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Workshop on Advanced 3D printing

29th June - 7th Jul 18



A workshop on **Advanced 3D Printing** was organized by Infinity 3D and Center for Incubation and Business Acceleration (CIBA) on 29th, 30th June and on 7th, 8th July 2018. The Resource Person for the workshop was Mr. Ryan Vaz. Four students, Ankit Kumar Gupta, Afonso Sheldon, Asif Shaikh and Sammit Chodenkar from TYBCA of the College participated in the workshop.

On 29th June 2018 - Day-1- The participants were introduced to 3D printing, its evolution and applications in hospitals, car models, etc. They were given a demo on how to use Sketchup which is the software used to create a model and to use the tools of the software. This was followed by a demo on Netfabb, another software used to check the models created in Sketchup and resolve any design issues and errors encountered in the model. Finally they were given a hands-on session on Flash print software which is used to give a preview of how the model will get printed by the 3D printer.

On 30th June 2018 - Day - 2- The resource person began the session by briefing them about the different types of 3D printers and their applications. They were given a demo to use the 3D printer on how to load the material in the printer and how to set up the printer bed where the model gets printed. Later they were given a task where they were divided into groups of 3 students each and assigned a task to create a model of a car of their own choice. They had to use their creativity to design a car and then print it. They were given a specification for the car, mentioning that the car should move when air pressure is applied. During the last session, a car race of the models was held, where the model designed by Ankit Kumar Gupta's team won.

On 07th July 2018- Day -3- Mr. Ryan Vaz demonstrated the use of different techniques for printing so that the object has a smooth finish. He then briefed them about the different trouble-shooting techniques to resolve the issues designers face when printing the models, how to minimize the cost of printing and make the object stronger. They were then given a task to design a working fidget spinner. Afonso Sheldon's team was first to show a working model of the fidget spinner.

On 08th July 2018-Day-4 - The participants were given the task of making some models which will help people. As a group they were asked to have a brainstorming session and come up with many ideas and choose one of it. The competition was held between 2 teams. One team from the College decided to make a pen holder for physically challenged people who don't have some fingers and the other team decided to make a headphone holder. Afonso Sheldon's team won the task for designing a pen holder for the physically challenged.



The workshop on 3D printing was very informative and a great learning experience for the participants who can consider specialization in this area and take it up as a career option as well.

Seminar on Financial Wellness

3rd Jul 18



The **BBA(FS) Department** of the College organised a session on **Financial Wellness** in association with Board of Industry-Academia Partnership (BIAP) on 03rd July, 2018 at Ganesh Daivajna Auditorium.

The resource person for the session was **Mr. Rajendra Dalvi**, a senior expert from the finance fraternity. The main objective of the session was to provide valuable insights about financial wellness. Mr. Dalvi provided comprehensive inputs on various aspects of financial wellness. He spoke on exploring potential and identifying techniques to grow financially. He focused on crucial areas like financial planning, risk-return matrix, investment avenues, financial markets etc. Mr. Dalvi pointed out that having adequate money and managing it wisely will result in financial well-being which is very essential for creation of happiness, wealth and peace. 100 BBA(FS) students attended the session. Mr. Dalvi effectively responded to all the questions asked by the students after the session. Ms. Ankita Rathod, a student of SYBBA(FS) compered the session while the faculty in-charge for the same were Mrs. Ashwini Korde and Mr. Mayuresh Adsul.

Industry Interaction

7th Jul 2018

The **Department of Computer Science** of the College organized an informal **Industry Interaction** on July 7, 2018. The objective of the interaction was to bridge the gap between the industry requirement and academia by means of curriculum review of the existing BCA Programme and some proposed courses that the Dept wants to introduce in the near future.

The representatives from industry who graced the occasion and gave their valuable inputs included **Ms. Farheen Sayed**, Founder CEO, Boxifer; **Mr. Mohsin Shaikh**, CEO, HAZTECH; **Ms. Siddhi Bale**, Analyst Web & Mobile Development, Commscope, (BCA alumnus); **Mr. Anandkumar S. Lotlikar**, Founder, Deviant Strokes; **Mr. Vibhav Patil**, Leader, Microsoft Development Community, Goa; **Mr. Sairaj Anvekar**, Software Developer, Persistent (BCA alumnus) and **Mr. Shriom Manerker**, Software Engineer, OPSPL (BCA alumnus).

The interaction started with Ms Ekta Agarwal, Coordinator of BCA Programme welcoming the guests and setting up the agenda for the discussion. She mentioned that the Dept plans to introduce PGDCA and B.Voc. (Software Development) to give more options to students seeking a career in IT industry. She also

appealed to the guests to volunteer to be part of the Advisory Committee for the BCA Programme. The structure of the existing BCA programme and the proposed PGDCA and B. Voc (Software Development) programmes were then presented by faculty members Ms. Namita Neurenkar, Mr. Sunil Naik and Mr. Sumit Kumar respectively. Subsequently each programme was discussed in detail and inputs were shared by the distinguished guests. The Industry Interaction ended with a vote of thanks by faculty member Mr Gajanan Nial, who was also the coordinator of the event.



Talk on Pradhan Manthri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)

9th Jul 18

Ami Udyogini Prathisthan, Goa in association with Mahila Mandal Margao and Bank of India Panjim branch organised a talk on Pradhan Manthri Mudra Yojana (PMMY). The BoI official briefed about the scheme, introduced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8th April 2015. The PMMY scheme basically focuses on women individual entrepreneurs or a joint venture wanting to start a venture together to start small new enterprises or business.



The loan provided under this scheme is up to Rs. 10 lakhs, to non-corporate, non-farm or micro enterprises. The three products created under this scheme namely Shishu, Kishore and Tarun were discussed in brief. The officials discussed about the various documents required to avail this scheme as well as the procedure relating to loans and various loans offered by Bank of India to students followed by open discussion session.

The programme was attended by 08 BBA(FS) students, 04 BCA students, 01 B.com student and 07 M.Com students along with the accompanying teacher Ms. Grishmi Thakur.

Tech Talk on Microsoft Technologies

9th Jul 18

TechTrendz, the Technology Club of the **Department of Computer Science** of the College organized the 1st Tech Talk session on **Microsoft Technologies** in association with Microsoft Developer Community on 09th July 2018.



The Resource Person for the session was **Mr.**

Vibhav Patil, Leader of Microsoft Developer Community, Goa. 50 students along with all the faculty members attended the session. The session aimed at providing the students with an opportunity to get an industry level understanding of what is needed and how to work with Microsoft Technologies in order to build cross platform general purpose, mobile and gaming applications.

Mr. Sumit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Computer Science introduced the resource person and informed the audience about the purpose of the session. Resource person, Mr. Vibhav Patil enlightened the students about Microsoft Development Platform and other Microsoft technologies like, WPF, Azure, HoloLens, Artificial Intelligence, Xamarin, and C#. He also informed the audience about the opportunities and importance of Digital Marketing, Social Media, SEO, and Cloud Platform in current IT Scenario which they can look at as career options.

Mr. Vibhav Patil encouraged the students to take up live projects and consider developing cross platform mobile application development using Xamarin. He recommended using HoloLens for development of applications based on augmented reality, virtual reality and gaming.

The session was very well received and appreciated by the students as it built their curiosity to learn more and to explore these softwares. Some students expressed their desire to take up these innovative projects in their Final Year. The students also suggested to conducted workshop in the area of AI, and C#. The session was very well conducted with interesting videos and presentations which kept the students glued to their seats.

Pooled Placement Drive

11th Jul 18

The Placement Cell conducted a pooled placement drive on 11th July 2018 for HDFC Bank. There were 22 vacancies in sales and marketing across Goa. A total of 130 students registered in North and South Goa. 23 students appeared for the interview in this College. The placement session began with a pre-placement briefing to the



candidates by the personnel. The interviews were held from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm. A list of selected candidates is awaited.

Talk on Mentorship

12th Jul 18

The Mentorship Cell organized a talk on Mentorship on 12th July 2018 in the smart classroom from 12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. The resource person was **Dr. Ananya Das, Associate Professor at Smt. Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science.**

The speaker outlined the meaning of a mentor and distinguished between a mentor and a sponsor. She discussed different types of mentoring styles. The general benefits and pitfalls of mentoring too were touched upon. The speaker gave examples, case studies of individual students whom she had mentored and the different problems they faced, and the success stories of their lives and careers due to the mentoring programme.

The mentor-mentee programme enables the teachers too to learn new technologies, the art of listening and helps develop human relations and all-round development of the students. She concluded by saying that it is a win-win situation, boosting the teaching-learning process and progress.

41 teachers from B.Com, BCA & BBA(FS) attended the programme, which ended at 1:45 p.m.

Inter-Collegiate Badminton Championship

12th- 13th Jul 18



The Department of Physical Education & Sports of the College organised an **Inter-Collegiate Badminton Tournament** on 12th and 13th July 2018.

11 colleges from different parts of Goa participated in the tournament. The Finals were played between

PCCE College Verna and Salgaonkar Law College, Panaji. **PCCE College Verna emerged as winners by defeating Salgoankar Law College 2-1.** The Winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs 5000/-, trophy, medals and certificates and Runners-up were awarded with a cash prize of Rs 3000/-, trophy, Pmedals and certificates. The Best Player of the tournament award went to Krishnank Fallary of PCCE.

The Chief Guest for the event was **Mr. Adhesh Karwarkar** and **Guests of Honor** were **Mr. Sudhakar Naik** and **Mr. Rajdeep Dessai.** Other dignitaries present on the dais were **Mr. Vikram Verlekar** (Chairman of Sports Council of Vidya Vikas Mandal), **Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya,** **Vice Principal Dr. Sanjay Sawant Desai,** **Secretary VVM Sports Governing Council Mr. Manoj Hede,** **Member of Sports Council Ms. Nirmala Gopinathan** and **College Director of Physical Education and**

Sports Mr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar. In her welcome address, the Principal thanked Mr. Adhesh Karwarkar for his generous contribution of more than Rs. 5 lakhs which had enabled the College to renovate the wooden Badminton court. The Chief Guest urged the students to make the best use of the facilities available to them and to participate in as many activities as possible during their years in the College.

Kamlesh Purohit and Ravidas Ritlal Sharma of First Year B.Com displayed their skills in Sqay Martial Art during a demo session soon after the finals.

The Tournament came to an end with a formal prize distribution ceremony where the winners and runners-up were awarded with prizes. The vote of thanks was proposed by College Director of Physical Education and Sports Mr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar.

Talk on Usage of E-Resources

13th Jul 18

The Library Committee organised a talk cum demonstration for the Post Graduate Students of the College on “How to use E-Resources effectively” on 13th July 2018 at 12 p.m. **Dr. Keshav Dhuri Librarian, St. Xavier’s College Mapusa** was the Resource Person.

Ms. Manasi Rege, Librarian of Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics welcomed and introduced the Resource Person. She highlighted the importance of the theme for quality learning in the changing scenario of Library Services and encouraged the students to use the e-resources available in the College Library.

The Resource person gave a brief presentation cum demonstration covering the introduction about e-resources, the purpose, needs, structure and types of e-resources available. He briefed about N-list (National Library and Information service Infrastructure for scholarly content). N-list was jointly executed by the UGC INFONET Digital library consortium, INFLIBNET center and INDEST AICTE consortium. He elaborated upon the most significant features of N-list, viz. it has access to e-resources directly from publishers’ websites, provides full text access of electronic resources and imparts awareness and training programme for Colleges and other institutions. He demonstrated the working of N-list and encouraged students to use it extensively. The students interacted with Dr. Dhuri and got their doubts cleared. Mrs. Sheryl Da Silva, M.Com Programme Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks.



Orientation for Parents of FYBCA Students

14th Jul 18

The Department of Computer Science organised an **Orientation Programme** for the Parents of

FY BCA students on 14th July 2018. Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya and Vice-Principal Dr. Sanjay Dessai were present for the occasion. This orientation programme was organised with an aim to share important information related to the curriculum, examination, extra-curricular activities, facilities and resources available for the students. This was an effort to bridge the communication gap between the parent teacher and the student.

The programme started with the Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya briefing the audience about the



College, its campus and facilities offered. She emphasized that this course is more intensive and practical based as compared to other programmes, and hence the students have to put in more efforts. She also appealed to parents to motivate their wards for timely submission of assignments

and to report for lectures at 7.45am. She informed the parents that Shree Damodar College has one of the best faculty members, good supplement of add-on courses and best facilities in terms of well-equipped labs with latest softwares. She emphasized that Shree Damodar College focuses on overall development of the students.

Programme Coordinator, Ms. Ekta Agarwal introduced the BCA programme highlights to the parents and briefed them about the infrastructure and other facilities available for the students. She then introduced all the faculty members to the audience.

Mr. Sunil Naik informed parents regarding importance and rules related to attendance. Mr Naik also briefed on seminars, workshops, industrial visits and add-on courses conducted for students to bridge the gap between industry requirements and academics. Ms. Namita Neurenkar explained the examination system to the parents and answered their queries regarding exam system. Ms. Namrata Haldankar informed the parents about college timings and overall rules and regulations to be followed by students in campus, about the library facilities and introduced the mentors of FY students and the counsellor of the college. Mr. Gajanan Nial briefed the audience about the various trainings sessions on career counselling organised by the Career and Placement Cell. He informed the parents about the extension activities of the department like E-Madhyam, Scratch programming for high school students conducted by our students with a sense of social responsibility. Ms. Pooja Pai Khot introduced the Technology Club - Tech Trendz to the audience and briefed them of all activities of the club and also highlighted our students achievements in intercollegiate events.

This was followed by a demo of the Campus Management Software to help parents access all student-related information like attendance, examination, timetable, events etc. Parents were informed that regular SMS and E-mail alerts would be sent to the parents from time to time. This was followed by an interactive session, where the parents actively participated by sharing their views and suggestions. The programme ended at 12.30 pm.

Session on Entrepreneurship

14th Jul 18

The **BBA(FS) Department** organized a **session on Entrepreneurship** on 14th July 2018. The resource person for the session was **Mr. Ramchandra Salgaonkar, founder of Soul Travelling.**

Mr. Salgaonkar began the session by informing the students about initiatives taken by the government in encouraging entrepreneurship. He informed the students that it is not only enough to have a good business plan but its implementation is important. He shared with the students his experience of his own startup Soul travelling, the difficulties faced during its implementation, marketing strategies and raising of finance. He also discussed a case study on business plan and asked students to give their views on it.

Through his experience and knowledge, Mr. Salgaonkar shared some of the key points to be kept in mind for starting up a new business.



Guest Lecture on Marketing

14th Jul 2018

A **guest lecture** was conducted for the students of First Year B.Com Marketing Management on 14th July 2018. The lecture began at 9:00AM and was attended by 32 students. The resource person for the function was **Mr. Allwin John Joseph, City Supply Manager at Fabhotels.**

The resource person emphasized the importance of marketing research in new product development process, pricing strategies and promotion techniques and he also stressed on the relevance of the product life cycle. He introduced the students to many exclusive examples about placement of items in the supermarkets. For e.g. chocolates are usually displayed at the lower shelf as it is at the eye level of children, similarly shampoos are placed at the eye level of the ladies. He explained the change in the style of advertisements with the help of Dove 'Run like a Girl' internet commercial. He also stressed on the perishability of services by considering the hotel industry. The students were asked to name some brands and then he explained the importance and the influence of branding on consumers. He also spoke about some product failures like Vanilla Coke and Blue Pepsi. The lecture ended at around 10:15 AM. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and also found it useful. The session ended with a vote of thanks.

Debate Competition

14th Jul 18

The **Debators' Floor** of the Post-Graduate Department of Commerce (M.Com) of the College

organized the first debate of the academic year 2018-19 on 14th July 2018. The topic for the debate was **Use of Plastic: Self-Regulation or Government Prohibition?** Students from M.Com Part I and II participated in the debate.



The Debators in the 'Self-Regulation' team were - Ms. Veronica Pereira, Ms. Chelcy

Cardozo, Ms. Anushka Prabhu, Ms. Pooja Talaunekar and Mr. Akash M. The Debators' in the 'Government Prohibition' team were- Ms. Shweta Malvankar, Ms. Glory Nuthalpatti, Ms. Shamim Shaikh, Mr. Ravi Gani and Ms. Sonia De Mascarenhas.

Ex- students of the College M.Com programme, Mr. Maxwell Pinto and Ms. Mruga Keni were the judges for the event and the moderator for the debate was Mr. Akshay Naik, Faculty, M.Com Department. The students put forth meaningful and valid arguments and interjections. Non-participating students formed a very enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The Winners were as follows:

a) 'Self-Regulation' Team-

- i) Ms. Veronica Pereira (M.Com Part II) – Best Speaker
- ii) Ms. Chelcy Cardozo (M.Com Part I) – Best Interjector

b) 'Government Prohibition' Team-

- i) Ms. Sonia De Mascarenhas (M.Com Part I) – Best Speaker
- ii) Ms. Glory Nuthalpatti (M.Com Part I) – Best Interjector

The debate concluded with the judges awarding certificates to the winners.



Talk On Sexual Harassment Of Women At The Workplace

14th Jul 18

On 14th July 2018, the **Women's Cell** in association with the **Life Skills Cell** of the College organized a session on the topic **Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace: Its prevention, prohibition and redressal** for the students of First Year B.Com/BBA(FS)/BCA. The talk was organized to educate and make students aware about their rights pertaining to sexual harassment. **The resource person for the session was Adv. Sphuri Kothari.** The resource person briefed the students about the different situations that lead to harassment, women's rights at the



work place, the related laws and the concerned authorities they need to report to in case of any adverse situation. The resource person also highlighted the consequences faced by the victim under such cases, especially if they are not reported. She also presented some case studies for better understanding of the students. The session was attended by around 350 students.

Know Your Colleagues

14th Jul 18

The Recreation Cell of the College organized the second activity **Know Your Colleagues** for the teaching and non-teaching staff of the College. The activity was held on 14th July 2018 at 12.00 noon. Most of the teaching and non-teaching staff attended the program.

Several new teachers and non-teaching staff have joined the College in this Academic year. The objective of Know Your Colleague was to get to know each other better. Dr. Lira Gama, Convener of the Recreation Cell, welcomed the gathering after which all the staff members introduced themselves.

Later, games were organized which brought laughter and cheer to many. The activity ended on a happy note with light refreshments.



Goa IT Day

14th-15th Jul 18

The Department of IT, Govt. of Goa celebrated Goa IT Day on 14th & 15th of July 2018 at INOX - Old GMC, ESG, Panjim - Goa. Mr. Sumit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science (BCA) along with 10 Third Year BCA students participated in this 2-day event.

The key highlights were ecosystem talks from the top IT/ITes stakeholders, skilling workshops, panel discussion on the trends shaping the future of IT, and the launch of Goa IT Policy and Schemes. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Manohar Parrikar and the Minister for



Revenue, IT, Labour & Employment, Shri Rohan Khaunte.

Post lunch, parallel sessions were held in 4 different auditoriums. Some of the important topics that were discussed by eminent panel of speakers included: How innovation is revolutionizing the IT industry and how the leaders are preparing for the next phase of growth; How will the increase in implementation of artificial intelligence and machine learning transform the jobs in future; How Goa can create a platform for professionals in the field of Cyber Security and promoting Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, to name a few.

There were stalls and exhibitions put up by various IT startups and Software setups of Goa where we explored different opportunities they offer to undergraduate students, prospective job seekers and entrepreneurs.



On Day 2, the first session of the day was the keynote address by speakers Shri Ashank Desai, Co- Founder NASSCOM and Chairman MASTEK and Mrs. Nivruti Rai - Country Head, Intel India. Both speakers stressed that we should not miss the fourth Industrial Revolution - Industry 4.0 which refers to the current trend of automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad in his address mentioned that Goa has lot of potential to become IT State of India and lead the nation. He announced various

IT setups in Goa which definitely will cater to the needs of people of Goa. The feedback from our participating students was really good and they benefitted tremendously from attending this event.

NSS Inaugural Function

16th Jul 18



The NSS Inaugural function of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao for the academic year 2018-19 was held on 16th July 2018. In her welcome address, Principal Dr Prita Mallya expressed her expectations from NSS volunteers. She urged the volunteers to follow the NSS motto and to use their privileged status to help other less fortunate sections. Dr Sanjay Dessai, Vice Principal, appealed to the volunteers to make best use of the NSS platform to develop their personalities. Dr. Vishal Chari NSS Program In-charge,

presented the list of NSS activities for the academic year 2018-19.

The Chief Guest for the function was Dr. Babita Angle Prabhudessai, Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council. In her address, she focused on the destructive nature of the over-use of mobile phones and

how it can affect student community. She spoke about 'Selfitis' which is a genuine mental condition and people who feel compelled to continually post pictures of themselves on social media may need help from trained psychologists. She also emphasized on awareness about segregation and cleanliness and requested NSS volunteers to collaborate with Margao Municipal council for creating awareness.

Ms. Sharmila Kunde NSS Program Officer proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Mamta Kumari and Mr Ainsley Bernard NSS Program Officers coordinated the function. The function was attended by college staff members and 186 student volunteers. The programme commenced at 12 noon and concluded at 1.00 pm with the national anthem.

NSS Tree Plantation

Tree plantation activity was held in college campus in the presence of ex-Chief Minister and MLA of Margao Shri Digamber Kamat on 16th July 2018 at 11.00 am. Various fruit bearing saplings were planted in college garden by the MLA, Principal of the college Dr Prita Mallya, NSS Program officers and NSS volunteers.



Men and Women Inter-Collegiate Badminton Championship

17th - 20th Jul 18



The Inter-Collegiate Badminton Championship (Men & Women) of Goa University was held at Campal Panjim from 17th to 20th July 2018. More than 40 college teams took part in this tournament. After winning all the preliminary matches against different colleges, Shree Damodar College reached the semifinals. In the semifinal match, Shree Damodar College played with Goa Engineering College Farmaguadi in the men's section and St. Xavier's College in Women's Section and won the matches 3-0 and 2-1 respectively. The final match was held on 20th July 2018 against Don Bosco College, Panjim in men's section and V.M Salgaonkar College in women's section. **Our teams won the titles with a score of 3-0 and 2-0 respectively.** Mr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, College Director of Physical Education & Sports was manager for this tournament, assisted by Mr. Mano Shelko.

Champion team Players of Shree Damodar College are

Men's

- 1)Tejan Fallary (C)
- 2)Kiefer Jacques
- 3)Sahil Kuttan
- 4)Yash Kunkalienkar
- 5)Pranav Bhandarkar
- 6)Shubham Salunke

Women's

- 1) Emilia Silveira (C)
- 2) Racheal Raposa
- 3) Nikita Vernekar
- 4) Tanisha Karshetty

Formal Compering Workshop

21st Jul 18

The Students' Council organized a **Formal Compering Workshop** for students on 21st July 2018 from 10:00am to 11:30 am. The resource person for the workshop was **Mr. John Silveira, certified international trainer, State Coordinator, National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF)**. The programme commenced with the introduction and formal welcome.



The resource person, Mr. John Silveira introduced the topic 'Art of Compering' as a specialized form of compering which requires specialized skills. He explained how to start a speech in a different way like with a quote. Before preparation, important things to be kept in mind are: the nature of the function, type of audience, time duration and the time of start. Also, important suggestions to keep in mind are that different organizations have different protocol; mobile phone should be off, modulation of voice and being in charge of

the event. He emphasized that a Master of Ceremonies should have a detailed time bound agenda, invitation copy and list of VVIP's and should see to the arrangements like convenient seats, enough light, microphone, mineral water and name board.

Further, he discussed important do's and don'ts that a MC should be involved with in preparing his speech and seeing to the arrangements. Some of the important do's are - checking everything beforehand, preparing a powerful opening, addressing the dignitaries with respect, pronouncing names correctly, ensuring all presentations and equipment are in working condition, introducing the guests in a befitting manner and ending on a positive note. Some of the important don'ts in compering are - avoiding negative comments in a speech, having a long opening, moving around here and there, fiddling with things on a table and keeping mobile close to the microphone. The importance of voice modulation and pausing were also highlighted with real life examples. Some tips for the introduction were given like biodata should be collected in advance, keeping it brief and impressive, avoid getting personal and mention abbreviations properly. Some suggestions for the introduction were to avoid saying 'it is my privilege', 'from the bottom of my heart', 'let's give a standing ovation', 'from his busy schedule', 'apologise for starting late' and 'a small memento', as they could have a double meaning. The agenda for a programme was discussed in the form of an activity wherein volunteers were called and asked to arrange an agenda for a programme. The dais set up and the seating arrangement of the guests was also discussed. Lastly, the resource person concluded that compering is very important and should be done in the best possible way as everybody has to listen and the audience and guests should be treated with respect.

76 students attended the workshop. It was an interactive session wherein students raised many queries and also responded very well to the questions put forth by the resource person. The resource

person motivated students to host any programme in the future. The workshop was compered by Asst. Prof. Averyl Pires and the vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Komal Swamy from SYBCOM C. The formal compering workshop was a great success, highly effective and a great learning experience for participants. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Averyl Pires and Asst. Prof. Namrata Haldankar under the guidance of Students' Council Convener Dr. Edwin Barreto.

Optimal Use of CMS – Fedena

21st Jul 18



The FDP Cell of the College organized a 1-hour session on **Optimal use of Campus Management Software – Fedena** on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in the Ramadas Mallya Memorial Smart Classroom.

All B.Com, BCA and BBA teachers attended the demonstration. Ms Ekta Agarwal, Faculty Member BCA Dept. and Ms. Usha Gauncar, Lab Instructor, BCA Dept. performed a role play as teacher and student respectively and demonstrated the various areas where Fedena could be used for the benefit of teachers and students.

The topics covered in the session were:

- How to share content (PowerPoint presentations & documents) with students
- How to give, track and collect assignments
- How to carry out Online tests/examinations (Hybrid and pure MCQs)
- Blogging
- Messaging students and faculty members through Fedena

The session was for one hour duration.

Demonstration of Kopykitab

24th Jul 18

Kopykitab is a digital Library aiming to making education affordable & accessible. They have a large collection of eBooks & branded digital content in Higher Education, School (K12), and Professional & Competitive Exams. They claim that they bridge the gap between content providers & students using a technology platform.

The **Library Committee** invited KopyKitab to make a presentation cum demonstration on 24th July 2018 from 11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. for College Librarians from neighbouring colleges and faculty members from the College.



Mr. Sonvir Singh Regional Manager and Mr. Adarsh Kumar Business Manager of Kopykitab were invited for the programme. Ms. Riddhi Raikar, Librarian, Damodar College of Commerce & Economics welcomed and introduced the resource persons, and other members present.

Mr. Sonvir Singh gave a brief presentation cum demonstration covering the following:

1. E-books, their products, features and how it can be implemented and used.
2. The working of the product - offline and online mode. The access is given to the student as well as to the faculty through this medium.
3. Demonstration on how multi publisher books can be used on a single platform.
4. The facility of pick and choose books, pay for what you need
5. The different books, competitive exam material etc available.

Faculty/Library committee members raised pertinent questions and the same were clarified by the resource persons

Scratch Programming

27th Jul 18

The **Computer Science Department's** Technology Club **Tech-Trendz** organized the second session on Scratch programming for the FYBCA on 27th July 2018. The session was conducted by Miss. Usha Gauncar.

The students were introduced to the tools for creating interactive stories, games, art using block based programming. The students were working on the Offline version of Scratch 2.0 which was a fun learning experience and very informative too.

The Scratch programming was very well received by the students.

Netravali Hike

28th Jul 18

The **Nature Club** of the College organized one day hike to **Savari Waterfalls, Netravali, Sanguem**



Goa on 28th July 2018. 222 students of all four programmes - B.Com, BCA, BBA(FS) and M.Com and 24 staff members joined the monsoon hike. The students along with staff members left the college at 8:00 a.m. and reached Netravali at around 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Raju Naik was the local guide. After walking through lush green forests and enjoying the scenic beauty, the students and staff reached the final spot, the beautiful water stream at around 1:00 p.m. Students along with the staff members enjoyed the Stream to the fullest. After having lunch the students descend back to the buses. The buses left around 5:00 p.m. from Netravali and reached the college at 6:30 p.m.

Following instructions received from the Forest Department, the students and staff ensured that they did not leave behind any litter/garbage.



Inaugural Of Students' Bodies

30th Jul 18

The inauguration of the Students' Bodies of the College was held on the 30th July 2018 in the G.D. Hall at 11:30 am. **The Chief Guest was Dr. Saba Da Silva, Principal of G.R. Kare College of Law.** The other dignitaries for the inaugural programme were our Principal Dr. Prita Mallya; Vice-Principal Dr. Sanjay Dessai; Students' Council Convenor Dr. Edwin Barreto; Cultural Council Convenor Dr. Sheetal Arondekar; and Director of Sports Council Mr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar. This also included Students' Council General Secretary Mr. Bonrich Noronha; Students' Council Lady Representative Ms. Christene De Souza; Cultural Council General Secretary Mr. Deepak Biradal; Cultural Council Lady Representative Ms. Lisa D'Souza and Sports Council General Secretary Mr. Habib Shaikh.



The inaugural programme started with the invocation song by students. This was followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp by all dignitaries and the members of the Students' bodies. Principal Dr Prita Mallya welcomed all the members to the decision-making body of Shree Damodar College and urged them to become good leaders and to take part in various extracurricular activities which will help them in shaping their personality. She also stated that as members of the students' bodies, all will develop leadership skills, learn the importance of teamwork and should participate in all activities.

Students' Council Convenor Dr Edwin Barreto introduced the members of the Students' Council. He highlighted all the achievements of each member of the Students' Council which included the General Secretary, Lady Representatives, Class Representatives and Division Representatives. He encouraged them to shine in their life by following the ideals of leadership.

Cultural Council Convenor, Dr. Sheetal Arondekar introduced the members of the Cultural Council. She presented all the accomplishments of each member focusing on their strengths and talents. She introduced the Cultural Council General Secretary, Lady Representative, Class Representatives and Division Representatives. She also introduced the Gender Champions of the College.

Sports Council Director Mr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar introduced the Sports Council members viz. the



Sports Council General Secretary and the various Captains or secretaries for sports like badminton, handball, cricket, taekwondo, judo, athletics, baseball, table tennis, volleyball, football, chess and tennikoit. He concluded by stating that leadership is about taking responsibility to get things done.

This was followed by the speech of Students' Council General Secretary Mr. Bonrich Noronha. In his speech, Mr. Bonrich thanked everyone for giving him this opportunity, congratulated other members and motivated others to work as a team and bring good leaders for the future. He presented a report of the various activities to be held this year in the college which includes Fun Week, Teachers Day Celebration, Tour to Bhutan, Damodar Festival and Farewell for Third Year students.

The Cultural Council General Secretary Mr. Deepak Biradar thanked everyone for giving him this opportunity and welcomed all council members. He introduced his plan of activities for the academic year which includes onstage and offstage events during the Fun Week, Damodar Festival, Ghumat Aarti, Patriotic Singing Competition and many other cultural competitions.

The Sports Council General Secretary Mr. Habib Shaikh presented a list of sports activities for the year which included badminton tournament; inter class cross country, tug of war, cricket tournament, annual sports day and participation in all sports activities of Goa University. He thanked former Sports Director, Mr. Sudhakar Naik for all his contribution to sports in the College.

The Chief Guest Dr. Saba stated that students are talented and their contribution should be to make Damodar College their dream college. He congratulated the Students' Bodies and encouraged them to carry college activities and develop peer teamwork among themselves to carry out various activities. He appreciated the new members for their courage and enthusiasm to take up new challenges. He professed that as members of the students' bodies, it is their responsibility to serve others. Further, he stated that the College needs to transform students into pearls to become better citizens which will then give birth to great people in the future even politicians. Dr. Saba gave a number of suggestions to the council members to become positive leaders of the college which included good character and being more visible than other students by following all the rules and regulations of the College. He suggested a number of duties to be fulfilled by the council members which includes listening to views, opinions and ideas of all the students of the college, addressing the various views and concerns forward to the management and teachers in a diplomatic manner, contributing towards developing policies in running the college, being a vital communication channel by giving students feedback to the management, making the best of educational opportunities, improving student teacher relationship and improving the facilities of the college. He advised the students to manifest best leadership skills and to discharge all their duties with

confidence and commitment.

The oath taking ceremony was administered by Asst. Prof. Cinola Vaz. The Council members promised to work diligently to the best of their ability and to support the ideas, activities and constitution of the students' bodies. They promised to serve as a positive role model, leader and voice of the student population and to act in the best interests of the college.



The vote of thanks was proposed by Students' Council Lady Representative Ms. Christene De Souza. The programme was compered by Ms. Liselle Jacques of M.Com-II. The inaugural programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and thereafter a photo session of the Student Bodies with the dignitaries.

Dear Readers,

July was a month commencing serious academic activities that included the intra semester assessment (ISA). But it was also a month that was full of many other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities conducted and accolades earned, especially retaining the Inter Collegiate Badminton Championship of Goa University, in both Men and Women categories by our talented students.

We are delighted to present the reports of the above activities and achievements through this edition of the newsletter.

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