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August 2026 Highlights

1. Participation

Melysunn S Reevs, Sophia Forum President and SYBA Philosophy and Sociology Double Major student, participated in the Men's Weightlifting Competition, organized by Goa University, Taleigao, Goa, at Peddem Sports Complex, Mapusa, Goa, on August 27 and 28, 2026.



Melysunn S Reevs at the Goa University Weightlifting Championship (August 28, 2026)

Noesis 2026 Gallery

2. Activity Organized: "Dancing Through the Decade"

The Department of Philosophy organized a Freshers' Party, "Dancing Through the Decade" on August 6, 2026. The celebration was organized by the Department Club, Sophia Forum to warmly welcome the incoming First Year (FY) Philosophy Major and Minor students.

> **Core Organizing Team:**
>
> - Melysunn Reevs (TYBA)
> - Nezalee Antao (SYBA)
> - Marissa Pereira (SYBA)
> - Akanksha Lodhi (SYBA)

The event featured interactive icebreaker games, a talent showcase displaying skills like singing and beatboxing, and a Retro-themed ramp walk. The party concluded with an energetic dance session that allowed seniors and freshers to mingle. This successfully fostered a friendly environment, strengthened the bond between batches, and provided a warm and memorable induction into the department.



Students and faculty gathered for the "Dancing Through the Decade" event.

Noesis 2026 Gallery

1. Activity Organized: Noesis 2026

The Department of Philosophy organized Noesis, an Intra-Department Competition on September 25, 2026. The competition was organized by the faculty and Sophia Forum to test the philosophical knowledge of Philosophy Majors and Minors.

The event featured interactive games, split into various rounds that had participants competing to perform and speak on various topics. The event included competitions like:

- Philosophical Musical Chairs
- Escape the Philosopher's Mind
- Philosophy Filter (Online Competition)

Students could participate in individual competitions or all of them. Winners of each competition earned points, and the participant that took part in all the competitions and had the highest combined total was crowned the champion. **SY Philosophy Major, Nezalee Antao earned the title of Noesis Champion 2026.** The event successfully strengthened the bond between batches, and provided a warm and memorable way of making Philosophy more fun.



Participants and winners displaying their certificates at Noesis 2026.

October 2026 Highlights

1. Activity Organized: Study of World Religions Field Trip

The Department of Philosophy organized a trip to two places of religious worship for the SYBA Majors studying the course, *Study of World Religions*, on October 19, 2026.

The trip was to the **Shri Sumatinath Jain Shwetambar Mandir**, one of only two Jain temples in all of Goa, and the **Gurudwara 3 MTR (Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha, 3MTR)**, one of three gurudwaras in Goa.

It was an experiential reading of how the sacred organizes space, how different faiths foster community, and how Goa holds a quietly profound mosaic of world religions right in our backyard. It successfully bridged textbook theory with the lived reality of world religions, encouraging our students to engage with the cultural and spiritual diversity present right here in South Goa.

Field Trip: Shri Sumatinath Jain Shwetambar Mandir



Exterior view of the Jain Temple.



Students observing the interior architecture and shrine.

Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events



The beautifully decorated altar at Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha.



Students respectfully touring the Gurudwara premises.