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College NCC cadets shine!

Five female NCC cadets qualify for Pre-RDC Camp I, Belagavi, proudly representing the 1 Goa Battalion NCC

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Activities and remarkable achievements for the month of September 2025

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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 various Departments and College Committees for the month of September 2025. Also are highlighted 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

ACADEMIC SECTION

Highlights of the Month

- **Teacher's Day Celebration**

  To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the Extra Curricular Activities Committee in collaboration with the Advitiya Netrutva of the College celebrated *'Teacher's Day'* on 6th September, 2025.

  Program started with the lightening of the traditional lamp and a floral tribute to the portrait of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. This was followed by the introductory speech by the Principal. She highlighted the role of the teacher in the shaping the life and personality of the students. This was followed by the students performances that included poem recitation by Mr. Sourabh Shukla, speech by Ms. Simran Mulla, song by Ms. Ashmi Kerkar and a dance performance by College Dance Club. The program was concluded with fun game for teachers organized by the students.

A glimpse of the 'Teacher's Day Celebration'

- **Inauguration Ceremony of 'Advitiya Netrutva'**

  The Induction Ceremony of the *'Advitiya Netrutva'* Chowgule College Student Leadership Group (CCSLG), College Student Student Sports Leadership Group (CCSSLG) and the Student Club Management Board (SCMG) was held on 22nd September, 2025.

  Dr. Devashish Bagchi, Faculty Advisor, Student Affairs addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of leadership, teamwork and responsibility among students. Vice-Principal Dr. Meghana Devli administered the Oath of Office, reaffirming the commitment of the student leaders towards discipline, dedication and service to the college community. This was followed by the Principals' address, which inspired the students to lead with integrity, vision and a sense of responsibility towards both the institution and society.

  The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

"Advitiya Netrutva"
Chowgule College Student Leadership Group (CCSLG)
2025-26

"Advitiya Netrutva"
College Student Student Sports Leadership Group (CCSSLG)
2025-26

"Advitiya Netrutva"
Student Club Management Board (SCMG)
2025-26

- **Saraswati Pujan**

  The College organized *'Saraswati Pujan'* on 30th September, 2025 to honor Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge, wisdom, music, and arts. On behalf of the staff and students of the college, the puja was performed by Mr. Shreyansh Naik, General Secretary of Chowgule College Students Leadership Group. All the staff and students marked their valuable presence to seek blessings of the goddess.

'Saraswati Pujan' been organized in College

- **NEP–IKS Perspective and MoU Initiative by Soul Travelling**
  Under the MOU initiative with Soul Travelling a session was organized on the perspective on NEP IKS on 25th September, 2025.

NEP–IKS Perspective and MoU Initiative by Soul Travelling

- **Academic Leadership Program (ALP) II**

  The Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), in association with the Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC), organized the Academic Leadership Program (ALP) Batch II at the Infosys campus in Gachibowli, Hyderabad from 9th to 12th September, 2025.

  The ALP II is designed to build leadership capabilities among senior faculty, with the focus on strategic academic leadership, governance, research management and digital transformation in higher education.

  The second cohort of ALP, comprising 30 faculty members from various colleges across Goa, including engineering colleges and Goa University, successfully completed their first training module. This cohort was led by Prof. Niyan Marchon, programme director, centre of TLET and TIP GSHEC, Directorate of Higher Education. Among the participants were two faculty members from CES Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao, Goa: Prof. (Dr.) S.G. Sankhalkar, Principal, and Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics.

  This collaborative effort between the Government of Goa, DHE, GSHEC, and industry partner Infosys represents a significant step toward bridging the gap between academic instruction and the evolving demands of industry.

Prof. (Dr.) S.G. Sankhalkar, Principal and Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics for the Academic Leadership Program (ALP) II

- **Visit to Department of Plant Sciences University of Hyderabad**

  Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar, Principal, and Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Economics, visited the School of Life Sciences at the University of Hyderabad on 12th September, 2025.

  During the visit, they held discussions with Prof. Rajagopal Subramanyam, Director of the ASPIRE-BioNEST Incubation Centre and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences, School of Life Sciences. The interaction focused on exploring avenues for academic collaboration with Chowgule College.

  The visit also held special significance as Prof. Rajagopal Subramanyam previously served as a mentor and supervisor to Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar during her INSA fellowship programme.

Standing from Left to Right: Dr. Anil Kondreddy, Chief Executive Officer at ASPIRE-BioNEST Prof. Rajagopal Subramanyam, Director, ASPIRE-BioNEST, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar, Principal and Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Economics

Students Section

Students Achievements

- **Sgt. Criffa Alita Pereira**, student from the Department of **History and Geography** has successfully completed the **All India Girls Trekking Expedition - Kerala Trek (I)** held from 2nd to 9th September, 2025. She represented the **1 Goa Battalion NCC** as well as **CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous).**

Sgt. Criffa Alita Pereira for the All India Girls Trekking Expedition - Kerala Trek (I)

- **Ms. Beebi Hajara**, student of SYBSc, **Department of Zoology** was **awarded the INSPIRE Scholarship** on 3rd September, 2025. The scholarship is given by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, under the Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) program. It is a prestigious scholarship meant to encourage and support meritorious students to pursue higher studies and research in the field of science.

Ms. Beebi Hajra
Awardee of INSPIRE Scholarship

- 15 students of the **Department of Chemistry** participated in ***'ATOMICA 2025'***, an intercollegiate event organized by the **Department of Chemistry, Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women**, Nuvem on 13th September, 2025. Among the 10 sub-events conducted, our students secured first place in 4 events and second place in 3 events.

  Our **College** was declared as overall **winners** of ***'ATOMICA 2025'***.

Winners
'ATOMICA 2025'

- SUO **Nehal Dessai**, student of Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) was selected for the **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp (EBSB Camp II)** at Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 25th September to 6th October, 2025, proudly representing **1 Goa Battalion NCC** and the College at the prestigious National Camp.

SUO Nehal Dessai

- **Mr. Omkar Terdalkar**, **TYBA-Hindi** participated in ***'National Level Quiz Competition'*** and secured a ***Distinction*** organized by **Kendriya Hindi Sansthan**, Agra on 29th September, 2025.

Student Participation/Attended

Student Participation

- Five students Mr. Shreyansh Tulshidas Naik, Mr. Pritam Badagi, Mr. Proshmit Chaudhuri, Ms. Ruksar Sayad, Ms. Sneha Shrikant Naik represented College for the Two-day Climate skills Regional Workshop on *'Seeds for Transition – Regional Workshop for Youth (Goa Chapter)'* organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in collaboration with the British Council, HSBC, and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra at National Institute of Technology (NIT), Goa from 16th to 17th September, 2025.

  The two-day workshop aimed to equip youth with essential climate skills, foster innovation, and build resilience against the growing challenges of climate change. The event had 80 youth, faculty, and professionals from Goa as well as adjoining states, making it a truly diverse and collaborative platform. Hosted at NIT Goa, the event brought together expert speakers, facilitators, and young participants for a balanced mix of technical insights, reflection, and creative collaboration.

Students for the Two-day Climate skills Regional Workshop on 'Seeds for Transition – Regional Workshop for Youth (Goa Chapter)'

- Two SYBSc students from the Department of Geology participated in the two-day National Conference *GeoConclave 2025* on *'Recent Trends in Geoscientific Studies in Goa'*, at Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, Assagao on 26th to 27th September, 2025.

  The conference featured 23 oral and 4 poster presentations across three themes-Geology & Earth Sciences, Environmental Geosciences, and Applied Geosciences-with keynote lectures by eminent experts. The event provided students valuable exposure to current research trends, opportunities for networking, and the benefit of an abstract volume publication documenting their contributions.

Students for the two-day National Conference GeoConclave 2025 on 'Recent Trends in Geoscientific Studies in Goa'

- 11 students of the Department of Geography and Research Center participated in the cultural event *'Life of Pao – Bread Making Experience'* organized by the Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG), in collaboration with SKAL International Goa and the Department of Tourism and in association with Soul Travelling as a part of the World Tourism Day month celebrations at Majorda on 16th September, 2025.

  The event served as a vibrant example of experiential tourism, promoting sustainable and culturally rooted travel experiences in Goa.

Students dive into the art of Goan bread-making during the Life of Pao experience

Students and faculty with the bread prepared along with the owner of the bakery Mr. Godhino

- Six students from the Department of Geography and Research Center and National Service Scheme (NSS) participated in the beach clean-up drive, reinforcing their commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water) organized by the Indian Coast Guard at Benaulim beach, Goa on the occasion of International Coastal Cleanup Day (ICC) on 20th September, 2025.

  The event was aligned with the ethos of Blue Geographer, a student-led movement focused on beach cleanliness and environmental stewardship.

Students at the International Coastal Clean-up Drive at Benaulim Beach

<u>Student Attended</u>

- Two FYBSc students Ms. Pranathi Juttur and Ms. Marisa Fernandes, Department of Zoology attended a one-day brainstorming Session on *'Mission Sarovar Punha Nirman: Reimagining Goa's Lakes'* organized by the Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Goa at Panjim Gymkhana on 19th September, 2025.
  The session provided valuable insights into lake restoration, sustainable water resource management, and community participation in ecological conservation.

Students Ms. Pranathi Juttur and Ms. Marisa Fernandes for the one-day brainstorming Session on 'Mission Sarovar Punha Nirman: Reimagining Goa's Lakes'

Faculty Section

Faculty Achievements

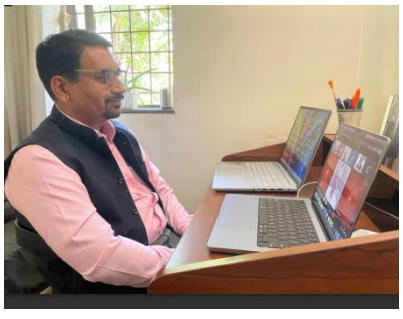
- Dr. Manjita R. Porob, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry was felicitated by Rotary Club Margao Midtown by awarding *'Teacher Excellence Award'* for the year 2025-2026 in recognition of her excellent contribution in the field of education on 17th September, 2025.

Dr. Manjita R Porob being felicitated by the Rotary Club Margao Midtown by awarding 'Teacher Excellence Award' for the year 2025-2026

Invitation as Resource Person

- Prof. Nandkumar Sawant, Head, Department of Geography and Research Center was invited for the following events:
  (a) Resource person for the ICCSR New Delhi sponsored 12 Day Capacity Building Workshop on *'Research Methodology'* from 8th to 19th September, 2025 jointly organized by IGNOU, Regional Center, Panjim and GSRF, Porvorim. Prof. Sawant conducted two sessions on a) Fundamentals of Literature Review and b) Identifying research Gaps on 9th September, 2025.Both the sessions were in LEC- DEM format which made it interactive and engaging.
  (b) Chief guest and resource person for the Refresher Course *in 'Environmental Science (Interdisciplinary)'* organized by UGC- Malaviya Teacher Training Center, Goa University from 10th to 23rd September, 2025. Prof. Sawant spoke on *"Tourism and Environmental Sustainability"*. Taking case studies, showcased how tourism impacts the environment and the resources needs to be consciously utilized and conserved to achieve sustainably.

Prof. Nandkumar Sawant delivering the session on "Fundamentals of Literature Review and Identifying Research Gaps"



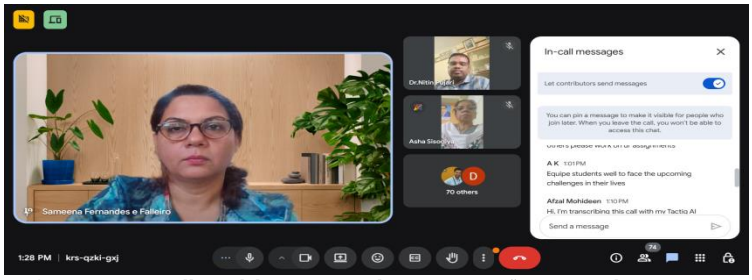
Prof. Nandkumar Sawant delivering the session on "Tourism and Environmental Sustainability"

- Dr. Pradeep Jatal, In-charge & Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi was invited for the following events:
  (a) Resource person in a one-day seminar on the occasion of *'Hindi Diwas'* at Vidyaprabodhini College, Porvorim on 18th September, 2025. He delivered a talk on the topic *"Hindi Sahitya main Vividh Vimarsh"*.
  (b) Guest speaker at Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Comba Margao on 29th September, 2025. He delivered a talk on the topic *"Sanvad Koushal ke Jariye Vyaktitva ka Vikas"*.

Dr. Pradeep Jatal delivering the session on "Hindi sahitya main Vividh Vimarsh"

Dr. Pradeep Jatal delivering the session on "Sanvad Koushal ke Jariye Vyaktitva ka Vikas"

- Dr. Sameena Falleiro, Dean of Science and Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science was invited for the following events:
  (a) Evaluator for the presentation of participants on the topic *'Climate Change'* at the Refresher Course in Environmental Science organized by UGC-MMTTC, Goa University for faculty at the College/University level on 19th September, 2025.
  (b) Resource person for the Short-Term Programme (STP) on '*Academic Leadership'* organized by UGC-MMTTC, Goa University for faculty at the College/University level. She delivered an online session on "*Strategic Planning & Institutional Development: Leading with Vision"* on 24th September 2025.



Snapshot of Dr. Sameena Falleiro delivering an online session on "Strategic Planning & Institutional Development: Leading with Vision"

Faculty Participation/Attended

- Mr. Shubhankar Shah, Assistant Professor, Department of English attended a Seven Day Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on *'Narratives of Ageing and Care: Perspectives on Memory, Identity, and Culture'* organized by the Department of Languages at Jain (Deemed to be) University, Bengaluru from 1st to 8th September, 2025.

- Dr. Sandesh Gawas, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology attended a three-day workshop on *'Climate Change'* organized by the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD) from 9th to 11th September, 2025.

Dr. Sandesh Gawas for the workshop on 'Climate change'

- Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor, MA in Geography, Department of Geography and Research Center participated in the following events:
  (a) Cultural event *'Life of Pao – Bread Making Experience'* organized by the Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG), in collaboration with SKAL International Goa and the Department of Tourism and in association with Soul Travelling as a part of the World Tourism Day month celebrations at Majorda on 16th September, 2025.
  (b) Beach clean-up drive, reinforcing their commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water) organized by the Indian Coast Guard at Benaulim beach, Goa on the occasion of International Coastal Cleanup Day (ICC) on 20th September, 2025.

- Ms. Jofira Gonsalves, College Counsellor attended a National Conference on *"Counselling for Life: Moving Beyond Crisis to Nurture Growth, Empowerment and Well-Being"* organized by the Nirmala Institute of Education, Taleigao at the institute from the 17th to 19th September, 2025.

Ms. Jofira Gonsalves for the National Conference on 'Counselling for Life: Moving Beyond Crisis to Nurture Growth, Empowerment and Well-Being'

- Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology participated in a Two-day workshop on *'Advanced Level Research Workshop for Social Sciences Faculty: (Phase IV) Faculty to Faculty Peer Learning in Social Science'* organized by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, Porvorim from 18th to 19th September 2025.

Dr. Sachin Moraes for the Two-day workshop on 'Advanced Level Research Workshop for Social Sciences Faculty: (Phase IV) Faculty to Faculty Peer Learning in Social Science'

- Dr. Sandesh Gawas, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology attended a one-day brainstorming session on *'Mission Sarovar Punha Nirman: Reimagining Goa's Lakes'* organized by the Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Goa at Panjim Gymkhana on 19th September, 2025.

- Ms. Swati Ghadi, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology participated in the two-day National Conference *GeoConclave 2025* on *'Recent Trends in Geoscientific Studies in Goa'*, at Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, Assagao on 26th to 27th September, 2025. She delivered an oral presentation on *"Iron ore formation pathways in Goa's BIF"*.

Ms. Swati Ghadi delivering the session on *"Iron ore formation pathways in Goa's BIF"*

Department Activities

1) Department of Botany

- The Department organized a *'College Journal Club'* session on 27th September 2025, focusing on engaging students with current scientific research. Ms. Sanjukta Das (TYBSc) presented a paper titled *"Bayesian network model informs on the impact of biotic and abiotic factors on the population characteristics of an endangered plant species"* published in Population Ecology (2022). The session was attended by 17 students and 4 faculty members

- The Department organized a Research Interaction Series (RIS) on 27th September, 2025. It was an engaging platform for TYBSc students to present their ongoing research projects and receive constructive feedback.

Glimpse of the College Journal Club'

2) Department of Chemistry

- The Department organized a workshop on *'Know your Microsoft Word'* for the TYBSc Chemistry students on 23rd September, 2025. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Mitendra Alve, Assistant Professor & Coordinator BVoc-Software Developer. A total of 45 students attended the workshop.

Mr. Mitendra Alve delivering the session on 'Know your Microsoft Word'

The Post-graduate Department of Chemistry, MSc in Analytical Chemistry organized the following event:

- *'Personality Development Workshop'* on 9th September, 2025. The resource person was Mr. Elton Fernandes, JCI Vasco. The trainer conducted a variety of engaging activities and discussions that helped students understand the importance of self-confidence, communication skills, positive thinking and teamwork. A total of 10 students and 02 faculty members attended the workshop.

A glimpse of the 'Personality Development Workshop'

3) Department of Computer Science

- The Department organized an *'E-Waste Collection Drive'* under SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production to encourage proper disposal and recycling of electronic waste from 17th to 30th September, 2025.

  The initiative aimed to raise awareness among students and faculty members about the environmental impact of e-waste and the importance of sustainable waste management. The drive successfully collected several obsolete devices that would be handed over to authorised recyclers.

A glimpse of the 'E-Waste Collection Drive'

4) Department of Hindi

- The Department organized *'Hindi Mahotsav 2025'* on 22nd and 23rd September, 2025 inviting Mr. Sunil Seth, President of the Goa Hindi Academy as the chief guest. He shared his inspiring personal experiences and also spoke about the importance of the Hindi language. The event aimed to promote the Hindi language and encourage students to express their literary and creative talents through various competitions such as Poetry Recitation, Singing, Essay Writing, Elocution, Reel Making, Dance and Antakshari. Principal addressed the gathering and encouraged the students to actively participate in the Hindi Mahotsav activities.

A glimpse of the event 'Hindi Mahotsav 2025'

5) Department of Geography & Research Center

- The students club, GLOBE of Department of the Department organized a three-day inter-class *'Geo Sports Feista'* from 10th to 12th September, 2025. The events organized were a) Badminton b) Table Tennis c) Futsal and d) Tug of War.

  The winners of the different sports events individually and team wise:

  a) Badminton : ***Winner*** **- Mr. Deepak Kumbhar**
  Runners-up **- Mr. Ashwini Ashish**
  (Both from the Staff team)

  b) Table Tennis: ***Winner*** **- Mr. Roytson Fernandes**
  Runner-up **- Dr. Adrain Ferro**

  c) Futsal: : ***Winners*** **- Staff Team**
  Prof. Nandkumar Sawant, Mr. Ashwini Ashish, Mr. Deepak Kumbhar, Mr. Jayesh Gaonkar and Dr. Adrain Ferro

  d) Tug of War : ***Winners*** - **TYBA class team**
  Runners-up - **Staff team**

The **staff team** topped the score points and was declared as the **overall champions.**

Tug of War

Staff team
Champions

Participants of the Department

- A special session titled *'Goa Unplugged: Stories of its Land, People and Untold Past'* was jointly organized by the Departments of Geography & Research Center and the Department of Psychology under the NEP IKS perspective and MoU initiative aligned with UN SDG-4, 6, 11, and 12 on 25th September, 2025.

  Two of our College alumni Ms. Dhruti Bandodkar, Associate-Curations at Soul Travelling and Mr. Pankaj Kamble, Senior Associate-Operations at Soul Travelling were the resource persons. A total of 27 students from the Departments of Geography, Psychology and Aviation, Hospitality and Customer Service attended the session.

Ms. Dhruti Bandodkar and Mr. Pankaj Kamble delivering the session

Faculty and students along with the resource persons
Ms. Dhruti Bandodkar and Mr. Pankaj Kamble

- Achievement

  Three alumni/students have successfully cleared the Goa Public Service Commission examination for the position of Assistant Professor in Geography for teaching in different Government Colleges.

  (a) Dr. Mallica Desai completed her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Geography from the Department and earned her doctorate in 2023 under the esteemed supervision of Prof. Nandkumar Sawant.

  (b) Ms. Teja Kudenker completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geography from the Department.

  (c) Mr. Aucy Travassos is currently pursuing his Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad, Assistant Professor.

Dr. Mallica Desai

Ms. Teja Kudnekar

Mr. Aucy Fernandes

6) Department of Sociology

As part of the course outcomes of the course *Introducing Sociology* for FYBA students of the Department were tasked with serving as ambassadors of Sociology. The initiative aimed to highlight the subject's relevance, applications, and career opportunities between 1st to 6th September, 2025. Students were asked to visit their respective Higher Secondary Schools. The objective of this initiative was to engage students with their juniors, promoting Sociology as a discipline, and reflecting on its societal benefits.

Students visits to their respective Higher Secondary Schools

- A session was conducted on *'Opportunities in learning in Netherlands'* on 20th September, 2025 by Ms. Arya Prabhu, an alumna (2023–24 batch). She highlighted how fieldwork, experiential learning, and community outreach activities during her college years helped her develop a robust learning portfolio that strengthened her application for higher studies.

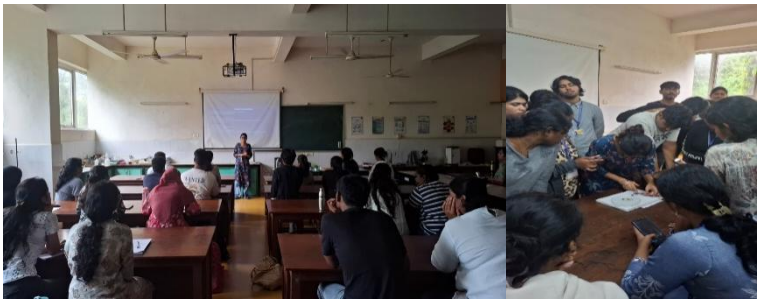
The resource person was Ms. Arya Prabhu delivering the session on Higher Education Opportunities in the Netherlands for Sociology'

7) Department of Zoology

- The Department organized the following events:
  a) *'Pop -Up Bazaar'* as an activity of the Skill enhancement course – Waste Management Techniques on 13th September, 2025. The objective of the activity was to develop the ability to think and create artifacts from waste and to showcase the talent of students by providing them with a platform to display and sell their creations. A total of 32 students participated in the same.

Students selling the artifacts made from waste as part of 'Pop-Up Bazaa'r activity

b) Workshop titled *'Butterflies of Campus: Field to Frame'* by the Department alumna Ms. Mannat Seth for the students on 27th September, 2025. The objective was to familiarize students with the butterfly diversity on campus, their documentation through pamphlet preparation, and methods of specimen preservation for the departmental museum. A total of 55 students participated in the same.



Ms. Mannat Seth, Alumni introducing the students to butterflies of campus and the pinning method of preservation

Dr. Sandesh Gawas sharing his experiences

Activities by College Committees

1) Career and Personal Counselling Center

- The Career and Personal Counselling Center organized an Awareness Programme titled '*Orientation on Counselling*' from the 8th to 10th September, 2025. The purpose of the activity was to sensitise students about mental health counselling in order to break the stigma around seeking help.

  As a resource person Ms. Jofira Gonsalves, College Counsellor highlighted the various benefits of counselling and informed the participants about kinds of mental health issues that can be addressed during therapy. A total of 272 students attended the talk.

Ms. Jofira Gonsalves sensitising the students regarding mental health counselling

2) National Cadets Corps (NCC)

- JUO Mohini Tiwari (Philosophy/Economics), CQMS Bluma Antao (Psychology), SGT Vinita Bhat (Sociology), CPL Sejal Yadav (Computer Science) and LCPL Safiya Sheikh (Sociology/Philosophy) from College was selected for the Pre-RDC Camp I to be held at Belagavi from 11th to 20th September 2025, proudly representing 1 Goa Battalion NCC and the College.

JUO Mohini Tiwari, CQMS Bluma Antao SGT Vinita Bhat,
CPL Sejal Yadav and LCPL Safiya Sheikh been selected for the Pre-RDC Camp

- JUO Mohini Tiwari (Philosophy/Economics), CPL Vinita Bhat (Sociology), LCPL Sejal Yadav (Computer Science), and LCPL Safiya Sheikh (Sociology/Philosophy) have successfully completed the Pre-RDC Camp II held at Belagavi from 22nd September to 1st October, 2025. Representing 1 Goa Battalion NCC and Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), they demonstrated remarkable discipline, dedication, and excellence throughout the camp.

JUO Mohini Tiwari (Philosophy/Economics), CPL Vinita Bhat (Sociology), LCPL Sejal Yadav (Computer Science), and LCPL Safiya Sheikh along with the Principal and Mr. Sachit

- Cadet Nehal represented the 1 Goa Battalion NCC at the *'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp – II (EBSB-II)'* held from 25th September to 6th October, 2025 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

  The camp was organized by the 1 MP Girls Battalion NCC, Indore (Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh Directorate) with the objective of fostering national integration, cultural exchange, and unity in diversity among NCC cadets from various states.

  A total of 27 cadets from Goa participated, including representatives from the Army, Navy and Senior Wing. As part of the Karnataka & Goa Directorate (Kargo's), the contingent showcased cultural performances and secured 2nd place in the Group Dance Competition.

  Cadets also visited significant landmarks such as Mahakaleshwar Temple (Ujjain), Mhow Infantry Museum, Army War College (Mhow), CTW Indore, and Shri Ganpati Mandir (Khajrana). These experiences enriched their knowledge of India's cultural and military heritage.

  The camp proved to be an inspiring and memorable experience that strengthened leadership, discipline, and the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat — One Nation, One Spirit, One India'.

Cadet Nehal represented the 1 Goa Battalion NCC at the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp – II (EBSB-II)'

3) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized an orientation session for teaching and non-teaching staff on *'Infosys Springboard'*, a CSR initiative of Infosys designed to promote digital learning and skill development on 18th September, 2025. This session was an outcome of learning through Infosys springboard introduction to the ALP participants. Three of our college faculties who were participants of ALP I

& II were the resource persons for conveying the information of springboard platform to all the faculties for enhancing regular teaching, learning and capacity building.

A glimpse of the session organized on Infosys Springboard'

4) Research and Development Cell (RDC)

- The Research and Development Cell (RDC), in collaboration with the Centre for Research, Development & Innovation (RDI–DHE, Goa) organized a talk on *'Research Methodology and Literature Search'* under PRAYoG on25th September, 2025.

  The resource person was Prof. Mahesh Majik, Research Development & Innovation, Directorate of Higher Education, Goa. The session provided valuable insights into research design and systematic literature review techniques, enhancing participants' understanding of research methodology and their ability to conduct effective literature searches. A total of 43 students and faculty members attended the same.

Prof. Mahesh Majik delivering the session on 'Research Methodology and Literature Search'

- The Research and Development Cell (RDC) approved four student-based research projects under the *Students Project Research Support Funding* scheme. The approved projects are as follows:

  a) "Molecular and Genomic Characterization of Microbial Strains Isolated from Cashew Apple (Anacardium occidentale L.)" – PI: Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar, Department of Biotechnology.

  b) "Extraction and Bioactivity Analysis of Selected Medicinal Plants" – PI: Dr. Mayuri Gaonkar, Department of Chemistry; Co-PI: Ms. Sonali Gaonkar, Department of Botany.

  c) "Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Olive Ridley Turtle Nesting at Morjim Beach, Goa: Assessing the Impact of Anthropogenic Disturbances" – PI: Dr. Adrian Ferro, Department of Geography.

  d) "Integrative Monitoring of Campus Avifauna: Temporal, Seasonal and Ethno-ecological Perspectives for a Comprehensive Campus Bird Atlas" – PI: Ms. Filomena Pereira, Department of Zoology; Co-PIs: Ms. Shalma Mascarenhas, Department of Zoology, and Ms. Dikshita Aroskar, Department of Computer Science.

5) Women Welfare & SC/ST Students Welfare Committee

- The Women Welfare & SC/ST Students Welfare Committee of our college organized a talk on the occasion of National Nutrition Week entitled *'Fueling your 20s: Food that powers your hustle'* on 26th September, 2025. The resource person was Ms. Prashanta Naik, Dietician, Sub-District Hospital Ponda.

  The objective of the talk was to create awareness among youth about the importance of nutrition and healthy eating habits; to highlight how proper diet in the 20s enhances energy, concentration, and productivity and to address the ill effects of irregular eating patterns and excessive consumption of fast food.

The resource person Ms. Prashanta Naik delivering the session on 'Fueling your 20s: Food that powers your hustle'

Students and faculty members with the resource person Ms. Prashanta Naik

RESEARCH SECTION

Papers Presented

- Mr. Shubhankar Shah, Assistant Professor, Department of English presented a paper titled *"Reading the Goan Mind: Applying Neurocognitive Poetics Model to Damodar Mauzo's Narrative Techniques"* in the National Conference on 'Neurohumanities: Convergence of Literature, Art and Cognition' organized by the Department of English at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru from 18th to 19th September, 2025.

Papers Published

- Dr. Ashish M. Desai, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics has co-authored a research paper in collaboration with alumni Ramnath Sawant, Omkar Shilkar, Sakshit Raikar, Allan Silveira, and Manthan Sawant. The publication is the outcome of the Third Year B.Sc. Physics Research Project (2022–23).

  R. Samant, D. Saraf, R. P. Adhikari, **O. Shilkar, S. Raikar, A. Silveira, M. Sawant**, S. Sappati, N. Joshi, and **A. M. Desai,** "Electronic, magnetic, and mechanical properties of co-doped GaSb: A promising diluted magnetic semiconductor," ***Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials* 632**, 173499 (2025). (Indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, with an impact factor 3.0)

Research Granted

- Dr. Ashish M. Desai, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Dr. Lactina Gonsalves, Department of Chemistry have been granted a Major Research Project titled *"Design and Synthesis of Lead-Free Halide Double Perovskites for Sustainable Solar and Optoelectronic Technologies through First-Principles and Laboratory Investigations"* by the Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF), Government of Goa, with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 14.78 lakhs for the period 2025–2028.

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Thank you.

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