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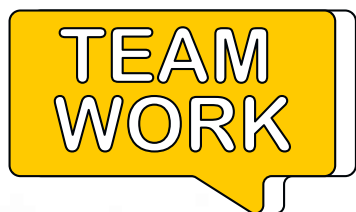
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Workshop on Interactive Learning: Fostering Confidence and Teamwork



A workshop on *"Interactive Learning: Fostering Confidence and Teamwork"* was conducted for the students of M.A. Geography on 23rd June 2026. The session was conducted by Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography, who emphasized the importance of experiential and interactive learning in developing confidence, effective communication, teamwork, and leadership skills among students.

The workshop aimed to promote experiential learning through engaging hands-on activities that encouraged active participation, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. The interactive session provided students with an opportunity to learn beyond the traditional classroom, helping them build essential interpersonal and life skills in alignment with the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. A total of 14 students attended the workshop.

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Experiential Learning Activity: Hands-on Agricultural Field Experience



Faculty and students engaged in hands-on agricultural farming activities at Raia, Goa.



Students learning sustainable farming practices alongside local farmers at Raia, Goa.

The Department of Geography and Research Centre, in collaboration with the Community Outreach Cell, organized an Experiential Learning Activity for the M.A. Geography students at an agricultural farm in Raia on 18th July 2026. The activity was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Nandkumar Sawant, Head of the Department of Geography, Dr. Adrian Ferro, Coordinator, M.A. Geography, and Mr. Roystan Fernandes, alumnus of the Department. Aligned with NEP 2020 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 15: Life on Land), the activity provided students with hands-on experience in plantation practices alongside local farm workers. Through this field-based learning experience, students gained practical knowledge of sustainable agricultural practices, environmental stewardship, and responsible land management while strengthening teamwork, community engagement, and experiential learning skills. A total of 24 students participated in this activity.

World Population Day 2026

"Goa's Population Dynamics in the 21st Century"



Glimpses of the Seminar on "Goa's Population Dynamics in the 21st Century."

The Department of Geography, in collaboration with the School of Social Sciences, organised a seminar on "Goa's Population Dynamics in the 21st Century" to observe World Population Day. The seminar featured presentations by Dr. Nandkumar Sawant on Goa's demographic transition, Dr. Sachin Moraes on international migration from Goa, Dr. Rupali Tamuly on health economics, Dr. Bhanumati Pilli on the slum scenario in Goa, and Dr. Adrian Ferro on urbanisation and its impact on Goa's coastal ecosystems. Students and faculty engaged in discussions on employment, healthcare, and sustainable planning. A total of 63 faculty members and students, including participants from other colleges, attended the seminar.

The observance of World Population Day through such an academic seminar provided an important opportunity to understand population issues from diverse geographical, social, economic, health, and environmental perspectives. The discussions highlighted that population change is closely linked with migration, employment, healthcare, housing, urbanisation, and environmental sustainability. Such programmes encourage students to critically examine contemporary population challenges and recognise the importance of inclusive, evidence-based, and sustainable planning for Goa's future. The seminar also strengthened interdisciplinary academic engagement and demonstrated the relevance of Geography in understanding and addressing complex population-related issues.

Workshop on Introduction to Remote Sensing and Aerial Photograph Interpretation Using a Pocket Stereoscope



Students developing stereoscopic vision prior to aerial photograph interpretation.

The Department of Geography and Research Centre organized a hands-on workshop on “Introduction to Remote Sensing and Aerial Photograph Interpretation Using a Pocket Stereoscope” for the M.A. Geography Part I students on 7th July 2026. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography, Department of Geography and Research Centre, CES’s Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous). The workshop aimed to introduce students to the basic concepts of remote sensing while providing practical exposure to the interpretation of aerial photographs using a pocket stereoscope. Students were familiarized with the principles of stereoscopic vision and learned how overlapping aerial photographs can be viewed in three dimensions to identify and interpret terrain features.

During the practical session, students actively used pocket stereoscopes to observe aerial photographs and identify various physical and cultural features such as landforms, drainage patterns, settlements, vegetation, and transportation networks. The interactive nature of the workshop enabled students to connect theoretical knowledge with practical application, thereby enhancing their understanding of spatial analysis. The workshop proved to be an enriching learning experience, helping students develop essential geospatial interpretation skills, improve their spatial visualization abilities, and gain confidence in using basic remote sensing tools. The practical knowledge acquired through this workshop will serve as a strong foundation for advanced studies in Remote Sensing, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), cartography, and geographical research. A total of 08 students attended the workshop.

Workshop on Building Research Competencies: Foundations of Research Methodology



Students actively participating in an interactive research methodology learning activity.



The Department of Geography and Research Centre conducted a workshop on “Building Research Competencies: Foundations of Research Methodology” for the M.A. Geography and M.A. Child Psychology students. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography, with the objective of developing students’ foundational research skills. The session commenced with an engaging ice-breaking activity that introduced key research concepts in an interactive manner, followed by an overview of the fundamentals of research methodology and the research process. Conducted in alignment with the objectives of NEP 2020, the workshop emphasized competency-based learning, critical thinking, and inquiry-based education. It enhanced students’ understanding of research principles while strengthening their analytical and research competencies for academic and professional pursuits. A total of 28 students attended the workshop.

Industry Immersion Visit: Exploring Tourism Geography and Hospitality Management



Students of M.A. Geography Part II at Alila Diwa, Majorda, Goa, during the Industry Immersion Visit.

The Department of Geography and Research Centre, in collaboration with the Department of B.A. Service Management, organized an Industry Immersion Visit to Alila Diwa, Majorda, Goa for the students. The primary aim of the visit was to provide practical exposure to spatial land-use planning, tourism geography, luxury resort operations, and career opportunities in the hospitality and tourism sector.

During the visit, Mr. Keith Miranda, Learning Manager, Alila Diwa, Majorda-Goa, provided students with an insightful overview of hotel operations, offering valuable perspectives on the functioning of a luxury hospitality establishment. Students also gained first-hand knowledge of the resort's spatial layout, sustainable land-use planning, guest service operations, and the application of geographical principles in tourism development.

The visit enhanced their understanding of tourism geography through experiential learning while creating awareness of internship opportunities and career prospects in the hospitality industry. A total of 14 students from M.A. Geography attended this industry visit.

The visit helped students connect geographical concepts with their practical applications in tourism and hospitality. It enhanced their understanding of spatial planning, sustainable tourism, and resort operations while providing valuable exposure to career and internship opportunities in the industry.