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The Department of History continues to foster historical consciousness, patriotic values, and academic excellence through its diverse initiatives. This issue highlights three significant activities that reflect the department's commitment to learning and nation-building.

The Partition Remembrance Day Talk, delivered by our Head, Associate Professor Sarita Naik Tari, encouraged reflection on the human tragedy of Partition and reaffirmed the importance of peace, empathy, and communal harmony. The Independence Day speech by our student, Sriya S. Bandekar celebrated the national flag, emphasising its historical significance and the values of unity, equality, integrity, and patriotism.

The Board of Studies in History meeting further strengthened our academic vision through the approval of revised syllabi for two courses. Together, these initiatives connect historical understanding with responsible citizenship and progressive education, inspiring us to learn from the past and shape a better future.

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PARTITION REMEMBRANCE TALK

The Department of History, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of CES's Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), organised a talk on Partition Remembrance Day on Friday, 14 August 2026, in Classroom B307. The programme aimed to sensitise students to the historical circumstances, human suffering, and far-reaching social consequences of the Partition of India in 1947.

The talk was delivered by Associate Professor Sarita Naik Tari, Head of the Department of History, who offered valuable insights into the political developments preceding Partition, the tragedy of mass displacement, and the resilience of affected communities.

The session underscored the importance of historical awareness in fostering empathy, communal harmony, and social cohesion. Faculty members, History students, and NSS volunteers attended the programme. The talk concluded by emphasising the relevance of constitutional values, peace, solidarity, and national unity in nurturing an inclusive and harmonious society.





Independence Day Speech

Corporal Sriya S. Bandekar, a Second-Year Bachelor of Arts student from the Department of History, delivered an inspiring speech in Hindi titled “Tiranga — Hamari Pehchaan, Hamara Swabhimaan” (The Tricolour — Our Identity, Our Pride) on the occasion of Independence Day. Her address offered an insightful overview of the historical evolution of the Indian national flag, highlighting the symbolism of its colours and the Ashoka Chakra. She also emphasised the significance of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in fostering patriotic spirit and national pride. The speech further drew attention to nineteen key guidelines under the Flag Code of India, underscoring the importance of respecting and upholding the dignity of the national flag. Concluding her address, she urged students to imbibe the values of unity, equality, integrity, and patriotism in their everyday lives, reaffirming their responsibility towards building a cohesive and inclusive nation.

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BOS MEETING

The Department of History convened a meeting of the Board of Studies (BOS) on 3 October 2026, with the participation of departmental faculty members and eminent external members, Professor Remy Dias and Professor Parag D. Parobo. The meeting provided a valuable platform for academic deliberations on curriculum development and the enhancement of history education. Following detailed discussions, the Board approved the revised syllabi for the courses Introduction to Archaeology (VOC) and India in Transition: 1707–1858 (DSC). The revisions reflect the department's commitment to maintaining academic rigour, updating curricular content, and ensuring meaningful engagement with historical themes and perspectives.

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