.(Ms). Sameena Falleiro, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Convenor, Teaching Learning and Educational Technology Cell (TLETC) of the College and Dr. Shaila Ghanti, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science attended a Seminar cum Handson Demonstration on 'Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality' organized by Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC) and Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) at Multipurpose Hall, Sanskruti Bhavan, Directorate of Art & Culture, Patto, Panaji on 31st August, 2023.

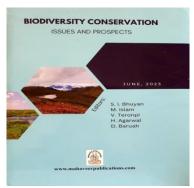


Faculty and students at the Seminar cum Hands-on Demonstration on 'Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality'

# **Alumni Achievements**

• Ms. Amisha R. Pednekar, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany along with the Alumni, Department of Botany published a chapter in a book.

Shirodker Pednekar, A., Khan, S., Vaz, S., Rodrigues, S., Naik, P., & Sharma, P. (2023). Cellulolytic Activity of Litter Fungi Isolated from Specific Litter of Salcete, Goa. *Biodiversity Conservation: Issues and Prospects* (pp. 11-23). Mahaveer Publication, Dibrugarh, Assam.



Chapter published in the book 'Biodiversity Conservation: Issues and Prospects'

• Mr. Royston D'Silva, Alumni, Department of Botany has qualified The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research National Eligibility Test (CSIR NET) Lectureship Examination held on 6th June 2023 in the subject of Life Sciences. He secured 181st Rank (AIR 181).



# **Faculty Section**

#### **Faculty Achievements**

• **Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology is sanctioned a research project entitled 'Monitoring physio-chemical water and soil quality parameters of Nanda Lake for sustainable management and planning of the Ramsar Site' for 1 year by Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA), Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Goa, Saligao, Bardez Goa, Letter No. 12-5/GSWA/2023-24/Proj/136 dated 09/08/2023.



Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar

• Dr. Pranjita Ganesh Zantye, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry is awarded Ph.D. Degree in Biological Sciences for the thesis entitled "Design of Octaarginine Functionalized Hydroxyapatite Nano-delivery System for Efficient and Sustained Delivery of siRNA in Embryonic Stem Cells". She has worked under the supervision of Prof. Meenal Kowshik of the Department of Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani K K Birla, Goa campus.



Dr. Pranjita Ganesh Zantye

She has also qualified the **State Eligibility Test** for Assistant Professor in the subject Life Sciences.

 Mr. Vishal Jamuni, Assistant Professor and Alumni, Department of Botany qualified The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research National Eligibility Test (CSIR NET) Lectureship Examination held on 6th June, 2023 in the subject of Life Sciences. He secured 48th Rank (AIR 48).



Mr. Vishal Jamuni

• Dr. Neha Yadav, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Department of English (PG) was shortlisted for 'Rama Mehta Writing Grant' as part of the English language cohort of 2023 at the Three-Day Workshop in Udaipur, Rajasthan under the mentorship of writer and IIT Jodhpur Professor Dr. Anupama Mohan from 20th to 22nd July, 2023.



Poster for the 'Rama Mehta Writing Grant 2023'

### **Papers Published**

- Dr. Meghana S. Devli, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Geology & Academic Dean of the College published the scientific meeting.
  - **Devli, M.** (2023) Inferring paleocurrents using imbrications in the Kaladgi Basin. *Journal of Geological Society of India.* v.99, pp. 1328-1329. (Springer Nature, Impact Factor: 1.3)
- Dr. Sobita Kirtani, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology published an article.
  - **Kirtani, S.** (2023, August-September). Jarashastra Vruddhopnishad. Navi Jaag Goinkarank, 50(1), 16-18
- Dr. Pradeep Jatal, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi published the research paper.
  - Bhosale S. & **Jatal P.R.** 'रंगमंचीय परिप्रेक्ष्य में असगर वजाहत के नाटक ', Peer Reviewed Journal, Kala Sankay Shodhpatrika (2021-22), 125 -133, ISSN No. 2348-9855
- Ms. Finoshka Rodrigues, Assistant Professor, Department of English (PG) published the research paper in a book.
  - **Rodrigues, F.,** & Benjamin, A. (2023). The Wondrous World of Rudali: Double Marginalization and Isms. *D. R. Dash, Currentia Literaraia: Twenty- First Century Perspectives On English Literature* (pp. 57-63). Kolkata: Asian Press Books.
- Ms. Vrinda Vaz, Assistant Professor, Department of French published the research paper.
  - **Vaz, Vrinda** and Dharwadkar, Kshama. "L'analyse critique de la traduction de « Le Tartuffe ou L'Imposteur » en konkani" Synergies Turquie. Numéro 15/Année 2022. 23 July 2023, pp. 71-82. ISSN 1961-9472. ISSN en ligne 2257-8404
- Ms. Siana D'Mello, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology published the research paper in a book.
  - **D'Mello, S. D.** (2023). Agriculture: A possible job avenue for todays youth in Goa. *D. S. V.G, Status of Agrarian Sector in India: Impediments, Causes, Consequences and Way Forward*, pp. 231-241. Chennai: Grabs Educational Charitable Trust.

# Invitation as Plenary Speaker/Resource Person

Dr. Meghana S. Devli, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Geology and Academic Dean of the College was invited to present a talk for a Virtual Monthly Scientific Meeting' organized by the Geological Society of India, Bengaluru on 9th August, 2023. She presented a talk on her research topic "Inferring Paleocurrents using imbrications in the Kaladgi basin".

The talk focused on field observations of exposures exhibiting imbrications created by orientation of elongated pebbles both at Ramthal and Salgundi in the state of Karnataka. Based on the imbrications within the elongated pebbles of conglomerates suggests of westward direction of palaeocurrents

with the upstream end towards east.



Poster of the 'Virtual Monthly Scientific Meeting



Dr. Meghana S Devli delivering the talk on "Inferring Paleocurrents using imbrications in the Kaladgi basin'

- Dr.(Ms). Sameena Falleiro, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science was the resource person at the Faculty Induction Programme (online) conducted bv UGC-HRDC, Goa University for the newly recruited faculty at College/University level on 9th August, 2023. She delivered two sessions on "MOOCS in Higher Education".
- Dr. Shaila Ghanti, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science was invited as an Expert for 'Pedagogical Observation' as a part of Academic Quality Cell at Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023.
- Dr. Mayuri Naik, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry was invited as a resource person to deliver a talk on "Sustainable Development" by St. Joseph High School, Aquem Alto, Margao on 23rd August, 2023. She interacted with the high school students and sensitized them about sustainable development.



Dr. Mayuri Naik delivering a talk on "Sustainable Development"



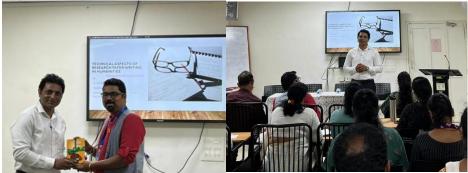
Dr. Mayuri Naik with the students of St. Joseph High School, Aquem Alto, Margao

- Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology was invited as a resource person.
  - a) One-Day workshop on "Research Methodology for T.Y.B.A project-Sociology" organized by Department of Sociology of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem on 24th August, 2023.



Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes for the One-Day workshop on "Research Methodology for T.Y.B.A project- Sociology"

b) One-Day workshop on "Research paper writing in Konkani", to guide the Konkani Research Scholar on the technical aspect of research paper writing organized by the Discipline of Konkani, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University in joint collaboration with Thomas Stephens Konkani Kendra, Porvorim on 31st August, 2023.



Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes for the One-Day workshop on "Research paper writing in Konkani"

• Ms. Finoshka Rodrigues, Assistant Professor, Department of English (PG) was invited as a resource person at Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda on 26th August, 2023. She delivered a talk on "CV and Resume Writing".



Ms. Finoshka Rodrigues at Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda

# Faculty Participation

- Dr. Adrian Ferro, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Center (PG) attended a National Webinar on 'Academic Writing Skills and Publishing' organized by Balani Infotech Private Limited Noida in collaboration with St. Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim on 25th July, 2023.
- Ms. Carol Barreto Miranda, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of French participated in the webinar on 'Designing Course Outcomes and Outcomes-focused Questions' organized by InPods Edtech, Mumbai on 9th August, 2023.
- Dr. Starlaine Mascarenhas, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology successfully completed Two-Weeks 'Faculty Development Program (FDP) in Entrepreneurship' organized by Centre for Incubation and Business acceleration (CIBA) from 10th to 24th August 2023.
- Ms. Swati Ghadi, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology and Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi attended a Three Days Training Programme on 'Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction' (CCDRR) organized by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), South Campus in collaboration with Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD) at Old Goa from 16th to 18th August, 2023.



Ms. Swati Ghadi and Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal for the Three Days Training Programme on 'Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction'(CCDRR)

 Mr. Shubhankar Shah, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Ms. Siffonia D'Mello, Assistant Professor, Department of English (PG) participated in a One Day State Level Workshop on 'Research Methodology in English Language & Literature' organized by the Department of English at Dynanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre (DMC), Bardez on 19th August, 2023.



Mr. Shubhankar Shah and Ms. Siffonia D'Mello at the One Day State Level Workshop on 'Research Methodology in English Language & Literature'

- Dr. Sobita Kirtani, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology participated in the 'Refresher Course in Social Science' organized by UGC HRDC, Ratrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Napgur University from 21st August to 2nd September, 2023.
- Dr. Uma Masur, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Botany attended a One Day State Level Seminar on 'Gains From Grains' organized by Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim on 30th August, 2023.
- Ms. Suchitra Bhat, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science attended a talk on 'India's startup Initiatives, Policies and Funding Opportunities' organized by BITS Goa Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship Society, BITS BIRAC, BioNEST Goa on 31st August, 2023.
- Ms. Siffonia D'Mello, Assistant Professor, Department of English (PG) participated in an online session on 'Research in Literature: Methodology and Practice' organized by the Department of English, P.E.S's R.S.N College of Arts & Science, Farmagudi, Ponda on 31st August, 2023.

# **Department Activities**

#### 1) Department of Biotechnology

• In celebration of the 'International Year of Millets (IYOM) 2023', the Biochrome Club of the Department of Biotechnology organized an 'Interdepartmental Digital Story Making and Short Poem on Millets' Competitions. The event aimed to raise awareness about millets and their significance in promoting sustainable agriculture. A total of 32 students attended the competition.



Poster of the 'Interdepartmental Digital Story Making and Short Poem on Millets' Competitions

# 2) Department of Computer Science

An innovative Student led Tech Series named 'Igniting Innovation' was launched under the FireBits Club of the Department to motivate students to conduct workshops, teach and introduce practical skills, new techniques or ideas to students. The first event in the category was a talk on 'Introduction to game development using unity' conducted on 11th August, 2023. The talk was conducted by Mr. Joshua Kurt Pereira, Mr. Rohan Gaude and Mr. Shubham Vishwakarma, students of MSc in Information Technology Part-II. A total of 13 students participated in the same.



 ${\it Students of MSc in Information Technology Part-II along with faculty}$ 



Participants of the talk on 'Introduction to game development using unity'

• The MSc in Information Technology Programme organized a hands-on workshop on 'Introduction to Express and React' for the students of MSc in Information Technology Part-II on 21st and 22nd August, 2023. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Joshua Pereira and Mr. Nikesh Singh, students of MSc in Information Technology Part-II. The workshop successfully introduced fundamentals of Express.js and React.js and provided the participants with the skills to build full-stack web applications. A total of 17 students from Part-II and faculty Mr. Gajanan Nial, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, MSc in Information Technology attended the workshop.



Participants of the workshop on 'Introduction to Express and React'

• The MSc in Information Technology Programme held its first Council Inaugural Function on 31st August, 2023. Mr. Gajanan Nial, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, MSc in Information Technology addressed the students. He spoke about the significance of forming the council and the responsibilities associated with it.

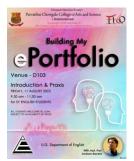


Council Committee Members

#### 3) Department of English

- The Department organized two workshops.
  - a) 'Building my ePortfolio' for the Second Year students of the Department on 11th August, 2023. The workshop gave a hands-on approach to creating ePortfolio for the students as part of their course work as well as for their professional future. A total of 30 students participated in the workshop.
  - b) Two day workshop on 'Graphic Design Newsletter' for Second Year English Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) students on 26th and 29th August, 2023. The workshop gave students a hands-on approach in creating newsletter layouts as part of building their employable skills. A total of 16 students participated in the workshop.

The resource person was Mr. Andrew Barreto, Assistant Professor, Department of English.



Posters of the Workshop on 'Building my ePortfolio'



Posters of the Workshop on 'Graphic Design - Newsletter'

• The Department organized various activities under the ETC (English Tygers' club) from 4<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### ergo. - events management club

Students of the Department organized a formal induction to their First Year juniors on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 with a departmental video showcased followed by an informal get together.

#### Zeitgeist - The Film Club

Zeitgeist - The Film Club had its movie showcase, with pre-movie presentation and post-movie discussion.

- o 7th August 2023 Tree of Life
- o 14th August 2023 Jojo Rabbit
- o 21st August 2023 Little Miss Sunshine
- o 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 Your Name
- o 29th August 2023 Edward Scissorhands
- o 19th August 2023 Maqbool

# Club Carpe Diem (poets & writers club)

- o 11th August 2023 -friendships and independence
- o 18th August 2023 future vision

- The PG Department of English under Ignite, an MA English Initiative conducted the following activities.
  - a) Creative Writing Workshop titled *'Write like a Storyteller'* for the students of the College on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023. The resource person was Ms. Jessica Faleiro, Goan author. A total of 46 students attended the workshop.



The resource person Ms. Jessica Faleiro delivering the session on 'Write like a Storyteller'



Participants of the workshop 'Write like a Storyteller'

b) A *Fresher's Party* on the theme '*Supervillains*', with the best costume winning a trophy for the students of MA in English Part-I on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.



Fresher's Party for students of MA in English Part-I

• Screenings of films, TV shows, plays, and documentaries by the newly formed Club Ignite in order to supplement classroom teaching. A few notable examples include Rian Johnson's *Knives Out* (2019), adaptations of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* and Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* and Kamal Swaroop's *Om-Dar-B-Dar* (1988) on 20th July, 5thAugust, 23 August and 24th August 2023. A total of 37 students attended the same.









Posters of the 'Film Screening and Plays'

Workshop on 'Hack your way to a bigger vocabulary' in collaboration with the Writing Centre of College on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The resource person was Dr. Neha Yadav, Co-ordinator & Assistant Professor, MA in English. A total of 29 students attended the workshop.



The resource person Dr. Neha Yadav delivering the session on 'Hack your way to a bigger vocabulary'



Students along with the resource person
Dr. Neha Yadav

• A literary event titled 'A Delightful Soirée', as a part of the Creative Writing Course at AJ's café in Fatorda on 19th August, 2023. Students performed haikus, limericks and nonsense verse poetry. The faculty In-charge was Dr. Neha Yadav, Co-ordinator & Assistant Professor, MA in English. A total of 27 students along with Ms. Finoshka Rodrigues, Assistant Professor attended the event.



Participants of the literary event' A Delightful Soirée'

• 'Pour your Art Out', a poetry event for the students on 27th August, 2023. The faculty In-charge was Ms. Finoshka Rodrigues and Ms. Siffonia D'Mello, Assistant Professors, MA in English. A total of 36 students participated in the event.



Students of M.A. in English Part-I & II engaged in the Poetry Recitation

# 4) Department of Geography & Research Center

#### Field Visit

Hotel Familiarization Tour was organized by the Department of Hospitality and Tourism and the Department of Geography & Research Center for the students at the ITC Grand Goa Resort and Spa, Arossim on 11th August, 2023 for an interaction and exposure to hotel industry. A total of 42 students along with the faculty members Mr. Ashutosh Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Center and Ms. Rochelle Colaco & Mr. Balbir Furtado, faculty, Department of Hospitality and Tourism attended the same.



Students and faculty of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism and the Department of Geography & Research Center for the Hotel familiarization tour at ITC Grand Goa Resort and Spa, Arossim

# • Community Outreach Programme

As a part of Community Outreach Programme a *'Tree Plantation Drive'* was organized by the College in association with Nossa Senhora De Rosa Mystica Association-Goa Rainbow Warriors and Camp Souza, as a humble move towards glorifying nature at Camorlim on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

Mr. Veerendra Souza, President, Camp Souza graced the occasion along with Prof. Nandkumar Sawant, Head Department of Geography & Research Center. The chief guest was Mr. Abhijit Prabhudessai, Secretary, Rainbow Warriors.

To commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a total of 75 saplings were planted by the students of Departments of Geography, Botany and Geology at Camp Souza, Multi Sports Facility Centre, Camorlim.

A total of 35 students and 9 faculty attended the same.



The chief guest, Mr. Abijit Prabhudessai , Secretary, Rainbow Warriors providing insights on safeguarding our environment and its importance



Distribution of plant saplings to faculty and students



Students and faculty planting the saplings

# Workshop on 'Research Design'

The Department of Geography in collaboration with College Research and Development Cell (RDC) conducted a workshop on *'Research Design'* for the students of TYBA and MA in Geography Part-II on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The objective of the workshop was to orient students and provide hands-on-experience to design research tools for their respective research topics.

Prof. Nandkumar Sawant, Head, Department of Geography and Research Center and Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Center were the resource persons. A total of 22 students TYBA and MA in Geography and 05 faculty attended the workshop.



The resource person Prof. Nandkumar Sawant delivering a presentation on good research approach



The resource person Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad explaining the significance of credible web research papers

#### 5) Department of History

• The Department of History organized the screening of the film 'Train to Pakistan' (1998), on 14th August, 2023. The film is based on the theme 'Partition of India.' Ms. Sarita Naik Tari, Head & Associate Professor, Department of History addressed the students about the historical significance of the film and stressed on the need to remember the events that unfolded as a result of Partition. A total of 86 students attended the screening of the film.



Ms. Sarita Naik Tari addressing the students at the film screening 'Train to Pakistan'



Screening of the film 'Train to Pakistan

# 6) Department of Sociology

• The Department of Sociology in collaboration with the Department Club organized an event on the occasion of *World Humanitarian Day* for the students on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. A total of 41 students participated in the short film that was screened and held discussion on the same.



Students and faculty on the occasion of World Humanitarian
Day celebration

#### 7) Department of Zoology

- Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC), Department of Zoology organized the following events.
  - a) Talk on 'Introduction to Birds and Birdwatching'

A talk on 'Introduction to Birds and Birdwatching' was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The resource person Ms. Filomena Pereira, Faculty Co-ordinator of the Club introduced the students to birdwatching and birds, its habitats and adaptations. A total of 46 students attended the talk.



The resource person Ms. Filomena Pereira delivering the talk on 'Introduction to Birds and Birdwatching'



Participants of the talk on 'Introduction to Birds and Bird watching'

#### b) Talk on 'Common Birds of Goa'

A talk on 'Common Birds of Goa' was organized on 25th August, 2023 by Ms. Filomena Pereira, Faculty Co-ordinator of CBC. The talk highlighted birds of National and State identity and other concepts like sexual dimorphism, brood parasitism, symbiotic relationships, types of beaks, feet and nest of birds. A total of 56 students attended the talk.



The resource person Ms. Filomena Pereira delivering the talk on 'Common Birds of Goa'

# c) Campus Bird Trail

A 'Bird Trail' for the students of the club was organized on 29th August, 2023. The trail was led by Ms. Filomena Pereira, Faculty Coordinator and Mr. Om Kurpaskar, Student Co-ordinator of the club. The objective of the trail was to document birds in the campus and develop empathy amidst the students towards wildlife and environment.

32 species of birds were reported in the College campus and the final list of the trail was submitted on e-bird platform as a citizen science contribution. A total of 22 participated for the bird trail.



Students and faculty for the 'Bird Trail'

#### 8) Department of Hospitality and Tourism

World Goa Day

The Department celebrated 'World Goa Day' on 4th August, 2023. The chief guests for the event were Cdr. Parijat Sinha (retd), Secretary, Chowgule Education Society and Ms. Meghana Devli, Academic Dean of the College. The students performed Goan folk dances, Goan songs, fashion show and a Konkani skit all depicting the rich culture and traditions of Goa. Students also presented Goan sweets for the event. A total of 37 students participated in the same.







Goan Sweets presented by students



Participants of 'World Goa Day'

# 9) Department of Physical Education & Sports Management

• Inter-Collegiate Chess Championship 2023-24 College Chess Team participated in 'Inter-Collegiate Chess Tournament

23-24' organized by Goa University at Sridora Caculo College, Khorlim, Mapusa on 1st and 2nd August, 2023.

Team comprised of Mr. Purush Rajkaran Desai, Mr. Trazer Almeida, Mr. Rudresh Mahendra Fadate, Mr. Sarvesh Santosh Devidas, Mr. Rahul Yadav and Mr. Joshua Moraes.

College Chess Team finished in  $10^{\rm th}$  position with 7 points after the 6 rounds.



College Chess Team (Standing L to R) Mr. Joshua Moraes, Mr. Rahul Yadav,Mr. Trazer Almeida, Mr. Audumbar Tamse (Manager), Mr. Purush Rajkaran Desai, Mr. Rudresh Mahendra Fadate and Mr. Sarvesh Santosh Devida

# • Independence Day Walkathon

The Department organized an 'Independence Day Walkathon' from College gate to Bolshe Circle and back on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Mr. Audumbar Tamse, Instructor in Physical Education flagged off the event at 7:45 a.m. The walk came to an end at 8:20 a.m. A total of 175 students participated in the event.



Participants of the 'Independence Day Walkathon'

# National Sports Day Celebration

On the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Hockey legend Late Major Dhyan Chand, the Department of Physical Education & Sports Management celebrated 'National Sports Day' on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. 'Fit India' Pledge was administered to the staff and students. A total of 28 students and 4 faculty members attended the event.



Staff and students taking the 'Fit India' Pledge



A glimpse of the 'National Sports Day' Celebration

# • Inter-Collegiate Tennikoit Championship 2023-24

College Men & Women Tennikoit Team participated in the 'Inter-Collegiate Tennikoit Tournament 23-24' for Men & Women at Jubilee Hall, Goa University from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023.

The Women's Team comprised of Ms. Siena Diniz and Ms. Preeti Sharma. & Men's Team comprised of Mr. Anuj Naik, Mr. Nachiket Naik and Mr. Anvit Borkar played on 29th and 31st August, 2023 respectively.



College Women Tennikoit Team
(Standing L to R)
Mr. Audumbar Tamse (Coach), Ms. Siena Diniz,
Ms. Preeti Sharma and Ms. Jofira Gonsalves, College
Counsellor (as women staff accompany for women
team)



College Men Tennikoit Team (Standing L to R) Mr. Anuj Naik, Mr. Audumbar Tamse (Manager), Mr. Nachiket Naik and Mr. Anvit Borkar

#### 10) Department of Library & Information Science

• On the eve of Independence Day the Department of Library & Information Science organized an E-poster Making Competition on the theme 'Nation First, Always First' for College students.

The objective of the competition was to inspire student's imagination and creativity. The young learners demonstrated their artistic skills through a display of posters. 5 E-Posters from the selected students were of Mr. Aaron Vales (TYBSc- Zoology), Ms. Janice Faria (FYBA-History), Ms. Princy Carol Gonsalves(MA English Part-II), Ms. Sadiyah Khan (SYBSc- Biochemistry) and Ms. Zia Ali (SYBSc- Biotechnology).



Best 5 posters of the E-poster Making Competition 'Nation First, Always First'

# **Activities by College Committees**

#### 1) Institution's Innovation Cell

On the occasion of World Entrepreneurship Day the Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC) organized a talk on 21st August, 2023. The talk focused on educating students about the potential of entrepreneurship. The guest speaker Mrs. Shreemi Panandikar, Proprietor, Silverline World emphasized on the importance of having a vision, the essential traits of an entrepreneur, the risks involved in making decisions, the level of resilience needed to work in the field. She discussed the significance of Atma-Nirbhar Bharat and described her transition from 'Shreemi's Creation' startup to 'Silverline World' enterprise. A total of 97 students and 13 faculty attended the talk



Poster of the talk on 'World Entrepreneurs Day'



The guest speaker Mrs. Shreemi Panandikar delivering the talk on 'World Entrepreneurs Day'

• IIC also organized a session on 'Angel Investment/VC Funding Opportunity for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs' for the students and faculty (Early-Stage Entrepreneurs) on 28th August, 2023.

The resource person Ms. Kanan Tandi, CEO & Co Founder of CogniCue gave an elaborate idea about entrepreneurship, entrepreneur traits and characteristics that are essentials for young entrepreneurs. She also gave information on the various startup groups available for aspiring entrepreneurs. A total of 39 students and 11 faculty attended the same.



Poster of the session on 'Angel Investment/VC Funding Opportunity for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs'



The resource person Ms. Kanan Tandi delivering the session on 'Angel Investment/VC Funding Opportunity for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs'

# 2) Placement and Internship Cell

• Placement and Internship Cell in association with My Canada Visas and Testler organized a guest talk by Mr. Syed Askari, President, My Canada Visas on *'Study Abroad Programme'* for the students to provide information on how to pursue higher education in abroad and get them acquainted with the firms like My Canada Visas and Testler on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023. A total of 51 students and 6 faculty attended the talk.



The resource person Mr. Syed Askari delivering the guest talk on 'Study Abroad Programme'

# 3) Teaching Learning and Educational Technology Cell (TLETC)

The Teaching Learning and Educational Technology Cell (TLETC) of the College organized the following events.

a) A workshop on *'Bloom's Taxonomy'* to train faculty on Bloom's Taxonomy by Dr. Sameena Falleiro, Convenor of TLETC on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. A total of 23 faculty attended the same.

b) A workshop on 'Attendance Entry on DHE Portal' for training the new faculty on how to use the various features of the DHE portal by Mr. Kumaresh V.C., Vice-Principal and Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science on 4th August, 2023. A total of 25 faculty attended the same.



Poster of the workshop on 'Attendance Entry on DHE Portal' and 'Blooms Taxonomy'



The resource person training the faculty on 'Blooms Taxonomy'



Participants of workshop on 'Attendance Entry on DHE Portal'

c) One Day workshop on 'OBE Mapping and Attainment' for TLETC Committee members on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The objective of the workshop was to prepare COs and POs, obtain basic understanding of OBE mapping and attainment and apply the OBE methods to various courses that the faculty teaches.

The resource person was Mr. Abhishekh Gudekar, Assistant Professor in IT & Computer Applications, Goa Multifaculty College, Dharbandora. Mr. Abhishek stressed upon the importance of designing appropriate course outcomes (CO's) in line with the syllabus for ease of mapping of the assessments for effective course outcome attainment.



The resource person delivering the session on 'OBE Mapping and Attainment



Participants of the workshop on 'OBE Mapping and Attainment'

### 4) Women Welfare and SC/ST Students Welfare Committee

• The Women Welfare and SC/ST Students Welfare Committee organized a guest lecture on 'Menstrual Hygiene and Management of Menstrual Waste' for College students on 18th August, 2023.

The resource person was Sr. Remy Lacerda, Ex-faculty of Nursing Institute, Bambolim & SJAA and State Resource Person at GIPARD. The lecture addressed taboos associated with menstruation, raised awareness of the importance of good menstrual hygiene and proper disposal of menstrual waste. The students were also advised to maintain a healthy diet and safe menstrual practices to protect themselves from infections and diseases.



Poster of the guest lecture on 'Menstrual Hygiene and Management of Menstrual Waste'



The resource person Sr. Remy Lacerda delivering the guest lecture on 'Menstrual Hygiene and Management of Menstrual Waste'



Participants of the guest lecture on 'Menstrual Hygiene and Management of Menstrual Waste'

# 5) Career and Personal Counselling Centre

• The Career and Personal Counselling Centre organized a session on 'Introduction to Mental Health Counselling: Need and Benefits' for the College students on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The objective of the workshop was to spread awareness about what mental health counselling and their benefits. The College Counsellor Ms. Jofira Gonsalves was the resource person.



Poster of the session on 'Introduction to Mental Health Counselling: Need and Benefits'



The resource person Ms. Jofira Gonsalves delivering the session on 'Introduction to Mental Health Counselling: Need and Benefits'

We will come back soon with more highlights of our campus in the upcoming issues. Your comments and suggestions are valuable to us. Email: principal@chowgules.ac.in

Thank you.

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