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HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 2026



Congratulations Dr. Amisha Rajesh Pednekar

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Activities and remarkable achievements for the month of August 2026

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From the Principal's (Officiating Principal) 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 August 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

Dr. Meghana S. Devli
Offg. Principal

ACADEMIC SECTION

Highlights of the Month

- **Academic Achievement – Department of Botany**

Dr. Amisha Rajesh Pednekar, Assistant Professor Department of Botany, successfully defended her PhD thesis on 5th August 2026. Her research work is titled "**Studies on Arbuscular Mycorrhizal (AM) Fungi in Wild and Cultivated Tubers Found in Goa.**" She completed her PhD from the Botany discipline, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Goa University under the guidance of Rtd. Sr. Prof. B.F. Rodrigues.



- **Academic Collaboration**
Memorandum of Understanding Signed with Karnatak University, Dharwad

CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karnatak University, Dharwad on 12th August, 2026. The MoU provides a framework for mutual cooperation in research and educational activities and encourages academic collaboration and exchange of knowledge between the two institutions.



MoU signing with Karnatak University, Dharwad

- **Memorandum of Understanding Signed with Haztech Innovation LLP**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 20th August 2026 between **Haztech Innovation LLP** and CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao, Goa. The MoU aims to strengthen **industry-academia collaboration** and provide opportunities for students and faculty to engage with industry through skill development, training, internships, mentoring, and other collaborative activities. The partnership seeks to facilitate greater interaction between academic learning and industry practices in areas including digital technologies, software development, and Artificial Intelligence.



MoU signing with Haztech Innovation LLP

Observatory Days

• Independence Day Celebration

CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) celebrated Independence Day on 15th August 2026 with a flag hoisting ceremony on the College campus. The National Flag was hoisted, followed by an address by the Officiating Principal, Dr. Meghana Devli. As part of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the NSS Chief Programme Officer, Dr. Bhanumati Pilli, administered the pledge for a drug-free India to the participating students, volunteers, and faculty members. The programme also featured patriotic songs and monologues depicting the contributions of freedom fighters, including Lala Lajpat Rai, Rani Lakshmbai, Bhagat Singh, and B.G. Tilak. The ceremony concluded with the collective singing of Vande Mataram.





Independence Day celebration

• Founder's Day

The College celebrated **Founder's Day on 25 August 2026** to commemorate the vision and contributions of the founders. The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding of the founders' portraits by students who had distinguished themselves in the domain of **academics, sports, NSS, NCC, leadership roles other areas of achievement**. The occasion honoured the legacy of the founders and their contribution to the development of the institution. The celebration highlighted the College's continued commitment to upholding their vision and values through academic excellence, holistic development, and service to society.



Glimpse of Founders Day

Students Section

Students Achievements

- **UGC-NET Achievement: Mr. Vijay Vushnu Velip**, student of M.A. Geography (Batch 2022–24), cleared the **UGC-NET** for Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D. in Geography, conducted in **July 2026**, securing a **percentile of 89.20**.



Students Participation/Attended

- **Mr Ganesh Tamulkar**, T.Y.B.Sc. Geology student, participated in
 1. the **57th Goa State Athletics Championship 2026** in the Boys U-20 category, held from **31 July to 1 August 2026** at the Athletic Stadium, Bambolim, where he secured **1st place and won gold medals in the 800 m and 1500 m events**.



2. He also participated in the **Inter-Collegiate Cross-Country Championship** held on **8 August 2026** at Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, Goa, where he secured **2nd place and won a silver medal in the 10 km event**.



- **Ms. Gautami Milind Mazgaonkar** from the **Department of Hindi** participated in “**Kavyasanwad**”, organised by **Shri Gokuldas S. Shirodker Trust** in association with **Sanskar Bharti Mathgraam**, held on **9 August 2026** at the Shree Durga Mata Mandir Auditorium, Davorlim, Goa.
- Students from the Departments of Sociology and Psychology participated in a **Basic Level Training on Child Sexual Abuse** organised by the Social Work Programme, Goa University, on 19th and 20th August 2026. **14 students** from FYBA, SYBA, and TYBA, accompanied by **Asst. Prof. Valeska Anne Gracias**, attended the 2-day training. The sessions addressed child sexual abuse and focused on developing an understanding of empathetic first-level intervention and appropriate referral to trained professionals. Resource persons **Ms. Bhavika Pore** and **Ms. Neha Maru** from Aparan conducted the sessions. The training provided students with knowledge and practical skills relevant to counselling and first-level response, and participants were awarded certificates.

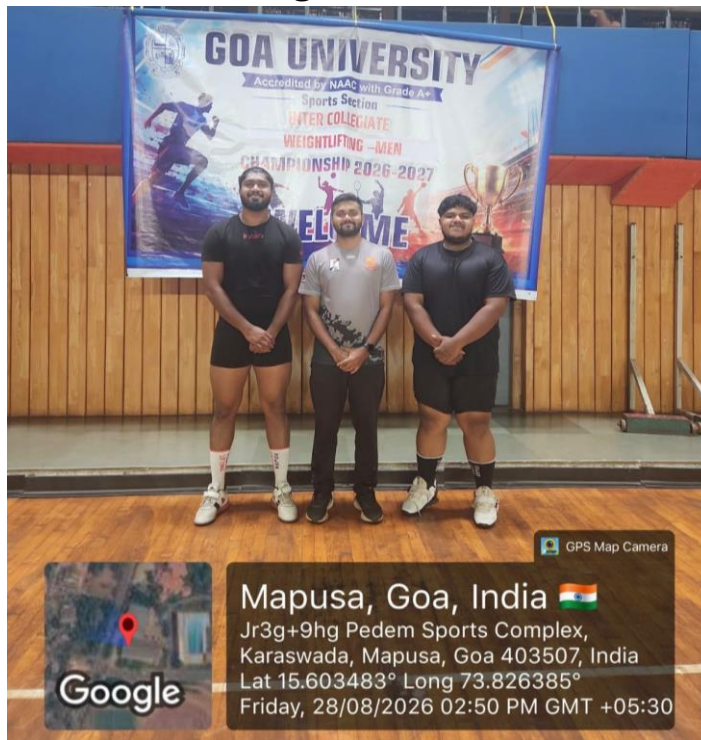


Students participating in workshop

- Students of the Department of Sociology participated in inter-collegiate competitions during August 2026. **Ms. Sriya Bandekar**, SYBA Sociology, participated in an online Essay Writing Competition organised by the Department of Sociology, Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, on 10th August 2026 to commemorate the International Day of the World's Indigenous People. She presented an essay on **“Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development”** and received a participation certificate. On 29th August 2026, **Ms. Gitika**, FYBA, secured **Third Place** in the Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition organised by Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar. The competition was themed **“Voices of the Earth: Visions & Actions for A Sustainable Future.”** She was guided by **Asst. Prof. Siana D'Mello**.



- Students of the Department of Philosophy participated in various academic, cultural, sports, social outreach, and experiential learning activities:
1. **Melysunn S. Reeves**, SYBA Philosophy and Sociology Double Major student and Sophia Forum President, participated in the **Men's Weightlifting Competition** organised by Goa University at Peddem Sports Complex, Mapusa, on **27th and 28th August 2026**.



Men's Weightlifting – Goa University – Peddem Sports Complex – August 27-28, 2026

2. **Vanshika Gauns Dessai**, SYBA Philosophy and Psychology Double Major student, and **Ruhi Samant**, FYBA Philosophy Minor student, participated in **"Spectra"**, organised by Carmel College, Nuvem, on **29th August 2026**.



Spectra – Carmel College, Nuvem – August 29, 2026

3. Ruhi Samant also attended **Basic Level Training on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)** organised by the Social Work Programme, Goa University, on **19th and 20th August 2026**.
4. **Nezalee Antao**, SYBA Philosophy and Sociology Double Major student, participated in **SocioQuest**, organised by the Department of Sociology, on 21 August 2026. She also participated in the **NSS Actizen Programme**, organised by the NSS Youth Organization and Actizen Club at Carmel College, on 24 August 2026, and the **Sada Trek**, organised by the Tigers Adventure Club of the College, on 15 August 2026. Her participation across academic, community-oriented, and outdoor activities reflects her engagement in diverse co-curricular initiatives.



Actizen Programme, Carmel College, August 24, 2026

- Six **T.Y.B.Sc. students** from the Department of **Environmental Science and Impact Assessment (ESIA)**, accompanied by **Mr. Aditya Redkar**, attended an interactive panel discussion organised by the **Wildlife Trust of India** at the Goa Science Centre & Planetarium, Miramar, Goa, on **29 August 2026**, as part of the observance of **International Whale Shark Day**. The discussion, themed **“The Blue Economy Dilemma: Balancing Marine Conservation and Economic Growth,”** explored the challenges of balancing sustainable use of marine resources with the conservation of marine ecosystems, with discussions encompassing fisheries, tourism, coastal development, and other ocean-based economic activities. The session provided students with insights into the interrelationship between **marine biodiversity conservation, livelihoods, and sustainable development of the blue economy**.



Faculty Section

Faculty Achievements

- **Ms. Alka Gawas** from the **Department of Hindi** received the **Best Poster Presentation Award** at the **Third Edition of the Goa Research Scholars Meet 2026**, organised by the **Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC)** in association with the **Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Goa**. The Meet was held on **20th and 21st August 2026** at the Multipurpose Hall, Directorate of Art and Culture, Patto, Panaji, Goa. Out of **34 research scholars** who participated in the poster presentations, **5 outstanding posters** were selected for the Best Poster Presentation Award, with Ms. Gawas being among the awardees.



- **Dr. Ashish M. Desai** was awarded **three months of compute time on the PARAM Rudra High-Performance Computing (HPC) System at C-DAC Bengaluru** under the **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**. The allocation, granted based on the scientific merit, scalability, and potential impact of the proposed research, will support **large-scale computational studies**.

- **Mr. Deepak Kumbhar**, Research Scholar, Department of Geography, presented a research paper titled **“Mapping Microclimate Change and Urban Heat Dome Vulnerability in a Coastal State – Goa, India”** at the National Conference on **“Urban Environment and Disaster Management – Urban Sustainability, Resilience and Risk Reduction”**, held at Osmania University, Hyderabad, on **27th and 28th August 2026**.



Mr. Deepak Kumbhar receiving the certificate

Invitation as Plenary Speaker/Resource Person

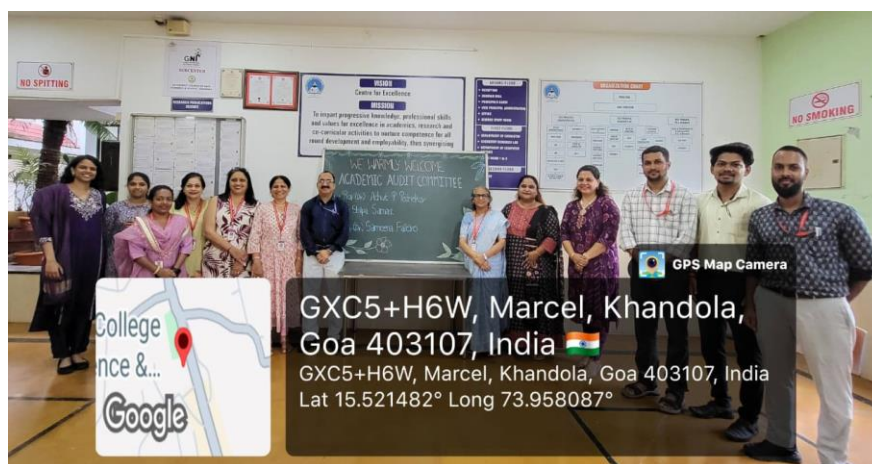
- **Prof. Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar**, Head of the Department of Botany, was invited:
1. as the **Chief Guest** by Margao Mahila Mandal for a felicitation function held on **19th August 2026** to honour meritorious Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) students for their outstanding achievements.



2. by the **Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education** as a resource person for a workshop on Biology for Higher Secondary School teachers teaching Standards XI and XII. The workshop was held on **27 August 2026** at DCT's Vasantrao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science and Commerce, Cujira, Goa, as part of the Government of Goa's **PARAKH initiative**. She delivered a session on **"Electron Transport System and Oxidative Phosphorylation during Respiration in Plants"** and interacted with the participating teachers.



- **Prof. (Dr.) Sameena Falleiro**, Dean of Physical and Earth Sciences and Professor in the Department of Computer Science, was invited to conduct the **Academic Audit for Science Departments** at Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola, Marcela, Goa, on 21st August 2026.



Department Activities

1) Department of Botany

The **Department of Botany**, in association with the **National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit**, organised the **5th Plant Drive** on **29 August 2026** to promote plant conservation, awareness of local biodiversity, sustainable practices, and community participation. The activities included a presentation on **Campus Plant Diversity**, a **One Student–One Sustainable Plant Product** competition, and a **Community Seed Bank – Seed and Sapling Swap/Exchange**. Ms. Vaidehi Manerikar, SY B.Sc. Chemistry, secured the **1st Prize**, while Ms. Aziza Khan, SY B.Sc. Botany, secured the **2nd Prize** in the sustainable plant product competition. Ms. Sanchita Naik presented on Campus Plant Diversity. The activity provided students with experiential learning opportunities while fostering awareness of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. A total of **17 students and 6 faculty members** participated.



Community Seed Bank – Seed and Sapling Swap/Exchange



One Sustainable Plant Product competition- 1st Prize- Ms. Vaidehi Manerikar

2) Department of Biotechnology

The Department of Biotechnology organised a field trip to **Tanshikar Spice Farm, Netravali**, on 29 August 2026 as part of the Environmental Technology and Sustainability course for first-year Biotechnology and Environmental Science, Innovation and Analytics (ESIA) students. The visit, titled **“Exploring the World of Spices: Traditional Knowledge, Science and Sustainability,”** was led by Mr. Chinmay Tanshikar, Proprietor of Tanshikar Spice Farm. He discussed the propagation, history, and medicinal properties of spice plants, along with sustainable farming practices, the use of biofertilizers, and eco-friendly approaches to cultivation. He also shared traditional methods of sustainable living and housing. The field trip provided **68 students and 7 faculty members** with practical exposure to spice cultivation, sustainable agriculture, medicinal plants, and traditional knowledge, enabling them to connect classroom learning with real-world applications.



- The Departments of Biotechnology and Computer Science, as part of the **Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC)** activities, organised an expert talk titled **“Funding Opportunities for Biotech Innovation: BIRAC Schemes”** on 24 August 2026. The session was conducted by **Prof. Unnat Pandit, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Government of India**. He addressed Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), patents, innovation, and funding opportunities through Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) schemes, with emphasis on protecting scientific innovations and translating biotechnology research into innovation and entrepreneurial opportunities. The session was attended by **41 students**

and 2 faculty members. It provided participants with an understanding of the practical relevance of intellectual property protection and funding mechanisms in scientific research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.



3) Department of Chemistry

The **Department of Chemistry** organised a guest lecture on “**Supramolecular Chemistry**” on **6 August 2026** for undergraduate Chemistry students. **Dr. Ketan Mandrekar**, Assistant Professor, School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University, was the resource person and delivered the lecture, providing students with an academic perspective on the field of supramolecular chemistry. The lecture was attended by **27 students and 6 faculty members** and was coordinated by **Dr. Mayuri Gaonkar**.



Dr. Ketan Mandrekar while delivering the talk on “Supramolecular Chemistry”

4) Department of Computer Science

- The Department conducted the **Installation Ceremony of the FireBits Club Council for the academic year 2025–26** on 14 August 2026. The ceremony marked the formal induction of the newly elected council members through a badging and oath-taking ceremony, along with addresses by faculty and student representatives. The programme provided an opportunity to familiarise the newly appointed members with their responsibilities and marked the commencement of the new term of the club. A total of **51 students and 8 faculty members** participated in the ceremony.



- The Department organised a workshop on **“Vibe Coding vs Core Programming”** on 12 August 2026, with **Mr. Mohsin Shaikh, Founder, Haztech**, as the resource person. The session introduced students to emerging Artificial Intelligence (AI)-assisted approaches to software development and examined their relationship with traditional programming practices. The workshop highlighted the use of AI tools for code generation and problem-solving while emphasising the importance of core programming concepts, logical thinking, and fundamental coding skills. It also encouraged students to critically consider the appropriate use of AI in software development. A total of **43 students and 4 faculty members** attended the workshop.



- The Department organised a team-based presentation competition on **“Role of AI in Building Viksit Bharat”** on 6 August 2026. The competition provided students with a platform to present their ideas on the applications and impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India's development and encouraged research, teamwork, critical thinking, and presentation skills. A total of **9 students and 4 faculty members** participated. **Nehal Sainath**

Naik and Richie Gavin De Melo, TY B.Sc. Computer Science, secured First Place, while **Maria Sameera Kimberly Da Costa**, TY B.Sc. Computer Science, and **Swarangi Rajaram Pagi**, TY B.Sc. Zoology, secured Second Place.



- The Department of Computer Science organised an online **AI-Generated Image Competition** as part of the Independence Day celebrations on the theme **“What Independence Means to Me.”** The competition encouraged participants to explore creativity and artistic expression through Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and provided an opportunity to develop digital literacy and awareness of the responsible use of AI. A total of **45 students and 2 faculty members** participated. In the Photography Competition, **Blossom Regina Pereira**, TY B.Sc. Computer Science, secured the Winner position and **Joylen Dias**, TY B.Sc. Computer Science, was the Runner-up. In the Poster Generation Using AI Competition, **Britnie Fernandes**, TY B.Sc. Computer Science, secured the Winner position and **Lovia Rhea Viegas**, FY B.Sc. Computer Science, was the Runner-up.


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**DEPARTMENT OF
COMPUTER SCIENCE**


The Department of Computer Science is excited to bring you
a series of creative competitions as part of our Independence Day celebration


CELEBRATING INDIA



**AI-GENERATED
POSTER
COMPETITION**
THEME:
**What Independence
Means To Me?**
 Create an original AI-generated poster
that expresses what independence
means to you.


**PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION**
THEME:
**Tiranga –
Pride of India**
 Capture the beauty, spirit and
pride of the Indian Tricolour
in your best shot.


SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
 Submit your entry using the Google Form.
 (Fill in your Name, Description Title and upload your Image)

IMPORTANT:

- All entries must be respectful and appropriate.
- Only content that is respectful and aligned with the spirit of Independence will be accepted.


**Let's celebrate
freedom with
pride and respect.**

Dr. Shaila Ghanti
Head of the Department

Sd/-
Officiating Principal

Ms. Dikshita Aroskar
Faculty In-Charge

5) Department of Geography & Research Centre

The Department hosted a State-Level Conference titled **“International Migration from Goa: Historical Roots, Contemporary Patterns, and Future Trajectories”** on **31 August 2026**. The conference brought together academics, journalists, and professionals to examine Goa’s migration history and its contemporary global impact. Discussions focused on migration, identity, diaspora networks, employment patterns, and the socio-cultural impact of migration. The deliberations also highlighted the need for a **Goa Migration Database**, policy recommendations, and stronger institutional collaboration.



- The Department observed **Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day** on **10 August 2026** through a session titled **“Japan’s Journey of Resilience”** by **Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant**, Head of the Department of Geography, followed by an origami crane-making activity symbolising peace, hope, compassion, and unity. A total of **43 undergraduate and postgraduate students** participated.



Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant briefing on the title “Japan’s Journey of Resilience.” & Faculty displaying the origami cranes prepared during the origami-crane making activity



Students preparing the origami cranes prepared during the origami-crane making activity.

- The Department conducted an activity-based session on **“Types of Research”** on **21 August 2026** for students of **M.A. Geography and M.A. Child Psychology**. **Dr. Adrian Ferro**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Centre, conducted the session using worksheets, pair activities, and peer checking to facilitate understanding of different types of research. A total of **28 students** participated.



- The Department conducted a **Statistics Scavenger Hunt** for students of **M.A. Geography** as part of the Statistics curriculum. Conducted by **Dr. Adrian Ferro**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Research Centre, the activity involved three rounds of statistical tasks and challenges, enabling students to apply statistical concepts, develop problem-solving skills, and work collaboratively. A total of **14 students** participated.

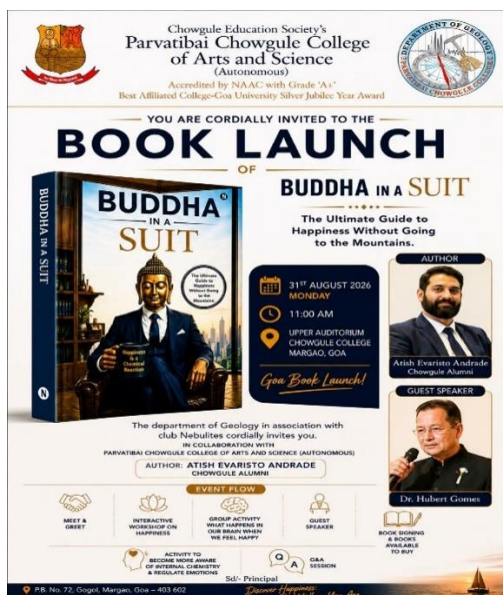


- The Department conducted a workshop on **Assignment Writing** for **15 second-year postgraduate students**. **Prof. Nandkumar Sawant**, the resource person, explained the structure of an academic assignment, covering the abstract, introduction, discussion, conclusion, and references. He also emphasised the importance of research and planning for timely submission and introduced brainstorming, listing, and ballooning as techniques for developing assignments.



6) Department of Geology

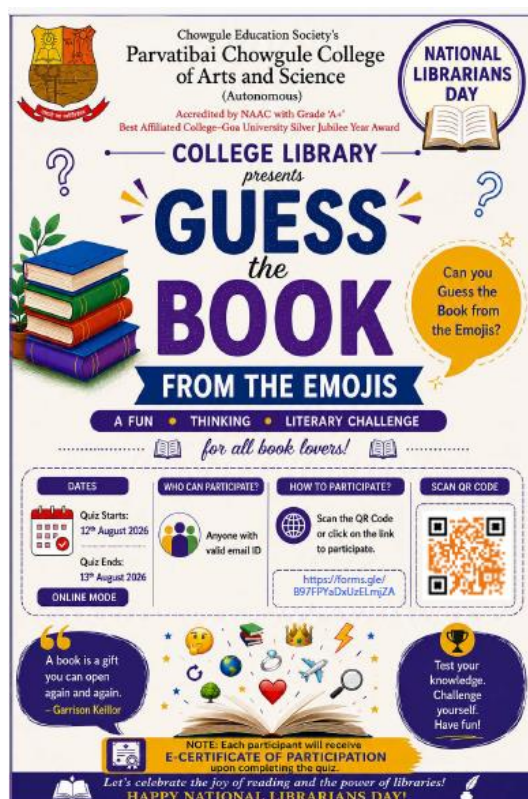
- The Department in association with the **Nebulites Club**, organised the book launch of ***Buddha in a Suit*** by author and Alumnus of the department **Atish Evaristo Andrade** on 31st August 2026. The event was attended by **70 students and 20 faculty members**, with **Dr Hubert Gomes, Dentist** as the guest speaker.



Book launch

7) Department of Library & Information Science

The **College Library** organised an online quiz titled “**Guess the Books by Emoji**” from **12 to 13 August 2026** to commemorate **National Librarians’ Day**. Open to students and faculty members of the College as well as participants from outside the institution, the quiz aimed to promote reading, literary awareness, and engagement with books through an interactive format. A total of **51 participants** took part, comprising **34 students** and **17 faculty members**. The student participants included **32 students from CES’s Parvatibai Chowgule College**, 1 student from **Aligarh Muslim University**, and 1 student from the **University of Kalyani**. The faculty participants included **11 faculty members from CES’s Parvatibai Chowgule College**, 1 from **SVVMS College of Commerce, Borim**, 1 from **Goa College of Home Science**, and 4 from other institutions.



8) Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy organised a Freshers' Party titled **"Dancing Through the Decade"** on **6 August 2026** through its Department Club, **Sophia Forum**, to welcome First Year Philosophy Major and Minor students. The programme included interactive icebreaker activities, a talent showcase, a retro-themed ramp walk, and a dance session, providing opportunities for interaction between senior and newly admitted students. The event was coordinated by **Melysunn Reeves, Nezalee Antao, Marissa Pereira, and Akanksha Lodhi** and helped foster interaction among students across batches as part of the induction of new students into the Department.



9) Department of Physics

The **Department of Physics** organised a **National Space Day Celebration** on **22 August 2026**, conducted by S.Y. and T.Y. Physics students under the guidance of **Ms. Jevila Rebello** and **Ms. Myren Azavedo**. The celebration featured a **Poster Competition** and a **Quiz Competition**. The Poster Competition saw **9 students presenting 6 posters**, with **Saisha Alias Gargi Prasad Desai** securing the **1st Prize**, **Divyanka Phal Dessai** the **2nd Prize**, and **Madhura Milind Savaikar and Niddhi Ajit M. K.** the **3rd Prize**. The Quiz Competition was contested by **10 students**, with **Sarvesh and Stuty Yadav** emerging as winners.



Students participated in the Poster and Quiz Competitions organized as part of National Space Day Celebration.

- The **Department of Physics** organised a **Freshers' Welcome** on **18 August 2026** for newly inducted F.Y. students, conducted by S.Y. and T.Y. Physics students. The programme included interactive games and a talent search, culminating in **Mr. Ashwin** and **Ms. Saisha Alias Gargi Prasad Desai** being crowned **Mr. and Miss Fresher**, respectively.



Some glimpses of the Fresher's event organised by the S. Y. and the T. Y. students of the Department of Physics for the F. Y. students.

10) Department of Psychology

- The Department of Psychology participated in **Spectra**, an inter-collegiate event organised by **Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem**, on 29 August 2026. A team of **10 students**, accompanied by **Dr. Golda Vas**, participated in the event, with students from the first, second- and third-years securing prizes in various competitions.
- The Department of Psychology organised its annual inter-collegiate, student-led exhibition and interaction workshop, **Psychospectrum 2026**, on 18 August 2026. A total of **148 Psychology students from 5 higher secondary schools in Goa** visited the College. Undergraduate and postgraduate Psychology students prepared models, charts, instruments, games, quizzes, and other creative presentations to demonstrate psychological concepts in a simple and interactive manner. The event was also attended by **103 undergraduate Psychology students, all students of M.A. Child Psychology and Child Development, and 54 students from other departments of the College**. The Principal inaugurated the event, and faculty members of the College interacted with the visiting students and observed the demonstrations.



Student-led exhibition 'Psychospectrum 2026' organized by the Department of Psychology on 18th August, 2026

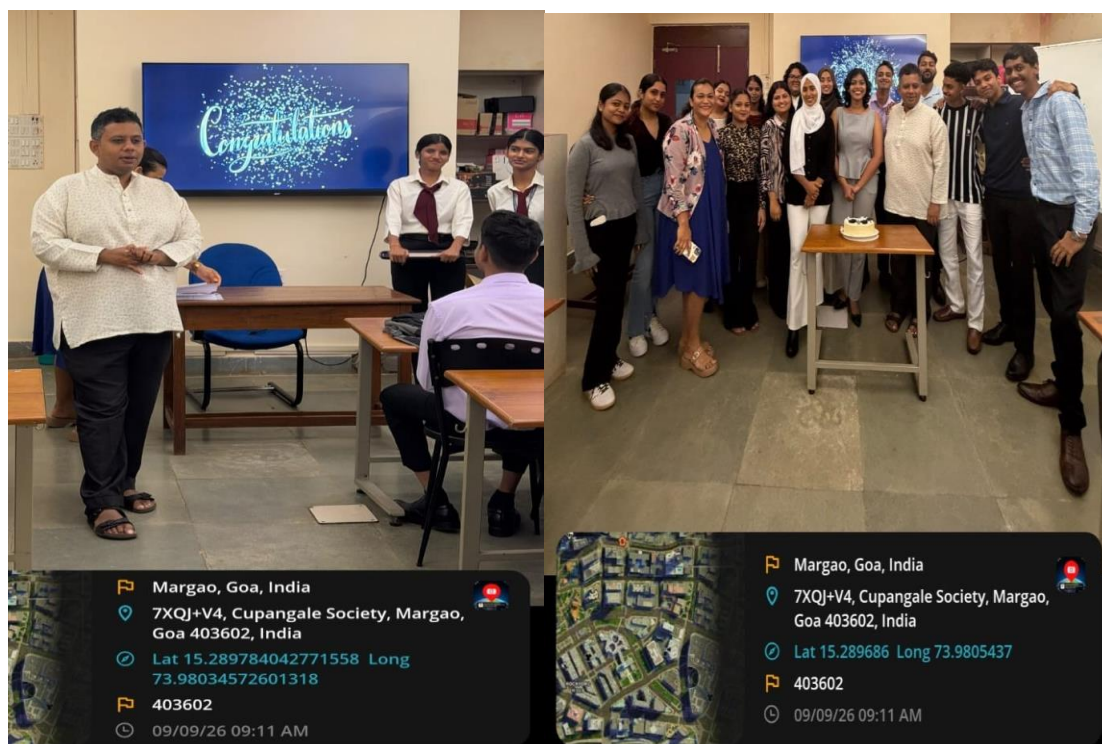
- The Department of Psychology organised the **Pinning Ceremony of the Psychology Forum 2026** on 28 August 2026. The ceremony was inaugurated by the Head of the Department of Psychology in the presence of faculty members and was attended by undergraduate and postgraduate students. The ceremony formally marked the induction of the newly elected members of the Psychology Forum and their assumption of responsibilities for representing their peers and coordinating activities of the Forum during the academic year.



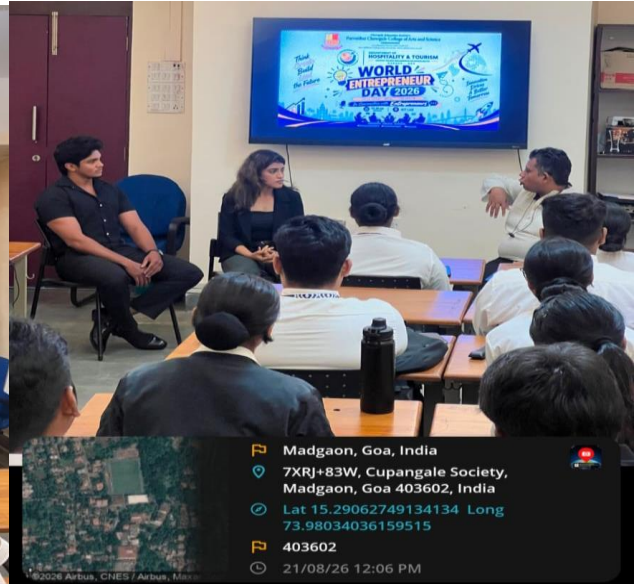
Pinning Ceremony of the Psychology Forum 2026 Members on 28th August, 2026

11) Department of Services Management

The Department of Hospitality and Tourism organised a **Graduation Ceremony** on 8 August 2026 for graduating students of Certificate Course in Aviation, Hospitality and Tourism, to recognise the achievements and contributions of its graduating students. **Mr. Lawrie Colaco, Head of the Department**, addressed the gathering, congratulated the graduating students, and wished them success in their future endeavours. The graduating students shared their experiences and offered insights to their juniors. Certificates were presented to the graduating students, who were encouraged to carry forward the knowledge and experiences gained during their time in the Department. The event provided an opportunity to acknowledge the graduating students and mark the completion of their academic journey in the Department.



- The Department of Hospitality and Tourism organised a **Talk on World Entrepreneur Day** on 21 August 2026, featuring entrepreneurs **Ms. Muskaan Xec** and **Mr. Mufiz Zain** as resource persons. The speakers shared their entrepreneurial journeys, including the challenges they encountered, the risks involved in entrepreneurship, their current ventures, and their future plans. The session provided students with an opportunity to gain insights into the experiences and challenges associated with entrepreneurship. A total of **10 students and 1 faculty member** attended the session.



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12) Department of Software Development

The **Department of B.Voc. Software Development, Environmental Science and Impact Assessment (ESIA), and the Esports Club** organised **“College Rivals – Season 4”** on **7 August 2026** in association with **Ampverse DMI Pvt. Ltd.** The pan-India campus engagement, talent hunt, and esports event witnessed the participation of **more than 150 students and faculty members**. The event was organised as part of the continued association between College Rivals and CES’s Parvatibai Chowgule College, formalised through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to promote opportunities for students in **esports, technology, events, and related activities**. Students from the B.Voc. Software Development and ESIA programmes, along with members of the Esports Club and other student clubs, contributed to the coordination and conduct of the event. **Ms. Gayatri**, Brand Ambassador of College Rivals and TY ESIA student, **Ms. Ananya**, SY ESIA student, and **Mr. Shreyansh Naik**, General Secretary, played key roles in facilitating student participation and supporting the event.



MOU signed between College Rivals and the College

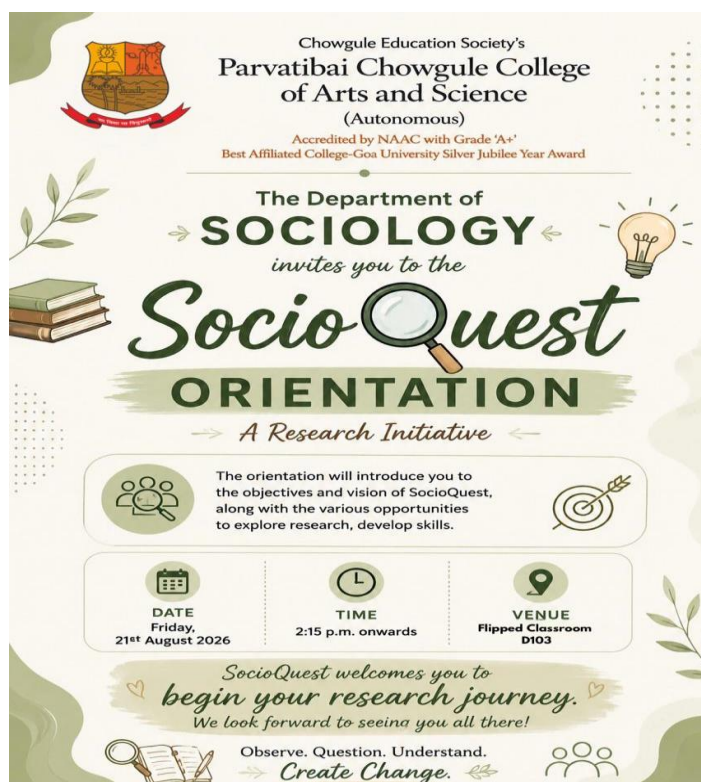
13) Department of Sociology

The Department inaugurated its **Department Council for the academic year 2026–27** on 6 August 2026. The programme included an introduction to the council portfolios and their roles, followed by the Batch Pinning Ceremony and Oath-Taking Ceremony. The council heads, **Ms. Rakshita Satardekar, Mr. Nishant Heggannavar, and Ms. Arnaaz Nazir Ali**, outlined their respective portfolios and plans for the academic year. **Mr. Sandeep Jadhav**, alumnus of the 2015–18 batch and former General Secretary, addressed the students on leadership and the effective functioning of the council.



Department council

- The Department conducted an orientation session on **SocioQuest**, a research initiative, on 21 August 2026. **Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes, Head of the Department of Sociology**, introduced students to the purpose and process of undertaking research through SocioQuest. The session covered the stages involved in developing a research idea into a systematic study and highlighted the preparation and presentation of research papers at a National Conference. An interactive discussion on possible research topics and areas of study provided students with an opportunity to explore potential areas for further research.



- The Department organised an outreach visit to **Shanti Avedna Sadan, Loutulim**, on 27 August 2026. The visit provided students with an opportunity to interact with residents, listen to their experiences, and gain an understanding of the challenges associated with living with cancer. The activity connected sociological learning with empathy, social responsibility, and community engagement. The students were accompanied by **Assoc. Prof. Sachin Moraes, Asst. Prof. Siana D'Mello, and Asst. Prof. Valeska Gracias**.



- The Department organised an informative talk on **“Health and Fitness”** on 28 August 2026. **Dr. Mackenzie Da Costa**, Sports and Exercise Physiotherapist and Founder of Elite Physiotherapy Goa, addressed students on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, with a focus on nutrition, fitness, and strength training. The session highlighted practical approaches to maintaining fitness and healthy eating habits. An interactive question-and-answer session provided students and faculty members an opportunity to engage with the speaker on the subject.



Glimpse of talk

14) Post Graduate Department of Diploma in Clinical Genetics & Medical Laboratory Techniques (PGDCGMLT)

The Department of Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Genetics and Medical Laboratory Technology (PGDCG&MLT) conducted a **Community Health Awareness and Emergency Response Training** on 8 August 2026, comprising 2 expert sessions. The session on **Vector-Borne Disease: Prevention and Control** was conducted in association with the **Urban Health Centre, Margao**, and was led by Dr. Pratista P. N. Cuncolincar. The session focused on vector-borne diseases prevalent in Goa, their transmission, symptoms, prevention, control, and the importance of timely medical attention. The session on **First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** was conducted in association with **Arogya Bharti** and led by Dr. Anjali Prabhudesai Chodnekar. It covered appropriate first-aid measures for emergencies and included a demonstration of CPR. The sessions enhanced participants' awareness and practical knowledge of disease prevention and emergency response. A total of **62 students and 10 faculty members** participated.



Session on vector-borne diseases



First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Activities by College Committees

1. Career and Personal Counselling Center

Ms. Kalpana Vashist, College Counsellor, delivered the following sessions organised by the **Career and Personal Counselling Center**:

- **“Conversations to Connections: Effective Interviewing Skills with Children, Adolescents and Informants”** on **12 August 2026**, in collaboration with the **M.A. Child Psychology and Child Development Programme**. The session was attended by **11 M.A. students and 2 faculty members** and focused on developing basic counselling and interviewing skills relevant to professional practice in psychology.



Group picture of the students & faculty of MA Psychology with the Resource Person

- **“All About Emotions: Feel Them, Understand Them and Manage Them”** on **21 August 2026**. The workshop was attended by **24 students** and focused on understanding and managing emotions to support healthy well-being.



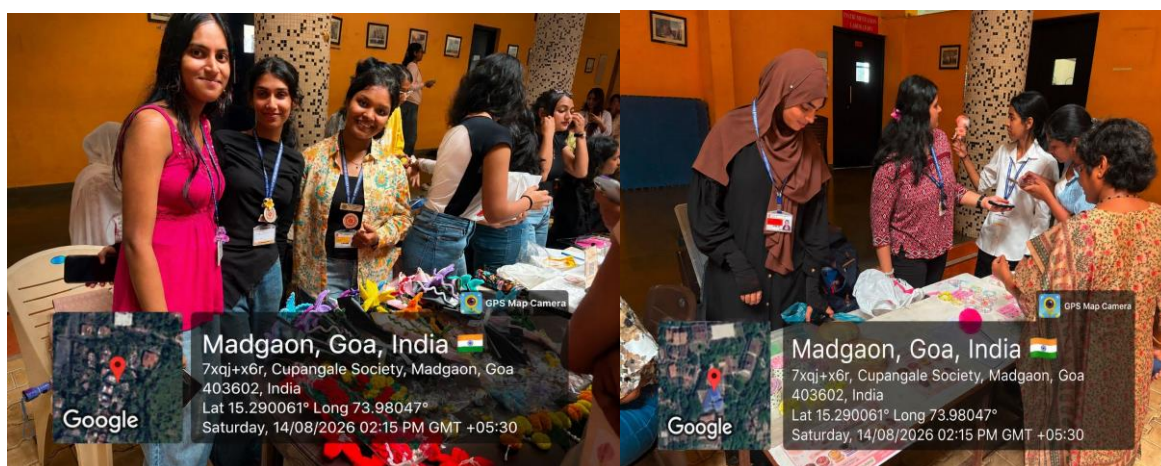
The students taking part in the workshop activities. Enacting 'Emotion Charades'

2. Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC)

- The **Entrepreneurship and Startup Development Cell** and **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)** organised an **Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme** on **9 July 2026** under the **Mukhyamantri Swayam Rojgar Yojana** of the Directorate of Higher Education, Goa. **Ms. Durva V. Sukhtankar** and **Ms. Athira** from the **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Goa Centre**, served as resource persons. The programme covered the **essence of entrepreneurship, business opportunity identification, and government schemes and support**, and introduced students to the **Business Model Canvas**. A total of **78 participants**, comprising **73 students and 5 faculty members**, attended the programme.



- The **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), CIE Hub, Entrepreneurship and Start-up Development Cell (ESDC), and Artisans Hub** organised a **Pop-up Bazar** on 14 August 2026 as a campus-based entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity initiative. The event provided students and creators with a platform to showcase, promote, and sell their products and services. A total of **35 stalls** featured a range of student-led offerings, including baked goods and desserts, beverages, handmade jewellery, crochet products, clay charms and keychains, pipe-cleaner crafts, resin art, bookmarks and paper art, paintings and sketches, gaming activities, makeup services, and handmade accessories. The initiative provided students with practical exposure to presenting and promoting their creative products and entrepreneurial ideas in a campus setting.





Glimpse of pop-up bazar

- The **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)** organised **Innovate For Impact 2026 – Campus Innovation Competition (Road to Smart India Hackathon 2026)** on 31 August 2026, providing students with a platform to identify contemporary and real-world challenges and develop innovative and feasible solutions. The competition encouraged ideation across thematic areas including Smart Automation, MedTech, BioTech, HealthTech, Tourism, Smart Education, and Clean and Green Technology. **Team Profit Prophets**, comprising Ms. Maria Sameera Kimberly Da Costa, Ms. Ashmi Kerkar, and Mr. Proshmit Chaudhuri of TYBSc, secured the **First Prize**. **Team Beyond The Blue**, comprising Ms. Rhea Pearl Rodrigues, Ms. Aakanksha Rajesh Rivankar, Ms. Britnie Fernandes, Ms. Tanvi Sunil Mandolkar, and Ms. Blossom Pereira of TYBSc, secured the **Second Prize**. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

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INNOVATE FOR IMPACT 2026

CAMPUS INNOVATION COMPETITION

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 Solve real-world problems. Build innovative solutions.
 Make India **Smarter, Greener** and **Better** for All.

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1 SMART AUTOMATION	2 MEDTECH/ BIOTECH/ HEALTHTECH	3 TOURISM	4 SMART EDUCATION	5 CLEAN & GREEN TECHNOLOGY	ANY OTHER THEME
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For more themes refer: https://www.sih.gov.in/SIH_Themes

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 • MAKE AN IMPACT
 • CASH PRIZE

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SUBMISSION OF IDEAS ON OR BEFORE 25TH AUGUST 2026
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PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HELD ON 28TH AUGUST 2026 AT 2.15PM

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3. Students' Wellness Centre

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5. Anti-Ragging Committee

As part of the **Anti-Ragging Week** celebrations, the Anti-Ragging Committee of the College organised a **Poster Competition** on the theme “**Zero Tolerance to Ragging**” to promote awareness about maintaining a safe and ragging-free campus environment. **Ms. Lisa Afonso**, TYBSc Botany, secured **First Place**, followed by **Mr. Nishant Heggannawar**, TYBA Sociology, in **Second Place**, and **Ms. Prapti Harmalkar**, FYBSc Computer Science, in **Third Place**. The competition provided students with an opportunity to creatively communicate the importance of a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus environment.



Winners of poster competition

RESEARCH SECTION

Papers Published

Kumbhar, D., Thakkar, C., & Sawant, N. (2026). **Evaluating multiple teaching methods in high school geography: a mixed methods case study from Goa, India.** Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies, 52(9), 281–287. <https://doi.org/10.9734/ajess/2026/v52i93302>

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Thank you.

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