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Certificate Course in Photography and Videography

September to December 2023



The Certificate Course Committee in association with the Department of Commerce & Management organised a 30-Hour Certificate Course in Photography and Videography from September to December 2023. 73 students of B.Com and Management Studies registered for the course. The Resource Person for the Course was Mr. Brijesh Kakodkar, Proprietor, Golden Elephant Media. The classes were held in Hall No 1 from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm twice a week. 50 students completed the course. The

faculty incharge for the course was Ms. Sheryl Sanches.

The course covered fundamental photography techniques, mastering camera settings, and composing captivating visuals. In video production, the course focused on editing, exploring storytelling, cinematography, and post-production. Mr. Kakodkar focused on utilizing industry-standard software and cutting-edge tools to enhance students' artistic vision. Through hands-on projects and expert guidance, students developed a diverse portfolio of stunning photos and compelling videos.

In Photography and photo editing, the students learnt the following:

1. **Composition:** Understanding principles such as the rule of thirds, leading lines, symmetry, and framing to improve the impact of photographs.
2. **Lighting:** Learning to work with natural light, use reflectors and diffusers, and experiment with artificial lighting techniques to achieve the desired mood and atmosphere in images.
3. **Camera Settings:** Familiarization with camera settings, including aperture, shutter speed, and ISO; understanding these settings to control exposure, depth of field, and motion blur, giving greater creative control over one's shots.
4. **Post-Processing:** Learning how to enhance colors, adjust contrast, and fine-tune the images using software and applications to elevate one's work and bring out the best in the photographs.

In videography and video editing, the students learnt the following:

1. **Storytelling:** Understanding the importance of crafting a clear narrative, through interviews, voice

overs, visual sequences, to engage the audience emotionally and intellectually.

2. Cinematography: Developing an eye for cinematography, including framing, camera movement, and shot composition. Mastering techniques including establishing shots, close-ups, and tracking shots to create dynamic and visually captivating videos.
3. Audio: Learning how to record clean and clear sound. Properly syncing audio with video during post-production for a professional video.
4. Editing: Students learnt to cut and sequence clips effectively, add transitions, and incorporate visual effects.

The students greatly benefited from this course.

National Level Competition- RBI Policy Challenge 2023

3rd October 2023

The Reserve Bank of India organized its annual National Level Competition for undergraduate/ postgraduate students titled 'The RBI Policy Challenge – 2023' on 3rd October 2023. The competition targets students of the country through three-tier competition tests, viz., essay writing, problem-solving, and presentation skills. The objective of this challenge is to spread awareness regarding financial matters and promote a better understanding of prevalent monetary and economic issues.

Two teams comprising four students each from VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics participated in the Regional Round – Essay competition. Team 1 comprised of Ms. Astha A. Kossambe, Ms. Saakshi Ganguli, Mr. Soham alias Bhuvan Gharse, and Ms. Aditi Satardekar. They were guided by Associate Professor Dr. Shami Pai from the Department of Commerce & Management. Team 2 comprised of Ms. Tanisha Naik, Mr. Sai Sasank Lolla, Mr. Aneesh Sadhale, and Ms. Ruby Mahato, guided by Assistant Professor Ms. Lizette D'Costa of the Department of Economics & Banking. The topic for the essay was 'Deglobalisation: Challenges and Opportunities for India'. Essays were judged based on content, originality, language, presentation, and quality of recommendations/ suggestions.

The competition provided the participants a platform to increase their awareness of monetary and financial issues and keep themselves abreast with current matters in the subject area.

Special Yachting Camp

16th to 23rd November 2023



1 Goa Naval Unit NCC organized its Special Yachting Camp at INWTC Vasco from 16th to 23rd November, 2023. The camp brought together cadets from the three Directorates of Gujarat, Karnataka & Goa Directorate, and Maharashtra.

On the first day, Captain S. Ram Kumar, CO of 1 Goa Naval Unit NCC, addressed the cadets. The CO of INWTC, along with training instructors, also graced the occasion. The day commenced with an insightful

theory class covering essential sailing and wind-surfing concepts like tack, gybe, and wind understanding.

Cadets were divided into two teams, Team A and Team B, each comprising 10 members. For the first three days, team A focused on wind-surfing, while team B engaged in sailing. Both teams underwent rigorous ground training before venturing into Biknova for wind-surfing and Lazer Bahia boats for sailing.

The first day presented challenges with water, wind, and high tide, but the dedicated instructors provided constant support, helping cadets overcome initial hurdles. On the second day, cadets started wind-surfing independently, mastering techniques like tack and gybe. Sailing teams also honed their skills, navigating the waters with confidence.

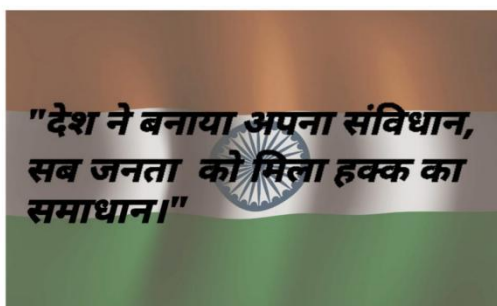
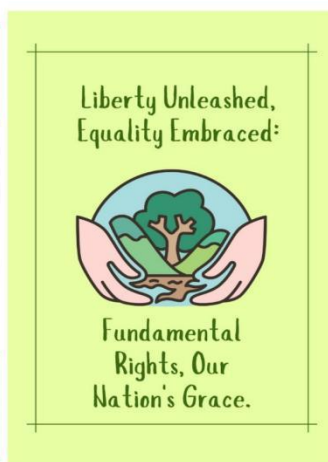
After three days, team A switched to sailing, and team B to wind-surfing. Daily theory classes enriched the cadets' knowledge, under the guidance of the PI staff from 1 Goa Naval Unit. Cadets had the opportunity to visit INS Hansa, exploring naval aviation departments, fighter planes, helicopters, and the naval aviation museum. Cadets cherished the experience, purchasing aviation merchandise.

A strong camaraderie developed among cadets from different directorates. The last day featured the distribution of special yachting camp kits, and a cultural night, with performances from all three directorates. The camp concluded with breakfast and heartfelt goodbyes, leaving participants with enduring bonds and unforgettable memories.

Only 4 cadets from Goa were selected for the camp, and CC Laxita Suthar from the College NCC Navy Wing was one of these four. The total strength of the camp was 20 cadets.

Activities conducted on Constitution Day

26th November 2023



Constitution Day, also known as National Law Day, is celebrated in India on November 26th every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Damodar College actively participated in the celebrations, organizing a series of online events to engage students and foster awareness about the significance of the Indian Constitution. One of the key activities conducted by the NSS unit was an online Preamble Reading session. Students were asked to login and recite Preamble. The event aimed to emphasize the principles and values enshrined in the Constitution,

promoting a sense of unity and patriotism among the participants. 45 students participated in this activity.

Further, to enhance the understanding of the Constitution and its various aspects, the NSS Unit organized an online quiz on the topic 'Loktantrakijanani'. The quiz covered topics such as the historical background of the Constitution, fundamental rights, directive principles, and notable amendments. The participants showcased their knowledge, and the quiz served as an interactive platform for learning about the legal framework that governs the country. 32 students participated in this activity.

The NSS unit also organized a Slogan Writing Competition on the theme 'Fundamental Rights under the Constitution of India'. Participants were encouraged to craft slogans that highlighted the significance of individual rights such as the right to equality, right to freedom, and the right to life. 13 students participated in this activity.

Mr. Kewell Vinay Fernandes from T.Y B.Com won the first prize. Ms. Koel Jana from T.Y B.Com won second prize and Ms. Nandita Borkar from S.Y B.Com got third prize. The activity was coordinated by Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO-Incharge, Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar, NSS PO, and Ms. Akshada Gaonkar, NSS PO.

Meeting of NCC Naval Wing

28th November 2023



1 Goa Naval Unit NCC, Peddem Mapusa, Goa organized a conference on 28th November 2023 from 10.15 am -11. 45 am in Hall No 2 of the College. Principal Prof. Prita D Mallya, extended a floral welcome to the Commanding Officer (CO) of 1 Goa Naval Unit NCC, Captain S Ram Kumar, and addressed the gathering.

During the conference, the CO highlighted several important issues:

1. ANOs/CTOs were urged to complete the online enrollment at the earliest.
2. Emphasis was placed on the submission of hard copies of enrollment forms by

institutes.

3. Cadets were informed about receiving Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for dress allowances and washing allowances.

4. Regular parades and other NCC-related activities were encouraged for ANOs/CTOs.

5. Formation of clusters and the regular conduct of classes by CI/PI staff were discussed.

6. It was stressed that girl cadets attending camps outside Goa should be accompanied by a lady ANO/CTO..

The CO also addressed various queries raised by Principals, ANOs/CTOs. The meeting concluded at 11:45 am, followed by a tea session. LC Vaishavi Borkar served as the compere, and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Sub Lt Pretty Louiza Pereira, ANO at VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics.

The conference saw the participation of 28 ANOs/CTOs, 16 Principals, CI/PI staff, and other personnel from 1 Goa Naval Unit NCC.

World AIDS Day

1st December 2023

To commemorate World AIDS Day, the NSS unit of the College organised different activities to create awareness about AIDS among the public.

The day commenced with the enthusiastic participation of students and teachers in taking a pledge. Following the pledge, a vibrant rally was organized within the Margao area, spearheaded by the NSS volunteers and NSS



PO. Carrying banners, placards, and informational materials, the rally aimed to engage the local community, disseminating crucial information about HIV/AIDS prevention. The lively procession drew the attention of bystanders, effectively spreading awareness and emphasizing the significance of World AIDS Day.

Simultaneously, the NSS unit utilized the College Digital Display Boards to broadcast the importance of World AIDS Day. A dedicated segment showcased informative content, emphasizing the history of the day,

global statistics, preventive measures, and support available for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS. This initiative leveraged the College's reach to amplify the message and educate a wider audience within the College community. By taking proactive steps, the College not only educated its own members but also extended its reach to the local community through the rally. The utilization of the College Digital Display Boards further amplified the message, ensuring a wider dissemination of information.

47 students participated in this activity.

Cosmocrat 9.0

1st & 2nd December 2023



The Department of Business Administration of Don Bosco College, Panjim organized a 2-day Intercollegiate level management event- **Cosmocrat 9.0** at Don Bosco College campus, Panjim, Goa. 4 students from SY BBA and 1 student from FY BBA(FS) participated in the respective rounds i.e. *Leader Legacy*- Afzal Shaikh, *Workforce Alchemy*- Heizel Fernandes, *Catalyst Connect*- Sydon Gracias, *Profit Plus*- Dhruv Kadhade, *Prodigy Pitch*- Yash Prabhudesai. The event consisted of multiple pre-events. Day 1 began with inaugural function at 9.00 am and then the session continued with

Business Talks. A panel of five experts from diverse fields convened to discuss the theme: "Health and Wellness at the Workplace."

Topics Covered:

- **Mental Health:** Insights into maintaining mental well-being in professional settings.
- **Challenges Faced by Women:** Addressing gender-specific workplace issues.
- **Work-Life Balance:** Strategies for harmonizing work and personal life.

- Importance of Physical Fitness: Debunking the myth of “no time for fitness.”

The event on day 1 ended at 2.00 pm.

Day 2 the event continued with individual rounds which the team participated in. SY BBA student Sydon Gracias won 1st place in the marketing round Catalyst Connect and the team bagged 2nd place for team event CO-OP Clash. Overall the team ranked 3rd. 08 colleges participated in the event. S.S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics was declared the winner of the event. Cosmocrat 9.0 came to an end with a valedictory function at 8.00 pm. Assistant Professor Omkar Pawaskar was in charge of the team participating in the event for both days.

Staff Games 2023-2024

1st & 2nd December 2023



The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized Staff Games on 1st & 2nd December, 2023, in the College Multipurpose Hall. 47 staff members participated in four different games: Chess Mix, Carrom Doubles, Badminton (men and women), and Table Tennis (men and women).

Mr. Saurabh Raikar, the Instructor in Physical Education, briefed participants about the rules and regulations of the tournament. The competition followed a knock-out format, and fixtures were designed through a draw.

The Results of the Staff Games are:

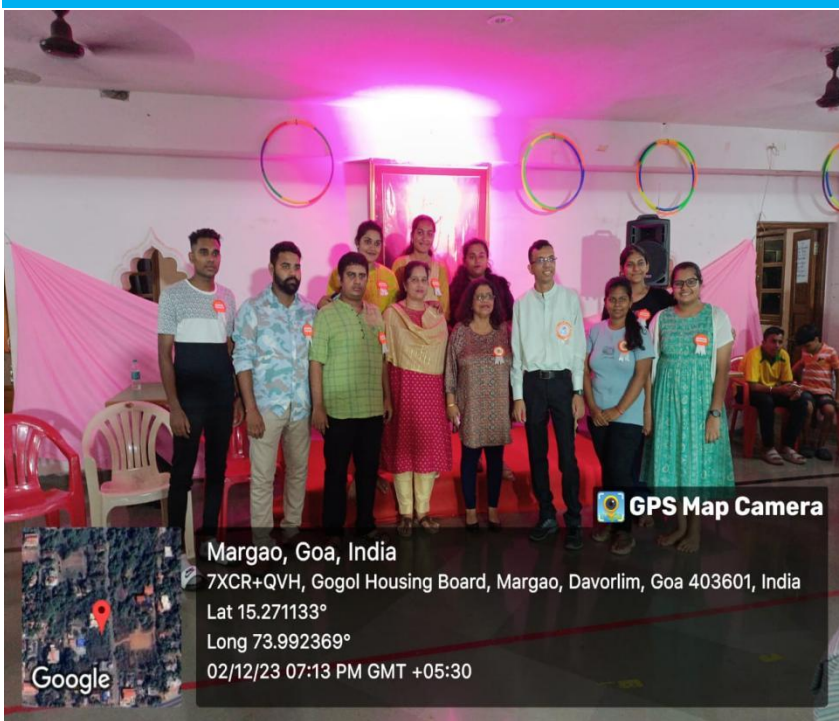
Games	Position	Name of the Player
Chess Mix	1 st Place	Mr. Sameer Patil
	2 nd Place	Mr. Shreyas Desai
	3 rd Place	Mr. Saurabh Raikar
Carrom Doubles	1 st Place	Mr. Jayant Panvelkar & Ms. Lina Sadekar
	2 nd Place	Mr. Seby D'Silva & Ms. Delisha Rebello
	3 rd Place	Mr. Kevin Fernandes & Ms. Pradnya Nadkarni
Table Tennis (Men)	1 st Place	Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar
	2 nd Place	Mr. Saurabh Raikar
	3 rd Place	Mr. Omkar Pawaskar
Table-Tennis (Women)	1 st Place	Ms. Yugandhara Joshi
	2 nd Place	Ms. Snigdha Naik

	3 rd Place	Ms. Swati Bhat
Badminton (Men)	1 st Place	Mr. Omkar Pawaskar
	2 nd Place	Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar
	3 rd Place	Mr. Harish Borkar
Badminton (Women)	1 st Place	Ms. Kanvisha Parsekar
	2 nd Place	Ms. Pradnya Nadkarni
	3 rd Place	Ms. Yugandhara Joshi

The Chief Guest for the tournament was Prof. Prita D. Mallya, Principal, and the Guest of Honour was Vice Principal Dr. Edwin Barreto. Mr. Saurabh Raikar served as the Compere for the tournament. Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, the College Director of Physical Education & Sports, expressed his gratitude to all SDCCE staff for their enthusiastic participation in various sports. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks presented by Mr. Siddhivinayak Hadapad, Sports General Secretary.

Assistance at Fun Fair at Jyot School

2nd December 2023



Jyot School for Children with Autism organized a Fun Fair for the students, parents, and general public on 2nd December 2023 as a part of social engagement and interaction with the people.

Games were organised for the audience and an exhibition of different items like bracelets, potted plants, candles, paintings, etc., were put up by the students. NSS volunteers from our college joined the celebration and assisted students and their staff in conducting the activities smoothly. The program started at 4:00 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m.

Session on ‘Financial Literacy’

2nd December 2023

On 2nd December, 2023, a session exclusively for women on the topic ‘Financial Literacy’ was organised at Ravindra Bhavan by Lokmanya Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited powered by Franklin Templeton, with the objective of encouraging women to save and invest. 24 female students of our college comprising of 15 students of the BBA (FS) and 10 students from the B.Com attended the session.

The registration procedure began at 10.00 a.m. followed by the main session that commenced at 11.00 a.m. Following the inaugural ceremony, Shri. Kiran Thakur, the Chairman of Lokmanya Multipurpose Co-op. Society Ltd, delivered the introductory speech. Chief Guest Mrs. Hema Sardesai, Indian playback singer, shared her insights on the importance of financial knowledge.



Later, a panel discussion, featuring Mrs. Shruti Sidhaye, Mrs. Gayatri Chowgule, Mrs. Dipali Chandak and Mr. Dominic D'Souza, explored financial liquidity, returns, and safety. The significance of return as a crucial element for the general public in investing, liquidity for emergency availability and the duration of investment lock-in were emphasized. The degree of security and not missing out on opportunities were also discussed.

The program concluded with a presentation on 'Women and Investing' by Franklin Templeton. It conveyed that women, once primarily nurturers, have become providers as more enter the workforce, necessitating financial wisdom. The need for women to be financially savvy was outlined along with the significance of investing in mutual funds. The basic tenets of investing were also highlighted, emphasizing the importance of saving and investing to combat inflation. Inflation and the power of compounding were explored in detail and the allocation of assets based on risk appetite was emphasized. The session ended at 1:30 pm.

Visit to INS Kadamba

4th December 2023



On the occasion of Navy Day on 4th December, Cadets from NCC Naval Wing visited INS Kadamba at Karwar. The visit provided them with valuable insights into various naval commands and the significance behind the celebration of Navy Day on this particular date.

INS Chapal played a crucial role in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, bombarding Karachi Port and enforcing a naval blockade in the Arabian Sea. Now decommissioned and open to visitors, the museum offered a glimpse into the history and significance of INS Chapal.

The warship played a pivotal role in crippling Pakistan's commercial capital, and its crew was honored with 2 Param Veer Chakras and 8 Veer Chakras, some of the highest military honors in India. During the visit to INS Chapal, the cadets explored its rich interiors, barracks used by staff, engine rooms, external guns, and uniforms of the servicemen. This experience provided them with a profound insight into life at sea. The visit also allowed the cadets to understand the various components of ships.

23 cadets were accompanied by Sub Lt. Pretty Louiza Pereira, ANO

Blood Donation Camp

5th December 2023



The NCC Army Wing, Red Ribbon Club, and NSS Unit of the College, in collaboration with HDFC Bank and 1 Goa BN NCC Panaji Unit, organized a Blood Donation Camp on 05th December 2023 in Hall No.1, 5th floor, Central Block, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya addressed the gathering.

Lt. Col Jesus Furtado, Commanding Officer, 1 Goa BN NCC Panaji shared powerful personal anecdotes and real-life examples and explained how blood donation directly contributes to saving lives and improving

health outcomes.

Emphasizing the collective responsibility, Dr. Vinita from Blood Bank, Hospicio Hospital encouraged NCC Cadets & NSS volunteers to actively participate in blood donation drives and create awareness within their social circles.

The blood donation camp was organized to encourage volunteers to donate blood and raise awareness about the importance of donating blood. This also provided an opportunity for the students to make a significant contribution to society by donating blood, which can save lives in emergencies.

The camp began with the registration of donors. A total of 54 donors had registered for the same. After the registration, all donors went through a medical examination conducted by qualified medical professionals to assess their health status and suitability for blood donation. Once cleared by the medical team, donors proceeded to the blood collection area, where skilled phlebotomists collected a unit of blood from each donor. 24 donors donated blood on the occasion.

The NCC cadets and NSS volunteers actively participated in the activity and assisted the donors throughout the event.

NCC Cadet Shreya Rajeev was the host for the event. JUO Kunal Singh proposed the Vote of Thanks. Lt. Sandesh Gaonkar NCC Army Wing, & Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO-Incharge were the overall coordinators.

Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC)

5th to 14th December 2023

The 1 Goa Girls Battalion, NCC organized a Combined Annual Training Camp from 5th to 14th December 2023, at Peddem Sports Complex, Mapusa, Goa. The primary objectives of the camp were to prepare cadets for the B and C Certificate exams and provide them with a sense of the Defence lifestyle.

The cadets and ANOs/CTOs were warmly welcomed by the Commanding Officer of 1 Goa Girls Battalion, NCC, and Camp Commandant Col Robi Tom. The camp activities commenced with tent pitching on the first day, where cadets learnt essential techniques. Each day of the camp started with exercises at 6:00 am and concluded with games at 10:00 pm. The cadets were divided into two groups, Army and Navy, gaining practical



knowledge in various service subjects, including Semaphore, firing, marching, swimming, and weapon training.

The camp featured diverse competitions such as solo singing, solo dance, group singing, and group dance. Naval cadets from our institution participated in group singing and group dance, securing a gold medal in the latter. In sports, competitions included running races, relay races, and tug of war, with our Naval cadets winning a gold medal in tug of war. Cadet Aman Kumar and Cadet Bahadur Bonal were also honored with trophies for their exceptional performances.

14 NCC Naval wing cadets from Damodar College attended the camp, which saw an overall participation of 350 cadets from 1

Goa Girls Battalion, NCC Junior and Senior wings, along with 28 Naval cadets from Goa.

The CATC camp provided valuable learning experiences for the cadets, fostering skills such as coordination, team building, communication, and understanding. These skills are expected to contribute to their personal growth and development as responsible citizens in the future.

Rasoi Utsav

7th December 2023



As a part of Bhartiya Bhasha Diwas celebrations, the Cultural Council in association with EBSB Club organised 'Rasoi Utsav' on 7th December, 2023 to celebrate the diversity in culture, arts, etc., and to make students experience the unity, harmony, and integrity of the nation. The programme commenced with the Principal and Vice Principal welcoming the judges, Mrs Sharmila Kamat, and Mrs Shraddha Lad, our Alumni and successful

entrepreneurs. The Principal addressed the participants, spoke about the food culture of India and praised them for taking up the challenge of presenting the traditional dishes of different states. Students from all programmes participated in the competition.

Around 12 dishes from different states were displayed by the students who participated in pairs as well as individually. The students had prepared a variety of traditional dishes from across India and presented their platters.

Kanika and Abigayle presented a Goan dish 'Dudhanche fov'; Unnati and Sarva presented a dish from

Uttarakhand 'Aloo Dal Pakora'; Nivita and Taniya presented a Gujarati dish of 'Dhokla, Handiyo, and Thepla'; Bhakti Mirashi presented a combined dish of Jharkhand and Bengal that is 'Madua Roti, and Rasogulla Thali'; Gudiya Bhati and Komal Botekar presented the Jharkhand dish of 'Duska and AlooBhaji, and Kakara Petha'; Sai and Rahul prepared a dish from Andhra Pradesh namely 'Pulihora' (Tamarind Rice); Tejas presented a dish called 'Duska & Aloo Chana sabzi'; a Goan dish of 'Dum Biryani' was presented by Sameer and Shallen, Vasvi and Purva prepared dishes from Maharashtra known as 'Sabudana vada & Puranpoli'; Karina and Naziya presented a Bihari Dish of 'Litti Chokha'; 'Chole Puri' a dish from Uttar Pradesh was prepared by Esha and Nidhi, and Shruti Paikhot presented a Goan dish known as 'Dudhacho Faral'.

The winners of the Rasoi Utsav were Gudiya Bhati and Komal Botekar, the 2nd place was bagged by Bhakti Mirashi, and the third place went to Shruti Paikhot. The Rasoi Utsav ended at noon.

Assistant Professors Dr Monica Patil and Ms Rama Borkar were the Coordinators of the programme and Ruby Mahato, Raghav Muroor, and Valenie Fernandes were the student coordinators.

Participation in Intercollegiate Event: Moneta 2023–24

7th to 9th December 2023



S. P. Mandali's R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Matunga - Mumbai organised 'Moneta 2023-24' from 7th to 9th December 2023. Moneta 2023-24 featured a diverse array of activities promoting the theme 'VittJagriti' which means 'Financial Awareness'. Two teams from B.Com programme and Management Studies Dept. participated in the event comprising of 12 students per team from each programme. The inaugural ceremony began at 9:00 a.m. on 7th December with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and a warm welcome to all the participants by the Principal of the College. Mr. Amish Mehta, MD of CRISIL was invited as the Chief

guest for the inaugural ceremony.

Moneta 2023 encompassed enlightening seminars, exploring subjects within the finance sector by top-notch professionals. The event also featured engaging competitions tailored to enhance the multifaceted aspects of the finance sector. A total of 13 events unfolded over the three days, including "Manobhav", "Bullring", "Corporate Board Room", "Production Paradox", etc. VVM's Shree Damodar College was represented by two teams: Tim Hortons - the B.Com students and Team Pizza Hut - BBA(FS) students.

The B.Com team, "Tim Hortons," consisted of Ms. Brionna Noronha being the Contingent Leader, Ms. Nidhi Kunde being Asst. Contingent Leader, Mr. Soham Gharse, Ms. Aditi Satardekar, Mr. Sathvik Satardekar, Mr. Vedang Bagade, Mr. Advait Ainpur, Ms. Abha Naik, Ms. Tanvi Tengse, Mr. Aditya Joshi, Mr. Vishal Kubawat and Mr. Aldric Menezes Gama. The BBA and BBA(FS) team, "Pizza Hut," comprised of Mr. Suyash Patki being the Contingent Leader, Mr. Aden Vaz being the Asst. Contingent Leader, Mr. Dhruv Kade, Mr. Sunil Dhanapnavar, Ms. Ayesha Rafiq, Mr. Afzal Shaikh, Ms. Pavitra Gadkar, Ms. Simran Sharma, Ms.

Uddhav Pai Talkatkar, Ms. Solonche Pereira, Mr. Devraj Choudhary, and Mr. Prajvalit Gaonkar. The two teams were guided and accompanied by Asst. Prof. Ainsley Bernard and Asst. Prof. Sushrusha Naik Khandekar.

Both the teams showcased exceptional skills with many members qualifying for final rounds and securing top positions. Tim Hortons received the Best PR Team award, while Mr. Suyash Patki, student from FY BBA(FS), the Contigent Leader of Team Pizza Hut earned the Best CL award for his excellent time management and leadership skills. Mr. Dhruv Kade, student from FY BBA(FS) and Mr. Suyash Patki, student from FY BBA(FS) secured second place and Mr. Vishal Kubawat, student from SY B.Com and Mr. Aldric Menezes Gama, student from TY B.Com secured third place in the event 'Beyond D-Street'. Mr. Afzal Shaikh student from SY BBA and Ms. Ayesha Rafiq, student from FY BBA(FS) won first place for the event 'Study in Scarlet'. Mr. Adez Vaz student from FY BBA(FS) and Mr. Sunil Dhanapnavar student from FY BBA(FS) won 2nd place for the event 'Manobhav'. Moneta 2023 concluded on 9th December at 9:00 p.m. The spirit of the event was encapsulated by the pursuit of knowledge, teamwork, and an overall enriching experience.

Yuva Sangam Phase-III

8th to 18th December 2023

NIT Goa organized Yuva Sangam Phase-III under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, a ten-day student exchange cultural program to Chhattisgarh from 8th to 18th December 2023. The primary objective of the student exchange program was to provide an enriching experience encompassing various facets of life, developmental milestones, and personal achievements for the youth.

The Yuva Sangam trip unfolded as a transformative odyssey transcending geographical boundaries, offering a profound exploration of Chhattisgarh's vibrant tapestry. Departing from the coastal allure of Goa, the caravan delved into the heart of India, embracing the amalgamation of history, culture, nature, and academia that awaited in Chhattisgarh. The journey can be delineated into nine sections.

Section 1: Goa - A Prelude to Cultural Diversity

The lively ambience of Goa set the stage for the adventures to come. The golden beaches, lively markets, and pulsating spirit of the State provided a contrasting backdrop to the upcoming exploration of Chhattisgarh's diverse landscapes.

Section 2: The Governor's House - A Glimpse into Political Heritage

On arrival in Chhattisgarh, a visit to the Governor's House marked the commencement. The majestic architectural marvel served as a testament to the political history of the state, offering an intriguing introduction to Chhattisgarh's administrative legacy.

Section 3: Sirpur Temples - Unraveling Ancient Mysteries

The journey unfolded further with a visit to Sirpur, a haven of ancient temples showcasing the craftsmanship and spiritual essence of Chhattisgarh. The intricately carved structures and the stories embedded within the temple walls transported participants to an era where art and spirituality converged seamlessly.

Section 4: Jungle Safari - A Thrilling Encounter with Wilderness

An exhilarating jungle safari was a highlight, venturing into the untamed wilderness of Chhattisgarh. From elusive wildlife to breathtaking landscapes, the safari provided an immersive experience, connecting participants with the rich biodiversity that defines the region.

Section 5: IGKV Raipur - Nurturing Agricultural Excellence

The educational turn of the expedition included a visit to the Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya in Raipur. The agricultural university proved to be a fountain of knowledge, offering insights into Chhattisgarh's agrarian landscape and the innovative practices shaping the future of agriculture.

Section 6: Raipur Market - A Melting Pot of Cultures

The vibrant pulse of Raipur's market drew participants into a kaleidoscope of colors, aromas, and traditions. Interacting with locals, sampling regional cuisine, and immersing in the bustling market scene provided a firsthand experience of Chhattisgarh's cultural diversity.

Section 7: Bhilai Steel Plant - Industrial Marvel and Economic Backbone

A visit to the Bhilai Steel Plant added an industrial perspective to the exploration. The colossal industrial complex, with its towering structures and humming machinery, offered a glimpse into the state's industrial prowess, adding an economic context to the journey.

Section 8: Chilpi Ghati - Serenity amidst Nature's Splendor

Chilpi Ghati, a serene location nestled amidst hills and verdant landscapes, provided a tranquil retreat. The picturesque surroundings offered moments of reflection, allowing participants to appreciate the beauty of nature and the peaceful respite it provided from the urban hustle.

Section 9: IIT Bhilai - Academic Excellence and Innovation

The academic turn of the journey included a stay at IIT Bhilai. Engaging with students and faculty members provided insights into Chhattisgarh's commitment to education and innovation. The modern infrastructure of the campus reflected the State's dedication to nurturing talent and fostering academic excellence.

Chhattisgarh, through the lens of the Yuva Sangam trip, emerged as a vibrant mosaic, inviting the participants to explore its depths and appreciate the multifaceted identity it proudly embraces.

Chandrakant Vishvakarma (SY B.Com D) and Sanketh Shriodkar (TY B.Com A) participated in Yuva Sangam-III. They were also a part of Yuga Sangam Phase-I to Himachal Pradesh from 15th -25th May 2023 with 45 other students from across Goa.

'Bhartiya Bhasha Diwas'

9th December 2023

The Cultural Council in collaboration with EBSB Club organized a spectacular "Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas" on 9th December 2023. This event aimed at celebrating the linguistic kaleidoscope of India, engaging both students and staff in activities that highlighted the nation's rich cultural heritage. A distinctive feature of Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas was the spirited participation of the College staff in a State representation competition. Staff members formed groups, each encapsulating the essence of a different state. The competition, judged by Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya, added an element of friendly competition and camaraderie among the staff, showcasing their creativity and passion for representing India's diverse cultural landscape.



For the student body, the event featured three enthralling competitions. The Rasoi Utsav competition became a melting pot of flavours as students crafted dishes representative of various States. The folk-dance segment transformed the stage into a lively canvas of traditional dances from different regions, while the fashion show unfolded as a vibrant tapestry of diverse attires, offering a visual feast that resonated with the cultural richness of India. To ensure impartiality and expertise in the evaluation process, external judges were invited to scrutinize the competitions. Their professional insight added a layer of

credibility to the results, enhancing the overall quality of the event. This external perspective not only reinforced fairness but also provided valuable feedback to participants, fostering a culture of continuous improvement. The winners of the different competitions were as follows:

Bharatiya Lok Nritya Sanskriti Sparsh				
Place	Team Name	Members	Class	Division
FIRST PLACE	Vishakha's Team	Vishakha Kumari	SY B.Com	C
		Safaa Sayed		B
		Kajal Kadam		B
		Prernalti		D
		Bhoviya Dharenavar		A
		Priyadarshini Gouda		A
		Tejal Redkar		C
SECOND PLACE	Prachi's Team	Prachi Naik	FY B.Com	A
		Livy Dourado		A
		Purva Kane		D
		Vasvi Dhuri		A
		Divya Turkar		A
		Dipsika Naik		A
		Tanya Silveira		A
		Melisha Baptista		A
		Arya Parshetye		A
		Virasri Dhuri		B
		Deepty Singh		A
		Mitali Chari		C

Bhartiya Vivid Vastra Yatra Chitran				
Place	Team Name	Members	Class	Division
FIRST PLACE	4 Bharat	Padmaja Shirodkar	SY B.Com	D
		Lavanya Mhapsekar		C
		Riya Borkar		B
		Ankita Arondekar		A
		Annu Sharma		A
		Angel Costa		B
		Nisha Marai Fernandes		C
		Vishnu Patel		A

		Zameer	D
		Vaishnavi Naik	A
SECOND PLACE		Aemisha Rodrigues	Part-I
		Alrich Raniel Fernandes	Part-I
		Anrich Antony Rodrigues	Part-I
		Anusha Rodrigues	Part-I
		Aruna Khandappa Mali	Part-I
		Glynn Shannyn Gomindes	Part-I
		Isaq Ebrahim	Part-I
		Ivon Nazario Fernandes	Part-I
		Majushri Mallikarjun Hiremani	Part-I
		Vanshitaa Shailesh Naik	Part-I
		Sheryl Francisca Antao	Part-I
		Zia Fernandes	Part-I
		Sunia Boruah	Part-I
		Shruti Pai Khot	Part-II

These talented individuals were awarded trophies and certificates to recognize their outstanding achievements.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms. Koel Jana from TYB.Com (A). Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar, Ms. Delisha Rebello, Dr. Sheetal Arondekar and Ms. Ashwina Tari Volvoikar were the faculty coordinators for the event.

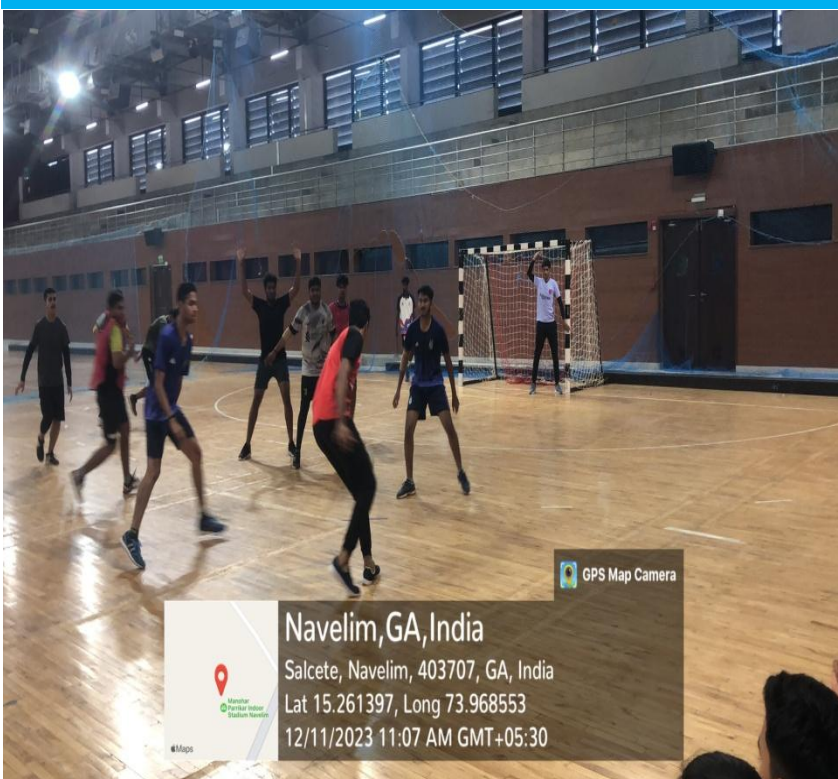
The comperes for the day were:

1. Ms. Siddhi Gawade – TY BCA
2. Mr. Kewal Patel – TY B.Com (A)

The event was a resounding success. One of the event's notable achievements is the sense of community it cultivated. By bringing together students, faculty, and staff from different backgrounds, the Cultural Council succeeded in creating a space where everyone felt a sense of belonging. This communal spirit not only enhances the vibrancy of our campus but also contributes to the broader goal of promoting cultural understanding and inclusivity. 40 students participated in the event.

Inter-Class Handball Tournament (Men & Women)

9th & 11th December 2023



The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized a Handball Intramural Tournament for Men and Women on December 9th and 11th, 2023, at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, Goa, starting at 9:00 am. 11 teams participated in the tournament, comprising 7 men's teams and 4 women's teams.

The tournament commenced with a warm welcome by Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, the College Director of Physical Education and Sports. Following the welcome, Mr. Saurabh Raikar, Instructor in Physical Education, provided the participating teams with a

comprehensive briefing on the tournament rules and regulations.

The competition followed a knock-out format, and fixtures were designed through a draw. Each match had a duration of 20 minutes, both for the Men's and Women's categories. The tournament not only provided a platform for intense competition but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship among the participants. The Result of the Handball tournament are:

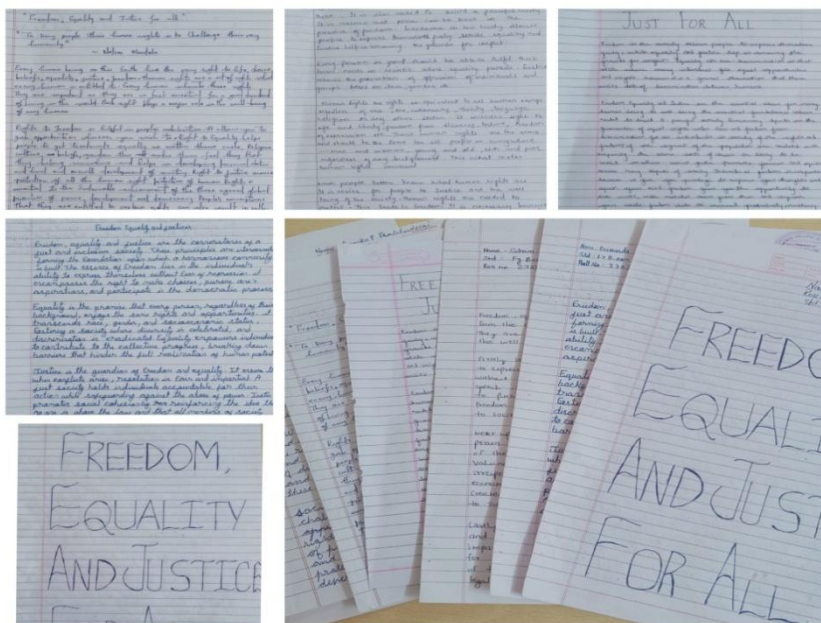
Name of the Team (Men)	Name of the Team (Women)	Position
M.COM-II	SY & TY B.COM	1 st Place
BCA	FY B.COM	2 nd Place
SY B.COM	M.COM	3 rd Place
Best Player (Men)	Best Player (Women)	
Mr. Hassan Raza	Ms. Janise Dias	

The Chief Guest for the tournament was Ms. Jane D'Silva, SAG Handball Coach, and the officials for the event were Ms. Jabiullah Bankapur and Ms. Lester Costa, both National Handball Players. Ms. Jane D'Silva delivered a brief speech highlighting the significance of organizing handball intramural tournaments and motivated the students for actively participating in such events. Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, the College Director of Physical Education & Sports, provided a report summarizing the Handball Intramural event.

The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Siddhivinayak Hadapad, General Secretary of the Sports Council of the College.

Essay Writing Competition on Human Rights Day

10th to 14th December 2023



To commemorate Human Rights Day, the NSS unit of the College organized Essay Writing Competition on the theme “Freedom, Equality and Justice for all”. The competition was kept open for five days, where students were instructed to submit their hand written essays from 10th to 14th December 2023. The main objective of organizing the competition was to foster awareness, critical thinking, and articulate expressions among participants regarding the significance of human rights in our society. 11 NSS students participated in

the Competition.

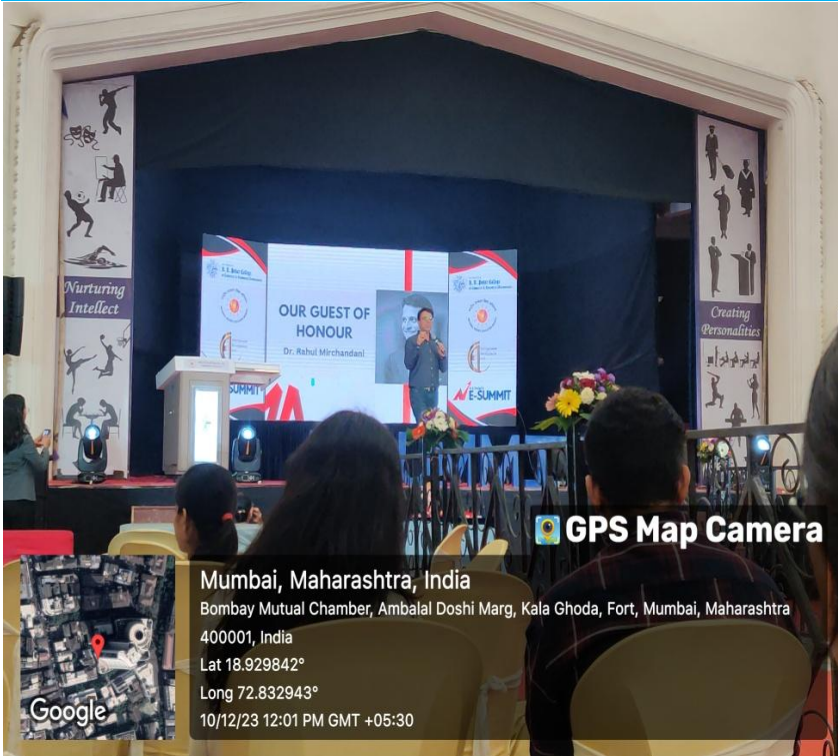
The winners of the essay writing competition were:

- 1st Place: Privanda Arolkar FY B.Com ‘A’
- 2nd Place: Spurti Taukari SY B.Com ‘C’
- 3rd Place: Koel Jana TY B.Com ‘B’

The activity was coordinated by NSS PO In charge Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO Ms. Akshada Gaonkar and NSS PO Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar.

Participation in ESummit (Business Plan Competition) 2023–24

10th December 2023



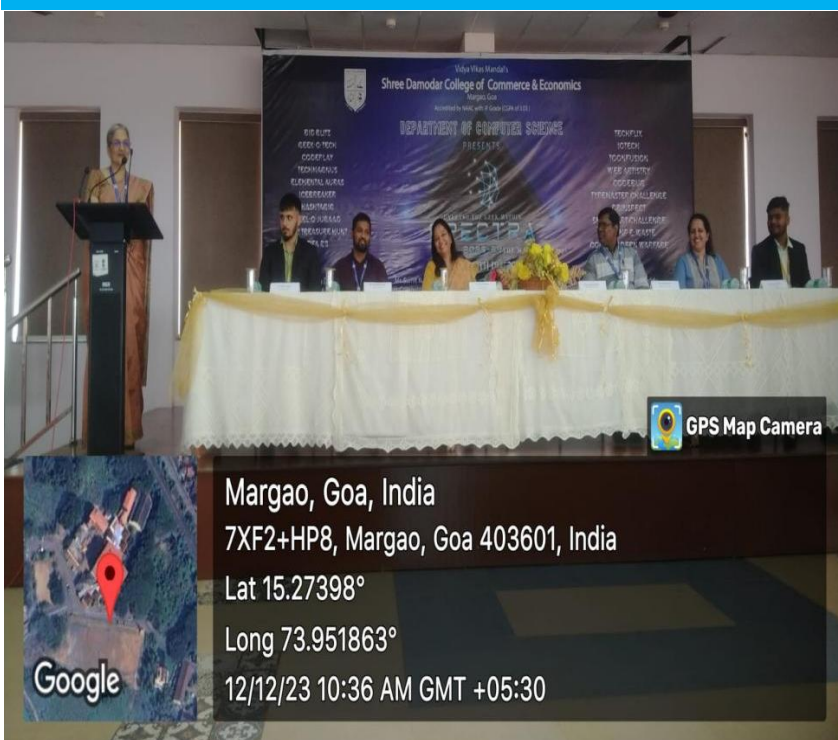
One Day National Level ESummit was organised by R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Matunga - Mumbai on 10th December 2023. The ESummit focused on inculcating the spirit of entrepreneurship among the youth. The summit began with the lighting of lamp by the dignitaries, followed by a welcome address by the Principal of R. A. Podar College. Dr. Rahul Mirchandani, Chairman & Managing Director of Aries Agro Ltd. was invited as the Guest of Honour for the event. Dr. Mirchandani addressed the gathering with his enlightening speech focusing on

startups and funding avenues available for the same. He encouraged the young minds to innovate and generate unique business ideas.

A National Level Business Plan Competition was organised as a part of the ESummit. 24 students from B.Com, BBA and BBA(FS) attended the Conference. 5 teams from B.Com, BBA & BBA(FS) participated in the Business Plan Competition and presented unique Business Plans showcasing competitive product ideas, marketing strategies, financial viability and economic feasibility of the project. The students were guided and accompanied by Asst. Prof. Ainsley Bernard and Asst. Prof. Sushrusa Naik Khandekar. The ESummit concluded at 2.30 p.m. with the Vote of Thanks proposed by the Principal of the College.

State Level IT Fest SPECTRA 2023-24

12th & 13th December 2023



The Department of Computer Science organized a two-day State Level IT Fest SPECTRA 2023-24 on 12th and 13th December 2023. The event catered to BCA and B.Voc. undergraduate students from various colleges across Goa, and witnessed participation by 90 students from five different institutions in all 20 events, including on-stage, off-stage, lab events, and gaming activities.

The inaugural function on Day 1 commenced with an invocation song, lamp lighting, and a welcome address by Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya. Mr. Ramkrishna Reddy, Event Coordinator, briefed the audience about Spectra.

The Chief Guest for the function was Mrs. Ekta Agarwal, CEO and Founder of S. S. Technologies. She emphasized the importance of bridging the gap between Industry and Academia and highlighted the importance

of Life Skills through such events as an added advantage to the student for better future prospects. The Spectra Trophies were unveiled by the dignitaries during the Inaugural. SYBCA student, Ms. Sujal Naik, proposed the Vote of Thanks for the Inaugural function. The compere for the Inaugural function was Ms. Nidhi Nagvekar, student of FYBCA.

The participating colleges included Goa Multi-Faculty College Dharbandora, Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Navelim, Don Bosco College, Panjim, MES College of Arts and Commerce Zuarinagar and Saraswat College, Mapusa.

New events were introduced at Spectra this year, including IOTech, showcasing student creations in the Internet of Things.

Names of Judges and Event Names are as mentioned below:

- Mr. Mohsin Shaikh, MoU Partner and CEO & Founder of haztech for Tech Magnus, IOTech and Elemental Auras.
- Mr. Sameer Alve, Director, Business Development , Photojaanic.com for REEL-o- JUGAAD
- Alumnus Mr. Aftab Mohammad, Founder of nuste.in for Tech Magnus
- Alumnus Mr. Neizel Antao, Manager - IT Operations, Data Center for Techflix
- Ms. Sharmila Kunde, former Associate Professor for Revamp eWaste
- Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker, Communication Designer and Visiting Faculty for Revamp eWaste
- Dr. Maithili Naik, Assistant Professor for Elemental Auras
- Ms. Ashwina Tari Volvoikar, Assistant Professor for Techflix

The Valedictory Function on Day 2 featured Chief Guest Mr. Chetan Rane, Technology Lead at Isprava Vesta Pvt. Ltd. He emphasized the importance of teamwork and collaboration skills in a professional environment. Winners of SPECTRA 2023-24 were Rosary College, Navelim and the Runners Up were Don Bosco College, Panjim. All the winners were given Trophies and Certificates for all Individual Events. Winners of Elemental Auras and Ice Breaker were given Vouchers and Discount Coupons sponsored by Dream Avenue Margao and Photojaanic.com.

Mrs. Sweta P. Shet Verenkar, Event Coordinator proposed the Vote of Thanks. The success of Spectra 2023-24 was attributed to the College Management, Principal, Vice Principals, faculty, and staff, as well as the enthusiastic participation of students and competitors from various colleges across Goa.

Investor Awareness Programme

13th December 2023



The Department of Commerce and Management, in collaboration with the Goa Branch (WIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), organized an enlightening session on the 'Art of Budgeting - Basics of Personal Finance' on 13th December 2023. The session aimed to enhance investor awareness among the students and participants, shedding light on fundamental principles crucial for personal

financial management.

The Resource person for the session was CA Yogesh Kulkarni, CEO, Global Finance Professionals Pvt. Ltd. His comprehensive knowledge and expertise in the domain provided attendees with valuable insights into the nuances of budgeting and personal finance management.

CA Yogesh Kulkarni delved into various facets of budgeting, elucidating its significance in personal finance. He covered essential topics including understanding Budgeting, Financial Goal Setting, Budget Allocation, Debt Management and Investment Basics.

The session witnessed active participation from students and faculty members of the Department of Commerce and Management. The event was overseen by the Teacher Incharge, comprising Asst. Prof. Ainsley Bernard, Asst. Prof. Sandesh Gaonkar, Asst. Prof. Swati Bhat and Asst. Prof. Akshada Gaonkar who facilitated the smooth conduct of the session.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Safaa Sayad, student from SY B.Com, expressing gratitude to CA Yogesh Kulkarni for his insightful session and acknowledging the collaborative efforts of the Department of Commerce and Management and the Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI for organizing such an educative and impactful event. 113 students attended the session.

Exploring Career Opportunities for Women in the Banking Sector

14th December 2023



The Career Cell and Women's Cell, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resource Management, RBI Panjim Regional Office-Goa, organized an insightful session titled 'Exploring Career Opportunities for Women in the Banking Sector' on 14th December 2023. The session aimed to enlighten female students about the diverse career opportunities available to them at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and to provide a deeper understanding of the facilities offered to women officers.

At the onset of the session, Dr. Lira Gama, Convenor of Women's Cell welcomed the Resource Person and addressed the gathering. She informed the participants that this was an initiative of the RBI to generate awareness about career prospects and the facilities available for lady officers at the RBI. The Resource Persons for this session were Mr. Yogesh Manjrekar and Smt. Ruchita D'Souza, Officers at RBI, Panjim.

Mr. Manjrekar provided valuable insights into the opportunities available for women considering careers with the RBI. The RBI's role in catering to the entire nation was emphasized, highlighting the impact employees can have on the nation's financial landscape. Further, the speaker highlighted that working at the RBI, primarily located in city areas, ensures good living conditions even after transfers, offering stability uncommon in commercial banks. The session underscored the significance of working for the betterment of society and dealing with the global economic scenario, positioning the RBI as a place for impactful contributions.

Ms. Ruchita accentuated that the RBI offers a range of perks for women such as accommodation, competitive compensation, coverage of medical and vehicle expenses, maternity leave, and support for child education expenses. Employees interested in further studies in banking are encouraged, with the RBI covering the fees for educational pursuits. She further explained the recruitment process of the central bank and the ways for preparing for exams. The inclusive nature of the organization and its commitment to gender diversity in the banking sector makes it a promising choice for aspiring female professionals to work with the Central Bank.

92 female students attended the session gaining substantial benefits from the valuable information and insights shared. The event concluded with Ms. Pooja Shanbhag delivering the Vote of Thanks and expressing her gratitude to all the dignitaries, participants, and the organizers.

'Career in Sales: Opportunities, Rewards & Enabling Skills'

15th December 2023



The Centre for Excellence in Sales organized an enlightening session titled 'Career in Sales: Opportunities, Rewards & Enabling Skills' on 15th December, 2023, in Hall No. 02. The primary objective of the session was to provide the students with comprehensive knowledge about the prospects and intricacies of a career in sales. 115 students attended the session reflecting their keen interest in the subject matter.

The event commenced with an opening address by Principal, Professor Prita D. Mallya. Following this, Mr. Suhas Mallya introduced the distinguished Resource Person, Mr. Prashant Desai, who has an extensive 30years career in sales, having

served in over 15 countries worldwide.

Mr. Prashant Desai commenced the session by delving into the contemporary landscape of sales. He provided valuable insights into why pursuing a career in sales is a commendable choice, emphasizing aspects such as earning potential, job security, work-life balance, travel opportunities, networking prospects, competitive dynamics, and the diversity inherent in the field. Furthermore, he outlined the essential skills that contribute to the success of a sales executive and elucidated on the hierarchical structure within the FMCG sector.

Ms. Nandita Borkar, student member of Centre of Excellence in Sales proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Resource Person, all the participants and contributors for making the event a resounding success. Dr. Shami Pai, Convenor of Centre of Excellence in Sales was the Coordinator of the event. The members of CoE in sales, who were also involved in the organisation of the event were Dr Rodney D'Silva, Dr Sheetal Arondekar, Dr Maithili Naik, Ms Pooja Shanbhag and Ms Marjina Shaikh.

Pop-Up Bazaar

15th December 2023



The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized a Pop-Up Bazaar on 15th December 2023 from 10 am to 12.30 pm to provide them with a platform to showcase their entrepreneurial skills, foster community engagement, and provide a platform for networking and collaboration.

Students set up a total of six stalls offering a mix of recipes such as fruit salad, sandwiches, range of chaat items, beverages, innovative twists on classics, and fusion creations, providing a unique gastronomic experience for customers. They also set up a

Games Stall with innovative games for entertaining the audience. These activities helped them to apply the knowledge acquired through classroom discussions on a practical ground. Students also acquired the skill of preparing item specific budget, cost management and profit generation.

The event's multifaceted approach, combining entrepreneurship, education, and entertainment, contributed to its overall success. The positive feedback received from participating teams suggests that such initiatives are valuable in fostering a spirit of innovation, collaboration, and community engagement among students.

This report has been drafted by Ms. Switi Gawas, M.Com Part-II.

Hands-on workshop on “e-Portfolio designing”

15th December 2023



The Tech Trendz Club of the Department of Computer Science in association with Career Cell & Training Internship Placement Cell organized an a hands-on workshop on “e-Portfolio Designing” on 15th December 2023 in the smart classroom from 11.15 am to 1.15 pm., for the students of BCA and B.Voc.(ST). Mr. Andrew Barreto, Assistant Professor from Chowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Margao served as the Resource Person. The primary objective of the workshop was to guide students in creating a digital space that showcases evidence of their educational and/or

professional achievements, along with reflective writing about their experiences.

In preparation for the hands-on session, pre-workshop tasks were assigned on December 14, 2023. Students were instructed to collect relevant materials such as photos, posters, videos, etc., related to assignments or projects they had undertaken. Additionally, they were asked to write an introduction about themselves to

facilitate a thoughtful and comprehensive e-portfolio.

On December 15, 2023, the workshop began with a formal introduction of Mr. Andrew Barreto by Ms. Riya Shinde, a student of FY BCA B. Mr. Barreto initiated the session with an overview of portfolios and e-portfolios, discussing various types and emphasizing the importance of creating a personal brand through introspective writing. He provided insights into when and how to create an e-portfolio and shared details about free e-portfolio platforms, including site.google.com, Wix.com, and FlipHTML5.

Students were then tasked with creating their e-portfolios using site.google.com and the resources collected during the pre-workshop phase. Each participant had to articulate their learning philosophy, with special recognition given to Zabez Rodrigues, a student of SY B.Voc.(ST), for his outstanding write-up.

The workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Shahrul Hirekeri from FY BCA Div B. Feedback from students, including Bhakti Mirashi, Shahid Shaikh, and Showil Rebello, reflected the collaborative and appreciative spirit of the workshop. 21 students attended this workshop.

Participation in XIIIth Annual National Technology Festival

15th & 16th December 2023



Students of the Department of Computer Science participated in the XIIIth Annual National Technology Festival “Noesis” at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim on 15th and 16th December 2023. 10 students participated in the event.

Students participated in various event categories like Web Weavers, Code Crunchers, Media Masters, Brainy Beings, Gamers Grove and Swing of Fortune. Mr Khushal Naik and Mr. Yogesh Yadav of FY B.Voc.(ST) won the first place in Bug IT event under Web Weavers category and students from SY B.Voc.(ST), Mr Sam

Miranda and Mr Rahul Bukkam won first place in synclt event under Media Masters category.

The event was well organized and the students were happy with the experience.

Christmas Fiesta

16th December 2023

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Department of Management Studies and the Department of Economics & Banking of the College in association with Goa State Biodiversity Board, Mahila Mandal Madgaon and Aamhi Udyogini Pratishthan organized “*Christmas Fiesta*” on 16th December 2023 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm in Hall No 1 of the Central Block.

This event as a part of an outreach programme aimed to provide a platform for local vendors fostering the promotion of their products and igniting the entrepreneurial spirit among students. 42 stalls were a part of this event, comprising 37 stalls by local vendors and 5 by students.



The Compere, Ms. Dhriti Bene, a student of FY B.Com, welcomed the participants and visitors to “Christmas Fiesta”.

As a part of the inaugural, the event commenced with the ribbon cutting followed by the lighting of the lamp. Mrs. Reshma Kerkar, Scientific and Administrative Officer, Goa State Biodiversity Board was the Chief Guest for the day. Ms. Brionna, a student of TY B.Com introduced the Chief Guest.

The Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya expressed her sincere gratitude to all the participants

for their outstanding efforts in putting up a wide range of stalls and conveyed her wishes for a successful event. Mrs. Reshma Kerkar in her address commended the participants for their immense enthusiasm and dedication in setting up a plethora of stalls. The dais was also graced by other dignitaries namely, Mrs Deepali Naik, Project Director DRDA South Goa, Mrs Ranjita Pai, Chairperson of the Goa State Commission for Women and Mrs Rina Panandikar, President of Mahila Mandal Madgaon.

A variety of stalls displaying an array of items including eatables and delicious Christmas sweets, jewellery, scented candles, handmade organic products, clothing and home decor were offered for sale. The event was open to the general public as well as the staff and students of the College, who enjoyed shopping during the event.

Dr. Lira M. Gama, Head, Department of Economics & Banking proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Christmas Fiesta was a celebration of community, creativity and entrepreneurship. The event was a great success. The teachers in charge of the event were Dr. Lina Sadekar, IQAC Coordinator, Dr Lira M. Gama, HoD, Economics & Banking and Mrs. Snehal Alve, HoD Management Studies.

‘Millet Utsav’

16th December 2023



The Directorate of Agriculture, Caranzalem, organized the Celebration of “**Millet Utsav**”- Celebration of International Year of **Millets** 2023 on 16th December 2023 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. 12 students of B.Com Programme performed a Street Play titled “Millets chi Kani”.

The street play on millets aimed to create awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of millets. Millets are a group of small-seeded grains that have been a staple in traditional diets for centuries. However, due to the shift towards more

mainstream grains, millets have faced neglect despite their numerous advantages. The street play served as a creative and engaging platform to convey the message of incorporating millets into daily diets for a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle.

The street Play successfully conveyed the importance of millets in promoting nutrition, health, and sustainability. The creative and interactive approach engaged the audience, making the message memorable and impactful. The play will inspire individuals to make conscious choices in favor of millets, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable future.

Career Opportunities in Beauty and Wellness Industry

18th December 2023



The Career Cell organised an awareness session on Career Opportunities in the Beauty and Wellness Industry on 18th December 2023 from 11.15am to 12.00 pm in class 216. The event aimed to enlighten students about the diverse and evolving nature of the beauty and wellness sector, providing insights into potential career paths and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The Resource Person for the session was Mr. Clasto Estibeiro, alumnus and Owner of Orane International Beauty and Wellness Academy, Margao, Goa. Ms. Pooja

Shanbhag, the Convenor of the Career Cell, welcomed the students and the guest speaker, emphasizing the industry's growth driven by changing consumer preferences, increased awareness of self-care and evolving beauty standards.

Segment 1: Academy Overview and Industry Landscape:

Mr. Clasto Estibeiro began by providing an overview of his academy and the beauty industry at large. He highlighted the academy's role in shaping young minds and imparting quality skill education for employability at both national and international levels. Emphasizing the industry's diversity, he discussed the wide range of services and products, including skincare, haircare, spa treatments, fitness, and holistic wellness, creating numerous opportunities for aspiring professionals.

Segment 2: Earning Potential and Freelancing:

The second segment of the session focused on highlighting the earning potential and scope for freelancing in this industry. He gave examples of how students working part time are making huge profit margins and creating a second revenue stream. The speaker highlighted some of the income-generating opportunities within this industry.

Overall the session was very informative and interactive. Students got an opportunity to ask questions and clarify their doubts. The session ended at 12.00 pm with a Vote of Thanks proposed by the convenor. 50 students attended the session.

Mock Gram Sabha Competition

18th December 2023

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As a step towards strengthening Participatory Governance among students, the Goa Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (GIPARD), Ella Farm, Old Goa, Goa, organised a Youth Gram Sabha competition for students on 18th December 2023 at its premises.

27 students of the College participated in the competition. The Inter-collegiate event was held in two phases, Stage I: the Preparatory phase for Gram Sabha (Video) where the students had to make a video of promotion of the Gram Sabha meeting in

the village, which was displayed before the enactment, and Stage II, where the proceedings of Gram Sabha had to be enacted.

Assistant Professor Dr. Monica M. Patil was the Coordinator of the programme.

Money Matters 6.0

18th December 2023

The "Money Matters" series is an initiative of the Department of Management Studies, focusing on cultivating financial awareness and skills among Higher Secondary students. "Money Matters 6.0" event took place on 18th December 2023, with participation from 10 Higher Secondary schools and a total of 11 teams.

The compères for the event were Ms. Ayesha Rafiq, Ms. Delilah Vaz and Ms. Sternal Fernandes, students of the Management Studies department. They welcomed the dignitaries, participants and

faculty members of different institutions who accompanied the students.

As a part of the inaugural, the event commenced with an enthusiastic speech by our Chief guest Mr. Brendon Mascarenhas a CFA Charter holder. The speech was followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and the event was declared open by Mr. Brendon.

The event featured multiple competitions that tested participants' knowledge in areas such as financial planning, investment strategies, and economic trends. Teams had the opportunity to showcase their analytical abilities through case studies, presentations, and interactive sessions. The panel of experienced judges for every sub-event was comprised of experts, and faculty members from the Department of Commerce and Computer

Science.

For the closing ceremony the Chief guest Mr. Mohan Undakoti, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts- Navelim, briefly spoke on the importance of financial literacy. This ceremony featured the much-anticipated awards distribution, recognizing outstanding achievements in various categories. The winning team R. M. Salgaocar Higher Secondary School and the Runner-up team S.S. Angle Higher Secondary were recognized for their exceptional performances. Trophies and prizes were presented to the winning teams and certificates were presented to the participating teams acknowledging their dedication and exceptional performances.

The Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya expressed her sincere gratitude to all the participants for their outstanding efforts and conveyed her wishes for a successful event. "Money Matters 6.0" proved to be a resounding success, achieving its objective of promoting financial literacy and fostering a spirit of healthy competition among Higher Secondary students.

Ms. Delisha Rebello, Assistant Professor in Commerce was the Faculty Coordinator of the event. Mr. Myron Soares and Ms. Sakshi Talaulikar were the Student Coordinators of the event.

TY BCA Project Presentations with Industry Mentors

18th December 2023



The TY BCA students showcased their project progress and had a discussion on the same with Industry Mentors on 18th December 2023 from 9:00am - 1:45pm. This event aimed to provide a platform for students to present their progress of the projects and receive valuable feedback from experienced professionals in the field. Industry mentors who were on the panel for this presentation were: Mr. Suhas Mallya, Executive Director, EMCO GOA Pvt Ltd, Ms. Ekta Agarwal, CEO & Co-founder, SS Technologies, Ms. Sharmila Kunde,

Academian, Ex-Associate Prof. Dept of IT, SDCCE, Mr. Mohsin Shaikh, CEO & Co-founder, Haztech Innovation and Mr. Chetan Rane, Project Lead, Isprava Hospitality Pvt. Ltd. 12 project groups presented their progress on GUI/implementation of the projects.

This was a follow up presentation with Industry mentors after the 1st presentation which was held on 16th September 2023. Industry mentors also gave their valuable feedback on the live projects given by management and other projects.

Acting on the suggestions received for Tech Tank on 16th September 2023 by Council Chairperson, Ms. Ekta Agarwal, there were interactive sessions arranged in the fields of Gaming and Animation and also an interactive session was organized with BBA faculty Ms. Ashwini Devari and students, for TY BCA students who are doing a project based on trading.

75 students were a part of this activity.

Session on “Emerging Trends in AI industry”

20th December 2023



The Department of Computer Science, organized a session on "Emerging Trends in the AI Industry" on 20th December, 2023 from 9:00 to 11:00 am for the BCA and B.Voc.(ST) students. The Resource Person for the session was Mr. Saurabh Kanekar, Engineering Lead in Machine Learning Competency at Persistent Systems.

The welcome address was delivered by a student from TY B.Voc.(ST), Malik Rehan. Following this, the Principal, Prof. Prita Mallya, extended a warm welcome to our distinguished Resource Person, emphasizing the significance of workshops like this in

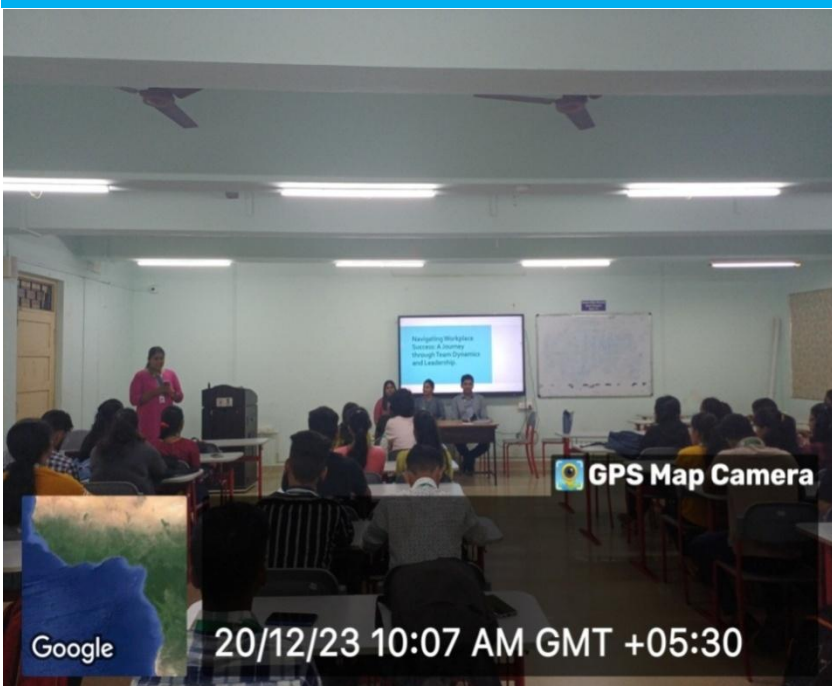
keeping our students informed about the ever-evolving landscape of technology.

Mr. Saurabh Kanekar, a professional in the Information Technology field, commenced his lecture by giving a brief overview of the AI landscape and how the IT industry revolves around AI today. Students were informed about various applications of artificial intelligence (AI) used in the IT industry and how the development progresses with AI. He also discussed how AI relates to Machine Learning and Data Science and their importance to the IT industry today. Furthermore, Mr. Saurabh mentioned how AI works in a multidisciplinary environment and how the tools and platforms are accessible to students.

As the session neared its end, an interactive Q&A session took place, allowing students to pose their queries and seek clarifications about the AI industry. Ms. Shaina Kamat from FY B.Voc.(ST) proposed the Vote of Thanks. 110 students and 5 faculty members attended the session. Overall, the session was informative, engaging, and succeeded in enhancing students' understanding of the subject matter.

Navigating Workplace Success: A Journey through Team Dynamics and Leadership

20th December 2023



The Post Graduate Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Alumni Engagement Cell, hosted a Guest Session titled "Navigating Workplace Success: A Journey through Team Dynamics and Leadership" on 20th December 2023, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Smart Classroom. The session was conducted by alumna Ms. Lisa D'Souza, a seasoned Soft Skills Trainer, and Personality Coach. It aimed to provide students with valuable insights into the significance of Team Dynamics and Leadership in the

workplace.

Ms. Petalia Coutinho from M.Com Part II, extended a warm welcome to the audience and introduced Ms. Lisa D'Souza as the Resource Person. Ms. D'Souza delved into key aspects of workplace success, focusing on the importance of teamwork, different leadership styles, and effective conflict management.

During the session, Ms. D'Souza emphasized the crucial role of teamwork in achieving organizational goals and highlighted various leadership styles that contribute to a positive and productive work environment. She also provided practical strategies for conflict management, recognizing its role in fostering a healthy workplace culture. The interactive session allowed students to actively engage with the topic, posing questions and sharing their perspectives on team dynamics and leadership. Ms. D'Souza's expertise and engaging delivery facilitated a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.

50 students from M.Com Part I and Part II actively participated in the session, gaining valuable insights for their future professional endeavours. The flyer for the session was thoughtfully designed by Ms. Disha Gaonkar of M.Com Part I, adding a creative touch to the event. This report has been prepared by Ms. Petalia Coutinho, M.Com Part II.

First Responder Training Program

20th December 2023



The Department of Physical Education and Sports, in collaboration with EMRI Green Health Services, organized a comprehensive First Responders Training Program on 20th December 2023 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. 70 students participated in the training.

Mr. Saurabh Raikar, Instructor in Physical Education, skillfully compered the event, ensuring its smooth progression. Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya addressed the gathering, emphasizing the critical role of such training in building a community resilient to emergencies. Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, College Director of Physical Education and Sports, extended a warm

welcome by introducing the distinguished EMRI team.

The training program covered various essential topics, beginning with an introduction to first aid courses, followed by in-depth discussions on medical emergencies, trauma emergencies, environmental emergencies, and CPR. Theoretical knowledge was complemented by practical sessions, where students actively engaged in learning adult CPR, adult and infant choking responses, as well as dressing, bandaging, and splinting techniques.

Under the guidance of the EMRI GHS team, led by Mr. Sateesh Kumar Kama, four experienced trainers shared their expertise with the participants. The practical sessions provided hands-on experience, ensuring that students could apply their newfound knowledge in real-life emergency situations.

An exam was conducted to assess the understanding and skills acquired during the training. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to provide feedback through a feedback form, contributing to the continuous improvement of the program.

The training day concluded with a closing ceremony, during which certificates were distributed to the successful trainees. The College Director of Physical Education and Sports proposed the Vote of Thanks, underlining the collaborative effort that made the program a success.

Pop up Bazaar

21st & 22nd December 2023



The Department of Commerce & Management's Commerce Club organized a two-day Pop-Up Bazaar on 21st and 22nd December, 2023, adjacent to the Multipurpose Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The primary objective was to foster the development of budding entrepreneurs within the college by furnishing them with a platform to gain business exposure. The bazaar showcased a diverse range of stalls vending snacks, sweets, and beverages.

A total of 09 stalls were set up for the event, 05 on Day 1 and 04 on Day 2. 41 students

from FY B.Com C division actively participated in the activity. This activity was organized as a part of Elements of Cost subject. The teacher in-charge of the activity was Ms. Marjina Shaikh, Convenor of the Commerce Club.

All India Trekking Expedition -Kerala Trek-I

22nd & 29th December 2023



The All India Trekking Expedition - Kerala Trek-I was organized by 18 K Battalion NCC(Kerala) in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kulamavu in Idukki district of Kerala from 22nd to 29th December 2023. The primary objective of the camp was to instill self-confidence in cadets and prepare them to face challenges in any environment.

Upon arrival, Brig. Biju Shantharam, the Director of the Kerala Trek -I, addressed the 510 cadets and ANOs. He extended a warm welcome to the cadets from five different directorates, namely Karnataka and Goa

Directorate, Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Directorate, Tamil Nadu Directorate, and Maharashtra Directorate. The main activity of the camp, trekking, was conducted through four

different routes, including two educational treks and two treks to tourist places. Major General J S Mangat, VSM, ADG Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate, presented a token of appreciation to Karnataka and Goa Directorate for their exceptional skills during the camp.

2 Cadets from Damodar College namely, Cadet Omkar Verlekar and Cadet Sweetu Kumar represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate in the All India Trekking Expedition - Kerala Trek-I.

The selection of cadets for this camp was based on physical and medical tests.

Sagar Manthan Program

24th December 2023



Panchjanya had organized 'Sagar Manthan' Conclave on 24th December 2023 at Novotel Goa Dona Sylvia Resort, South Goa on the occasion of the birthday of Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, the founding editor of the weekly news magazine 'Panchjanya' and former Prime Minister. The conclave focused on Good Governance: Politics 2.0.

Eminent people from different fields such as Union Minister Anurag Thakur, Rajiv Chandrashekhar, General VK Singh, Nitin Gadkari, and State Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant, were part of the 'Sagar Manthan' program. During the conclave, various

aspects of future India, environment, welfare schemes and good governance were discussed.

The program was attended by Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO Incharge, Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar, NSS PO and Ms. Akshada Gaonkar NSS PO along with 102 students from our college.

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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