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Activities and remarkable achievements for the month of September 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 September 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

- **Public Lecture on “Women as Empire Builders: The Portuguese Case, 1500–1800”**

A public lecture on “Women as Empire Builders: The Portuguese Case, 1500–1800” was delivered by Professor Amélia Polónia, Department of History, Political and International Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Porto, Portugal, on 12th September 2026 at the Lower Auditorium. The lecture was organised by CES’s ParvatibaiChowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous) in association with the J. H. Cunha Rivara Chair in Indo-Portuguese Comparative Studies and the Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme, Goa University. The lecture examined the role of women in the Portuguese imperial context between 1500 and 1800, highlighting their contribution to the processes of empire building.

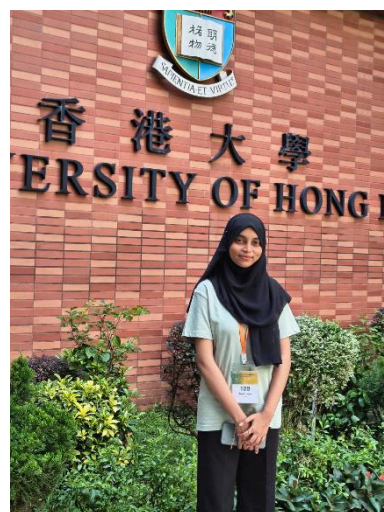


Glimpse of Public Lecture

- **Ms. Beebi Hajara**, Third Year B.Sc. Zoology student, was selected to participate in the **Asian Science Camp (ASC) 2026**, held at **The University of Hong Kong** from 2nd- 8th August 2026. The camp brought together approximately **300 students from 28 Asian countries and regions**. She attended lectures by Nobel laureates and eminent scientists, participated in hands-on workshops on racing car technology, oyster hatchery and 3D food printing, and collaborated with international participants to develop **“TIDALIS,” a sustainable solution addressing ocean dead zones**. The programme provided exposure to scientific innovation, international collaboration and cultural exchange.



Group Photo at the Asian Science Camp 2026 at University of Hong Kong



Ms. Beebi Hajara, student of TY B.Sc. Zoology at the ASC 2026

- The **RDC**, in association with the **Department of Chemistry**, organized the **second session** of the **Research Exchange Forum** on 7th September 2026 at the Lower Auditorium. The session also marked the **first activity** under the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) and **Dongguk University**, Seoul, South Korea. Mr. Shubham C. Rivonker, Ph.D. Scholar in Medicinal Chemistry, Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, delivered a talk titled **“Molecules to Methodology: Research Journey in Synthetic Chemistry.”** The session introduced participants to contemporary research in synthetic and medicinal chemistry, with emphasis on the synthesis of complex nitrogen-containing molecules and modern synthetic methodologies. The speaker also shared his research journey and international research experience, including opportunities for higher education and research abroad. A total of 50 students and 14 faculty members attended the session.



Mr. Shubham C. Rivonker delivering the talk on "Molecules to Methodology: Research Journey in Synthetic Chemistry."

- **Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant**, Department of Geography and Research Centre was recognised as a **Distinguished Speaker** at the **5th Global Summit on Advances in Earth Science and Climate Change (ADV. ESCC 2026)** held in **London, United Kingdom**, on 24th -25th September 2026. The recognition was conferred by **Peers Alley Media, Canada**, for his scholarly contribution and presentation titled **“Balancing Tourism Expansion and Ecosystem Sustainability: Experiences from Goa's Coastal Destinations (India).”** His presentation examined the relationship between tourism-driven development and environmental conservation in Goa’s coastal regions, with emphasis on sustainable tourism practices, ecosystem management, coastal resource conservation, community participation, and evidence-based policy interventions.



Prof.(Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant at the conference with Chairman of the session, Prof Adrain Wolfberg, USA

Students Section

Students Achievements

- **Mr. Proshmit Chaudhuri**, Third Year Bachelor of Science (TYBSc) Geology student, participated in **Ananta Godrej Ideas India 2026**, a 3-day leadership and ideas programme held at Taj Devi Ratn, Jaipur, Rajasthan, from 4th to 6th September 2026. The programme focused on Socratic dialogue, leadership, critical thinking and understanding diverse perspectives.



Mr. Proshmit Chaudhuri participated in Ananta Godrej Ideas India 2026

- **Ms. Divyanka Phal Dessai, F.Y. B.Sc. Physics**, and **Mr. Sanket Shirodkar, S.Y. B.Sc. Geology**, represented CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science at the **State-Level PPT Presentation Competition** organised as part of the **National Space Day 2026** programme by the **Goa State Council of Science & Technology (GSCST), Department of Science, Technology & Waste Management, Government of Goa**. The programme, themed **"Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership,"** was held at the Goa Science Centre, Miramar, on 3rd and 4th September 2026. The students were accompanied by **Ms. Jevila Rebello, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics**. **Ms. Divyanka Phal Dessai secured the First Consolation Prize at the State Level**, marking an achievement for the College in the competition.



Faculty and students at the State-Level PPT Presentation Competition, Goa Science Centre, Miramar

- **Mr. Ganesh Tamulkar**, Third Year Bachelor of Science (TYBSc) Geology student, secured **3rd place in the 4 × 400 m relay event** at the **37th West Zone Junior Athletics Championships 2026**, held from 27th to 29th September 2026 at the Athletic Stadium, Cujira, Bambolim. The championship was organised by the Athletics Federation of India.



Mr. Ganesh at 37th West Zone Junior Athletics Championships 2026

- Students of the **Department of Chemistry** secured **Overall Runners-up** at **ATOMICA 2026**, a state-level intercollegiate event organised by **Carmel College of Arts and Science, Nuvem-Goa**, on 8th September 2026. The students secured **1st Place in Reel and Chem laughter**, and **2nd Place in**

T-Shirt (Canvas) Painting, Fashion Show and Surprise Event. A total of **15 students** represented the College at the event.



Students at Atomica 2026

- **Britnie Fernandes and Aakanksha Rivankar**, Third Year B.Sc. Computer Science students, secured **Second Place in Phase 1 (Goa Internal Round) of Bit N Build '26**, a 48-hour online hackathon organised by **Google Developer Groups (GDG)** from 11th to 13th September 2026. Their achievement earned them the opportunity to represent the institution at the **Grand Finale at Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra, Mumbai.**

- Students of **M.A. Geography and B.A. Services Management**, active members of the College's Yuva Tourism Club, participated in the **Goa Yuva Tourism Meet 2026** held at the NIO Auditorium, Dona Paula, Goa, on **24th September 2026**. In the state-level Idea Pitch Competition under the category **"Goa Beyond Beaches – Scaling Sustainable Tourism Future,"** **Ashlean Fernandes and Ciena Oliveira, M.A. Geography students, secured 1st Place** with a project focusing on hinterland growth, eco-villages, zero-waste initiatives, and community-led tourism models. The winning duo received a **Trophy and a cash prize of ₹25,000**, along with a direct recommendation to the **Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC)** for pilot project consideration. The awards were presented by **Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Information & Technology, Electronics & Communication, Printing & Stationery, Government of Goa**. A total of **22 students and 2 faculty members**, Dr. Adrian Ferro and Mr. Lawrie Colaco, participated in the event.



Miss Ashlean Fernandes and Miss Ciena Oliviera receiving the award from Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Information & Technology, Electronics & Communication, Printing & Stationery, Government of Goa

Students Participation/Attended

- **Ms. Mansi Tiwari and Mr. Prajakt Gotlekar**, First Year Bachelor of Science (FYBSc) Geology students, participated in the **Poster-Making Competition** at the One-Day Youth Conclave 2026, organised by the Retired University and College Teachers Association Goa (RUCTAG) in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Sports Authority of Goa, on 8th September 2026 at Goa University.



One-Day Youth Conclave 2026

- Six students from the **Department of Psychology** participated in a **treasure hunt organised by Goa College of Home Science, Panaji**, on 11th September 2026 to promote **suicide prevention awareness**. The activity involved solving riddle-based clues at prominent locations in the Miramar area, providing students with an interactive platform to engage with the theme of suicide prevention while developing **teamwork and awareness**.
- On the occasion of **World Tourism Day**, M.A. Geography students participated in a specialised field trip titled **“Goan Hinterland Experience in Rivona”** on 23rd September 2026. The activity was organised by the **Travel & Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG)** in collaboration with **SKAL** and the **Department of Tourism, Government of Goa**, and was curated by **Soul Travelling**. The field experience introduced students to the cultural

heritage, traditional village life, historical features, and natural landscapes of Rivona, highlighting the concept of **“Goa Beyond Beaches.”** The activity provided practical exposure to the relationship between geography and tourism, with emphasis on hinterland tourism, eco-cultural conservation, and spatial resource management. A total of **10 students and 1 faculty member, Dr. Adrian Ferro**, participated in the activity.



Students at Usgalimal Petroglyphs, Rivona, Goa

Faculty Section

Invitation as Plenary Speaker/Resource Person

- **Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal, In-charge, Department of Hindi**, was invited as Chief Guest for the following programmes:
1. Inaugural programme of **Hindi Maah 2026** organised by the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Goa, Cuncolim, on 1st September 2026. He spoke about the evolution of Hindi, its changing nature and its future prospects.



Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal as Chief Guest at NIT

2. Inaugural function of the **Hindi Diwas programme** organised by **Shree Vishwanath Arlekar (Dada Arlekar) Memorial Higher Secondary School of Arts, Commerce & Science, New Vaddem, Vasco, Goa**. On 25th September 2026 He addressed the gathering on the changing role and growing significance of the Hindi language.



Dr. Pradeep R. Jatalas Chief Guest at Shree Vishwanath Arlekar (Dada Arlekar) Memorial Higher Secondary School of Arts, Commerce & Science

3. Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal was invited as Chief Guest and Resource Person for the **Hindi Diwas programme** organised by **Sangola College, Sangola, Maharashtra**, on 16th September 2026. He delivered a talk titled **“Hindi Bhasha Aur Rozgar Ki Sambhavnayein”**, focusing on employment opportunities associated with the Hindi language.



Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal as Chief Guest and Resource Person at Sangola College, Sangola, Maharashtra

- **Prof. (Dr.) Sameena Falleiro**, Dean of Physical and Earth Sciences and Professor in the Department of Computer Science, completed a **7-day online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Innovation Pedagogical Strategies using AI”**, organised by the Department of Computer Science, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, from 7th to 13th September 2026.
- **Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology**, was invited as an expert to **MES College, Vasco**, for the **“Campus Voice”** programme on 9th September 2026. He addressed aspects of **migration, belonging, Goan identity, cultural integration, local opportunities, ancestry, and social acceptance** in the context of college youth.



Dr. Sachin invited as an expert at MES College, Vasco

- Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant** Department of Geography and Research Centre delivered a lecture titled **“Goa: Socio-Cultural History, Heritage and Identity”** on 19th September 2026 as part of the **Refresher Course on Cultural Geography and Socio-Economic Sustainability**, organised by **Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, India**, under the **University Grants Commission (UGC) Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC)**. The lecture examined Goa as a cultural landscape shaped by geography, history, migration, colonialism, heritage, and globalisation, with emphasis on its socio-cultural identity and relevance to cultural geography, heritage studies, and sustainable socio-economic development.

Faculty Participation/Attended

- **Asst. Prof. Filomena Pereira**, Department of Zoology, attended a **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India-sponsored training programme** on “Research Methodology for Policy Integration” at the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD) on 2nd and 3rd September 2026. The programme, conducted by **Dr. Roma Mitra Debnath, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)**, focused on research proposal development. Participants undertook group work to identify potential research areas, particularly in water and climate change.



Group picture taken at GIPARD, Goa

- **Asst. Prof. Filomena Pereira**, Department of Zoology, participated in the **Goa Research X Impact Conclave 2026** on 4th and 5th September 2026 at Zuari Hall, Lok Bhavan, Dona Paula. The conclave was hosted by the Directorate of Higher Education in collaboration with the **Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF), and Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC)**. The programme featured a keynote address by **Dr. Samir V. Kamat, former Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, along with research presentations, displays and panel discussions across disciplines.

- **Ms. Poonam Madhukar Joshi**, College Librarian, Library, attended a 3-day capacity building workshop for Library Professionals of Goa titled **“Viksit Granthalaya – Advancing Libraries for a Knowledge-Driven Society”** from 7th to 9th September 2026. The workshop was organised by the Goa Business School, Department of Library and Information Science, Goa University, Taleigao, under NITI Aayog, Government of India.

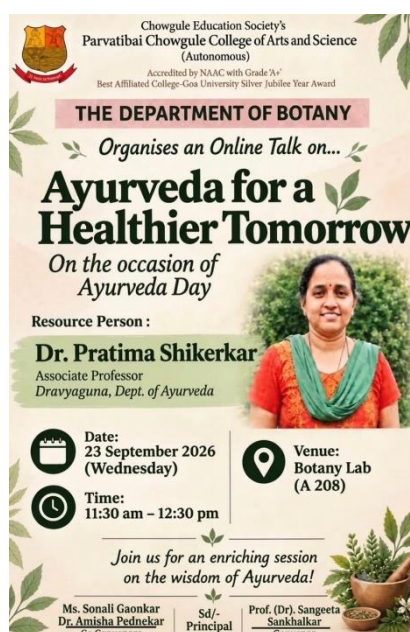


Ms. Poonam at capacity building workshop

Department Activities

1) Department of Botany

- The Department organised an online talk titled **“Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow”** on 23rd September 2026, on the occasion of Ayurveda Day. The session was delivered by **Dr. Pratima Shikerkar, Associate Professor, Dravyaguna, Gomantak Ayurved Mahavidyalay & Research Centre, Shiroda, Goa**. A total of **35 students and 7 faculty members and non-teaching staff** participated. The talk highlighted the significance of Ayurveda, the role of medicinal plants and the relevance of traditional botanical knowledge in promoting health and well-being.





Online talk on Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow

2) Department of Chemistry

- The Department of Chemistry participated in workshop “**Careers in Chemistry**” organised by the **Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)** in association with the **Department of Chemistry, K. K. Birla Goa Campus, BITS Pilani**, on 11th September 2026. The programme provided **final-year B.Sc. Chemistry students** with exposure to diverse career pathways in **higher education, research, teaching and industry**. The interaction with experts helped students understand the skills and qualifications required for different career options and encouraged them to explore opportunities beyond conventional pathways. A total of **12 students and 2 faculty members** participated.



3) Department of Computer Science

- The **Firebits Club** of the Department of Computer Science organised an **E-Waste Collection Drive** from 2nd to 11th September 2026 as part of its commitment to **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production**. The drive collected discarded electronic items, including computers, laptops, printers, monitors, keyboards, chargers and mobile phones, encouraging the college community to adopt responsible e-waste disposal practices.



E-Waste Collection Drive

- The Department Science organised a **2-day community outreach programme titled “AI Literacy for Young Learners”** on 10th and 11th September 2026 at DCS Lab I. The programme introduced students from Classes 8 to 12 to **ChatGPT, prompt creation, AI image generation, poster design and NotebookLM** as a learning tool. Participants explored how artificial intelligence could support learning through summaries, explanations, flashcards and quizzes. A **Road Safety poster-generation competition** enabled students to apply their newly acquired skills to create awareness posters on traffic rules and responsible road behaviour. A total of **12 students and 3 faculty members** participated.



2-day community outreach programme titled "AI Literacy for Young Learners"

- The **Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department of Computer Science** met on 26th September 2026 to discuss academic matters concerning **B.Sc. Computer Science, B.Voc. Software Development, Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) and M.Sc. Information Technology (IT)**. Discussions focused on reviewing and revising curricula and syllabi, updating and introducing courses, and enhancing course content, Programme Outcomes and reference materials. Recommendations were made for further revision and approval of the proposed academic changes.

4) Department of Environmental Science & Impact Assessment

- The Department organised a **Field Visit to the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)** on 1st September 2026 as part of the practical curriculum. The visit provided students with practical exposure to **polar, marine, and oceanographic research**. Students attended an introductory session, visited research laboratories, and interacted with scientists to learn about ongoing research and environmental studies. The visit also provided insights into **polar regions, biodiversity, climate, and research opportunities in environmental and marine sciences**. A total of **5 students and 1 faculty member** attended the field visit.



Field Visit to The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)

- The Department organised a **Field Visit to Carambolim Lake** on 6th September 2026 as part of the practical curriculum. The visit provided students with practical exposure to **wetland ecology, biodiversity,**

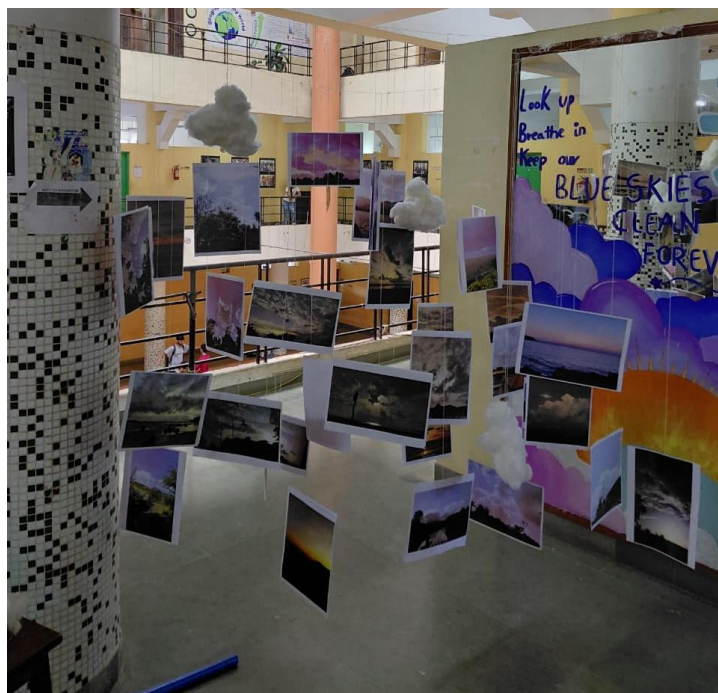
traditional water management, and the Khazan system. Students observed the lake ecosystem, aquatic vegetation, birds, and traditional water management structures, and learned about the ecological importance of the wetland and its connection with agriculture and local livelihoods. A total of **6 students and 1 faculty member** attended the field visit.



Field visit to Carambolimlake

- The Department organised a **Photography Display** on 7th September 2026 to mark the **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies**. The display featured photographs of **skies, clouds, and natural surroundings**, highlighting the importance of clean air and the atmosphere. The activity

aimed to create awareness among students about **air pollution and air quality** while encouraging them to appreciate and creatively document their natural surroundings.



International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

5) Department of Geography & Research Centre

- The Department conducted a field-learning activity on **“Cailleux Roundness Index and Coastal Morphometry”** for M.A. Geography students on 8th September 2026 at Cabo De Rama Pebble Beach. **Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor**, Department of Geography and Research Centre, conducted the session, which focused on coastal sedimentology processes and marine wave dynamics. Students collected pebble samples and measured their physical dimensions and curvature using calipers to determine pebble roundness. The activity provided hands-on experience in quantitative geomorphology through field sampling and data collection. A total of 10 students participated in the fieldwork.



M.A. Geography students conducting field sampling for the Cailleux Roundness Index at Cabo De Rama Pebble Beach

- The Department organised a **Research Interaction Series (RIS)** session for M.A. Geography students on 9th September 2026. The session focused on the presentation and discussion of research proposals, with emphasis on identifying research gaps, formulating clear objectives, and developing appropriate research methodologies. The session was chaired by **Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant**, Head of the Department, along with **Dr. Adrian Ferro** and **Dr. Safikul Islam**, Assistant Professors, Department of Geography. The faculty panel evaluated the proposals and provided inputs to help students refine their research designs and strengthen their academic approach. A total of 14 students presented and attended the session.



A student presenting during the Research Interaction Series (RIS) Session

6) Department of Geology

- The Department organised the **Induction Ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Club Nebulites for the academic year 2026–27** on 7th September 2026 in the Flipped Classroom. **Dr. Meghana Devli, Officiating Principal**, addressed the gathering, and the new office bearers took an oath to uphold the club's objectives and values. The event also featured career guidance sessions by **Mr. Meldrin Afonso, Field Specialist-II, Baker Hughes, Kuwait**, and **Ms. Sakshi Parwar, Remote Operation Engineer-I, Helmerich & Payne, Goa**, who discussed career opportunities and professional prospects in the oil industry.



Induction ceremony

7) Department of Hindi

- The Department of Hindi organised **Hindi Mahotsav 2026 on 28 and 29 September 2026** in the Upper Auditorium to promote the Hindi language and encourage students' literary and creative expression. The festival featured competitions in **poetry recitation, singing, essay writing, elocution, reel making, dance and Antakshari**.

The inaugural ceremony was held on 28 September 2026 in the presence of **Mrs. Sweta Prasad Govekar, Programme Director, Discipline of Hindi, Shenoji Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University**, as Chief Guest. **Dr. Meghana S. Devli, Officiating Principal**, and **Dr. Pradeep R. Jatal, In-charge, Department of Hindi**, along with Assistant Professors **Ms. Alka G. Gawas and Ms. Poonam Sharma**, attended the ceremony. The programme included a welcome song presented by Third Year Bachelor of

Arts (TYBA) students, addresses by the dignitaries and student participation in the inaugural proceedings. The speakers highlighted the importance of Hindi, its employment opportunities and the role of translation in connecting Hindi literature with other languages.

The valedictory function and prize distribution were held on 28 September 2026. **Dr. Meghana S. Devli, Officiating Principal, and Dr. Gunaji S. Desai, Dean, School of Languages**, appreciated the participants and presented certificates to the winners.



Hindi Mahotsav

8) Department of Philosophy

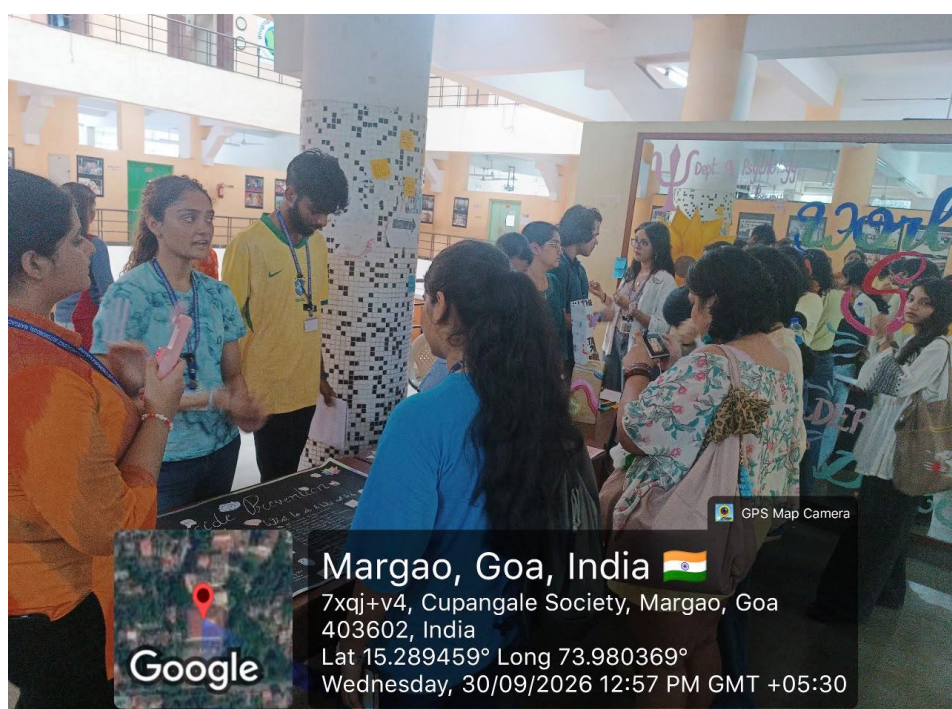
The Department of Philosophy organised **Noesis 2026**, an intra-department competition, on 25th September 2026 for Philosophy Major and Minor students. The event featured interactive rounds and competitions, including **Philosophical Musical Chairs, Escape the Philosopher's Mind, and the online Philosophy Filter**. Participants could compete in individual events or participate in all competitions, with points awarded based on their performance. The participant with the highest combined score was declared the Noesis Champion. **Nezalee Antao, SY Philosophy Major**, was crowned **Noesis Champion 2026**. The activity provided students with an engaging platform to apply their philosophical knowledge through interactive competitions and encouraged interaction across batches.



Noesis 2026

9) Department of Psychology

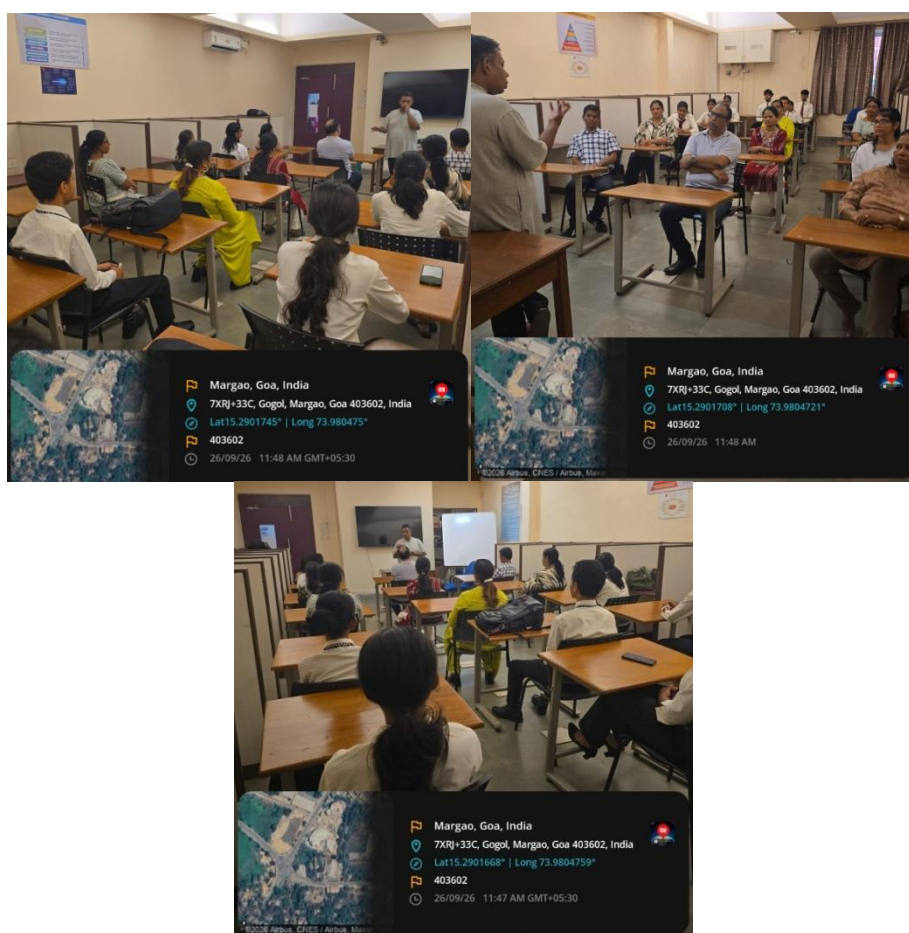
- The Department organised an **awareness and outreach activity** on 30th September 2026 near the **1st-floor Quad**, combining observances related to **World Suicide Prevention Month and the International Day of Older Persons**. The initiative featured stalls providing information on **supporting individuals experiencing suicidal ideation**, mental health awareness resources, and helpline information including **Tele-MANAS** and guidance on accessing the College Counsellor. Students were also invited to anonymously share suggestions on how colleges could support individuals facing suicidal ideation. The activity further encouraged **community engagement**, with students signing up for a proposed visit to a local old age home.



Awareness Activities organized by the Department of Psychology for World Suicide Prevention Month and the International Day of Older Persons on 30th September, 2026

10) Department of Services Management

- The Department organised a **Parents-Teachers Meeting** to discuss students' **academic performance, attendance, classroom participation and overall progress**. Faculty members **Lawrie Colaco and Shaina Fernandes** interacted with parents and shared feedback on students' academic performance, participation, behaviour and areas for improvement. Parents also shared their suggestions and concerns regarding their children's academic and overall development. The meeting strengthened communication between **parents, teachers and students** and encouraged collaborative support for students' progress.



Parents teachers meet

- The Department participated in the **Goa Yuva Tourism Meet 2026** held on 24th September 2026 at the **CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Dona Paula**. The meet brought together students, youth ambassadors and faculty members from educational institutions across Goa and focused

on **technology-driven tourism and sustainable tourism development**. In the **Yuva Tourism Club Pitch Competition**, the college's **M.A. Geography students secured 1st Place in the “Goa Beyond Beaches – Scaling Sustainable Tourism Future”** track for their pitch on **eco-villages and hinterland tourism**. The team received a **₹25,000 cash prize** and was recommended for consideration of a pilot study by the **Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC)**. The event also provided students with exposure to developments and opportunities in Goa's tourism sector.



Students with Faculty at NIO

11) Department of Software Development

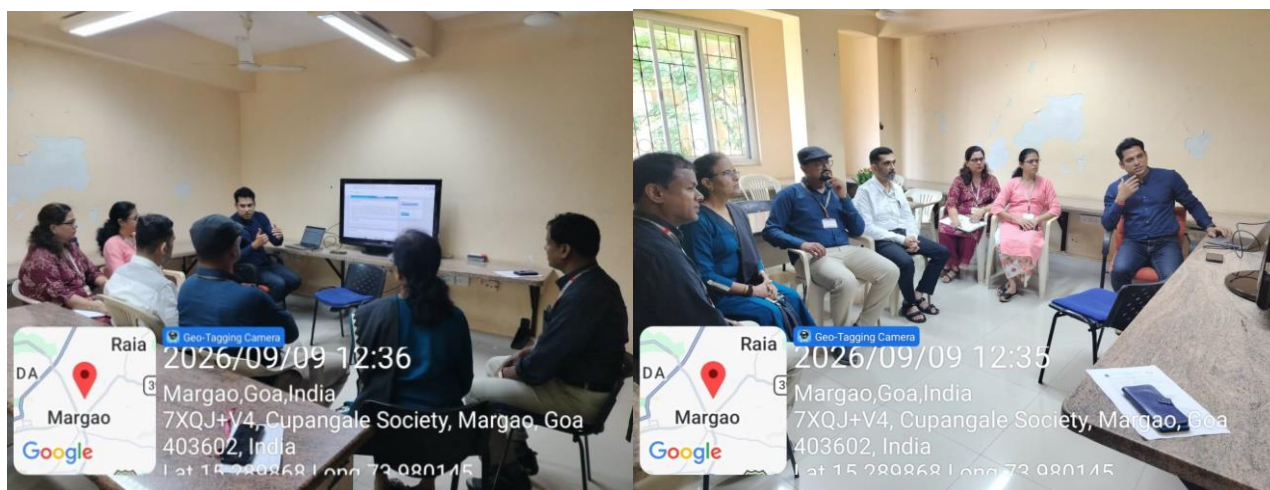
- The Department organized a talk on **“Beyond the Degree: Building Your Career, Skills & Opportunities in The Digital Age”** on 9th September 2026 at the Lower Auditorium. **Mr. Damodar Pai Patnekar**, Co-founder and CEO of Bodhami, an AI-powered edtech startup based in Goa, served as the resource person. The session focused on emerging career opportunities, industry trends, and the skills required to succeed in the evolving digital landscape. The discussion also emphasised the importance of developing practical, technical, entrepreneurial, and employability skills beyond academic qualifications, while strengthening industry-academia interaction through exposure to professional perspectives on career development and

skill-building. A total of 46 students and 8 faculty members attended the talk.



Mr. Damodar Pai Patnekar Addressing the Students and the Faculty members

- The Department of **B.Voc. Software Development** and **Computer Science**, organised an **Industry–Academia Discussion** on **9th September 2026**. The discussion was led by **Mr. Damodar Pai Patnekar, Co-Founder and CEO of Bodhami**, an AI-powered EdTech start-up based in Goa. **Prof. Sameena Falleiro, Faculty Incharge and Dean, School of Physical and Earth Sciences**, along with faculty members, participated in the discussion. The interaction focused on **internship opportunities, collaboration prospects, entrepreneurial activities, and understanding Bodhami's EdTech platform**. The discussion also provided insights into the role of industry engagement in shaping students' career pathways and identified opportunities for **collaboration, internships, and student career guidance**.



Industry–Academia Discussion

12) Department of Sociology

- Memoranda of Collaboration with Caritas Goa and Human Touch Foundation**

On 1st September 2026, the **Department of Sociology** signed **five-year Memoranda of Collaboration (MoCs)** with **Caritas Goa** and the **Human Touch Foundation**. The collaborations aimed to provide students with opportunities for **internships, research, community engagement and participation in organisational activities**. The MoC with Caritas Goa was signed in the presence of **Miss Soraya Xavier, Project Coordinator**, whose organisation works with deaf and blind children and young adults with disabilities, providing therapy and related support. The MoC with the Human Touch Foundation, based in Agasaïm, was signed in the presence of **Venicia Fernandes, Secretary**, with the organisation working in the areas of HIV/AIDS and community outreach. On behalf of the College by **Dr. Meghana Devli, Offg. Principal**, signed the MoC's faculty members of the Department of Sociology and Student Council representatives, who gained an understanding of the collaboration process and opportunities for student engagement.



MoC with Caritas, Goa



MoC with Human Touch

- Memorandum of Collaboration with ARZ (AnyayRahitZindagi)**
 On 4th September 2026, the **Department of Sociology** signed a **five-year Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) with ARZ (AnyayRahitZindagi)**. The collaboration aimed to strengthen the connection between **academic learning and community-based interventions**, with particular focus on **human trafficking and child exploitation**. **Ms. Juliana Lohar, Deputy Director, ARZ**, briefed the College on the organisation's current initiatives, grassroots challenges and rehabilitation efforts. The collaboration will provide students with opportunities for **field exposure, research and practical training in social advocacy**, strengthening their engagement with real-world social issues.



MoC with ARZ

- Students from **Department of Sociology** organised a **Teachers' Day celebration on 5th September 2026** for its faculty members. The programme included **games and activities** organised by students, along with a presentation expressing their **gratitude and appreciation towards their teachers**. Students also presented tokens of appreciation to the faculty members. **Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes, Associate Professor, Siana D'Mello, Assistant Professor, and Valeska Garcias, Assistant Professor**, attended the celebration. The programme provided an opportunity for students and faculty members to interact and celebrate Teachers' Day together.



Teachers' day celebration

- As part of the course outcomes for **Introducing Sociology** for F.Y.B.A. students, the Department of Sociology undertook a community outreach initiative from 1st to 6th September 2026, through which students visited their respective Higher Secondary Schools as former students and introduced Sociology as an academic discipline. The students discussed the **relevance and applications of Sociology, career opportunities, and their academic experiences** with junior students. The initiative covered schools including Government Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Margao; Husn Sahara Higher Secondary School; St. Alex Higher Secondary School; Loyola Higher Secondary School; Presentation Convent Higher Secondary School, Margao; AIMS Higher Secondary School; S.S.S. Samiti's S.A.M.D. Higher Secondary School; Damodar Higher Secondary School; St. Theresa of Jesus Higher Secondary School; Rosary Higher Secondary School, Navelim; Fr. Agnel Higher Secondary School, Pilar; St. Andrews Higher Secondary School, Vasco; and S.S. Angle Higher Secondary School, Mashem. The activity provided students with an opportunity to apply their communication and leadership skills while promoting awareness of Sociology as an academic and career option.



Visit to Higher Secondary Schools as former students

- As part of the **Community Outreach Programme**, the Department of Sociology visited an old age home on 10th September 2026, with **Dr. Sachin Moraes and 16 students** participating in the interaction. The students engaged with the elderly residents through conversations, listened to their experiences and memories, and participated in songs and a dance performance. The interaction also provided an opportunity for the residents to share their musical talents, fostering interaction between the students and residents.



Community outreach at Old Age Home

- The Department organised a field visit for **Second Year and Third Year students** on 11th September 2026 at **Palolem** on the theme **“Tourism as an Agent of Social Change and its Impact on Women.”** The activity examined the socio-economic and cultural transformations associated with tourism, with emphasis on **changing occupations and livelihoods, local entrepreneurship, adaptation, traditional occupations such as fishing,**

women's participation in tourism, and the changing profile of women in Goan society. The field experience enabled students to observe social change and tourism-related transformations in a coastal Goan community beyond the classroom.



S.Y and T.Y. students for field visit

- The Department organised an **Alumni Meet** on 25th September 2026 at the Flipped Classroom. The event brought together alumni from different batches for interaction with **faculty members and current students** and provided a platform to share college memories and professional experiences. The programme also included interactive activities and games, facilitating engagement among alumni, faculty, and students.



Alumni Meet

13) Department of Zoology

- **Memorandum of Understanding with Arannya Environment Research Organisation (AERO)**

CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Margao, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Arannya Environment Research Organisation (AERO) on 14th August 2026. The ceremony was attended by Ms. Harshada Gauns, Dr. Pronoy Baidya, Mr. Jalmesh Karapurkar and Mr. Shivcharan Gauns, representing AERO. The MoU aims to promote inter disciplinary student engagement, experiential learning, environmental education, field-based activities, research, conservation and community engagement. Asst. Prof. Filomena Pereira of the Department of Zoology was designated as the nodal point of contact for the collaboration.

Memorandum of Understanding

AERO partners with
Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts And
Science (Autonomous)



- The Department inaugurated the **Chowgule's Birders' Club (CBC)** for the academic year 2026–27 on 1st August 2026. Asst. Prof. **Filomena Pereira**, Department In-charge, introduced students to the club's activities and achievements. This was followed by a session on **"Birding: The Art of Noticing"** conducted by **Ms. Linoshka Dias**, **Zoology alumna**, who discussed bird diversity, feeding and nesting

habits, ecological importance and basic bird identification. A total of **43 students and 4 faculty members** participated.



Asst Prof. Filomena Pereira introducing the students to CBC.



Ms. Purvi, TY student thanking Ms. Linoshka Dias, Resource Person for the talk on Birding: An art of Noticing



Group picture with students and faculties at the inaugural session and talk as part of CBC activity.

- The Department organised a session on **“How to Use Binoculars”** on 14th August 2026 as part of the Chowgule’s Birders’ Club activities. **Mr. Shreyansh Naik, Third Year Zoology student**, served as the resource person and introduced participants to the working principles and types of binoculars, along with practical techniques for birdwatching and mobile phone photography. A total of **25 students and 5 faculty members** participated.

- The **Department** in collaboration with the **Department of Environment Science and Impact Assessment**, organised a talk on **“Ecosystem Services of Wetlands and Invasive Fish Species”** on 18th August 2026. **Dr. Sreekanth G. B., Senior Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Old Goa**, discussed wetland ecosystem services and the occurrence, impacts and management of invasive fish species. Fish specimens were used to demonstrate identifying characteristics, providing students with practical exposure to the subject. A total of **41 students and 6 faculty members** attended.
- The Department organised a session on **“Bird Morphology and Common Birds of Campus”** on 21st August 2026 as part of the Chowgule’s Birders’ Club activities. **Mr. Aaron Vaz, Third Year Zoology student**, introduced participants to bird morphology, adaptations and identification based on physical characteristics, with emphasis on common birds found on campus. A total of **14 students** participated.
- The Department organised a bird trail at **Handi Khuris, Maina Curtorim**, on 8th September 2026. The activity introduced students to common wetland and wetland-associated birds and their behaviours. Participants recorded **30 bird species on the eBird application**, gaining field experience in bird observation and documentation. A total of **25 students** participated.



A group photo at Handi Khuris, Maina Curtorim Goa

- The Department organised an educational field visit to **Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary** on 10th September 2026, attended by **27 students and 4 faculty members**. The biodiversity trail was guided by **Mr. Jalmesh Karapurkar, Coordinator for Community Engagement and Corporate Social Responsibility at Arannya Environment Research Organisation (AERO), and Dr. Pronoy Baidya, Coordinator for Biodiversity Research at AERO**. Students observed wildlife and animal behaviour during the biodiversity trail, followed by a visit to the zoo, gaining practical exposure to fauna and biodiversity.



Dr. Pronoy Baidya leading the biodiversity trail at Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa



Group picture at Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa

- The Department organised an **assignment-writing orientation for First Year B.Sc. Zoology students**, conducted by **Asst. Prof. Filomena Pereira**. The session covered the structure of abstracts and introductions, preparation of the main body of an assignment, in-text citations and referencing in **American Psychological Association (APA) style**. Students were introduced to research paper searches using **Google Scholar and PubMed**, verification of Scopus indexing, mind mapping, plagiarism and plagiarism-checking tools. A total of **47 students** participated.
- The Department organised a field visit to the **Solid Waste Management Facility, Cacora, South Goa**, on 24th September 2026. A total of **15 students and 2 faculty members**, **Asst. Prof. Sanira Simoes and Asst. Prof. Riddhi Savoiverekar**, attended the visit. **Mr. Praveen, Plant**

Supervisor, explained the stages of waste processing, including segregation, composting, recycling, material recovery and microbial decomposition. The visit provided students with practical exposure to **sustainable waste management and the importance of segregation at source**.



Group picture taken at Solid Waste Management Facility, Cacora, South Goa

14) Post Graduate Department of Information Technology

- The Department organised an **Industrial Visit to Onstro (Teknorix Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Verna) on 30th September 2026**. **Mr. Shesham Bidaye, Human Resource, Onstro**, interacted with the students on **career goals, professional expectations, workplace skills, Artificial Intelligence and adapting to technological advancements**. He emphasised the importance of **goal setting, continuous learning, adaptability, communication, passion and professional attitude** for a successful career in Information Technology. A total of **27 students and 3 M.Sc. IT faculty members** attended the industrial visit.



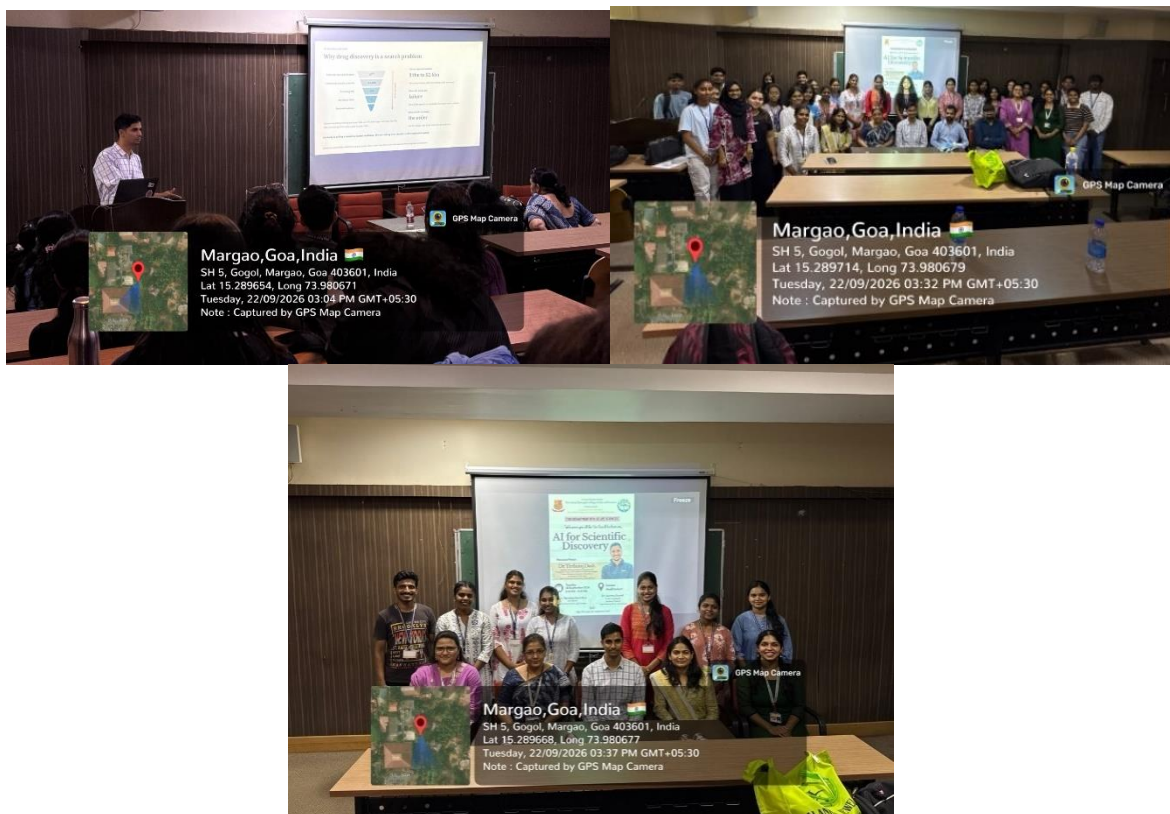
Industrial visit

15) Post Graduate Department of Life Science

- The Department organised an **industrial visit to Paul John Distillery, Cuncolim Industrial Estate, Cuncolim, Goa**, as part of the practical module on **Fermentation Technology**. The visit provided students with practical exposure to the production of Indian single malt whisky using **Indian six-row barley and traditional copper pot stills**, with emphasis on the influence of Indian raw materials and Goa's tropical climate on production. The visit helped students **bridge theoretical knowledge with industrial practice** by demonstrating the integration of **biological and biochemical processes, engineering operations, sanitation, quality control and downstream processing** in a commercial fermentation-based production system.



- The Department organised a guest lecture on **“AI for Scientific Discovery”** on 22nd September 2026 at the College Lower Auditorium. The session was delivered by **Dr.Tirtharaj Dash**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa and focused on the applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in biological and life science research, including genomics, drug discovery, data analysis, and scientific prediction. The lecture highlighted the potential of AI to support efficient research and address complex scientific problems. The session was attended by 38 students and 7 faculty members.



Lecture on "AI for Scientific Discovery"

Activities by College Committees

1. Career and Personal Counselling Center

- **The Career and Personal Counselling Center**, in collaboration with the **Student Wellness Center**, organized the following workshops:
 1. **“Where did my day go? Time management and effective study habits”** on 4th September 2026. Ms. Kalpana Vashist, College Counsellor, served as the resource person. The session focused on time management strategies and effective study skills to support students in managing their academic responsibilities. A total of 29 students attended the session.



The students taking part in the workshop activities. Solving time management cases.

2. **“Why am I so stressed? Understanding Stress, Anxiety and what you can do about it”** on 11th September 2026. Ms. Kalpana Vashist, College Counsellor, served as the resource person. The workshop addressed the common emotional, physical, and behavioural signs of stress and anxiety and introduced practical strategies for managing them in everyday college life. A total of 19 students attended the workshop.



The students taking part in the workshop activities. Solving 'Find your calm' word search puzzle.

2. Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in association with the Deans of the Schools of Physical and Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Social Sciences, and Language and Literature, organised an orientation on “**Course-level Curriculum Alignment/Mapping with Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**” on 11th September 2026. Prof. (Dr.) Sameena Falleiro, Dean, School of Physical and Earth Sciences, and Dr. Sachin Moraes, Dean, School of Social Sciences, served as resource persons. Dr. Sachin Moraes discussed the development of IKS under the Ministry of Education, the traditional Gurukul system, changes during the British period, and the relevance of integrating India’s knowledge traditions with contemporary education. He also highlighted the role of the SDGs in addressing contemporary social, economic, and environmental challenges. Prof. (Dr.) Sameena Falleiro explained the module-wise and programme/department-wise mapping of IKS and SDGs and guided participants in completing the relevant templates. A total of 48 faculty members participated in the orientation.



Orientation Course-level Curriculum Alignment/Mapping with IKS and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

3. Research and Development Cell (RDC)

- The RDC organized the inaugural session of the **Research Exchange Forum** on 7th August 2026 at the Lower Auditorium. **Dr. Chandrashekhar Rivonker**, Administrator, CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, and Retired Senior Professor, School of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University, delivered a talk on **“Life Cycle Assessment of White Leg Shrimp Farming in Earthen vs. HDPE-Lined Ponds.”** The session examined the environmental footprints of earthen and High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)-lined shrimp farming systems using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), covering the LCA framework, system boundaries, farm inputs, environmental impact categories, major impact drivers, and strategies for sustainable aquaculture. A total of 50 faculty members attended the session.



Faculty members attending the Research Exchange Forum session by Dr. C. U. Rivonker



Dr. C. U. Rivonker delivering the talk on Life Cycle Assessment of White Leg Shrimp Farming.

- The **RDC**, in collaboration with the **Centre for Research, Development & Innovation**, DHE Goa, organized a PRAYoG Phase I session on **“Research Methodology and Literature Search”** for Third Year students on 14th August 2026 at the Lower Auditorium. Prof. Senthamarai Kannan Ethirajulu, Professor of Physics and Electrical & Electronic Engineering, BITS Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa Campus, served as the resource person. The session focused on research methodology, identifying suitable research problems, and conducting effective literature searches using reliable academic sources, supported by hands-on activities. A total of 93 students and 18 faculty members attended the session.



Prof. Basavadatta Mitra interacting with TYBA students during the PRAYoG Phase I session

- The **RDC** in collaboration with the **Centre for Research, Development and Innovation (RDI-DHE)**, organized a PRAYoG Phase I session on **“Research Methodology and Literature Search”** for **TYBA project students** on 18th August 2026 at the Upper Auditorium. Prof. Basavadatta Mitra, BITS Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa Campus, served as the resource person. The session introduced students to research methodology and literature search through interactive activities, providing a foundation for undertaking academic projects and future research. A total of 64 students and 13 faculty members attended the session.



Prof. Senthamarai Kannan Ethirajulu conducting the PRAYoG Phase I session on Research Methodology and Literature Search.

4. Women Welfare & SC/ST Student Welfare Committee

- The **Women Welfare & SC/ST Students Welfare Committee** organised an awareness session on **“Eat Smart, Grow Strong: The Adolescent Nutrition Code”** on 9th September 2026 at the Upper Auditorium. **Ms. Prashanta Naik, Dietician, Sub-District Hospital, Ponda**, served as the resource person. The session focused on the importance of balanced nutrition among young women, with emphasis on essential nutrients, healthy meal patterns, adequate hydration, and informed food choices for maintaining energy, concentration, physical growth, hormonal health, and overall well-being. The session was organised as part of the observance of **National Nutrition Week** and encouraged students to adopt healthy and sustainable dietary practices. A total of **66 students and 6 faculty members** participated in the session.



Session on “Eat Smart, Grow Strong: The Adolescent Nutrition Code”

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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