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HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER 2025

Chowgule College signing MOC with Goa Vidyaprasarak Mandal's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education

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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!

We are delighted to share with you a snapshot of the various academic, co-curricular, and outreach activities organised by our Departments and College Committees during the month of December 2025. The compilation also highlights the participation, achievements, and commendable contributions of our faculty members, staff, and students.

It is indeed heartening to witness the collective enthusiasm, commitment, and excellence demonstrated by our academic community. I extend my warm congratulations to all students and staff members for their noteworthy achievements and dedicated efforts.

Moving forward we wish to continue to work together with the same spirit of collaboration and purpose.

With best wishes for continued success and future endeavours.

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar
Principal

ACADEMIC SECTION

Highlights of the Month

- **Inauguration of Chowgule Artisans Hub**

  The *'Chowgule College Artisans Hub'* was inaugurated on 18th December, 2025 by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar in the presence of Vice-Principal Dr. Meghana Devli, Faculty Mentor Dr. Bhanumati C. Pilli, Dr. Bagchi D and club members.

  The club is formed under the banner of Student Club Management Group (SCMG). The club focuses on art and handicrafts like Bead Jewellery work, Crochet, knitting, tatting, painting, clay art, embroidery, etc. The club is led by President, Ms. Adya Naik; Club Secretary, Ms. Bhumi Parvatkar, Club Treasurer, Ms. Rina Arya.

A glimpse of the Inauguration of Chowgule Artisans Hub

- **Memorandum of Collaboration**

  Chowgule Education Society's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous) signed two Memorandum of Collaboration (MoCs) on 23rd December, 2025.

  The first MoC was signed with BIOLOGIZE Lab Private Ltd to evaluate the biosorption efficacy of Ganoderma lucidum mycelia based BioPods, reinforcing the College's commitment to applied research and industry academia collaboration.

  The second MoC was signed with Goa Vidyaprasarak Mandal's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Shri Sitaram Kerkar Vidya Sankul, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa. As an autonomous institution, Chowgule College views this MoC as a strategic academic partnership enabling curricular innovation, multidisciplinary integration, and shared governance in alignment with the vision of NEP 2020. This collaboration is expected to strengthen collective

capacity in teacher education, research, and faculty development, and the College looks forward to translating this intent into impactful academic outcomes.

Chowgule College signs Two MoCs, BIOLOGIZE Lab Private Ltd.

Goa Vidyaprasarak Mandal's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education

Observatory Days

- **Celebration of Goa Liberation Day**

The College celebrated Liberation Day on 19th December, 2025 by hoisting the National Flag at the hands of the Principal. Teaching, non-teaching staff, support staff, and students attended the celebration.

In her speech, the Principal recalled the sacrifice of those who worked hard for the liberation of the state from Portuguese rule. She encouraged the audience to make their contribution worthwhile by doing our part to keep Goa as a beacon for others to follow by our example.

Student Mr. Jay Gaude, TYBA-History delivered a speech regarding his vision for Goa in 2036. As a youth and student of the state, he shared his perspective on how he views his state leading up to 2036, emphasizing the preservation of identity and civic responsibility.

There was a cultural programme inclusive of poetry recitation by students in English, Konkani and Marathi. The debate club also organized a debate on Goa and its place in the world. NSS volunteers and students also sang a Konkani song, and students performed an Indian dance recital.

The programme ended with the singing of the NCC song.

Principal addressing the gathering

Student Mr. Jay Gaude delivering a speech

NCC Parade

Students Section

Students Achievements

- **Mr. Ganesh Mathru Tamburkar**, student of **SYBSc, Department of Geology participated** in the **inter-collegiate Athletic Championship** and won the ***Second Place*** at **800m event** organized by **Goa University** at Athletic Stadium Bambolim from 16th to 18th December 2025.

Mr. Ganesh Mathru Tamburkar
Second Place
800m event

- **Ms. Zakiya Sheikh** and **Ms. Samaira Furtado**, students of the **Department of Botany** participated and secured a ***second place*** in a **reel-making competition titled *'Explore the Wonders of Mangroves: Ecosystem, Benefits & Conservation'***, conducted during a training workshop on 'Food Security, Livelihood Management and Sustainable Eco-Tourism Potential' organized by **Mangrove Society of India** from 15th to 17th December, 2025.

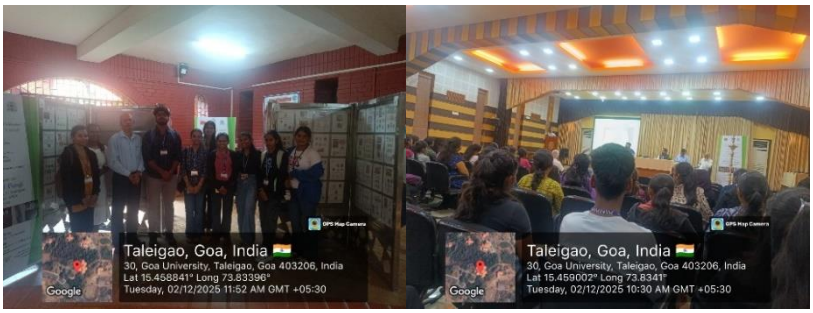
- The students of the **Department of Geology** participated in ***'Cratonica 2.0'***, the inter-collegiate Geology event at Goa University organized by School of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (SEOAS) held on 17th to 18th December, 2025.

  Our college emerged as the overall **winners**.

Winners
Cratonica

Student Participation/Attended

- Students and faculty attended a *Philatelic Exhibition* titled *'The Mycological Kingdom: A Philatelic Journey Through Fungal Classification' and* expert lecture on *'Mycorrhizal Fungi'* organized in commemoration of the Birth Centenary of late Dr. V. D. Vartak at Goa University on 2nd December, 2025. The event fostered interdisciplinary learning by integrating botany, philately, and science communication.

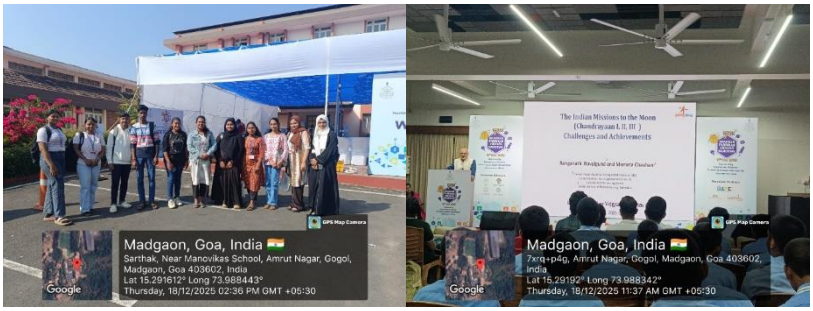


Students and faculty for the Philatelic Exhibition and forthe expert lecture

- Mr. Proshmit Chaudhuri, student of SYBSc, Department of Geology and Mr. Shreyansh Naik, student of S.Y.B.Sc., Department of Zoology attended the 5 Day Residential National Camp on '*Sustainability and Leadership Camp for Climate Skills: Seeds for Transition India'* organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in collaboration with the British Council, HSBC, and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) at TERI Office, India Habitat Centre- New Delhi from 8th to 12th December, 2025. The 5 Day Residential National Camp brought together around 50 youth from all across the nation from 5 different regional camps for a hands-on workshop on developing Skills, Leadership, a knowledge base on the current progress and effects around the world for tackling Climate change issues proactively.

Mr. Proshmit Chaudhuri and Mr. Shreyansh for the 5 Day Residential National Camp on 'Sustainability and Leadership Camp for Climate Skills: Seeds for Transition India'

- Students and faculty of TYBSc Botany attended an inspiring science lecture as part of the *7th Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav* at Manovikas EM High School, Margao on 18th December, 2025. Former ISRO Chairman Dr A. S. Kiran Kumar delivered the keynote address at the inaugural session. The event was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant in the presence of Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh. A key highlight of the edition is the Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award, being presented for the third time.



Students and faculty for the 7th Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav at Manovikas EM High School, Margao

Faculty Section

Faculty Participation

- Dr. Uma A. Masur, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Botany successfully completed the Swayam online certification course on *'Teaching Skills for Higher Education'*.

- Ms. Ashweta Milind Shivolkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science has successfully completed an online refresher course on *'AI & Machine Learning Mastery: A Practical Refresher Course'* conducted under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) organized by the Centre for Faculty Development & Educational Technology (CFDET), Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, and was held from 15th to 27th December, 2025.

Invitation as Plenary Speaker/Resource Person

- Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant, Head, Department of Geography & Research Center was invited as a:
  (a) Resource person to conduct a session on Paper Clinic and Academic Writing by PG Department of geography, SNDT Women's University, Pune Campus, Pune under the *'Capacity Building Programme'* on Writing Abilities for Young Social Science Faculty, funded by ICCSR, New Delhi. The session was conducted by Prof (Dr.) Sawant on 10th Dec, 2025.

Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant as the resource person at the SNDT Women's University, Pune Campus, Pune

  (b) He is nominated on the Editorial Board of peer-reviewed journal entitled *'Journal of Global Resources'*. The Journal of Global Resources is a biannual open access journal.

- Dr. Sandesh Gawas, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology delivered a lecture on "Biodiversity of Goa" as a part of Vidnyan Dhara 2026 – 5th Edition of the Mega Science Outreach Series at Dr K. B. Hedgewar High School on 15th December, 2025. The lecture focused on introducing students to the rich biodiversity of Goa and the importance of its conservation.

Dr. Sandesh Gawas delivering the session on "Biodiversity of Goa"

Faculty Participation/Attended

- **Academic Leadership Program (ALP): Capacity Building Initiative by the Government of Goa**

  The Academic Leadership Programme (ALP), a capacity-building initiative of the Government of Goa, organized the 3rd training session of Batch II (2025–2026) for senior faculty members from Higher Education Institutions from 6th to 12th December, 2025 at Shimla and the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali, Punjab.

  Prof. (Dr.) S. G. Sankhalkar, Principal, and Dr. Rupali Tamuly, Dean of Arts and Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), actively participated in this intensive training programme. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Aarushi Jain, Policy Director of Bharti Institute of Public Policy at Indian School of Business.

  As part of the programme, participants undertook visits to the College of Excellence, Government of Himachal Pradesh, where interactions were held with senior officials and faculty members, and to Himachal Pradesh University, involving discussions with senior leadership and Senate members.

  The ISB Mohali segment of the training comprised a rich blend of immersive classroom sessions, reflective dialogues, and field-based learning experiences. The modules covered key themes such as ethical and adaptive leadership, motivation and effective communication, innovation in pedagogy, negotiation and decision-making, and emotional intelligence (EQ) and its influence on leadership, delivered by distinguished resource persons. The programme provided participants with valuable insights into contemporary leadership practices in higher education, fostering strategic thinking, institutional governance skills, and academic excellence.

ALP II team along with team of College of Excellence, Government of Himachal Pradesh

Principal along with Principal of College of Excellence, Government of Himachal Pradesh and Prof. Arushi

Entire ALP batch II group picture

ALP Women Team

Prof. Rajesh Upadhyay along with Principal and Dr. Rupali

Principal receiving certificate at ISB Mohali

- Mr. Sachit Kuttikar, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology participated in One-Day Workshop and Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on '*Dissemination of groundwater data, aquifer management plans, groundwater monitoring optimization, and groundwater quality–related aspects in the State of Goa'* organized by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), SWR, Bangalore and SUO, Belgavi, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and Water Recourses Department, Government of Goa at Conference Hall-WRD, Porvorim on 16th December, 2025.

Mr. Sachit Kuttikar for the One-Day Workshop and Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

Department Activities

1) Department of Computer Science

- The Firbits Club of the Department of Computer Science successfully organized a hands-on session titled *'Unlocking AI Tools'* on 11th December, 2025. The primary focus of the session was on applying AI tools in the teaching–learning process, with special emphasis on content creation, automation, and problem-solving.

  The resource persons were Ms. Suchitra Bhat, Ms. Ashweta Shiwolkar and Ms. Sanas Shaikh, faculty members from the Department. The resource persons explained how AI can enhance productivity, improve instructional methods, and simplify complex academic tasks. A total of 8 faculty members attended the same.

Faculty members for the hands-on session titled 'Unlocking AI Tools'

- The Firbits Club of the Department of Computer Science organized a 'Quiz Competition' titled *'The Geek Hunt 4.0'* on 11th December, 2025. The objective of the Quiz Competition was to revise and improve the computer science knowledge in a fun and interactive way. A total of 5 students and 3 faculty members attended the same. The winner's team were Lowkey Phantom (FYBSc Department of Computer Science) Ms. Larissa Charmaine Fernandes and Ms. Glossy Velria Dias and runner's-up team were Top Two (FYBSc Department of Computer Science) Mr. Devang Gawas and Mr. Jonathan Fernandes.

Participants

Winners
Lowkey Phantom Team

Runner's up
Top Two Team

2) Department of Chemistry

- The Department in association with ChemZone Club of the Department organized an intercollegiate event *'KYNESIS 2025'* on 6th December, 2025. Dr. Ajay Gaude, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs was the chief guest for the Inaugural Function and Dr. Meghna Devli, Vice-Principal of the College was the chief guest for the Valedictory function. Three colleges participated in the event.

The chief guest Dr. Ajay Gaude for the inaugural function

Winners of 'KYNESIS 2025'
Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women

3) Department of English

- The second-year students of the Department organized a trip to the 10th edition of Serendipity Arts Festival, Panaji on 19th December, 2025. This year, the festival spanned ten days, from 12th to 21st December 2025. 35 students of the department visited several venues, including the Directorate of Accounts, the Old Goa Medical College (GMC), and the Art Park. The students were given the freedom to explore the exhibitions that they were interested in. Among the highlights was A Breath Held Long, a short film by Sudarshan Shetty that merges documentary filmmaking with theatre and music, as well as Caravaggio's Magdalene in Ecstasy, which was exhibited in India for the first time in this unique setting.

Students for the trip to the 10th edition of Serendipity Arts Festival, Panaji

- The Department hosted its 16th Edition of Pegasus, Goa's longest running intercollegiate English literary festival. Held over two days, this year on 15 and 16 December 2025, at the college campus, the event centered on the innovative theme "A Digital Renaissance." The festival aimed to bridge the gap between classical literary traditions and the modern digital era, challenging students to reimagine storytelling through various creative and competitive lenses. A total of nine institutions across the state participated in the same.

4) Department of Geography & Research Center

- The Department of Geography and Research Center in collabaration with Sophia College, Ajmer and Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola organized Two Day National conference on the seminal theme, National Conference on Resilient Geographies: Pathways to Sutainabale Development and Viksit Bharat on 15th and 16th December, 2025.

  In the inaugural function, the chief guest Prof. Dr. F. M. Nadaf Principal, Autonomous College of Multidisciplinary Studies and Research, Borad-Margao, and Deputy Director of Higher Education, Government of Goa highlighted the changing landscape of India which ensure India towards development and Sustainability, while the key note speaker, Senior Professor, Shahab Fazal emphasized that development is now focus towards Global South, with India and China at the lead. Dr Adrain Ferro, made the opening remarks of the conference while the convener, Prof (Fr.) Nandkumar Sawant appealed the geography community to unite for the cause of sustainability. The co- conveners, Dr Monica Kanan and Dr Prabir Kumar Rath, spoke the dimensions of collaborative efforts of the institutions to understand and anlyse the issues across India.
  The other lead speakers were Sr. Prof. Virender Nagarale, SNDT University, Pune. Prof. Monika Kannan- Professor Sophia College- Ajmer, Prof. V. C. Jha, Former VC of Vishwa Bharati University, Shantiniketan. The conference was attended by more than 105 participants across the country and 65 research papers were presented.

Inaugural session of the Conference

Participants at the Conference

- National Faculty-Student Academic Interaction Programme
  The Department conducted a National-level Faculty-Student Interaction Programme with the Department of Geography, Sophia College (Autonomous), Ajmer, Rajasthan, on 15th December, 2025. The programme facilitated meaningful academic exchange between faculty members and students of both institutions.
  Faculty discussions were held between Prof. Monika Kannan, Head, Department of Geography, Sophia College, and Department of Geography, Chowgule College, focusing on best practices, teaching-learning approaches, and potential collaborations such as joint research initiatives and academic activities. Students from both departments actively participated in interactive sessions, gaining valuable academic exposure and peer learning opportunities. The programme concluded with a campus tour.

Faculty interaction and academic exchange between the Departments of Geography, Chowgule College and Sophia College (Autonomous), Ajmer

5) Department of Sociology

- The Human D.O.S.T.O club of Department conducted a visit to an old age home in Navelim on 11th December, 2025. There were around 35 inmates of the old age home that were visited by 20 students along with the faculty member Ms. Valeska A. Gracias, visited the same. The students brought

along a Santa Claus to create a festive and joyous atmosphere. The visit featured various engaging activities, including dancing, singing and the harmonious rendition of Christmas carols. To amplify the festive spirit, the students also distributed Christmas caps to the in-mates, which brought smiles to their faces. Furthermore, refreshments were served to the inmates making the celebration even more delightful.

A glimpse of the visit to the old age home in Navelim

- Nine Students from the Department participated in a one-day youth mental health initiative, *'Seeds of Strength: Youth, Mind and Meaning'* organized by Goa University- D.D. Kosambi School of Social Science and Behavioural Studies-Social Work Programme, in collaboration with the Tele MANAS Cell on 18th December, 2025. At this initiative **Mr. Nishant Heggennavar**, student from SYBA Sociology, ***won*** the **Mandala Art Competition** by competing against 15 other Colleges from Goa.

Winner of Mandala Art Competition
Mr. Nishant Heggennavar

Students for the one-day youth mental health initiative

- The Department organized Christmas celebration on 23rd December, 2025. It was a special occasion for the students and faculties to come together and bond over the festive spirit. The celebration began with a warm welcome and an opening address by Dr. Sachin Moraes, Department Incharge, followed by a range of fun-filled activities.

Christmas Celebration

6) Department of Zoology

The Department organized the following events:

(a) Bird trail for the 12 students of TYBSc. on 16th December, 2025 by project group of 5 TY students working on the avifauna of the campus. The objective of the activity was to document and study behaviour of birds. A total of 35 species were noted and the list was submitted to ebird.

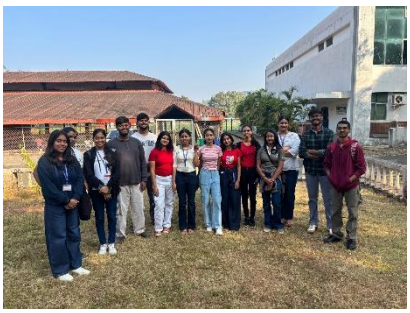
Students for bird trail in College campus

(b) A total 18 students of TYBSc went for field trip as part of the courses *Ecotourism* and *Wildlife Biology and Ethology* on 17th December, 2025. The primary objective of the visit was to provide experiential learning by exposing students to a real-world example of community-based ecotourism operating within a protected area, while simultaneously strengthening their understanding of wildlife biology, animal behaviour, and conservation practices.

The field visit was conducted at Jungletrails Homestay, located inside the Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa. Jungletrails is notable as Goa's first community-based ecotourism initiative and is managed by local women and housewives from the village of Talde.

Students at Jungltrials Homestay at Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, Mollem

(c) Butterfly trail was conducted on 23rd December, 2025. The trail was led by project group of 03 TY students working on the butterflies of the campus. The objective of the activity was to document butterflies and host plants. A total of 10 species were recorded. 14 TYBSc students participated in the same.



TY students for butterfly trail in College campus

7) Department of Physical Education & Sports Management (DPSM)

- Tiger Sportz Fiesta 14.0 - Tower Run

  After the successful completion of the earlier events of Tiger Sportz Fiesta 14.0, the Tower Run event was organized on 19th December, 2025. This physically demanding relay race required participants to climb the staircases of Blocks A, B, and C of the college building, covering a total of 269 steps, which were clearly marked along the designated route. The race started and concluded at the Chowgule College Gate, with baton exchanges taking place only at the start/finish point.

  The combined time of all four runners determined the final standings. In the final results, the **Department of Zoology** secured ***First Place***, followed by the **Department of Chemistry** in **Second Place**, and the **Department of Biotechnology** in ***Third Place***.

A glimpse of the Tower Run

- Inter Collegiate Cycling Championship 2025-26

  College participated in the inter-collegiate Cycling Championship 2025–26 for Men organized by Goa University at Rosary College, Navelim, on 11th December, 2025. The championship provided a competitive

platform for university-level cyclists, offering valuable exposure and experience to the participants. The college team competed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, contributing to the promotion of cycling and competitive sports among students. The team comprised of Sooraj Mahesh Rathod, Anijay Ajay Prabhu, Aloyd Amaral Fernandes & Saurabh Balkrishna Havle.

Participants
Inter-collegiate Cycling Championship 2025–26 for Men

- Inter-collegiate Athletics Championship 2025-26
  Our students participated in the Goa University inter-collegiate Athletics Championship 2025–26 for Men & Women, from 16th to 18th December 2025 at the Athletics Stadium, Bambolim. The championship brought together athletes from various affiliated colleges and provided a competitive platform to showcase talent and gain university-level exposure.

  Mr. Ganesh Tamburkar, student of SYBSc. secured a ***silver medal*** in the **800 m run**. Mr. Omkar Shirodkar, student of FYBSc finished 7th in the 5000 m run.

  The students that represented the college in the championship were Melysunn Sunny Reevs, Omkar Rohan Shirodkar, Edson D'Sa, Pushpraj Naik, Aloyd Amaral Fernandes, Ganesh Tamburkar, Razak Javed Nadaf, Saurabh Balkrishna Havle, Shawn Bandodker and Nash D'Silva.

Students for the inter-collegiate Athletics Championship 2025-26

- Inter-Collegiate Best Physique Championship 2025-26
  Student Mr. Sourabh Subhash Raikar represented College in the inter-collegiate *'Best Physique Championship for Men 2025–26'*, organized by Goa University at Jubilee Hall, Goa University on 23rd December, 2025.

  Mr. Sourabh competed in the up to and including 60 kg category. He delivered a commendable performance and secured a place among the top ten participants in his category.

Mr. Sourabh Subhash Raikar for the inter-collegiate 'Best Physique Championship for Men 2025–26'

Activities by College Committees

1) Career and Personal Counselling Center

- The Career and Personal Counselling Center in collaboration with Tele MANAS Goa organized a talk on '*Mental Health Matters: Recognizing Warning Signs and Providing Psychological First-Aid for Staff and Parents'* on 4th December, 2025.The resource person was Dr. Shrutika Sudhir Kandolkar, Consultant Psychiatrist at Tele Manas Goa and IPHB, Bambolim. The objective was to provide stakeholders with a perspective on staying alert and stepping in when crises hit, so they can better support students through mental-health hurdles. A total of 34 faculty members attended the talk.

Dr. Shrutika Sudhir Kandolkar delivering the session on 'Mental Health Matters: Recognizing Warning Signs and Providing Psychological First-Aid for Staff and Parents'

RESEARCH SECTION

Papers Presented

- Mr. Yatin P. Desai, Associate Professor, Department of Physics presented the research paper on *"Mn Doping Effects on Structural and Magnetic Properties of $NiFe_2O_4$ Nano-Ferrites"* in the 69th DAE Solid State Symposium 2025 organized by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and sponsored by the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India, held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee on 19th to 23rd December, 2025.

- A total of four SYBA students Mr. Sevilen Serrao, Mr. Nishant Heggannavar, Ms. Divya Dewasi, Ms. Divya Kharade and two TYBA students Ms. Areta Cardoso, Ms. Diya Gaonkar along with Ms. Siana D'Mello, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology attended the three-day conference '50th All India Sociological Conference' at SRM University, Amaravati- Andhra Pradesh from 28th to 30th December 2025.
  Three students presented research papers in their respective research committee.
  (a) Ms. Divya Dewasi and Ms. Divya Kadrade (SYBA) presented a paper on *'Changing Mobility And Growing Inequality: A Study Of Travel, Transpot And Tourism In Goa'* in RC 28 (Sociology of Everyday Life) on 29th December, 2025.
  (b) Mr. Sevilen Serrao presented a research paper on *'Tourism and Identity in Goa'* in RC 14 (Globalization and society) on 29th December, 2025.
  (c) Ms. Siana D'Mello presented a research paper on *'Digital Mobilities and Women's Empowerment in the State of Goa: Asserting the Role of Mobile Phones and Digital Platforms in Enhancing Women's Mobility as Entrepreneurs'* in RC 13 (Science, technology and society) on 30th December, 2025.

Students and faculty for the three-day conference '50th All India Sociological Conference' at SRM University, Amaravati- Andhra Pradesh

We will come back soon with more highlights of our campus in the upcoming issues. Your comments and suggestions are valuable to us.
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Thank you.

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