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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 March 2026. We also highlight faculty participation, achievements of staff and our students.

We celebrate the achievements and contributions of all the students and staff members.

With Best Wishes

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar

Principal

ACADEMIC SECTION

Highlights of the Month

- Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao organized an **Open Day 2026** on 7th March 2026, welcoming aspiring students and parents to explore the institution's dynamic and student-centric academic environment.

  Vice Principal Dr. Meghana Devli welcomed the gathering. This was followed by a detailed presentation on the college's academic structure, unique initiatives, and student support systems by Mr. Andrew Baretto, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Dr. Sobita Kirtani, Head In-charge of Psychology and Mr. Mitendra Alve, Assistant Professor, Department of Software Development. Following this, the heads/in-charges/faculty of each department were invited to deliver a one-minute talk, highlighting the unique aspects of their department's curriculum, student opportunities, and achievements. A total of 35 students attended the same.

  The event was coordinated by Dr. Bhanumati C Pilli, Dr Sachin Moraes, Dr Uma Masur and Ms. Swati Ghadi

Open Day 2026

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**
  Chowgule Education Society"s, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Goa Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (GIPARD), Ella Farm, Old Goa on 20th March, 2026.

MoU signing with GIPARD

- **Chowgule Women's Cricket League 2026**
  The Chowgule Women's Cricket League 2026 was organised on 14th March, 2026 at the Futsal Ground, Chowgule Sports Complex. The match was played between the teams Challengers and Strikers, promoting women's participation in sports, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

  The Challengers team emerged as winners under the captaincy of Ms. Bhavana Sawardekar, while Strikers secured the runners-up position under the leadership of Ms. Suveena Tamse. Individual awards were presented to Ms. Archana Velip (Best Bowler), Ms. Samiksha Kavelkar (Best Batsman), and Ms. Nina Cotinho (Best Fielder). The event concluded successfully with enthusiastic participation and competitive spirit.

Challengers – Winning Team

Strikers – Runners-Up Team

Students Section

Students Achievements

- **Ms. Giselle Frances De Silva**, student of T.Y.B.Sc. Zoology, secured **first place** in the PowerPoint Presentation organised by the Internal Committee, Standing Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH), on 5th March, 2026, under the theme **"Creating Safe and Respectful Workspaces: Understanding POSH and Personal Boundaries."**

Ms. Giselle Fernandes secured first place in a PowerPoint presentation

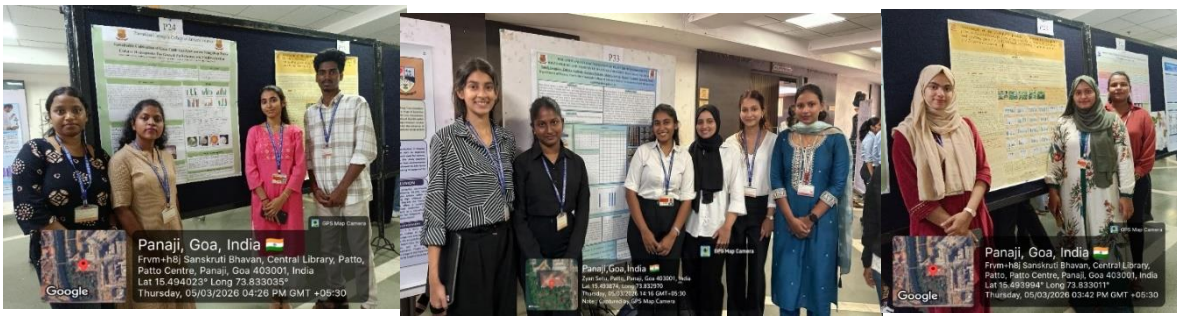
- **Mr Rehan Chikodi** and **Ms Manjiri Pai Dukle** secured **first place** at the **"My State My Budget"** competition organised by the Department of Economics, Dempo College Autonomous Cujira on 7th March, 2026.

- **Mr. Chrysander Perpetual Goes** and **Mr. Surendra Ram Velip**, Third Year B.Sc. Physics students, secured the **Best Poster Award** in the Physics category at the Intercollegiate T.Y.B.Sc. Project Poster Presentation Competition organised by P.E.S.'s R.S.N. College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa, held on 27th March, 2026 at Swami Vivekanand Hall. They presented their poster **"Electronic, Optic Competition the al, and Mechanical Properties of Lead-Free Double Perovskites: Insights from DFT and Deep Learning Screening."** The project was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Ashish M. Desai, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics.

Students at Intercollegiate T.Y.B.Sc. Project Poster Presentation Competition

Students Participation/Attended

- Fourteen T.Y.B.Sc. Botany students from the Department of Botany participated in the **KALPAK 2026 Poster Competition** organised Vidnyan Dhara 2026, Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC) and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) on 5th March, 2026. The students presented their final-year project posters, showcasing research and scientific understanding. They were accompanied by Ms. Ansifa Simoes and Ms. Sonali Gaonkar. The participation provided valuable academic exposure and enhanced student's research and presentation skills



Students at KALPAK 2026

Students Participation in Sports

- The **Women's handball team** participated in the Goa University Inter College Handball Championship 2025–26, held from 2nd to 4th March, 2026 at the Goa University Ground. The team played their first-round match against Vidya Prabodhini College, Porvorim. Despite a determined effort and coordinated gameplay, the team lost the match and concluded their participation in the championship. The team was accompanied by Mr. Audumbar Tamse, who guided and supported the players throughout the tournament.

Women's handball team

- The **Men's Cricket Team** participated in the Inter-College Cricket Championship 2025–26 organised by Goa University from 5 March 2026 onwards at the Goa University Ground. The team received a bye in the first

round and advanced to the second round, securing a 5-wicket victory against Fr. Agnel College, Pilar, on 16th March, 2026. They progressed to the third round and competed against Government College, Borda, on 25th March, 2026, where they were eliminated after a competitive performance. The team displayed commendable performance and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The team was accompanied by Mr. Audumbar Tamse.

Men's Cricket Team

- The **Women's Cricket Team** participated in the Inter-College Cricket Championship 2025–26 organised by Goa University from 23rd March, 2026 onwards at Dayanand Bandodkar Krida Sankool, Peddem-Mapusa. The team competed against Shree Damodar College, Margao, on 24th March, 2026 and was eliminated in the first round. The team demonstrated good sportsmanship and gained valuable competitive experience. The team was accompanied by Mr. Audumbar Tamse.

Women's Cricket Team

Faculty Section

Invitation as Plenary Speaker/Resource Person

- **Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes**, Department of Sociology, was invited as a plenary speaker at a National Seminar organised by the Department of Konkani, Sant Sohirobanath Ambiye Government College and Research Centre-Virnoda, Pernem-Goa, in collaboration with the Directorate of Official Language, Government of Goa, on 6th March, 2026. He delivered a lecture on **"Polynomic Konkani and Standardization: Dialect Geography, Symbolic Power, and Sociolinguistic Stratification in Postcolonial Goa",** The seminar focused on promoting Konkani language studies, understanding regional dialects, and addressing contemporary issues in language preservation and documentation in line with the National Education Policy 2020.

Dr. Sachin Moraes at the national seminar

- **Prof (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant**, Professor and Head, Department of Geography, was invited as a plenary speaker at the Western Regional Conference organised by the Goa Business School, Goa University, in collaboration with the Indian Association for the Study of Population, on 20th and 21st March, 2026. He delivered a lecture on **"Changing Demographics of Goa: Insights and Perspectives"** under the theme "Demographic Transition in Western India."

Prof(Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant at the conference

He was also invited as a Resource Person for a session on **"Plan Your Career: Be Competitive, Get Ready for Competitive Examinations"** organised by SS Dempo College (Autonomous) Cujira, Bambolim - Goa on

27th March, 2026. He addressed students on career opportunities after graduation and strategies for success in competitive examinations, emphasising persistence, focus, and the importance of external support systems.

Faculty Participation/Attended

- **The Principal, Prof. Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar**, attended the five-day **Academic Leadership Programme (ALP) – Phase IV**, sponsored by the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Goa, at Goa Institute of Management, Sattari, Sanquelim, Goa, from 9th to 13th March 2026. The programme was conducted under the Malaviya Mission – Nurturing Future Leadership initiative of the Government of India.

Principal at ALP

- **Ms. Ansifa Simoes**, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, attended a three-day **DoPT, Government of India-sponsored Training Programme on Climate Change** organised by the the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD), Goa, from 9th to 11th March, 2026.

Ms. Ansifa Simoes at three-day DoPT training programme

- **Dr. Mayuri Gaonkar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, completed a Refresher Course in **Chemical Sciences (Residential)** conducted by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Goa University, from 10th to 25th March, 2026.

- **Prof. Sameena Falleiro**, Dean of Science, from the Department of Computer Science, served as Resource Person for a session on pedagogy organised by Goa College of Architecture, Ela Farm, Old Goa, on 20th March, 2026 for its faculty. She delivered a session titled **"Designing Engaging Learning Experiences: Innovative Pedagogies for Higher Education"** on 23rd October, 2025.

  In her capacity as TLETC Coordinator, she also attended the Culmination Programme of the National Essay Competition **"My Dream Union Budget 2026"** organised by the Directorate of Higher Education, Goa, at DTE, Porvorim, on 25th March, 2026. Under her guidance, students participated and performed commendably at the state level, with three students receiving certificates, including one securing 8th rank among the top 10 medal winners in the state.

Prof. Sameena Falleiro as Resource Person for a session on pedagogy

Prof. Sameena Falleiro with students at the "My Dream Union Budget 2026"

- **Ms. Dikshita Vishram Aroskar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, attended a two-day hands-on workshop on "**Implementing NLP with Focus on Annotation and Machine Translation,"** organised by the Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC), Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa in association with the Vidyaapati Project, Goa University, on 23rd and 24th March, 2026.

Department Activities

1) Department of Botany

The Department of Botany organised a **field visit** on 12th March, 2026 to **Gomantak Ayurved Mahavidyalay & Research Centre, Shiroda**. The session was conducted by Dr. Pratima Shikerkar, who spoke on Ayurvedic practices, herbal formulations in cosmetology, and the use of medicinal plants. A total of 18 students and faculty members Ms. Sonali Gaonkar and Ms. Plency Fernandes participated in the visit.

Field visit to Gomantak Ayurved Mahavidyalay & Research Centre

- The Department also organised a **hands-on workshop on Herbal Soap Making** on 13th March, 2026. The session was conducted by Mrs. Chaya Puri and attended by 20 participants (19 students and 1 faculty member). The workshop provided practical training in herbal soap formulation using plant-based ingredients, promoting eco-friendly and sustainable practices, and highlighting skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Workshop on Herbal Soap making

- The Department also organised a **field visit** to **Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary, Canacona, Goa**, on 20th March, 2026 to commemorate the International Day of Forests. A total of 19 students and 4 faculty members participated in the activity.

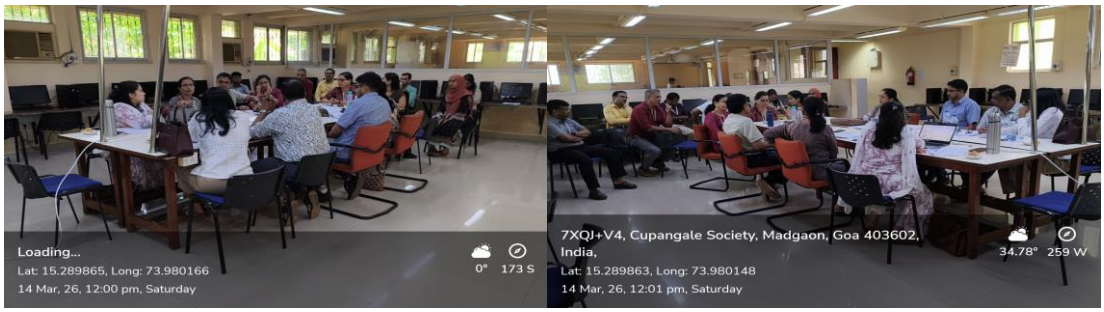
Field visit to Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary

2) Department of Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science organized a 5-day state-level DHE funded **Workshop** titled **"Code to Career"** from 4th –6th March, and 9th –10th March, 2026. Resource persons were Mr. Joshua Pereira and Mr. Nikesh Singh from Oqton India, Mr. Ivo Costa from Creative Capsule, Mr. Zubin Souza from Zunderdog, Mr. Ricky Noronha from OPSPL, Mr. Mohsin Shaikh from Haztech, and Ms. Shalu Chopra. Sessions covered full-stack development, DevOps practices, modern frontend frameworks, and emerging AI technologies, including NLP, LLMs, RAG, and model fine-tuning, along with insights into corporate workflows, resume building, interview preparation, and communication skills. A total of 71 students and 10 faculty members attended the workshop, coordinated by Mr. Ian Barrero and Ms. Dikshita Vishram Aroskar.

Glimpse of Workshop

- **Board of Studies** of the Department of Computer Science for B.Sc, B.Voc in Software Development, M.Sc and PGDCA was conducted on 14th March, 2026.



BOS Meeting

- The Department organised a **get-together for T.Y. students** with the support of S.Y. students as a farewell to the graduating batch. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Shaila Ghanti, Head of the Department. The event included interactive activities, games, and student performances. T.Y. students shared their experiences and expressed gratitude towards faculty and peers, making the occasion memorable and meaningful.

T.Y. get-together

3) Department of Economics

The Department organised a **subject talk** on "**Economic Growth and Physical Infrastructure"** on 05th March, 2026. Shri Raghudatha S. Pai Panandikar, Team Leader at Jaiman Constructions & Consultants LLP, delivered the session. During the talk, the speaker highlighted the crucial role of physical infrastructure, such as roads, transport networks, and development projects, in promoting economic growth and regional development. The talk was interactive and helped students connect theoretical economic concepts with real-world infrastructure projects. A total of 51 students and 3 faculty members attended the session.

Guest lecture on Economic Growth and Physical Infrastructure

4) Post- graduate Department of English

The PG Department of English, in collaboration with the UG Department of English, organised **"Comix Day"** on 12th March, 2026 at the Tiger Fiesta Zone. The event was conducted as a gallery walk activity for students in groups of three as part of their continuous assessment for the paper "Visual Literature – Perspectives," taught by Asst. Prof. Rachel Dias. Students presented models, infographics, interactive gameplay, and participated in cosplay based on characters from various texts, including Batman, Joker, and Akira. The activity fostered discussion, critical reflection, teamwork, and interdisciplinary engagement, thereby enhancing the overall learning experience. A notable highlight of the event was the participation of a student who had recently completed his 12th Board Examination, who presented his original creations, including comic panels and strips.

Glimpse of Comix Day

- The Department organised an **"Asian Literature Gallery Walk"** on 20th March, 2026 as part of continuous assessment, conducted by Prof. Finoshka Rodrigues, the activity focused on the regions of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iran, Chinese and Hong Kong, highlighting their literature, language, cultural, social and historical aspects. Students were divided into four groups, each assigned a station to design thematic displays, including posters, charts, and traditional cuisine representative of their allotted region. The presentations encouraged interactive engagement and facilitated a deeper understanding of the diversity within Asian Literature.

Glimpse of Asian Literature Gallery Walk

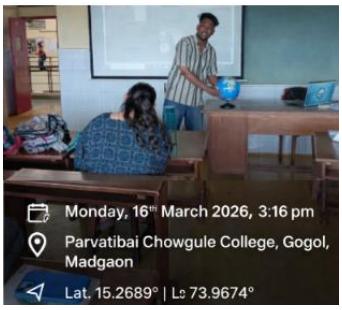
5) Department of French

- The Department of French organised an **interdepartmental interactive session** on 7th March, 2026 titled **"Navigating Career Pathways with French to Boot."** The session was conducted by alumna Ms. Jeslinda Barreto, Apprentice – Bar and Restaurant, Taj Exotica Resort and Spa, Benaulim, Goa. She shared insights into industry expectations, emphasising communication skills, adaptability, and cultural sensitivity, along with guidance on recruitment processes and workplace practices. The session enabled students to align their language learning with career opportunities. A total of 30 students and 1 faculty member attended the session.

Workshop on Navigating Career Pathways with French to boot

6) Department of Geography & Research Centre

- The Department of Geography organised a **workshop on Peer Learning** for M.A. Geography students on 16th March, 2026. The session was conducted by Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography, focusing on collaborative learning, communication skills, and confidence building. The workshop included practical presentations by students, enabling active engagement in peer teaching and learning. A total of 13 students participated in the workshop.



Workshop on Peer Learning

7) Department of Geology

- The Department of Geology organised a **one-day workshop on "Groundwater Exploration using Geophysical Survey"** on 2nd March, 2026. A total of 26 students and faculty members Ms. Swati Ghadi, Mr. Sachit Kuttikar, Ms. Juyee Priolkar, and Ms. Neeleema Das participated in the workshop. The resource person, Mr. Pratik Shinde, Proprietor, Aquasol Groundwater Consultant, provided insights into groundwater concepts, use of PQWT geophysical instruments, open well yield techniques, and data interpretation.

Workshop on Groundwater Exploration

- The Department also organised a **one-day educational visit to Kale Mines, Formento Resources**, on 28th March, 2026. A total of 16 students, along with faculty members Mr. Sachit Kuttikar, Ms. Juyee Priolkar, and Ms. Neeleema Das, participated in the visit, which provided practical exposure to mining operations and practices.

Educational visit to Kale Mines

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

- The Department of Physical Education and Sports Management organised **DPSM Day – Annual Award and Felicitation Programme** on 27th March, 2026 at The Quad to recognise the achievements of student sportspersons and contributors, while promoting sportsmanship and excellence.

  The programme marked the presence of former Best Sportspersons Ms. Divya Manikyala and Mr. Ganesh Tamburkar, along with alumnus Mr. Ritesh Borkar, national badminton player and certified official, was acknowledged.

  The Annual Report was presented by Ms. Safiya Sheikh, Finance Secretary of Advitiya Netruatva Student Sports Leadership Group, followed by the release of the department newsletter. Awards were conferred across categories, including the **DPSM SportzStar Awards** were presented to 7 awardees for National and Inter-University representation, **DPSM Achievers Awards** to 25 awardees for state, district, and inter-college achievements, and **DPSM Performers Awards** to 33 awardees for contributions to departmental activities and sports promotion.

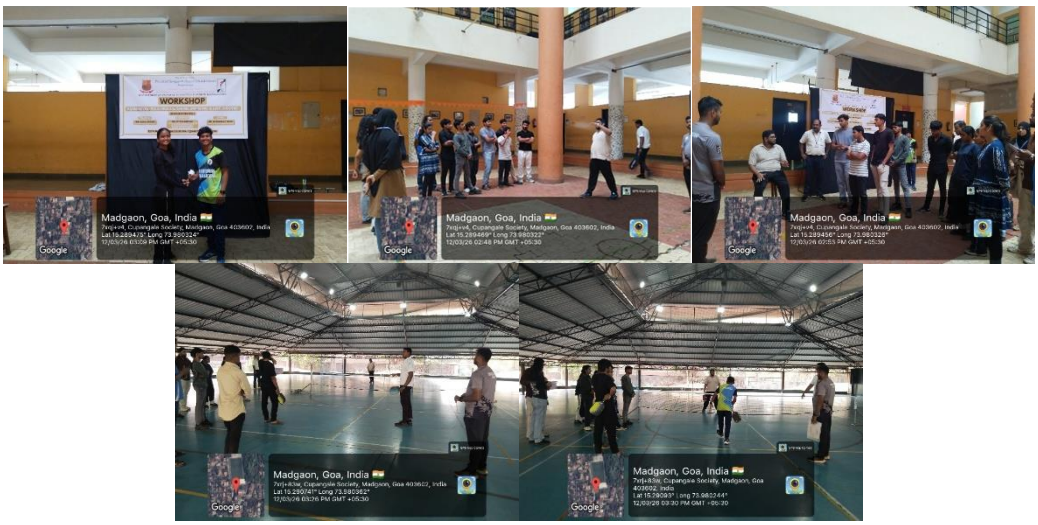
DPSM Day – Annual Award and Felicitation Programme

- The Department also organised the Tennis competition of **Tiger Olympikz 10.0** on 24th and 25th March, 2026 as a concluding event of the tournament. **Third Year (T.Y.) secured first place** in both the boys' and girls' categories, demonstrating consistent performance and coordination. Overall, T.Y. emerged as champions of Tiger Olympikz 10.0, followed by Second Year (S.Y.) in second place, First Year (F.Y.) in third place, and PG/Staff in fourth place.

Tennis

Third Years Receiving the trophy at DPSM Day

- The Department also organised a **workshop on Badminton, Pickleball and Tennis Umpiring and Line Judging** on 12th March, 2026 at the College Quad and Tiger's Ghol. The workshop aimed to equip students with officiating skills across racket sports. Sessions were conducted by Mr. Ritesh Borkar (sports alumnus) for Badminton, Mr. Nehal Dessai (Certified Pickleball Umpire) and Mr. Wiglan Jacques (Certified Badminton and Pickleball Umpire and National Badminton Player) for pickleball, and Mr. Audumbar Tamse for Tennis, focusing on rules, officiating techniques, and match procedures. The workshop included practical demonstrations and interactive discussions, enhancing students' understanding of real-game scenarios and readiness for officiating roles.



Glimpse of workshop

9) Department of Psychology

- The Department of Psychology organised a **field visit** for Second Year students on 6th March, 2026 to three **mental health organisations Kripa Foundation, The Owl House, and COOJ Mental Health Foundation** to provide practical exposure to real-world mental healthcare settings. Students observed interventions such as de-addiction programmes, psychosocial rehabilitation, suicide prevention initiatives, and geriatric care. Interactions with professionals offered insights into therapeutic approaches, vocational training, and the role of mental health practitioners, thereby strengthening the application of theoretical knowledge.

- The Department in collaboration with the Psychiatric Society of Goa, organised **PsychoSynergy 2.0- A Mental Health Festival** on 13th and 14th March, 2026 as a two-day offline initiative aligned with the Uniform Mental Health Policy. The event featured 14 sessions conducted by psychiatrists and psychologists, addressing areas such as self-harm awareness, stress, anxiety and anger management, along with dance therapy and assertiveness training. The sessions catered to students, staff, and parents, focusing on awareness and practical coping strategies. The event witnessed participation of over 500 individuals across the two days.

PsychoSynergy 2.0

10) Department of Sociology

- The Department of Sociology organised a **field trip to Fatorpa village, Quepem, South Goa,** on 7th and 8th March, 2026 with the objective of understanding livelihood patterns, cultural practices, and social structures, along with observing the traditional Topshyo festival during Shigmo. A total of 50 students participated under the guidance of Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes, Ms. Siana D'Mello, Ms. Elicia Aguiar, and Ms. Valeska Gracious.

  Students observed preparatory rituals such as the distribution of gulaal among villagers and witnessed the Topshyo festival at the Shantadurga Fatorpakarin Temple, marked by vibrant and energetic participation, use of colours, and ritual practices including fire-walking by devotees. The visit also included interaction with local residents, enabling students to understand the cultural significance of the festival and community dynamics. On the second day, students undertook guided fieldwork involving observation and interaction with villagers, followed by a visit to the Shantadurga Kunkolienkarin Temple to observe preparations for the Satryo ritual. The field trip provided valuable experiential learning and deeper insight into rural life and cultural traditions.

Festival of Topshyo and Interaction with the Villagers

- The Department, in association with the Dosto Club, organised the Sociofare Awards – 15th Edition on 25th March, 2026 at the Upper Auditorium to recognise student achievements and contributions. Awards were presented across categories such as Student of the Year, Pillar of the Department, Star of the Department, Good Samaritan, and Supportive Award, acknowledging academic excellence, leadership, and active participation.

Sociofare Awards

- A **farewell programme** for the final-year Sociology batch of 2025–2026 was organised on 31st March, 2026 by the D.O.S.T.O Club in collaboration with students of F.Y.B.A. and S.Y.B.A.

Sociology Farewell

11) Department of Zoology

- The Department of Zoology organised an **Industry–Academia Lecture Series** on 11th and 12th March, 2026 with the objective of bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world applications in Biological Sciences. Students and faculty of the Department of Zoology and Environmental Science and Impact Assessment benefitted from the initiative

As part of the series, a field visit was conducted to ICAR–CCARI and a mussel culture farm at Carambolim on 11th March, 2026, providing exposure to ongoing research in agriculture and fisheries, as well as the scientific techniques involved in mussel culture. The resource persons included Mr. Rahul Kulkarni and Mr. Trivesh Mayekar, Scientists at ICAR, and Mr. Vaibhav Phadte, Entrepreneur in mussel culture.

A **talk** on **"Career Opportunities in Biodiversity"** was delivered by Dr. Manoj Borkar, Professor at Carmel College for Women, Nuvem, on 12th March, 2026. He shared professional insights, emphasising interdisciplinary knowledge, field exposure, and skill development, and highlighted notable personalities in the field of biodiversity in Goa.

The series also included a **visit to Raika Farm, Benaulim**, with an interaction with Mr. Suprajit Raikar, Founder of Raika Honey, providing exposure to apiculture, honey production, and bio-based entrepreneurship.

At ICAR, Old Goa with Mr. Rahul Kulkarni

At Carambolim with resource person on "Mussel Culture"

Dr. Manoj Borkar sharing insights on biodiversity

Students at Raika Farm, Benaulim

- The Department also organised the booklet launch of ***Photographic Guide to the Campus Butterflies*** on 25 March 2026 at the Upper Auditorium, followed by a talk on "Butterflies of Goa," funded by the Research and Development Cell, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous). The event aimed to promote awareness of butterfly diversity on campus and in Goa, while encouraging student-led documentation and research in biodiversity.

  The booklet was formally released by the Chief Guest, Mr. Parag Rangnekar (Naturalist), in the presence of Dr. Meghana Devli, Vice Principal, Dr. Ashish Desai, RDC Convenor; Mrs. Filomena Pereira, In-Charge, Department of

Zoology; and Dr. Sandesh Gawas, Project Guide, along with the student authors Mr. Siddhant Nair, Ms. Sheryanne D'Souza, and Mr. Saideep Chari.

The programme concluded with an expert lecture by Mr. Parag Rangnekar on butterflies of Goa, offering valuable insights into butterfly diversity, ecology, and conservation.

Booklet release "Photographic guide to Campus Butterflies"

- The Department organised **Zoology Day 2026** on 31st March, 2026 to highlight and summarise the department's activities during the academic year. Certificates were awarded to students for achievements in various competitions, and feedback was collected on the Teaching–Learning Environment and departmental initiatives.

  The programme concluded with interactive sessions, including experiential sharing by T.Y. students and an insightful address by faculty, emphasising student involvement in documenting and preserving the natural history of Goa through initiatives such as People's Biodiversity Registers and the use of applications like e-Bird and i-Naturalist.

Zoology Day 2026

12) The Post Graduate department of Diploma in Clinical Genetics & Medical Laboratory Techniques (PGDCGMLT)

- The department organised a **field visit to Divine Medical Center** on 20th March, 2026 under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Ms. Regina V. Fernandes, with 8 students participating. The session was conducted by Dr. Phillip Mascarenhas and provided hands-on exposure to occupational health services

and knowledge of modern laboratory practices thereby enhancing students' understanding of modern occupational health diagnostics

Students at Divine Medical Center

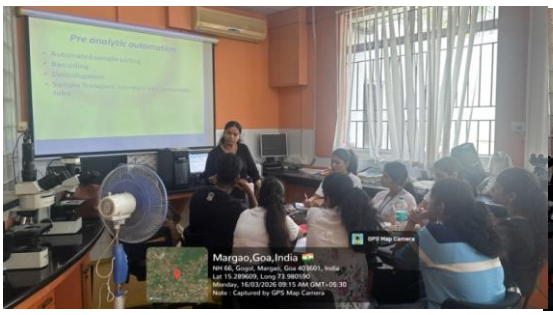
- The department organised an **orientation on "Career Guidance"** on 27th and 28th March, 2026 at the Genetic Laboratory (A-201), conducted by Asst. Prof. Ms. Regina V. Fernandes, with 9 students participating. The session focused on career opportunities, higher education, and future prospects in Genetics and Medical Laboratory Technology, including employment in diagnostic laboratories and hospitals, as well as entrepreneurial avenues. Emphasis was placed on skill development, internships, and industry trends, along with insights into higher studies and achievements of alumni, enabling students to make informed career decisions.

Orientation on "Career Guidance"

- The department programme organised expert lectures on 16th March, 2026 at CHGRL (A-201), conducted by Dr. Poonam Prabhu Desai, with 9 students participating.

  The first session on **"Automation in Clinical Laboratory"** provided an overview of automation across laboratory workflow, including sample handling, processing, analysis, and reporting. Technologies such as automated analysers, conveyor systems, and pneumatic tube systems were discussed, highlighting their role in improving accuracy, efficiency, and turnaround time.

  A second session on **"Recent Advances in Clinical Laboratory"** focused on advanced diagnostic technologies, including MALDI-TOF for rapid microbial identification, automated hematology, analyzers, including advanced cell counters, and automated slide preparation systems. Emphasis was placed on their application in high-throughput testing, enhanced diagnostic precision, and improved patient outcomes, reflecting the transforming landscape of modern clinical diagnostics.

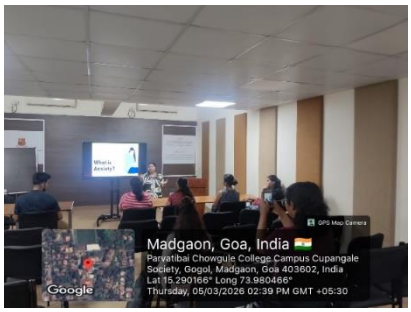


Sessions on Automation in Clinical Laboratory and Recent Advances in Clinical Laboratory

Activities by College Committees

1) Career and Personal Counselling Center

- The Career and Personal Counselling Center organised a talk on **"Breaking Free from Anxiety and Overthinking"** on 5th March, 2026. The session was conducted by Ms. Jofira Gonsalves, College Counsellor, and was attended by 9 students. The talk focused on helping students identify negative thought patterns contributing to anxiety and equipped them with practical strategies for relaxation and managing distress.



Students attending the talk on 'Breaking Free from Anxiety and Over-thinking'

- The Career and Personal Counselling Center organised a talk on **"Effective Intervention Techniques for Mental Health Crises"** on 5th March, 2026. The session was conducted by Ms. Jofira Gonsalves, College Counsellor, and was attended by 2 faculty members. The talk focused on Psychological First Aid, equipping participants to provide immediate support and connect individuals to appropriate resources.

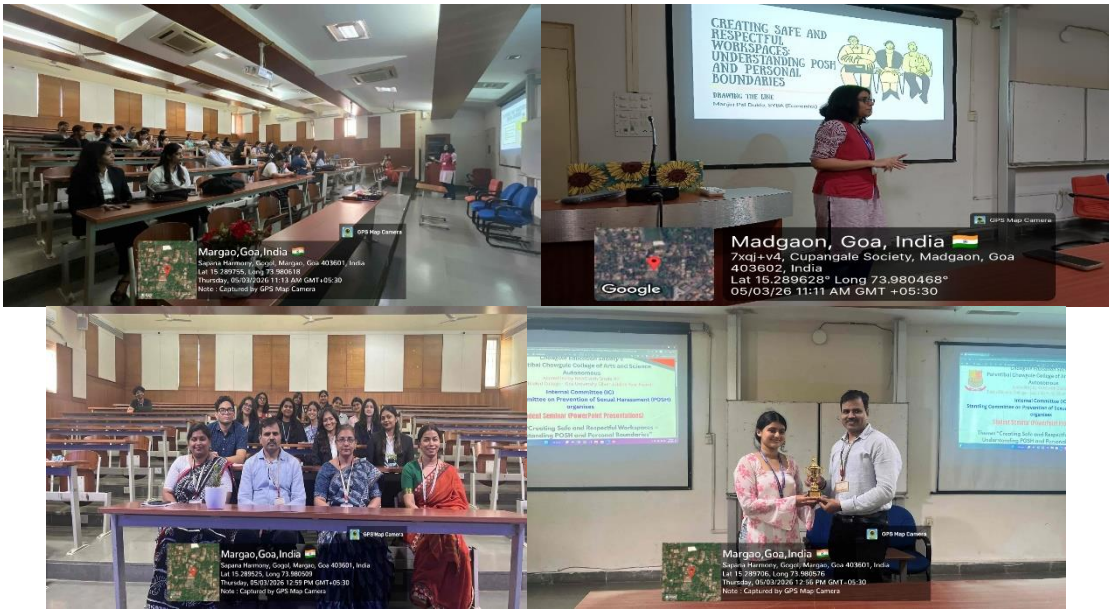
Ms. Jofira Gonsalves sensitising the participants on Mental Health Crises Intervention

2) Internal Committee (IC)

- The Internal Committee (IC) under the Standing Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) organised a Student Seminar on **"Creating Safe and Respectful Workspaces– Understanding POSH and Personal Boundaries"** on 5th March, 2026. The programme aimed to promote awareness of POSH, workplace ethics, consent, and personal boundaries.

Student presentations were delivered by Ms. Swarangi Pagi, Ms. Manjiri Pai Dukle, Ms. Jiya Varadkar, Ms. Arnaaz Ali, Ms. Raisa Dias, Ms. Giselle Francis, and Ms. Aziza Khan. Ms. Giselle Francis De Silva secured first place, followed by Ms. Manjiri Pai Dukle in second place.

On the same day, the Internal Committee also organised an awareness programme on POSH in collaboration with the POSH Compliance Clinic, Salgaonkar Law College, Miramar, Goa. The session was conducted by Ms. Priya Shirodkar and Ms. Abigail Fernandes (T.Y.B.A.LL.B.) and focused on the POSH Act, 2013, including the meaning and scope of sexual harassment, rights and responsibilities, complaint mechanisms, and the promotion of a safe and gender-sensitive campus environment.



Awareness programme on POSH

3) National Cadet Corps (NCC)

- The **B Certificate Examination** for Second Year (S.Y.) NCC cadets was conducted on 14th and 15th March 2026. The examination assessed cadets in drill, theory, and practical components. Cadets demonstrated discipline, dedication, and a strong understanding of the training imparted.

B Certificate Examination

- A **farewell ceremony** for Third Year (T.Y.) NCC cadets was organised on 20 March 2026 to mark the completion of their NCC tenure. Certificates and mementos were presented in the presence of the Principal, Major Dr. Gunaji Desai and CTO in recognition of their contributions. The programme reflected appreciation for the cadets' commitment, with juniors extending best wishes and seniors sharing their experiences.

Farewell ceremony

4) Research and Development Cell (RDC)

- The RDC's IPR, Legal and Ethical Matters Committee organised a two-day State-Level Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) on 6th and 7th March, 2026. The workshop aimed to create awareness and enhance understanding of intellectual property in research, sports, industry applications, and patent filing.

  The resource persons were: Dr. Narsinh Thakur, Chief Scientist, NIO, Dona Paula, Goa; Mr. Rahul Rodrigues, Co-founder and Director, Squareout Sports Solutions; Former Vice President, FC Goa; Mr. Pranay Prabhugaonkar, Partner, Menezes Gaonkar LLP; Adv. Rejitha Rajan, Lawyer and IP Attorney

  The sessions covered IPR in scientific research, intellectual property in sports management, legal frameworks for protecting intellectual assets, and practical aspects of patent law

  A total of 14 students and approximately 50 faculty members participated in the workshop.

Interactive session on safeguarding intellectual asset.

Participants and Adv. Rejitha Rajan during the concluding group photo after the patent drafting session

RESEARCH SECTION

Papers Presented

- Postgraduate students of the Department of English Ms. Sania Govekar, Ms. Ashlyn Rodrigues, Ms. Kay Fernandes, Ms. Joyce Mascarenhas, and Ms. Alina Kollannur along with Asst. Prof. Rachel Dias and Asst. Prof. Finoshka Rodrigues, **presented research papers** at Rosary College on 7th March, 2026 for **Gyana: Journal of Commerce, Management and Interdisciplinary Research.**

  Ms. Kay Fernandes secured the **Best Paper Presenter award** in the PG category. Her paper, along with that of Ms. Sania Govekar and Asst. Prof. Rachel Dias, was selected for publication in the *Gyana* journal.

Students and Faculty for paper presentation

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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