

7.1.8: Institutional efforts/ initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance, harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socio-economic and other diversities

The institution has always been at the forefront of sensitizing students to the cultural, regional, linguistic communal and socioeconomic diversities of the state and the nation as evident from the activities conducted:

1. Cultural

- ‘Tathastu’ is the annual inter - collegiate event that showcases the talents hidden away in the colleges of Goa thus creating an inclusive environment.
- Other annual subject day celebrations include Pegasus, Synapse, Nebula, Revelations, I-RIX and Geographize.

2. Regional

- ‘Goenkarponn’, Goan cultural event
- ‘Cosfest Goa’, Cosplay competition of its kind in the state
- Portuguese Day
- Goa liberation day
- ‘Birth Anniversary of Shennoi Goembab’, Konkani writer and activist
- ‘Tulsi Evam Premchand Jayanti’ to commemorate the birth of noted Hindi authors Goswami Tulsidas and Munshi Premchand.
- Conferences/ Seminars/ Workshop/ talks were organized:
 - a) Interdisciplinary International Conference on ‘Regional Cooperation, Conflicts and Constructiveness in South Asia: Strengthening SAARC’
 - b) Indo-Sri Lanka Students Seminar on ‘Changing Geographies of Cultural Landscape (India and Sri Lanka)’
 - c) National Interdisciplinary Conference on ‘Women Empowerment and Society in India (with special reference to Goa): Prospects and Challenges’,
 - d) National Seminar-Cum-Conference on ‘Environment and Tourism: Dimensions and Perspectives,
 - e) Talks on "Gandhian Thoughts and Values and its Relevance in Today's Life", ‘The Role of the youth towards Social Responsibility and Social Work’ by Fr. Joseph H Pereira, ‘Women in Gandhian Satyagraha’ by Prof. Vidhya Shah.

3. Linguistic

- Poetry recitation programs such as:
 - a) 'Kavya Sandhya' for Hindi
 - b) 'Shrawandhara' for Marathi
 - c) 'Vachan Mandir' for Konkani
- Language days are observed such as:
 - a) 'Hindi Saptah'
 - b) 'Marathi Bhasha Divas'
 - c) 'Srujanutsav', a weeklong festival of creativity in Konkani
 - d) 'Shakespeare', an english literary festival
- Workshops were organized on 'Konkani Shudh Lekhan and Adhyapan' and 'Devanagari Typing'
- Seminars on writing skills, meet with the writers, days allocated for linguistics reading, talks on poetry writing skills.

4. Communal socio-economic and other diversities

- 'Sociofiesta', an inter-collegiate event that connects sociology to the daily activities of Goan life.
- Panel Discussion on "Language and Early Education in Goa: Burning issue of Medium of Instruction"
- Seminar on 'Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders'
- Awareness program on "Postal Banking and its Benefits".
- Guest lecture on the topic 'Relevance of Sociology in our Life'
- Student's projects related to social issues such as:
 - a) 'Working women; Crime rate: An Economic study in Salcete taluka',
 - b) 'Women in informal sector: A case study of households in South Goa'
 - c) 'Women in Goa: Turning Challenges into Opportunities'
 - d) 'A Comparative Study of Menstrual Hygiene Among Tribal Women in Goculdem Village and Women in Azadnagar Slum'
- Various departments organize field study and tours to visit industries, within and outside Goa for exposure of different cultures.

- The following National and International exchange programmes helps students understand the socio-cultural diversity under MOU:
 1. National Exchange Programme with S.S. Jain Subodh P.G. Mahila Mahavidyalayaat Jaipur.
 2. International Socio-cultural Exchange Programs with other institutions such as:
 - a) Tullinge Gymnasium and Bromma Gymnasium at Stockholm, Sweden;
 - b) Kansai University and University of Waseda at Japan
 - c) University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka