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# **HIGHLIGHTS - JUNE 2024**



International Yoga Day

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## Activities and remarkable achievements for the month of June 2024

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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 activities organized by Departments for the month of June 2024. Also are highlighted faculty participation and achievements of staff and students.

Congratulations to all the students and staff members for their academic achievements and contributions.

Best wishes for future endeavours.

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar Principal

### Highlights of the Month

#### • International Yoga Day

'International Yoga Day' was celebrated in the College on 21st June, 2024. The Department of Physical Education & Sports Management organized Yogasana demonstrations and followed National Common Yoga protocol from 9.00 am to 10.15 am at the Quadrangle.

Event started at 9.00 am with the opening address by Dr. Devashish Bagchi, Director of Physical Education & Sports and Screening of the speech by Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi urging the community to adopt the International Yoga Day at 69<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly.

This was followed by 'Rhythmic Yogasana' performance by Ms. Alishka Fernandes and Ms. Sara Peas, students of TYBSc, Department of Mathematics. Mr. Kartik Velip, student of SYBSc, Department of Biotechnology demonstrated advanced Yogasana. Further, 'National Common Yoga Protocol' was followed which was directed by Mr. Audumbar Tamse, Instructor, Physical Education and demonstrated by Mr. Kartik Velip.

The Common Yoga protocol included prayer, loosening exercise, asanas in standing, sitting & sleeping postures, practice of Kapalbhati, Dhyan & concluded with shanti path. The program ended at 10.15 am. The event witnessed the presence of the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar, 11 staff members and 27 students.



A glimpse of the 'International Yoga Day'

#### **Students Section**

#### **Students Achievements**

• **INSPIRE Scholarship 2023** for Higher Education (SHE) is a scholarship programme implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. It is a scholarship scheme that comes under Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE), a flagship programme of DST. The scheme offers 10,000 Scholarships every year at Rs. 0.80 lakh per year for the talented youth in the age group 17-22 years.

Ms. Samaira Fatani, student of SYBSc, Department of Zoology (2024-25), CES's, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Autonomous is one of the recipients of this fellowship.

The maximum tenure of INSPIRE Scholarship is five years, which aims at covering all the institutional expenses till the post-graduation is completed.



Ms. Samaira Fatani

• Mr. Om Krupaskar and Ms. Mannat Seth, students of TYBSc, Department of Zoology worked as field intern on the project titled 'Assessment of diversity, distribution and conservation concerns of Bats in the state of Goa, India' funded by Goa State Biodiversity Board under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Manoj R.Borkar, Head, Carmel College for Women, Nuvem and retired RFO Sir Prakash Salelkar. The students acquired several skills such as Mist Netting for bats, handling bats, bat identification, morphometric analysis for identification, and use bat echolocator, altitude meter, light intensity meter, etc.

#### **Faculty Section**

#### Faculty Achievements

• **Dr. Malati Dessai**, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics was awarded Ph.D. Degree in Physics. Dr. Malati has been awarded for Ph.D. for her thesis entitled "THEORETICAL STUDIES ON THE SCANNING TUNNELING MICROSCOPE" on the 27th June, 2024.



Dr. Malati Dessai

She has worked under the guidance of Prof. Arun V. Kulkarni, Department of Physics, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Goa.

#### **Invitation as Resource Person**

- Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant, Head, Department of Geography and Research Center was invited as resource person for the following events.
  - a) Three-day State level Workshop for Secondary School Teacher on Teaching Interdisciplinary Subjects' conducted by the SCRET, Porvorim from 24th to 26th June, 2024. Dr Sawant spoke on "Climate of Goa" through activity based learning. 80 teachers across the State attended the same, as a part of teachers training for NEP 2020.



Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant conducting the workshop



Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant presenting the book on 'Goa' to Mr. Chandrakant Shinde,

b) Two weeks summer Training Programme on 'Remote Sensing and GIS' conducted by the Department of Geography, Dr. Harsingh Gour Vishwavidalaya, Sagar, Madhaya Pradesh from 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Dr. Sawant was the resource person for three online sessions on the "Fundamentals of Remote Sensing and GIS".



Snapshot of Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant delivering the session on "Fundamentals of Remote Sensing and GIS"

#### **Faculty Participation**

• The following faculty members participated in the Capacity Building Workshop on 'Leveraging Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Pedagogical Excellence in Higher Education' for Social Science Cluster organized by the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Goa and Goa State Higher Education Council on 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

10th June 2024

Dr. Mayuri Naik, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry; Mr. Yatin P. Desai, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Physics; Prof. Dr. Nandini Vaz Fernandes, Head, Department of Zoology; Ms. Filomena Pereira, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology.

14th June, 2024

Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Head, Department of Economics and Mr. Ramu Pagi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics.

A handbook on 'Prompt engineering' was released at the hands of the Directorate of Higher Education, Shri. Bhushan.Savaikar during the inaugural function, which laid out guidelines for integrating AI in teaching learning.



Prof. Nandini along with Prof. Niyan Marchon of Goa State Higher Education Council, DHE Director Shri.Bhushan Savaikar, Resource Person Dr. Suresh Namboothiri and Coordinator Dr. Kavitha at the inaugural function

• Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Head, Department of Economics successfully completed International Summer School on 'An Introduction to Modern Microeconometrics using STATA: A simulation-based approach' organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India in collaboration with College of Business Administration, Sam Houston State University (USA) from 17th to 21st June 2024.



Dr. Rupali Tamuly at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

- Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar, Principal and Prof. Dr. Nandini Vaz Fernandes, Head, Department of Zoology participated in an Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme' under PMMMTT of UGC organised by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre of Goa University from 19th to 28th June, 2024.
- Mr. Kumaresh V.C, Vice-Principal and Public Information Officer (PIO) attended a One Day Training Programme on 'Right To Information Act' organized by the Directorate of Higher Education on 27th June, 2024 at Multipurpose Hall of Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji. The resource person was Mr. Vivek Velankar from Pune, National trainer on RTI.

#### **Other Activity**

• Prof. Dr. Nandini Vaz Fernandes, Head, Department of Zoology guided Dr. Pratista Kunkolikar on her PG medical diploma thesis entitled "Effectiveness of Weekly Iron & Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFs) Program – A Study in Margao Constituency Goa".

#### **Department Activities**

#### 1) Department of Physical Education & Sports Management

• Run Against Narcotics Drugs

On the occasion of 'International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking' on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Anti Narcotic Cell, Government of Goa organized a 10 km run 'Run against Narcotic Drugs'.

The run was organized from Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Bambolim to Eastern Street Junction, Dona Paula and back on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024 at 6.30 am. The purpose of the event was to create awareness regarding drug abuse and illicit trafficking among school and college students.

Ms. Prarthana Borkar, student of SYBA, Department of Sociology participated in the event.



Ms. Prarthana Borkar

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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