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Orientation Programme for B.Com Programme

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The Department of Commerce & Management organized an Orientation Programme on 19th June 2023 to welcome and provide essential information to the newly admitted First Year students of the B.Com programme. The event took place in Hall No. 01, located on the 5th floor of the Central Block. The primary objective of the programme was to acquaint the students with the curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular aspects of the Department and the Institution.

The Orientation Programme commenced with an enthusiastic welcome from Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya. She addressed the newly admitted B.Com students and presented them with a comprehensive overview of the College rules and regulations. Her informative session aimed to familiarize students with the guidelines they should abide by during their time at the Institution. During her address, she underlined the immense value of active participation in various clubs and activities. She emphasized that these engagements not only enhance their college experience but also play a vital role in overall development. She then further emphasized the significance of the New Education Policy 2020, stressing its emphasis on holistic development. She encouraged the students to embrace the opportunities offered by the policy to nurture their overall growth and academic excellence.

Dr. Anjali Sajilal, the B.Com Programme Coordinator, then took the stage to brief the students about the B.Com Programme. She provided detailed information about the courses that will be offered in the first semester under the New Education Policy. Additionally, Ma'am Anjali introduced the Commerce and Economics Clubs, which offer exciting opportunities to participate in activities aimed at crowning the Commerce Wizard and Economist of the Year.

Following this, Dr. Edwin Barreto, the Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Commerce & Management introduced the teaching staff of the B.Com Programme to the students. He highlighted the significance of maintaining appropriate behaviour and adhering to College norms. Dr. Edwin provided essential instructions regarding conduct and emphasized the importance of discipline, dedication, and perseverance throughout their academic journey.

The Orientation Programme successfully concluded with a motivational address encouraging the students to embrace discipline and remain dedicated in their pursuit of knowledge. The Department wished the students a fruitful and successful experience at the College.

Orientation Programme for BBA/BBA(FS) Students

19th June 2023

The Department of Management Studies of the College organized an Orientation Programme for the newly admitted FY students of BBA(FS) and BBA programme on 19th June 2023 at 10:30 a.m. The programme aimed to orient the students about curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular aspects of the Department and the Institution.

Prof. Prita Mallya, the Principal of the College, warmly welcomed the students and

provided them with an overview of the rules and regulations of the College. She emphasized the importance of active participation in various clubs and activities offered by the College to enhance their resume and overall development. Additionally, the Principal familiarized the students with the New Education Policy 2020, highlighting its focus on the holistic development of students. This policy aims to provide a well-rounded education that goes beyond academic learning. Dr. Edwin Barreto, the Vice Principal of the College, also extended a warm welcome to the students. He introduced the respective faculty members to the students, ensuring that they were acquainted with the individuals who would be guiding them throughout their academic journey.

Asst. Prof. Cinola Vaz provided a briefing to the students about the BBA(FS) program. She informed them about the various opportunities available, including certificate courses, seminars, guest lectures, and other academic activities. This aimed to expose students to a wide range of experiences and enhance their learning beyond the regular curriculum. Asst. Prof. Omkar Pawaskar gave a detailed overview of the BBA program, covering its course structure, the number of credits assigned to each paper, and the grading pattern. This information helped students understand the program's requirements and expectations, enabling them to plan their academic journey effectively. Furthermore, Asst. Prof. Ashwini Devari familiarized the students with the examination process and assessments. She provided insights into how examinations are conducted, including the evaluation methods used.

Ms. Snehal Alve, the Head of the Department, delivered a comprehensive briefing about the program during the orientation. She discussed ways in which students can align their interests with career advancement and contribute effectively to the Department. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by the HoD, where she motivated the students to practice discipline, dedication, and perseverance throughout their academic journey.

After the formal orientation, the FY BBA(FS) and BBA students were provided orientation on different Cells, Councils, Clubs and Committees in their respective classrooms. The Convenors of the Student Welfare Cell, the Research Cell, the E-Cell and Incubation Centre, and the Sports Council along with the Placement Cell, the Career Cell, as well as MOOCs and Certificate Courses, discussed the activities and development of their respective Cells, which aim to enhance the overall development of students. A total of 66 FY BBA(FS) and 25 BBA students attended the program.

9th International Day of Yoga

21st June 2023

The Department of Physical Education & Sports and the NSS Unit of the College celebrated the 9th International Day of Yoga by organizing a Yoga Session for the students and staff in the College Multipurpose Hall. The session took place from 8:00 am to 8:45 am and the theme for the event was "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam."

To commence the program, Dr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, the College Director of Physical

Education & Sports, delivered a brief address highlighting the importance of yoga. The yoga instructors for the session were Mr. Saurabh Raikar, Instructor in Physical Education, Dr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, and NCC (Navy) Cadet Namrata Singh.

The program began with a prayer followed by warm-up exercises. Participants then engaged in various types of asanas, including Tadasana, Trikonasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Paschimottanasana, Makarasana, Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana, Salabhasana, Savasana, Pawanmuktasana and Single Leg Pawanmuktasana. The asanas were followed by Shuddhi Kriya i.e. Kapalbhati, Pranayama including Anulom Vilom and Brahmari. Meditation was also incorporated into the session.

The yoga session concluded at 8:45 am, with a total of 32 students and 21 staff actively participating in the event. Mr. Gajanan B. Haldankar, the NSS PO In-Charge, proposed the Vote of Thanks to conclude the session.

Physical Fitness Test

22nd to 27th June 2023

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized a physical fitness test for First Year students from June 22nd to June 27th, 2023. The test took place in the College Multipurpose Hall and aimed to assess the fitness levels of the students while identifying their strengths and weaknesses. This valuable information would allow the Department to provide appropriate guidance and support to the students.

The fitness test comprised of four main tests to gauge the overall fitness of the students.

These tests included sit-ups, standing broad jump, seated medicine ball throw, and V-Sit & Reach. Dr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, CDPE&S and Mr. Saurabh Raikar, Instructor in Physical Education, demonstrated and explained each test to the students.

To ensure efficient management of the test, the students were divided into four groups. Each group underwent the respective tests, and their scores were recorded. These scores were later compared with the norms provided by the World Health Organization (WHO). Based on the comparison, the students received counseling and guidance tailored to their individual fitness levels and needs.

Overall, the fitness test conducted by the Department of Physical Education and Sports served as an effective means to evaluate the students' fitness levels.

Investor Hub Activity 1

24th June 2023



The Department of Management Studies organized the first Investor Hub activity on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The event was specifically conducted for the FY BBA(FS) students, by a group of TY BBA(FS) students. The aim of this activity was to introduce the new students to the Investor Hub and foster their interest in investment and financial literacy.

The Investor Hub activity consisted of two primary components: the Nearpod Quiz and the Logo and Personality Quiz. These

activities were specifically designed to actively engage the students and enrich their knowledge and awareness in the fields of investments and business.

The first activity, the Nearpod Quiz, employed an interactive approach to involve the students. Using their smartphones, the participants accessed a dedicated platform where they encountered a series of questions related to investment, finance, and other related concepts. Each student was assigned a unique access code to join the quiz, enabling them to provide their responses in real time. The ongoing scores were displayed on a projector screen, fostering a healthy spirit of competition and encouraging active participation. Through this dynamic quiz format, students were able to assess their understanding, learn from their peers, and further develop their knowledge of the subject matter.

The second activity, known as the Logo and Personality Quiz, involved dividing the students into three groups. Each group was presented with questions related to logos and well-known personalities associated with various brands and business figures. This interactive quiz aimed to assess the student's familiarity with recognizable logos and prominent figures in the business world. The teams' performance in answering these questions collectively determined the winner. This activity not only tested their individual knowledge but also fostered teamwork and collaboration among the participants. The students exhibited remarkable enthusiasm and active participation throughout both activities. Their eagerness to learn and compete added vibrant energy to the event. The interaction between the TY BBA (FS) students and FY BBA (FS) students fostered a positive and encouraging environment, creating a sense of mutual learning.

The event received a positive response from the participants, who actively participated and displayed enthusiasm throughout the activities. 59 students attended the event, which was held in a lively and interactive atmosphere.

'Orientation Programme for students of M.Com Part I'

26th & 27th June 2023

The PG Department of Commerce in association with the Department of Library & Information Science and the Department of Physical Education & Sports organized an Orientation Programme for the students of M.Com Part I on 26th and 27th June 2023 in Classroom No. 304. The aim of the program was to acquaint students with the M.Com programme structure, Ordinance OA-35 of Goa University, rules and regulations; academic, curricular, and co-curricular activities, library facilities, and sports activities in the College.

The orientation began on 26th June 2023 at 10.00 am. Ms. Twinkle Fernandes, the Coordinator of the M.Com Programme, welcomed the students and introduced them to the faculty members of the Department. During her session, she provided information about the M.Com program offered at Goa University and the affiliated colleges, emphasizing the importance of Ordinance OA-35, which governs the program. Ms. Twinkle gave an overview of the courses offered in the two-year program and explained the credit distribution. She also mentioned that the students have the choice of specializing in either Accounting & Finance or Business Management in Semester I. Regarding the dissertation, she informed the students that it is a 16-credit course spanning Semesters III and IV. To enhance their practical knowledge, Ms. Twinkle encouraged the students to undertake a 4-week summer training in industrial organizations at the end of Semester II. She also provided details about the examination process, including the Internal Subject Assessments (ISAs) and Semester End Assessments (SEAs), as well as the assessment and evaluation pattern followed for M.Com students.

Ms. Valencia Baptista provided detailed information about the College Facilities & Support Services during the orientation session. She discussed the availability of Halls for activities and Events, the Library, Reading Room, Co-operative Society, and Canteen. She emphasized the importance of Mentoring and Counseling facilities provided by the College. Additionally, she outlined important rules and requirements regarding Class and exam Timings, Lift Facility and Rules, ID Cards, and FEDENA Registration. Ms. Baptista also mentioned that the Department offers certificate courses each year to help students develop the necessary skills for their careers.

Ms. Edrea Picardo highlighted the significance of Online Courses such as MOOCS/SWAYAM and the potential benefits for students who clear any of the modules offered through these platforms. She provided an overview of department activities such as NET/SET Coaching Classes, Guest Lectures, Research Workshops, Seminars, IIPs, and Budget Screening. She also informed students about the PG Club Activities including Debators' Floor, Gurukul, Newspaper analysis, Industrial Visits, and Field Trips, which contribute to their overall development.

On the following day i.e 27th June, the Library Orientation took place from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Ms. Preeta Gunagi, the College Librarian, conducted the session. She provided an overview of the Library, explained the book issue and return policy, and discussed penalties for late submission or loss of books. Each student was informed that they could issue 10 books, while Advanced Learners could borrow an additional 10 books, and Readers' Club Members were allowed 2 extra books. Ms. Gunagi highlighted the Library's resources, which include over 35,794 books, 71 national and international printed journals, and magazines, 18 newspapers, past project reports, past years' question papers available on the college website, e-resources, and high-quality

electronic databases. She also mentioned the availability of encyclopedias, handbooks, and subject dictionaries for students, faculty members, and researchers. Ms. Gunagi informed the students about open access to various e-resources such as Indiastat, N-LIST, and NDLI, including e-books, e-journals, and e-papers that can be accessed by logging in with a user ID and password. She encouraged students to actively participate in library activities and make the most of the library's rich resources.

Following the Library Orientation, the Sports Orientation took place from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. Dr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, the College Sports Director, conducted the session. Dr. Kudtarkar explained the structure of the sports council. He highlighted the various sports facilities available in the College, such as the Gymnasium, Badminton court, and Table tennis table. He provided information about Inter-Collegiate Sports activities, Intramural Competitions, and the Helios Event. Dr. Kudtarkar also informed the students about the benefits of participating in sports activities, including sports marks, allowances, and awards. He concluded the session by showcasing the achievements of college students in various sports events and encouraged the students to actively engage with the Sports Department.

The orientation program provided the M.Com Part I students with comprehensive information about the M.Com program, academic activities, as well as co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the M.Com department. A total of 26 students from M.Com Part I attended the orientation.

Activities Conducted Under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan

27th & 28th June 2023



The NSS Unit in Collaboration with the NCC Army Wing of the College organized an Awareness Drive and administered a pledge under **Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan** on 27th and 28th June 2023. This initiative was on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. This day is observed worldwide to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving the goal of a sustainable world free of substance abuse.

On 27th June 2023 students took a pledge against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in their respective classes. On 28th June, 2023

NSS Volunteers and NCC Cadets conducted an awareness drive in respective classes against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking for the students of Shree Damodar College from 11.15 am to 12.30 pm.

A total of 21 students participated in the awareness drive. The activity was coordinated by Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar, NCC Army Wing, Mr. Gajanan B. Haldankar, NSS PO- In charge and Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO.

Dear Readers,

As always, at Shree Damodar College, the emphasis is on the holistic development of students and adapting to the changing needs of society in general and our students in particular.

We are delighted to present the reports of activities in this edition of the E-Newsletter, with the College reaching out to students by way of a variety of innovative activities on a wide range of topics.

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