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#### Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) With EduAdvise



#### 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

As a step towards promoting Industry-Institute Collaboration, the College signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with InvictaEduAdvise Consultants Private Limited on May 15, 2023. EduAdvise International is an overseas educational consultancy firm that assists students to make the right choice with regard to pursuing education in overseas educational institutions. It provides information regarding higher education in countries such as the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, France, Germany, Ireland, Dubai and

Switzerland.

As per the terms of the MoU, InvictaEduAdvise Consultants Private Limited will assist students with preparing for overseas education, participate in campus placement drives, conduct yearly presentations at the College campus and conduct IELTS coaching for students for a fee.

The MoU is valid for the Academic Year 2023-24 and will renew automatically for successive years based on mutual agreement. The MoU was signed by Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya and Ms. Gayatri D'Silva, Manager Admissions, EduAdvise, in the presence of Programme Coordinators, Dr. Edwin Barreto, Mr. Sumit Kumar and Ms. Cinola Vaz.

2 students of the Class of 2023 who wished to move abroad for their postgraduate studies, have been directed towards EduAdvise.

# Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Shree Damodar College has been actively trying to enhance the academic experience of its students, by offering courses and sessions beyond the syllabus. Towards this end, the College has been pursuing MoUs with renowned institutions. One such attempt culminated in the signing of an MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi on August 15, 2023.

The objective of the MoU is to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial

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programmes, which will serve to enhance the intellectual life and cultural development in both ICAI and Shree Damodar College in terms of curriculum/ content development, faculty development, interactive sessions, etc.

The MoU seeks to encourage cooperation and interaction by way of inter-institutional visits, faculty exchange, staff development, academic publications, research and educational collaboration, conduct of Faculty Development Programmes, organization of workshops, conferences, seminars and similar Academic Programmes with the aim of

capacity building.

The MoU signing and exchange ceremony was graced by CA. Aniket Talati, President, ICAI, CA. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, Vice-President, ICAI, CA. Vishal Doshi, Chairman, Board of Studies (Academic), ICAI and CA. Dayaniwas Sharma Vice-Chairman, Board of Studies (Academic), ICAI.

The MoU is valid for a period of 3 years, i.e. till 2026. The MoU was signed by Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya and CA. Aniket Sunil Talati, President, ICAI, in the presence of the dignitaries mentioned above and Assistant Professor in Commerce, Mr. Gajanan Haldankar

#### **Overseas Development Camp**



## 31st August to 13th October 2023

NCC Army Wing cadet JUO Aditya Joshi of attended ΤY B.Com the Overseas Thailand Development Campin and Indonesia from 31st August to 13th October 2023. It was an enriching experience that broadened the Cadet's horizons, fostering personal growth, cultural understanding, and leadership skills. The camp took place in the vibrant landscapes of Thailand and Indonesia, offering a diverse cultural backdrop for their activities. Spanning two months, the camp allowed for in-depth exploration of both countries.The camp was meticulously organized by the NCC in collaboration with

youth organizations in Thailand and Indonesia. The camp provided an opportunity to learn through diverse environments, appreciate different perspectives, and lead effectively in multicultural settings.

On 31<sup>st</sup> August the cadets reported at Kerala Naval unit and from there Cadets were taken to the Indian Coast Guard Jetty. Before boarding the ship, the Instructor Mr. K. V. Pathak briefed them about the Coast Guard ship SAMUDRA PRAHARI. Different duties were allotted to them at The Bridge (lookout and quarter master duty)

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and Machinery Control Room. The ship departed from Kochi on 3rd September and reached Bangkok on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

The Cadets and the ship's company was divided into parts: Starboard watch and Port watch. All the cadets were given 11 dollars per day for 4 days. On 17th September the Cadets were taken to Pattaya beach for Puneet Sagar Abhiyan where beach cleaning activity was undertaken. On 21st September the ship made its way to Indonesia (Jakarta). During the sailing to Jakarta the ship crossed the EQUATOR. There were jubilant celebrations of EQUATOR crossing. On 1<sup>st</sup> October, the ship reached Jakarta Indonesia. On 3rd October cadets were taken to Bakamla headquarters wherein they jointly practiced Zumba followed by yoga and a friendly volleyball match with the Indonesian Coast Guard. The ship left from Indonesia on 5th October and reached Kochi on 14th October.

The Overseas Development Camp was a life-changing experience, fostering friendships that transcend borders and providing them with invaluable skills and perspectives that will shape their future endeavors. Participating in leadership workshops and survival training, the cadet honed decision-making abilities and learned valuable life skills.

#### **State Level Comic Strip Competition**



#### 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Department of Mathematics of P.E.S.'s Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi, organized a State Level Comic Strip Competition on the theme "If math could talk" on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The objective of this competition was to give students a platform to express mathematical concepts or situations in a creative and engaging manner.

Students had to create and submit a comic that incorporated mathematical elements or ideas through online mode using texts, comic elements, characters, stick figures, math-related puns etc.

The competition was open to students of all Colleges across Goa.3 students from SY B.Voc.(ST) namely, Ms. Bhakti Mirashi, Ms. Hema Parab and Ms. Purva Kamat participated in the competition.

The Prize distribution was held on 5th October 2023 in the Swami Vivekananda Hall of P.E.S.'s Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science. **Ms. Bhakti Mirashi** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition.

# Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Shree Damodar College undertakes a wide range of extension and outreach activities, with the intention of making students socially conscious, compassionate and responsible citizens of the country. The NSS Units and the Green Club - Vasundhara - are actively involved in environment-related activities throughout the year.

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Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) is an autonomous body of the Government of Goa under the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, constituted by the State Government as per the provision of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

As per the terms of the MoU, Shree Damodar College will assist GSBB in achieving its goals and objectives of making people aware of the biodiversity and its importance for human wellbeing, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and promoting active participation in conservation efforts. In order to fulfill the

above goals and objectives, Shree Damodar College will conduct training programmes, seminars, awareness drives, and such other activities, celebrate Environment-related days and conduct awareness programs collaboratively with GSBB, for students as well as the general public. The College will also assist GSBB in maintaining the People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR).

The MoU was signed by Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya and Shri Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB, in the presence of Asst. Professor Mr. Gajanan Haldankar and Ms. Urvee Kanekar, Legal Assistant, GSBB.

#### All India NauSainik Camp



# 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The Maharashtra Directorate NCC organized the All India NauSainik Camp (AINSC) at INS Shivaji, Lonavala from 14th to 25th October 2023. The primary aim of the camp was to provide cadets with firsthand information about naval life.

612 cadets, including 408 Senior Division (SD) boy Cadets and 204 Senior Wing Girl (SW) Cadets, participated from 17 NCC directorates across the country. The competitions included boat pulling, ship modeling, drill, whaler-boat rigging, semaphore, service subjects, seamanship

practicals, and small arms firing. PO Cadet Shudeepa Oli and Leading Cadet Melissa Solomon represented 1 Goa Naval Unit NCC and our Institution. They were the only girls selected for the camp, along with four SD cadets from Goa.

In addition to various competitions and cultural programs, the Cadets had the unique opportunity to visit the state-of-the-art marine engineering training facilities at INS Shivaji, a premier technical training institute of the Indian Navy. To qualify for AINSC, Cadets had to go through different phases of NauSainik Camps in their

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group and directorate. The camp began with a swimming test where Cadets had to swim 50 meters and float for 3 minutes. The boat pulling competition took place at the lake in INS Shivaji. LC Melissa Solomon was the coxswain, and the Women'steam of Karnataka and Goa won the silver medal.

In the Women's category, teams from Directorates of Delhi, Karnataka-Goa, and Uttarakhand won the gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively. In the Men's category, Maharashtra, Delhi, and Karnataka-Goa teams won the gold, silver, and bronze, respectively. The Karnataka-Goa team was declared the overall winner. Medals and other prizes were presented by DG of NCC Lt. General Gurbirpal Singh. Leading Cadet Melissa Solomon of Shree Damodar College Naval Unitreceived DDG recommendation for the Best Cadet in the upcoming RDC phase.

#### **Navratri Celebration**



# 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

The Staff Recreation Club celebrated the Navratri festival from 15th Oct to 23rd Oct 2023 in the College. The objective of celebrating this festival was to honor the cultural significance of Navratri, fostering unity and enhancing staff engagement. Each day, staff members adorned themselves in the colors emblematic of Navratri, creating a colorful and joyous atmosphere. The celebration featured daily photo sessions. October 20th was observed as a saree day for women and kurta day for men. As part of the

festivities, staff members contributed by purchasing and sharing snacks and sweets that matched each day's specific color theme. The outcomes were remarkable, contributing to stronger bonds among team members, and creating cherished memories. Appreciation is extended to all staff members, organizers, and participants whose dedication and enthusiasm made this celebration a resounding success.

#### **Study Tour to Mumbai**

#### 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

The Department of Management Studies organized a study tour to Mumbai from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. The journey started with an evening departure via the Konkan Kanya Express with 39 students, accompanied by 7 faculty members namely Snehal Alve, Cinola Vaz, Delisha Rebello, Sushrusha Naik, Jayant Panvelkar, Kanvisha Naik and CA. Anup Borkar.

The first visit i.e. on 19<sup>th</sup> October was to **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).** The students had the privilege of gaining valuable insights into one of India's oldest and most prominent stock exchanges. The informative session was conducted by Dr. Aditya Srinivas, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Economist of the Bombay Stock Exchange Brokers Forum. During the session, Dr. Srinivas provided a comprehensive overview of various key aspects of the stock exchange. He introduced the students to the BSE 30, also known as the SENSEX, which comprises the 30 largest and most actively traded stocks on the BSE. The students learned about the vast scale of the BSE, with over 5400 listed companies and the significance of these listings in India's financial landscape. After an insightful visit to the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), the students visited **Reserve** 

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Bank of India (RBI) Museum. One of the highlights of the visit to the RBI Museum was a captivating documentary that traced the evolution of Indian currency right from its inception. This documentary provided an in-depth look at the fascinating journey of the Indian rupee, highlighting its historical significance and the changes it has undergone over the years. The students also had the privilege to visit NSDL, which holds the distinction of being the first depository in India, established in 1996. During the visit, they learned about Depositories and its role in development of stock markets.

The second day of the study tour i.e. 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, proved to be equally enlightening as the students explored the **National Stock Exchange (NSE).** The students had the privilege of meeting and listening to the current CEO of NSE, Mr. Ashishkumar Chauhan who is also a founder member of NSE. Mr. Muhammad Raza Mulla, a skilled trainer at NSE was the speaker of the session. The speaker began the session by introducing the working of the stock market. He also explained the different terminologies associated with the stock market. He classified trading into four important segments i.e., order, trade, clear and settle. He exhibited the trading screen at NSE based on the online trading platform of NSE, the National Exchange for Automated Trading (NEAT). Continuing with the day's program, the students were privileged to attend a session conducted by Dr. Tirthankar Patnaik, the Chief Economist at the National Stock Exchange of India. Dr. Patnaik's 20 years of experience in the Indian capital markets, macro and sector strategy, quantitative finance, and consumer banking were evident as he delved deep into the intricacies of high-frequency trading at NSE.

The third day i.e.  $21^{st}$  of October 2023 was marked by an enriching visit to **Xavier Institute of Management & Research (XIMR)**, a prestigious Jesuit B-school known for providing top-quality management education in Mumbai and the western region of India. The students were given a warm welcome by Dr. (Fr.) Conrad Pesso, a core faculty member at XIMR with expertise in the field of finance. He began the session by touching upon a range of critical topics, including India's economic trajectory. Dr. Pesso provided a comprehensive overview of India's economic journey, discussing where the nation is headed, evolution of banks, the case for privatization, GDP components where students gained insights into the components of GDP, including the contributions of the service, agriculture, and industry sectors. The second session was led by Prof. Dr. Sameer Lakhani, an accomplished academician with an array of professional qualifications, including being a CFA charter holder, a holder of the CIPM designation, and an FRM from the Global Association of Risk Professionals. During his session, the students gained insights into a range of contemporary financial and economic topics. Both sessions at XIMR were highly interactive, allowing students to ask questions, share perspectives, and engage in meaningful discussions with the distinguished speakers. The sessions were not only educational but also inspired critical thinking and exploration of contemporary financial and economic issues.

The study tour concluded with fond memories, valuable insights, and a deeper appreciation for the financial and economic landscapes that students explored during their time in Mumbai.

#### **Eco - Friendly Akash Kandil Making Competition**

21st October 2023

The Fine Arts Club in collaboration with Green Club (Vasundhara) of the College organised Eco-Friendly Akash Kandil Making Competition on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at the College campus. It brought together creativity, environmental consciousness, and festive spirit. The event aimed to promote sustainable practices and raise awareness about the importance of eco-friendly celebrations during festivals. Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar, Assistant Professor in Commerce and Ms. Ashwina Tari Volvoikar, Asst. Professor in IT were the coordinators of the event.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various departments. The diverse

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- Sarima Topno FY B.Com B
- Damodar Redkar -FY BBA (FS) A

#### Second Place: Adneri Boys

- Shreyesh Naik FY B.Com D
- Samarth Shirodkar- FY BBA(FS) B

#### Third Place: The Art

- Pooja Mangesh Naik- SY B.Com D
- Nazahatt Athani- SY B.Com D

The Eco-Friendly Akash Kandil Making Competition was a resounding success. It not only showcased the artistic talents of the students but also highlighted the importance of incorporating sustainable practices into cultural celebrations. The event served as a platform to foster environmental awareness and responsibility among the college community. 10 teams participated in the event.

#### 37th National Games, 2023



# 25<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>November 2023

range of participants reflected the inclusive

nature of the event. Entries were evaluated

based on creativity, use of eco-friendly

materials, craftsmanship, and adherence to the

theme. The winners were selected based on

the judging criteria, and prizes were awarded

Priya Prakash Pillai, FY B.Com - D

Samyak Bansod -FY B.Com - D

Laxmi Tavareppa Rathod -FY B.Com - D

to the top three teams.

**First Place: Homies** 

37<sup>th</sup> National Games, 2023, were held in Goa from 25<sup>th</sup> October till 01<sup>st</sup> November 2023. 95 students participated as volunteers. Dr. Edwin B. Barreto, Mr. Saurabh P. Raikar, Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, Ms. Eshani Bakhle, Mr. Rahul Naik, Mr. Manu Shelko and Mr. Bharat Sawant monitored and accompanied the student volunteers to the venue. The student volunteers were deployed for Beach football at Colva.

Student volunteers and staff attended briefing and orientation from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October

2023. During this period student volunteers received kits. The beach football match began from 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The staff performed their duties of accompanying students in Balrath buses from pick up points, taking attendance and supervising students. Beach football match would begin at 8.00 am and last match would be at 4.00pm. College staff monitored the students and ensured discipline of students during beach football. The final match was on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. Students performed their duties well. The staff ensured the safety of students during semi-finals and finals.

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Student performed following duties as volunteers for beach football: Accreditation, managing media, conducting beach football match, performing match operations, managing venue, maintain hygiene and cleanliness at venue, assisting guests and spectators.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, "Prasar Bharti sports" filmed a video with our college students and staff to cheer team India for Cricket World Cup 2023, which was aired on YouTube platform on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

The student volunteers and deputed staff attended the closing ceremony of National Games, 2023 on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, which took place at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Bambolim. The event began at 2.30pm with performances by artistes like Sonia Shirsat, Swaroop Khan and Mukesh Ghatwal. The closing ceremony took place in the presence of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Indian Olympic Association President P T Usha, Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant and others. The ceremony ended at 6 pmwith handing over the torch for National Games to Uttarakhand for 38th National Games.

#### 37th National Games 2023



The teachers were incharge of the Medal Presentation Ceremony.

### 26<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The Directorate of Higher Education deputed 04 faculty members from our Institution for the 37<sup>th</sup> National Games 2023 in Goa with a view to ensure effective coordination and execution of all the activities related to the Medal Presentation Ceremony.

Dr. Rodney D'Silva, Mr. Ainsley Bernard and Ms. Sheryl Sanches were deputed at the Pandit Jawaharlal Stadium, Fatorda for Lawn Tennis from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Dr. Sheetal Arondekar was deputed at Tilak Maidan, Vasco for Women's Football from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

#### **Students attended National Games**

#### 30<sup>th</sup>October to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The 37th National Games were officially inaugurated on October 26th, 2023, at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda, South Goa. The ceremony was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, in the presence of Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports - Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, Chief Minister of Goa - Shri. Pramod Sawant, Goa Sports Minister Shri. Govind Gaude, and Minister of State for Tourism Shri. Shripad Naik. The event unfolded across five Goan cities: Mapusa, Margao, Panjim, Ponda, and Vasco, encompassing 28 venues.

The National Games featured a diverse range of sports disciplines, including Beach Football, Roll Ball, Golf, Sepak Takraw, Sqa yMartial Arts, Kalliya Rapattu, and Pencak Silat. Athletes from various states across India participated, showcasing their skills and competing in these disciplines.

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The NSS students from our college attended the National Games as spectators, specifically for the football matches at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda. Throughout the event, an average of 70 students attended as spectators daily, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, enjoying the spirited competition.

#### "MAECOFIN" event organized by BITS, Pilani

# BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Four students from the Department of Management Studies had the opportunity to participate in the prestigious **MAECOFIN** event, hosted the Department of Economics and Finance at BITS Pilani on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023. This intercollegiate event aimed to foster an environment of academic excellence, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.

The event was especially significant as it coincided with the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Goa campus of BITS

Pilani. To celebrate this milestone, all departments within the campus, including Engineering, Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, among others, came together to showcase their research, accomplishments, and innovations through a diverse array of presentations. The presentations included posters, models, demonstrations, installations, prototypes, and various other engaging exhibits. Our students had the opportunity to take a look at all the models, posters and other exhibits displayed in the campus.

Students actively engaged in two pivotal segments of the event:

**Quiz on Indian Economy:** Demonstrating their keen interest and knowledge in the concerned field, the students enthusiastically participated in the quiz centered around the intricate landscape of the Indian economy. This segment provided a platform for testing their understanding of various economic concepts, policies, and real-world economic scenarios.

Crisis Management Case Study: Engaging in a comprehensive analysis of crisis management, the students got engaged into a case study that presented a practical challenge in the realm of crisis management within the economic domain. Their approach, analysis, and proposed solutions were put to the test in this engaging segment.

The active involvement and commendable performance of our students in both segments of the event earned

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them well-deserved participation certificates.

Students who participated in the event are:

- Suyash Patki FY BBA(FS)
- Dhruv Kadkade FY BBA(FS)
- Afzal Shaikh SY BBA
- Hayden Rebello SY BBA

The students were accompanied by Mr. Jayant Panvelkar, Assistant Professor in Management.

#### Open Day at BITS Pilani, Goa Campus



#### 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, organized an Open Day to commemorate 20 years of Excellence in Education and the Goa Campus on 6<sup>th</sup> Research at November, 2023. The aim was to provide students with an opportunity to explore diverse departments, witness ongoing research endeavors, and engage with faculty members. Students from the B.Com and Computer Science Programme of the College actively participated in the event. 44 students attended the program.

The event commenced at 9:00 am, offering a wide range of activities and presentations for the visiting students. Every Department, including Computer Science, Commerce, Economics, Engineering, Humanities & Social Sciences, actively showcased their research, innovations, prototypes, and achievements through various means such as posters, models, presentations, demonstrations, installations, games, and more. The students enthusiastically took part in quizzes and games. Ms. Namrata Ugvenkar, Ms. Vaibhavi Naik, Mr Nagraj Virnodkar, Mr. Sarth Shanbhag and Ms. Vinaya Kirloskar accompanied the students.

#### Career Guidance Programme



#### 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

A Career Guidance Programme was organized by Don Bosco College of Engineering, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 8.30 am to 12.45 pm. The session aimed at enlightening students about the diverse opportunities available in the armed forces and civil services. The session commenced at 9.00 am with the welcome address delivered by Col. J. A. A. D'Souza. The Chief guest for the program was Rev. Fr. Kinley D'Cruz, Director Don Bosco College of Engineering.

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The speaker for the first session was Major General Christopher Fernandes (Rtd.) who spoke about career opportunities in the armed forces. The speaker elucidated the educational qualifications and eligibility criteria for various positions in Air Force, Army and Navy. He elaborated on the diverse career options available in the defence sector and further informed students that from commissioned officers to technical experts, the army offers a plethora of roles suited for individuals with different educational backgrounds. Technical and non-technical positions, as well as opportunities for women, were discussed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the job profiles available in these areas. Realistic insights into the lifestyle of individuals serving in NCC, Army and Navy were also shared. The speaker addressed the challenges and rewards of the careers in the armed forces.

The speaker for the second session was Mr. Anthony De Sa. (Retd. IAS). He gave an overview of the job opportunities available in the civil services. Students were encouraged to consider joining civil services as there are many vacancies available at different positions. The Resource Person stressed on the fact that besides academic excellence, physical fitness, leadership qualities and a spirit of adventure were some of the crucial attributes sought after by these institutions.

At the end Mr. Blaise Costabir, MD GMI Zarhak Moulders Pvt. Ltd. took charge of the session and discussed why choosing the right career path is important for youngsters. He gave many real-life examples and motivated students to take up entrepreneurship. The career guidance talk was well-received by the students, providing them with a clearer understanding of the diverse and prestigious career opportunities within NCC, Army and Navy. The programme concluded at 12.45 pm with an interactive Q&A session where students had the chance to seek clarification on various aspects. 16 interested students attended the session and found it to be very informative and helpful. The students were accompanied by Ms. Pooja Shanbhag, Assistant Professor in Commerce and Convenor of Career Cell.

#### Swacch Diwali, Shubh Diwali Campaign











## 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The NSS unit of the College under Swacch Diwali, Shubh Diwali Campaign took initiative to promote a clean, green, and single-use plastic-free Diwali celebration from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The campaign involved various activities carried out by students, focusing on creating awareness and motivating people to make environmentally conscious choices during the festive season.

The activities were as follows:

Cleanliness Drive: Students enthusiastically took part in a cleanliness drive within their

neighborhood, focusing on cleaning public places and streets to ensure a hygienic environment for everyone.

Awareness Programs: The students organized awareness programs, educating their community about the environmental impact of Diwali celebrations. Emphasis was placed on the importance of reducing waste and adopting sustainable practices. The students actively advocated for a single-use plastic-free Diwali, utilizing social media platforms to spread awareness about the harmful effects of plastic pollution and suggesting

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alternatives for sustainable celebrations.

Promoting Responsible Consumption: Engaging with local businesses and vendors, the students encouraged them to provide eco-friendly products. Additionally, they motivated people to opt for locally-made items such as diyas, cloth bags, and compostable decorations.

13 NSS volunteers actively participated in the campaign. The Swachh Diwali, Shubh Diwali Campaign proved to be a successful initiative, instilling a sense of responsibility and environmental consciousness among students and the community.

#### Academic Leadership Program



# 21st to 24th November 2023

The Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) and Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC) in association with Infosys Springboard, Mysore Development Centre, organized a 4-Day Academic Leadership Program from 21st to 24th November 2023.

The sessions were diverse and included teambuilding activities, a tour of Infosys Campus, hands-on training on Infosys Springboard, a Design Thinking workshop, and discussions on effective teaching techniques. The final day focused on assessing Design Thinking, exploring emerging digital technologies,

instructional design, content development strategies, and leveraging Infosys Springboard for enhanced engagement.

26 senior faculty members from reputed institutions in Goa attended this program. It fostered a collaborative and enriching environment for academic leadership development.

Prof. Sanjay Sawant Dessai and Dr. Edwin Barreto from the Department of Commerce attended the program.

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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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