**Institutional Distinctiveness**

**International Exchange Programme**

The college has instituted Exchange Programmes with institutes beyond the boundaries of the country. These programmes function at the following levels:

1. Student & Faculty Cultural Exchange Programme (with Project Collaborations)
2. Academic Exchange Programme

**2015-2016**

***Student & Faculty Cultural Exchange Programme***

21 First Year B.A/B.Sc. students visited Bromma Gymnasium, Stockholm, Sweden for the International Sweden Exchange Programme. Two students– Jenifa Fernandes (F.Y.B.A.) and Mayuri Dessai (F.Y.B.Sc.) have been awarded the free-ship under Two most deserving student’s category.

***Faculty Academic Exchange Programme***

* Five students along with Faculty member Mrs. AnaghaBicholcar, Assistant Professor, visitedUniversity of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka from 19th November, 2015 to 2nd December, 2015as a part of the Academic Exchange Programme.
* Faculty members - Prof. Harish Nadkarni, Vice Principal; Dr. Nandini Vaz, Zoology Department; Dr. Sangeeta Sankhalkar, Botany Department; Prof. Rupali Tamuly, Economics Department and Shri A. D. Dange, Student Support Servicesvisited Bromma Gymnasium, Stockholm, Sweden for the International Sweden Exchange Programme.

***Student Academic Exchange Programme***

* Dr. Nandini Vaz Fernandes along with 03 students, carried out research projects on “Comparison of lake ecology of Sweden and Goa” and “Comparison of Zoos in Goa and Sweden” under the InternationalAcademic Sweden Exchange Programme with Tullinge Gymnasium, Stockholm Sweden. Her research findings were published as articleintwolocalnewspapersviz.‟Navhindtimes‟and GoanVartha‟dated07-07-2016 and 30-06-2016 respectively.
* 11 First Year B.A. /B.Sc. students visitedthe Waseda University, Japanfor the Japan Exchange Programme.

***Visits***

47 delegates consisting of students and five faculty of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, visited the Department of Geography for the Academic Exchange Programme from 12th to 19th October, 2015. Ms. Seema Fernandes, Assistant Director, Ela farm, Old Goa, was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural Event. Programme Coordinator- Mrs. AnaghaBicholcar, Assistant Professor along with faculty members Shri.A. D. Dange, Student Support Services; Mr. Vasant Hede, Marketing Officer

**2016-2017**

***Student & Faculty Cultural Exchange Programme***

* Mr. Ashok Dange, Ms. Madhavi Motankar, Dr. Sachin Moraes and Mr. Andrew Barreto along with 18 students went to Tullinge Gymnasium Stockholm, Sweden on an Academic and Cultural Exchange Programme from 23/04/2017 to 06/05/2017.
* Dr.SameenaFaleiro and Mr. Ashok Dange along with eight students went to Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan from 6th November to 20thNovember, 2016

***Faculty Academic Exchange Programme***

* Mr. Ashok Dange, Ms. Madhavi Motankar, Dr. SachinMoraes and Mr. Andrew Barreto went to TullingeGymnasium Stockholm Sweden on an **Academic and Cultural Exchange Programme**from 23/04/2017 to06/05/2017.
* Ms. MerelDSilva, Janet Araujo and SaileeGaonkar along with nine students went as part of the Academic Exchange Programme with University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, from 5th to 15th December 2016. The students presented papers at the Indo-Sri Lankan International Academic Seminarorganized as part of the programme.

***Student Academic Exchange Programme***

* Ms. MerelDSilva, Janet Araujo and SaileeGaonkar along with nine students went as part of the Academic Exchange Programme with University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, from 5th to 15th December 2016. The students presented papers at the Indo-Sri Lankan International Academic Seminar organized as part of the programme.
* 18 students and six faculties from Tullinge and Bromma Gymnasiums as an Exchange Programme from 20th November to 1st December,2016.
	+ Nine students and two faculties from the Social Sciences, accompanied by Ms. MerelD’Silva (Assistant Professor and Coordinator for the Programme) visited Sri Lanka, as part ofthe Academic Exchange Programme with University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, from 5th to 15th December 2016. The students presented papers at the Indo-Sri Lankan International Academic Seminar organized as part of the programme.
	+ 17 students accompanied by three faculty of Department of Geography, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, visited our college from 15th to 19th March 2017. The two institutes jointly organized an *Indo-Sri Lanka Students Seminar* on “Changing Geographies of Cultural Landscape (India and Sri Lanka)” on 18th March 2017, wherein, students from both institutes presentedpapers.

**2017-2018**

***Student & Faculty Cultural Exchange Programme***

* 18 students and 3 faculty member of the college, Mr.Kumaresh Pillai, Ms.Liesl Silva and Ms.Sharmila Menezes visited Tullinge and Bromma Gymnasium, Stockholm, Sweden from 9th September to 22nd September, 2017.

***Faculty Academic Exchange Programme***

* Professor Gilda Machado from Portugal is providing her services to this college and is in-charge of the department of Portuguese and conducted the Portuguese Language Course for 78 students for the full academic year.
* Prof.Jose Manuel Peres Jorge, University of Porto, Portugal visited the Department of Economics, from 7th to 19th August, 2017. He addressed the students of Economics on exchange rate systems and international banking and exchange rate and international resource management.
* Prof. Paula Guerra from University of Porto, Portugal visited the Dept. of Sociology, from 30th January to 12th February, 2018. She took up lectures on Sociology of Religion and Introduction to Schools of Sociological Theory for the sociology students. Prof. Guerra also conducted a workshop on Introduction to Qualitative Research for students and members of faculty of the college.
* Professor ChristopherGallagerfrom International Christian University, Japan taught a course: Academic Writing for the academic year 2017-18. He also conducted few workshops and was the resource person for the National Conference
* A workshop on ‘Conflict Mediation’ by Ms. Ana Martins, (Psychologist) was conducted for faculties to learn and validate specific skills, such as cooperative negotiation, assertiveness, communication, active listening, creativity and problem solving, which are important tools that can promote the improvement of interpersonal relationships and pedagogical methods. Similarly, Dr Patrick Mc Namara conducted a workshop on Art ofMeditating.
* Faculty from the University of Porto, Portugal delivered a series of lectures in Economics and Sociology subject from 7th to 19th August, 2017 & 30th January to 12th February, 2018 respectively.

***Student Academic Exchange Programme***

* Ms. Aarati Joshi, SYBA (English/French Major) completedone-year course in advanced Japanese language during academic year 2017-18atWaseda University, Japan under the academic exchange programme. She was awarded JASSO scholarship to complete her course over the year.
* The research component of the programme included two projects carried out by our students and members of faculty in collaboration with *Tullinge* gymnasium (Stockholm, Sweden). A brief account of the projects is provided below:

*A preliminary comparative analysis of soil microbes in Goa and Sweden*

The project was aimed at conducting a preliminary microbial analysis of soil samples from Sweden and Goa and to compare the microbial colonies formed along specific parameters. It was interesting to note that while the microbial colonies from soil samples in both countries displayed similarities in size, texture and pigmentation, there were differences in the type of margin and in the optical property, indicating that the species found in these regions vary from each other. Further characterization tests would reveal information with respect to Gram character, biochemical nature, motility and other characteristics of the soil microbes.

* Ms. Charmaine Pereira, SYBA (English Major) pursued her study at Kansai University, Japan for two semesters for the year 2018 – 2019 under the Student Academic exchange programme.

***MOUs with International institutes***

* An MoU has been signed between University of Porto, Portugal and our College for cultural exchanges between both institutions for a period of five years. An addendum was also signed at the same time for academic exchanges during thisperiod.

***Visits***

* Mr. Hai Kwang Lee, Acting Ambassador of Republic of Korea (South Korea),Mr. RewSeong Won, Staff of Embassy, Business andCommercial department, Mr. Soyen Park, Ph.D., Senior Researcher visited our college for promoting Korea-India relation in Academic and ExchangeProgramme on 27th October, 2017.
* Mr. Yaakov Finkelstein, Consulate General of Israelvisited our college to discuss further Academic and Researchcollaborations on 29th November, 2017.
* 18 students and five faculty from Tullinge and Bromma Gymnasiums, visited our College from 25th November to 8th December, 2017.Swedish students stayed with families of our students to experience Indian social life. The programme schedule included sessions on yoga, interactive lectures on ‘Goan Heritage’, ‘Industries in Goa, ‘Livelihood strategies of Tribal’s in Goa’, ‘Ethnic Medicines’, ‘Goan Cuisine’ and ‘Indian Classical Dance/Music’. Students were taken on field visits to orphanage, old age home, and other institutes and houses that court Goa’s cultural heritage.

**2018-2019**

***Student & Faculty Cultural Exchange Programme***

* Mr. Ashok Dange and Mr.Aresh Naik along with 10 students went to Tullinge Gymnasium Stockholm, Sweden on an Academic and Cultural Exchange Programme from 09/09/2018 to 23/09/2018.
* Ms. Sharmila Menezes and Mr. Ashok Dange along with 12 students went to Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan from 7th November to 22nd November, 2018.

***Faculty Academic Exchange Programme***

* Dr Nandkumar Sawant Principal, Associate Professor received ‘Faculty Exchange Fellowship’ under Erasmus Programme Sponsored by European Union, Université De La Réunion on 12/11/2018.

***Student Academic Exchange Programme***

* Rahul P.S., received ‘Researcher Exchange Fellowship’ under ErasmusProgramme on 13/12/2018by European Union, Université De La Réunion.
* 1 student received Scholarship by Kansai University.

Exchange of Research Scholars and research supervisors to La Reunion University, France on 24/08/2018.

***Bilateral Programmes***

Initiated steps to set proposals for securing research Projects through funding from Directorate of higher education, conducted workshops to promote quality research with the aim of Setting up of Centre for South Asian studies.

**2019-2020**

***Student & Faculty Cultural and Academic Exchange Programme***

09 students and faculty, Ms. Madhavi M. Motankar Assistant Professor in Department of Biotechnology along with 09 students visited participated in the International Sweden Exchange Programme (Student & Faculty Cultural Exchange Programme)at Tullinge Gymnasium and Bromma Gymnasium in Stockholm from 1stto 14th September 2019

***Faculty Academic Exchange Programme***

Ms. Madhavi M. Motankar Assistant Professor in Department of Biotechnology along with 09 students visited participated in the International Sweden Exchange Programme (Academic and Socio-cultural Exchange) at Tullinge Gymnasium and Bromma Gymnasium in Stockholm.

***Transfer of Credits***

In the academic year 2019- 20, three students from Chowgule College went to University of Porto asexchange students for two semesters. The students were namely Charmaine Pereira (TYBA), AmandaD’Costa (SYBA), Srushti Prabhudessai (SYBA). All three students completed their courses as exchangemobility student’s suceesfully and are eligible for transfer of credits for the respective academic year. Onsuccesfull completion of their graduation at Chowgule College they can attain upto 40 transferable creditsfrom U. Porto.

Following are the **Exchange Programmes** that were conducted by the college

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| **S.N.** | **Visit to** | **Details** |
|  | **2014-2015** |  |
| 2. | Waseda University, Tokyo,Japan | Mr. Ashok D. Dange and Mr. Kumaresh V.C. along with six students of ParvatibaiChowgule College of Arts and Science to attend the special and regular lectures, Japanese tea ceremony and Japanese Society and Cultural Programme from 9th to 22nd November, 2014. |
| 3. | University of Kelaniya, SriLanka | Dr. N. N. Sawant and Mr. S.S. Adsul along with ten students visited Universities of Kelaniya, Sri Jayewardenepura and Rajarata in Sri Lanka& attended lectures on socio-cultural life, tourism and rural development in Sri Lanka, made field visits to sites of geographical relevance and International conference on “Perspectives of Society, Culture and Development: A Comparison of Indo-Sri Lankan Scenarios” from 27th November to 5th December 2014. |
| 4. | ParvatibaiChowgule College of Arts and Science | Hosted 8 Japanese students and 1 staff member from Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, under the StudentExchange Programme from 9th to 20th February 2015. |
| 5. | Sweden | Dr. Nandkumar N. Sawant and Sharmila Menezes along with 5 college students visited Swedenfrom 23rd April to 6th May, 2015. Sjodalsgymnasiet, Huddinge, Stockholm, Sweden under student exchange programme. The visit stressed on understanding educational system in Sweden amongst other facts. |