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## EDITORIAL

We are pleased to present our fourth issue of our newsletter which proudly celebrates vibrant student engagement, academic growth, and shared achievements. This year's Republic Day was especially memorable, featuring a thoughtful speech by a TYBA student that reflected youthful optimism and a deep sense of civic responsibility. The celebration was further enriched by an inspiring address delivered by our Head of Department, who was invited as the Chief Guest, eloquently capturing the enduring spirit and relevance of the Constitution.

Our students continue to shine across diverse arenas. Their academic excellence was recognized on Annual Day, while Astra 2.0 highlighted their creativity, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit. NCC cadets added to this pride with their discipline and noteworthy accomplishments.

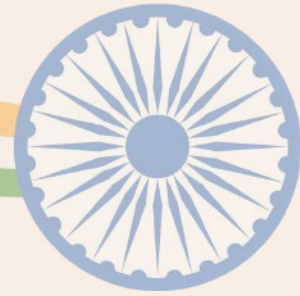
Learning extended beyond the classroom through an engaging field trip to the historical sites of Old Goa and Fort Aguada, allowing students to connect with the past in meaningful ways. The Board of Studies meeting also marked a significant academic milestone, with the approval of Semester VII courses, ensuring a forward-looking and intellectually engaging syllabi.

Finally, as the Class of 2023-2026 reflects on its journey, their voices remind us that history is not just studied—it is lived and celebrated, shaped through learning, reflections, and gratitude.

Happy Reading!!

Suraj Tukaram Mandekar  
Assistant Professor  
Department of History

# REPUBLIC DAY SPEECH



Janell Dias, our TYBA student, delivered a thoughtful speech on Republic Day celebration. In her address she drew a meaningful distinction between independence and republicanism, arguing that while 1947 freed India from colonial rule, it was the enforcement of the Constitution on 26th January 1950 that rendered the nation truly sovereign and self-determining. She reflected on the Preamble as the ideological compass of the Republic, underscoring the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity as principles born out of lived historical experience rather than abstract ideals.

Citing Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's caution that political democracy could not survive without social and economic democracy, she urged her peers to engage actively with constitutional values in everyday life. She further emphasised that for the present generation, patriotism must be expressed through critical thinking, empathy, and accountability rather than mere symbolism. The speech concluded by calling upon the youth to view the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 not solely as an economic ambition, but as a pursuit of a principled, compassionate, and deeply democratic India.

Joanna Gomes  
(FYBA)





# Celebrating the Spirit of the Constitution: A Republic Day Address by Ms. Sarita Naik Tari

Ms. Sarita Naik Tari, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of History, was invited as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day celebration organised by Smt. Chandrabhaga Tukoba Naik Higher Secondary School, Curchorem. The event was marked by patriotic fervour and enthusiastic participation from students and staff. In her address, she eloquently highlighted the historical significance of Republic Day.

She placed particular emphasis on the Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution, urging students to be responsible citizens who not only claim their rights but also conscientiously fulfill their duties. Her speech was both inspiring and thought-provoking, encouraging young minds to actively contribute to the nation's progress.

Suraj Tukaram Mandekar  
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# Student's Achievement – Celebrating Student's Academic Excellence on Annual Day



Achievement is never the work of one; it is the quiet strength of many who guide, support, and believe along the way." On 26th February 2026, on the occasion of Annual Day (2025-26), I was honoured to be felicitated as the meritorious student securing Rank 1 in the Department of History from First Year Bachelor of Arts, having achieved the highest SGPA in the department.

This recognition is a moment of deep gratitude and humility. I sincerely acknowledge the invaluable guidance and unwavering support of my faculty members, whose dedication and encouragement have played a crucial role in shaping my academic journey. Their constant mentorship has not only strengthened my understanding of the subject but has also inspired me to strive for excellence.

I am equally thankful to my seniors for their guidance, motivation, and encouragement, which have been instrumental in helping me stay focused and determined.

Sriya Bandekar  
(FYBA)

It is truly an honour to have received the award for the second time for securing the highest SCGPA among the SY history students. It really feels surreal to see all the hard work being appreciated and celebrated. Above all I couldn't have done it without the dedication and the great efforts put in my teachers. Without their guidance and insights, it wouldn't have been possible for me to do so well academically and to be able to grow into a budding historian. It was truly a joyful moment and a tremendous achievement that has only strengthened my resolve to excel in my studies.

Godwin Barros  
(SYBA)

For the second consecutive year, I am honoured to be recognized as a meritorious student. Receiving this medal was a moment of immense pride and delight, and I find it difficult to fully express my happiness. It is truly rewarding to see my efforts and enthusiasm appreciated. Furthermore, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my teachers, parents, and friends; their unwavering support made this achievement possible.

Saideep Agondekar  
(TYBA)



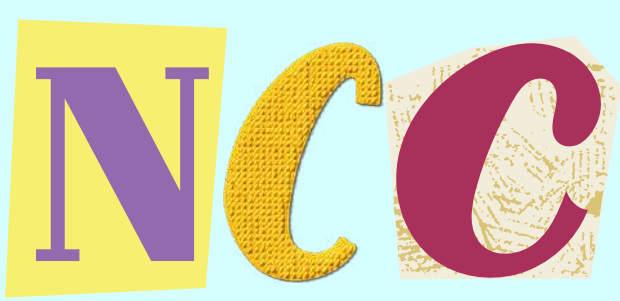
# Student's Achievement Astra 2.0



Astra 2.0 was a three-day inter-departmental festival organised to promote creativity, teamwork and healthy competition among students. The festival included a variety of cultural, creative and sports events conducted under different themes. The students of Department of History achieved remarkable success through two significant victories. Jay Gaude (TYBA) and Eva Soares (TYBA) secured first place in the Surprise Event, demonstrating quick thinking, coordination and confidence in an unexpected challenge. Another major achievement was the victory of Sriya Bandekar (FYBA) and Abigail Carvalho (TYBA) in the Fireless Fiesta (Cooking without Fire) competition, where their innovative dish, presentation and creativity impressed the judges and earned them first place. These achievements highlighted the students' creativity, teamwork and competitive spirit of the department.

Sriya Bandekar  
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# ACHIEVEMENTS



## SGT. CRIFFA ALITA PEREIRA (TYBA)

My journey in the NCC unit at Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) began in 2023. It's my journey of growth, discipline, and self-discovery. The experience has significantly contributed to the development of my leadership, teamwork, and drill skills, particularly through my participation in the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) in 2024.

A highlight of my NCC journey was representing my unit at the All India NCC Girls Trekking Expedition 2025 (Kerala Trek-I at JNV Kulamavu). This national-level camp pushed me beyond my physical and mental limits, making it both a challenging and deeply rewarding experience. Trekking through demanding terrains not only strengthened my endurance and resilience but also boosted my confidence. It also provided a unique opportunity to interact with and build lasting bonds with cadets from across the country.

I was also honoured to be part of the Guard of Honour on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas in 2025, an experience that instilled in me a deep sense of pride and responsibility.

Further, during the Annual Training Camp (ATC) 2025, I participated in a group dance competition, where our team secured first place. This achievement allowed me to showcase my cultural talents alongside my NCC training.

Being a part of NCC has played a pivotal role in shaping my confidence, discipline, and sense of responsibility. I look forward to continuing this journey and striving for greater accomplishments in the future.

SGT. Criffa Alita Pereira  
(TYBA)

# Field Trip at Heritage Sites of Old Goa and Fort Aguada

On 5th March 2026 the Department of History, in association with the History Forum, organised an enriching field trip to heritage sites in Old Goa and Fort Aguada. Students explored landmarks such as the St. Augustinian Tower, Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Museum of Christian Art, Church of St. Cajetan, Chapel of St. Catherine and the ASI Museum, under the guidance of Associate Professor Sarita Naik Tari, Assistant Professor Fravina Rebelo, and Assistant Professor Suraj Tukaram Mandekar. At the Augustinian Tower, Second Year student Godwin Barros explained its historical importance, complemented by faculty inputs. Next the group observed the distinctive architecture of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary and admired the rich collection of artefacts at the Museum of Christian Art. A visit to the Church of St. Cajetan and the ASI Museum further deepened their understanding of Goa's rich past. Following a lunch break near the Se Cathedral, the students proceeded to Fort Aguada, where First Year student Sriya Bandekar presented its historical significance as a key Portuguese defence point. The day concluded on a high note, offering students a meaningful blend of academic learning, architectural appreciation, and cultural exploration.

Godwin Barros  
(SYBA)



# BOS MEETING

The Board of Studies meeting of the Department of History was convened online on 14th March 2026, bringing together all departmental faculty members along with eminent external experts from academia. The meeting provided a valuable platform for academic exchange and curriculum review.

After detailed discussions and constructive inputs from both internal and external members, the Board approved the Semester VII syllabi. The courses finalized include Debates in Indian History, Issues and Debates in Goan History, Early Modern Europe (1300–1750), and Doing History. These courses are designed to encourage critical thinking, historiographical engagement, and research-oriented learning among students.

The department expresses its gratitude to the external members for their insightful contributions and continued support in strengthening the academic pursuits.

Suraj Tukaram Mandekar  
Assistant Professor  
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# LEARNING, REFLECTIONS AND GRATITUDE: THE CLASS OF 2023-2026 IN RETROSPECT.

Over three years, my Department of History has been more than academics, it has been a family. My professors guided me with patience, inspired me with their passion, and believed in me. Their warmth, support, and encouragement gave me a deep sense of belonging I will always cherish.

Jañell Dias



The journey from semester 1 to 6 has been quite an experience, and I am truly grateful for it. The Department provided me with much more than just historical knowledge, and I will always be indebted to my professors, Sarita Ma'am, Vanessa Ma'am, Suraj Sir, and Fravina Ma'am, for their unwavering trust and belief in my abilities.

Yashashree Yoguish Rao Valaulikar



I entered the Department with an interest in history and Igraduate with a deeper understanding, greater awareness, and stronger values. The faculty devoted their best efforts to nurturing that interest into a deep passion for the subject. They recognize our strengths and weaknesses, guiding us beyond academics to help us discern right from wrong, while ensuring the highest quality of historical learning. The focus has always been on understanding the subject rather than rote memorization. These three years have been truly invaluable.

Geetali G Velip





My three-year journey in the department has been a meaningful and enriching experience. It helped me grow academically and personally, building confidence, knowledge, and lasting memories. The support of teachers and peers made learning enjoyable, and I will always value the lessons and experiences gained during this time.

Jasbeeya Shaikh



My journey in the History Department has truly been a rollercoaster ride and a fascinating tour through time. I still remember beginning with the ancient history of Goa, which made me realize the richness of our own past. From ancient and medieval periods to European history, and finally understanding how India emerged as a nation, every lesson left a lasting impression.

Our faculty made this journey truly special: Ma'am Sarita, with her perfect balance of discipline and love, made learning both rigorous and nurturing; Sir Suraj's engaging lectures brought the subject to life, filling the classroom with both learning and laughter; and Ma'am Vanessa's kindness and dedication have always been a source of inspiration and support.

It feels unbelievable that this beautiful journey is already coming to an end.

Jonesy Moraes



My three years in the Department of History have been among the most memorable of my life, filled with learning, laughter, and cherished memories. From the very first lecture to our final goodbyes, the classrooms and corridors have truly felt like a second home.

Our professors have been the pillars of this journey. Ma'am Sarita has always been like a mother to us, strict from outside, yet truly loving and caring at heart.

Sir Suraj, with his brilliant mind and friendly nature, turned complex topics into engaging conversations we will never forget. Ma'am Vanessa, my most favourite, has consistently shown kindness and offered support in countless ways, for which I am deeply grateful. I would also like to thank Ma'am Kalpita and Ma'am Fravina, whose ever-smiling presence and gentle encouragement brightened each day.

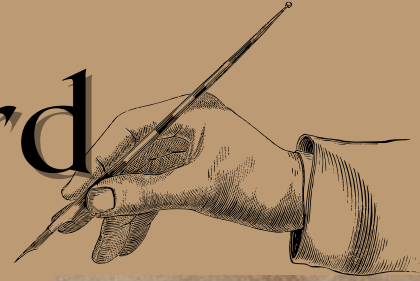
Most importantly, I am grateful to my classmates, my "best-blessed" family, with whom I have shared laughter, challenges, and unforgettable experiences. As we turn this page, the memories we have created together will remain permanent. I leave with a full heart and a lifetime of stories.

Thank you, History friends, for this unforgettable journey.

Jay Gaude



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