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Poster Making Competition "Chandrayaan 3 - Taking India to the Moon."

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Govt. College of Commerce and Economics, Borda organized Poster making competition on the theme "Chandrayaan 3 - Taking India to the Moon" on 30th August, 2023. The aim was to engage students in creative expression while fostering an understanding of India's space exploration endeavors.

Kartik Sanikatta, student of SY B.Com bagged the First Place and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3,000/-. His artistic skills and thoughtful interpretation of the theme set him apart from other participants. His poster effectively conveyed the significance of Chandrayaan 3 and showcased India's strides in

lunar exploration. The student was trained by Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar, Asst. Professor in Commerce & Management.

The College looks forward to participating in similar events that foster creativity, innovation, and a sense of national pride.

NOS: Employability and Entrepreneurship skills

11th September 2023-10th January 2024



The Department of Computer Science organized a training session on Employability and Entrepreneurship skills for FY B.Voc.(ST) students from 11th September 2023 to 10th January 2024 as part of the skill component of the JSD Module Qualification Pack. The primary objective was to enhance the employability and entrepreneurial potential of the students, covering a range of topics, including stress management, interview preparation, effective resume writing, digital literacy,

money matters, and understanding entrepreneurship.

Ms. Eshani Bakhle, College Counselor, served as the Resource Person for the initial session held on 11th September, 2023, addressing the topic "Stress Management" from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm. The session was comprehensive and interactive, covering stress identification, time management, coping mechanisms, and seeking help. The aim was to equip students with practical tools to navigate life's challenges, fostering a supportive

environment for open discussions. Practical techniques for identifying and coping with stress were shared to help students navigate the challenges they may encounter in their professional journey.

Mr. Andre Pacheco led the second session on “Digital Literacy” on 26th September 2023, from 10:15 am to 11:15 am, intending to enhance students' understanding of digital tools crucial in academic and professional spheres. The session provided insights into basic digital skills, online presence, and the importance of staying updated with the latest technological trends to remain competitive in the job market.

Mr. Jayant Panvelkar, Assistant Professor in Management, led the third session on "Money Matters" on 3rd October 2023, from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm. Financial literacy was addressed to prepare students for the financial aspects of their professional lives, covering budgeting, saving and investment basics. The segment aimed to empower students with the necessary financial knowledge to make informed decisions about their personal and professional futures.

Ms. Sailee Borkar, Deputy Manager (HR) at Vidya Vikas Mandal, served as the Resource Person for the fourth session held on 4th, 12th, and 13th October 2023. The session focused on “Interview Preparation and Crafting an Effective Resume.” Interview preparation was a key focus, with insights and tips provided to enhance students' readiness for job interviews. Mock interview sessions were conducted to simulate real-world scenarios, allowing students to build confidence and refine their communication skills. Additionally, the significance of a well-crafted resume was emphasized, and students were guided on creating impactful resumes tailored to the specific requirements of the IT industry.

Mr. Gaurish Lad, Entrepreneur and Owner of AIM Higher, Margao, led the fifth session on the topic "Understanding Entrepreneurship" on 10th January 2024, from 8:00 to 10:00. The training session delved into the realm of entrepreneurship, introducing students to the fundamentals of entrepreneurial thinking. Through case studies and success stories, students gained inspiration and insights into innovation and risk-taking, fostering an entrepreneurial mindset.

The Employability & Entrepreneurship Skills training session was a valuable and enriching experience for the students. The teacher in-charge for the NOS: Employability & Entrepreneurship Skills was Ms. Vinaya Kirloskar, Assistant Professor in Commerce.

Damodar Utsav

21st - 23rd December 2023

The vibrant spirit of celebration filled the air as the Students' and Cultural Councils of the College celebrated the much-anticipated *Damodar Utsav* from 21st to 23rd December 2023.

The theme for Day 1 - **Holly Jolly Christmas (December 21)**

Off-stage Event: Ornament Making

Students showcased their creativity through handmade ornaments for Christmas decorations. The event was judged by Dr. Monica Patil and the winners of this festive competition were:

1st place-Anusha Rodrigues; 2nd place -Lavanya Mhapsekar; 3rd place - Alita Fernandes

On -Stage Event: Carol Singing

Melodious voices filled the air during the enchanting Carol Singing competition where students from different programmes participated. The event was judged by Ms. Jean Braganza and Mr. Kevin Andre. The triumphant winners were:

1st place - Group of Aemisha Azavedo, Alrich Fernandes, Vaibhav Girap, Glyn Gomindes, Ivon Fernandes, Zia

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2nd place - Group of Dr. Lira Menzes Gama, Ms. Lizette D'Costa, Kewell Fernandes, Shawn Fernandes, Brionna Noronha, Cidel Rodrigues, Sejal Goes and Riva Fernandes

3rd place - Gliffa Dias, Jolito Costa, Aveena Moura, Valinie Fernandes, Chris Dias, and Marvon Almeida

On Stage Event: Ballroom Dancing (Couple Dance)

The dance floor came alive with the graceful movements of couples through dances like Waltz, Salsa, and Cha cha cha. The event was judged by Dr. Lira Gama, Ms. Alba De Sa, and Ms. Annette Santimano. The top performers in Ballroom Dancing were:

1st place- Group of Alrich Fernandes, Sheryl Anto, Ivon Fernandes, and Sunia Boruah

2nd place - Group of Osury Rodrigues, Hester Carvalho, Arafat, Atharva Shikhare, Leebon and Angel Costa

3rd place - Mujimil Shaikh and Khushi Nambiar

On-Spot Event: Christmas Reel Making

Quick thinking and creativity were on display as students crafted Christmas reels on the spot. The event was judged by Asst. Professors, Ms. Samira Vengurlekar and Ms. Shweta Shet Verenkar. The deserving winners were:

1st place - Petalia Coutinho; 2nd place - Neeraj Aroskar and 3rd place - Tanya Silveira

Off-Stage Event: Christmas Platter

Students showcased their culinary skills by presenting homemade sweets, which were Goan traditional Christmas sweets. The event was judged by Asst. Professors Ms. Pooja Shanbhag and Ms. Alba De Sa. The winners in the Christmas Platter competition were:

1st place - Petalia Coutinho and Sachin Chaudhary

2nd place - Venedict Gomes and Alita Fernandes

3rd place- Shanawaz Hubli and Shine Dsouza

Off-Stage Event: Christmas Greeting Card

In a spur-of-the-moment challenge, students demonstrated their artistic talents in crafting Christmas cards on A4/A5 size papers within the time limit of one hour. The event was judged by Asst. Professors Ms. Snigdha Naik and Ms. Delisha Rebello. The winners were:

1st place - Sushnieta Chawan

2nd place - Nelcy Kullu

3rd place - Looluwa Gundar

Day 2 - When Tradition Meets Western (December 22)

On Stage Event: Antakshari

Harmony filled the auditorium as students and teachers participated in group Antakshari, which had four different rounds with twists. The event was judged by Asst. Professor Ms. Pooja Shanbhag. The winners of this musical

battle were:

1st place: Team BCA- Astha, Anushree, Esha, Hema with teachers Shruti Kuncolienkar and Sweta Shet Verenkar

2nd place: Team M.Com - Pranav, Vallabh, Shah Nawaz, and Ibrahim, with teachers Valencia Baptista and Edrea Picardo

3rd place: Team B.Com- Soham, Omkar, Anish, and Shambhavi with teachers Lizette D'Costa and Marjina Shaikh

On-Stage Event: Fusion Dance

The fusion of traditional and Western dance styles captivated the audience. The dance was performed in a group and the time limit was 2-4 mins. The event was judged by Asst. Professors Ms. Ankita Naik, Ms. Edrea Picardo, and Ms. Snigdha Naik. The outstanding performers in Fusion Dance were:

1st place: Team Divine Dancers – Bhoviya Dharennavar - SY B.Com (A), Kajal Kadam - SY B.Com(B), Vishakha Kumari - SY B.Com (C), Tejal Redkar - SY B. Com (C)

2nd place: Team Diva Drift - Nitya Bhat SY BBA(FS) A, Pavitra Gadkar BBA(FS) B, Shweta BBA(FS) B

3rd place: Cool Movers – Vishaka G Gavakar - FY B.Com B, Nilakshi Chari - FY B.Com C, Prachita Arondekar - FY B. Com E

Off-Stage Event: Treasure Hunt

Students embarked on a thrilling adventure to discover hidden treasures across the campus. Where they had to go through five elimination rounds which were tasks and games. The victorious treasure hunters were:

1st place: Sathvik Satardekar, Mayank Jalora and Yash Kaskar

Off-Stage Event: Tug of War

Teams displayed strength and teamwork in the intense tug-of-war competition, where the Teams were divided into groups of 8 (6 boys and 2 girls) and it was a best of three pulls. Amidst cheering from the crowd, the champions were:

1st place winners: Yashraj Fal Dessai, Siya Gauns Dessai, Yaman Redkar, Nunzio Barreto, Kedar Sattarker, Ashish Adawade, Jwella Gonsalves, Saharsh Metri

Day 3 - Masquerade Ball (December 23)

Off-Stage Event: Standup Comedy

Laughter echoed through the hall as students showcased their comedic talents. The Stand-up Comedy Act was held on 23rd December 2023, in the Smart Classroom. The allotted time slot was 5 minutes to entertain the audience. The Judges for the competition were Assistant Professors, Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar and Mr. Ainsley Bernard.

After their performances, the top three participants were selected based on their creativity, delivery, and audience response. The deserving winners in Stand-up Comedy were -

1st place: Frazer Menezes (M. Com)

2nd place: Siddhivinayak Hadpad (BCA)

3rd place: Mujimil Shaikh (BCA)

On-Stage Event: Mr and Miss Damodar

TY B. Com and M. Com Part II students vied for the titles of Mr and Miss Damodar. The event consisted of three rounds. Round 1 was the Ramp walk and introduction round where participants introduced themselves. Round 2 was the Talent Round where they had to showcase their talents and the final round was the question-and-answer round. The event was judged by Asst. Professors Mr. Ramakrishna Reddy and Ms. Sheryl Sanches.

Kushal Vidya was crowned Mr. Damodar and Nandhana M. R was crowned Miss Damodar.

The day also marked the unveiling of the logo and event dates of the Inter-collegiate event **Anantara**.



The event concluded with a DJ and students dancing enthusiastically. The success of *Damodar Utsav* was attributed to the collective efforts of the Council members, comperes, student volunteers, and event heads, guided by the dedicated teacher in charges, Dr. Sheetal Arondekar, and Dr. Maithili Naik.

Damodar Utsav 2023 was a resounding success, bringing joy and camaraderie to the Damodar College community. The overall winners of the event were the B.Com group of students.

NCC(Army) Annual Training Camp (ATC)

22nd to 31st December 2023

The NCC Annual Training Camp (ATC) was conducted successfully at Sulcorna, Quepem Goa by the 1 Goa BN NCC from 22nd to 31st December 2023. The camp aimed to enhance the overall skills, discipline, and leadership qualities of the cadets, fostering a sense of patriotism and instilling a spirit of service to the nation. NCC Cadets of VVM's Shree Damodar College participated enthusiastically.

The Objectives of the camp were:

- To improve physical fitness and endurance.
- To impart theoretical and practical knowledge of military drills and tactics.
- To enhance leadership and teamwork skills.
- To promote a sense of responsibility and discipline.
- To inculcate values of patriotism and national pride.

The event brought together cadets from various colleges to compete in a series of challenging drills and exercises. NCC Army Wing Cadets clinched victories in various competitions, showcasing their exceptional skills, discipline, and commitment. In a resounding display of excellence and commitment, NCC Army Wing cadets the College emerged victorious, securing the prestigious "**Best College Award**". The cadets were trained and led by ANO Lt. Sandesh Gaonkar.

The Competitions won by NCC Army Wing cadets of



VVM's Shree Damodar Colleg are:

1. Best Institution trophy- SD
2. Winners of Drill competition- SW
3. Winners of X- Country - SD
4. Winners of Solo dance competition-SD
5. Best Cadet in Drill- SD
6. 2nd place in group dance - SD/SW
7. 2nd place as a Best Cadet overall - SD
8. 3rd place in individual Drill-SW
9. 3rd place in Solo Singing- SW
10. 3rd place in Essay writing - SW
11. 3rd place cross country -SW
12. 3rd place Essay writing -SD

Various training Activities conducted were:

A. Physical Training:

- Morning drills and exercises to improve fitness levels.
- Obstacle courses and adventure activities for physical endurance.

B. Military Drills and Tactics:

- Drill sessions focusing on marching, saluting, and parade movements.
- Tactical training sessions covering basic military maneuvers.

C. Leadership and Team Building:

- Leadership workshops and practical exercises.
- Team-building activities to foster camaraderie and cooperation.

D. Specialized Training:

- Workshops on first aid and emergency response.
- Introduction to map reading and navigation skills.

The outcomes of this camp are:

- **Physical Fitness:** Significant improvement in the overall physical fitness of the cadets.
- **Discipline and Conduct:** Cadets exhibited exemplary discipline and conduct throughout the camp.
- **Leadership Development:** Identified and honed leadership qualities among cadets through various activities.
- **Specialized Skills:** Cadets demonstrated proficiency in first aid and emergency response.
- **Challenges:** Despite the overall success of the camp, the Cadets faced adverse weather conditions, logistics and infrastructure issues and minor medical incidents.

The Annual Training Camp proved to be a valuable experience for NCC cadets, contributing to their holistic development. The lessons learned during the camp will undoubtedly contribute to the character building and future success of the cadets.

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized Basketball Intramural Tournament for Men & Women on 22nd December 2023 at the VVM's Basketball court. 5 teams participated in the tournament (03 men & 02 women).

The tournament commenced with a brief introduction by Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, College Director of Physical Education & Sports. The competition followed a knockout format, with fixtures determined by a draw. Each match consisted of four quarters, each lasting 7 minutes, totalling 28 minutes for both men's and women's teams.

The Result of the tournament:

Name of the Team (Men)	Name of the Team (Women)	Position
BCA (FY,SY,TY)	TY B.COM	1 st Place
SY BBA(FS) & M.COM	FY & SY B.COM	2 nd Place
FY BBA		3 rd Place



The Officials for the tournament were National Basketball Players, Mr. Stevan Mascarenhas and Mr. Arnold Fernandes. Ms. Nichola Mascarenhas, Member of the Sports Council was the compere for the event.

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

NCC (Navy) Annual Training Camp **2nd -11th January 2024**



1 Goa Naval Unit NCC organized a ten-day Annual Training Camp for JD, JW, SD, SW from 2nd to 11th January 2024 at 1 Goa Naval Unit NCC, Sports Complex, Peddem, Mapusa, Goa. The objectives of the ATC were:

- (a) To expose Naval cadets to camp life, outdoor activities, and community living.
- (b) To carry out intensive and collective training of cadets in respective service subjects.
- (c) To bring cadets together from different social backgrounds and develop a sense of responsibility, self-reliance, and bonhomie.
- (d) To develop qualities of comradeship, leadership, character, and discipline.

- (e) To inculcate the habit of community living and learn the dignity of labor.
- (f) To train cadets with the NCC syllabus with special emphasis on specialized and practical training.

At the outset, the camp commandant, Captain S Ram Kumar, addressed the cadets, outlining the camp's expectations. Cadets were familiarized with the camp routine order and sensitized to various aspects like fitness, health, and hygiene. Under the guidance of the ANOs, CTOs, and PI staff, the cadets gained knowledge and experience in various areas of naval life, including semaphore, drill, yoga, weapon training, tent pitching, rigging, etc. The cultural program played a significant role in fostering bonds of national integration and nurturing the spirit of patriotism.

On January 7, 2024, Group Commander of Belgaum, Colonel Mohan Naik, visited the campsite and felicitated five cadets who completed AINSC. PO Cadet Shudeepa Oli and LC Melissa Solomon were among the five felicitated. The entire program during the group commander's visit was coordinated by Sub Lt. Pretty Pereira, ANO of the NCC Naval wing of the College. She also made a presentation for the group commander's visit. Our college cadets were selected to perform a group dance for the group commander's visit.

During the cultural evening, our cadets showcased a vibrant group dance representing the Karnataka and Goa Directorate. The talent and efforts of our cadets were recognized through several awards and recognitions:

- First prize in Group Dance.
- First prize in Poetry Writing (SD).
- CC Laxita Suthar received a token of appreciation trophy for her outstanding performance.
- PO Cadet Shudeepa Oli and LC Melissa Solomon were felicitated for completing AINSC.
- Trophy of Excellence.

The 12 cadets were under the guidance of Sub Lt. Pretty Pereira, ANO of the NCC Naval wing of our institution, who also served as the incharge of the girls' division. The camp saw participation from 400 cadets representing 26 institutions.

Anaemia Detection Camp

5th January 2024

The NSS unit, in collaboration with the Urban Health Centre in Margao, organized an Anaemia Detection Camp T3 (Testing for Anaemia, Treating Anaemia & Talking about Anaemia) on 5th January 2024. The aim was to raise awareness about the causes, symptoms, and preventive measures of anaemia, to encourage community members to adopt a healthy lifestyle and dietary practices and to detect cases of anaemia within the community.

A team of healthcare professionals including Dr. Pratishta Cuncoliencar, AYUSH Medical officer, Ms. Melkiza Furtado, Nutrition Officer, and Sr. Gandhali School Health Nurse. ANM Dipti, Mr. Pradeep Borkar MPH and Ms. Alisha Alemao RMNCHA Counselor and NSS volunteers, collaborated to ensure the smooth execution of the camp.

Participants underwent a simple haemoglobin screening test to detect anemia. The results were provided on the spot, and individuals

identified with low haemoglobin levels were offered counseling and guidance for further medical intervention. Additionally, a unique element was introduced with an Iron-Rich Recipe Competition to promote the consumption of iron-rich foods and also to encourage students to explore creative and nutritious ways to incorporate iron into their diets. Participants submitted recipes that were not only rich in iron but also delicious and easy to prepare. A panel of judges, including nutritionists and doctor, evaluated the entries based on nutritional value and taste.

The winners for the competition are:

1. Ms. Gudiya Bhati (FY B. Com)



2. Ms. Annu Sharma (SY B. Com)

3. Ms. Prerna Sanvordekar (SY B. Com)

76 students were a part of this event.

Workshop on how to write a book/article review

5th January 2024



The IQAC in collaboration with the Department of Commerce & Management organised a workshop on 'How to write a book/article review' for the students of TY B.Com on 5th January 2024. The workshop aimed to guide TY B.Com students in completing assignments related to Book Reviews. Ms. Manasi Rege, the College Librarian, served as the Resource Person for the workshop. Dr. Shami Pai, the faculty in charge, welcomed and introduced the Resource Person.

Ms. Manasi initiated the session by presenting a video of a Book Review for "The Blue Umbrella" by Ruskin Bond. Subsequently, she delved into the meaning and necessity of a book review, providing a detailed explanation of its structure. The presentation also included tips for writing an effective book review, along with examples of Book Review Platforms. Ms. Manasi extended her discussion to cover the procedure and structure of article reviews.

As a part of appreciation and reward, it was decided that the best 10 book reviews will be kept in the library for reference by other students and visitors. The presentation was followed by Q&A Session. Dr Edwin Barreto, Head, Department of Commerce & Management proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Student Participation in National Integration Camp at Dharwad, Karnataka

5th to 11th January 2024

The State NSS Cell, Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports and Govt of Karnataka, in collaboration with Regional Directorate of NSS Bangalore organized a National Integration Camp (NIC) at NSS Bhavan, Karnataka University, Dharwad from 05th to 11th January, 2024 with the aim of fostering national unity and harmony by bringing together youngsters from diverse backgrounds and regions of our country. Various States participated in the NIC camp such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, etc. A team of 10 students and 1 NSS Programme Officer participated from Goa.

Mr. Altaj Khan Pathan, student from TY B.Com represented our college with great enthusiasm and actively engaged in various activities and workshops designed to promote cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and team building. During the camp Mr. Altaj Khan Pathan was involved in various activities starting from Yoga session in the early morning, cultural performances, group discussions, visit to Museum & Science center, community services, and interactive sessions on social issues.



Industrial Visit

6th January 2024

An Industrial visit was organized for the students of TY B.Com A & B Division (Accounting Specialization) on 6th January 2024 to IFB Industries Ltd., Verna. The objective of the visit was to provide students with practical exposure to industrial processes and operations. This initiative aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom and real-world application in the industry.

The visit commenced with an informative session by the Manager of the HR Department providing an overview of the company's history, mission, and core business activities. This set the stage for a better understanding of the industrial processes witnessed during the visit. Students were taken on a comprehensive tour of the entire manufacturing plant by personnel from the HR & Operations Department. The visit covered various sections, including production units, quality control labs, and research and development facilities. Students had the opportunity to observe and learn about the practical implementation of the concepts they had studied in their academic courses. The industrial visit provided students with a holistic view of industrial processes, enabling them to appreciate the complexities involved in the day-to-day operations of a manufacturing unit. It also helped in broadening their perspectives on potential career paths within the industry.



50 students accompanied by Asst. Professor Ainsley Bernard were a part of the visit.

Website Designing Competition

6th January 2024

The students of Software Development group under the TechTrendz Club hosted a website designing competition on 6th January 2024, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, for students of the Department of Computer Science.

The primary goal was to assess their front-end skills by challenging them to create a website within one hour, adhering to the theme "Travel Agency" and utilizing HTML, CSS, and JS technologies. Participants were permitted to access the internet solely for CDN usage and to download necessary images and videos, with a strict prohibition on the use of pre-made templates.

The competition saw the involvement of three teams, each composed of two members. The judge for the competition was Mr. Ramakrishna Reddy, Assistant Professor in Computer Science. Evaluation criteria included user-friendliness, responsiveness, content quality, creativity, and overall design.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Place: Mr. Showil Rebello and Mr. Yogesh Yadav, FY B.Voc.(ST)

2nd Place: Ms. Aarti Solanki and Ms. Thayaba Banu, FY B.Voc.(ST)

The competition was expertly organized by Mr. Khushal Naik from FY B.Voc.(ST) and his team. Ms. Ankita



Naik was the teacher incharge of the competition, while Ms. Annette Santimano serving as the TechTrendz Incharge, ensured the event's smooth execution.

Annual Athletic Meet

8th January 2024

The Department of Physical Education and Sports hosted its Annual Athletic Meet on 8th January, 2024. The event commenced at 9 am with the College Director of Physical Education and Sports extending a warm welcome to the Chief Guest Dr. Edwin Barreto and the participants. The Chief Guest, delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the value of participation over victory, setting a positive tone for the day. The event officially began with the unfurling of the College flag by the Chief Guest, symbolizing the meet to be open.

The sports day featured a variety of track and field events, including 100m, 200m, 400m, and 1500m races for men and women, as well as long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus throw, and javelin throw. Team events included the 4x100m relay for men and women, along with a mixed 4x100m relay. Each student was limited to participating in two individual events and two relays.

The results of the events:

Sr. No	Event	Men	Position	Women	Position
1	100M	Nayab Shakir Khan	1 st	Veolla de Gama	1 st
		Mahir Khansabnawar	2 nd	Sadnya Arolkar	2 nd
		Aran Coutinho	3 rd	Nandhana MR	3 rd
2	200M	Nayab Shakir Khan	1 st	Veolla de Gama	1 st
		Deep V. Paswan	2 nd	Namrata Singh	2 nd
		Terence Rebello	3 rd	Renisha Antao	3 rd
3	400M	Samprabh S.Phaldesai	1 st	Sadnya Arolkar	1 st
		Mahir Khansabnawar	2 nd	Gaonkar gaonkar	2 nd
		Jagdeesh Nalkar	3 rd	Namrata Singh	3 rd
4	1500M	Godwin Costa	1 st	Kanishka Madkaikar	1 st
		Ashton Mendes	2 nd	Roshni Khatun	2 nd
		Deep Paswan	3 rd		
5	Long Jump	Terence Rebello	1 st	Nitisha G	1 st
		Chandrakant Viswakarma	2 nd	Lesha Gaonkar	2 nd
		Ashton Mendes	3 rd	Divya Dharwadkar	3 rd
6	Shot Put	Kunal Singh	1 st	Numa Subba	1 st
		Ankit Pathak	2 nd	Uma Pandit	2 nd
		Ashish Adwade	3 rd	Petalia Coutinho	3 rd
7	Triple Jump	Tushar Kuwalekar	1 st	Nandhana M. R	1 st
		Chandrakant Viswakarma	2 nd	Kanishka Madkaikar	2 nd
		Adnan Shaikh	3 rd	Kajal Kadam	3 rd
8	Discus Throw	Kunal Singh	1 st	Sejal Pednekar	1 st
		Ankit Pathak	2 nd	Aparna Zamuni	2 nd
		Cavel Dias	3 rd	Shabnam G	3 rd

9	Javelin Throw	Hasan Raza	1 st	Shabnam G	1 st
		Rohan Gaonkar	2 nd	Sumayya R	2 nd
		Shiva Saroj	3 rd	Shreya Rajiv	3 rd
10	4x100 M Relay	Samprabh Faldesai Godwin Costa Nayab Khan Sarvesh Bharti	1 st	Lesha Gaonkar Minoshka Dias Bharti Naik Roshni Khatun	1 st
		Tushar Kuwalekar Sanford G Elroy Oliveira Christopher D'Souza	2 nd	Janvi Aigal Nitya Bhat Namrata Singh Kanishka Madkaikar	2 nd
		Deep Paswan Jagdeesh Nalkar Granthik Buyao Shiva Saroj		Annu Sharma Rashmi Gaonkar Sushanti Verenkar Lavanya Mhapsekar	3 rd
11	4x100 M Relay Mix	Vikas Chauhan Rohan Gaonkar Sadnya Arolkar Divya Dharwadkar	1 st		
		Annu Sharma Riya Godwin Costa Samprabh Faldesai	2 nd		
		Cavel P Dias Minoshka Dias Lesha Gaonkar Hassan Raza	3 rd		

The results were later announced during the closing ceremony, where the College Director of Sports and Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurabar presented a report on the day's events.

Prizes were awarded to the deserving winners by Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurabar, and Mr. Saurabh Raikar, Instructor in Physical Education. The ceremony concluded with lowering of the flag by Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurabar, followed by a gracious Vote of Thanks delivered by Saurabh Raikar.

Visit to International Purple Fest

9th January, 2024



Students of BCA programme participated in the film screening at the 'International Purple Fest' held at INOX Panjim on 9th January 2024. The 'International Purple Fest' is an annual event that aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by differently-abled individuals while promoting a sense of inclusivity and empowerment. 24 students attended the same.

The fest featured an impressive selection of short films that explored various aspects of revisiting and understanding the lives of people with different abilities. The festival's organizers curated a diverse and thought-provoking lineup of short films that delved into the experiences, challenges, and triumphs of differently-abled individuals. These films provided valuable insights into the lives of people from different parts of the world, encouraging reflection and fostering a deeper understanding of the issues faced by the differently abled community.

The films were screened from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. After the event, students had the opportunity to interact and meet renowned differently-abled individuals. Ms. Zakiya Tahir, Assistant Professor in English, accompanied the students. This experience proved valuable in fostering inclusivity, empowerment and in cultivating a compassionate and accepting society.

Workshop at Purple Fest 2024

10th to 11th January 2024

International Purple Fest 2024 Goa is India's First-of-its-kind inclusive festival that celebrates person with disabilities. They organised a workshop Antarchakshu and Inclusive Education on 10th & 11th January 2024. Dr. Shami Pai, Ms. Sushrusha Naik Khandekar, and Ms. Yugandhara Joshi attended the workshop on 10th January Mr. Sanjay Velip and Mrs. Sweta P. Shet Verenkar attended the session on 11th January, and Dr. Lira Menzes Gama, Ms. Sneha Prabhdessai and Ms. Edrea Picardo attended on 12th January.

The workshop began with the brief introduction of the workshop by the Resource Person. The workshop is curated by Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. The faculty members of VVM's Shree Damodar College attended the workshop 'Antarchakshu' followed by a session on Inclusive Classroom. Antarchakshu was a session designed for the faculty members of various colleges to provide an immersive experience zone spanning a child's entire educational journey, from Kindergarten to Postgraduate. This provided them with an opportunity to explore practical solutions to inclusive education challenges, crafted through diligent hard work and innovative thinking. The session included various activities where the faculty members were blindfolded to perform given tasks and creative activities to experience the life of visually challenged. This workshop was followed by a session on inclusive education which was delivered by the College counsellor of St. Xavier's College. This session focused on making effort in using techniques for inclusive classroom for the students with disabilities and including them in the normal education system.



St. Xavier's College also emphasized on the realities of how inclusive education can bring about a huge change in the society and there are numerous ways to follow with patience towards making the life of a disabled

individual easier by providing the necessary help. An interactive discussion a visually challenged person was also arranged wherein the faculty members attending the workshop were provided with an opportunity to interact and share Mr. Ketan's experience of topping Mumbai University despite being visually challenged. The workshop ended at 1.30 p.m.

M.Com Programme Promotion and GU-ART Orientation

10th and 18th January 2024

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce conducted GU-ART Orientation for TY B.Com students of five colleges. The main objective of this activity was to provide necessary guidance to TY B.Com students with respect to preparation for GU-ART Exam and to promote the M.Com programme offered at our College.

No.	Name of the College	Date	Time	Faculty In Charge
1.	Shree Mallikarjun College of Arts & Commerce, Canacona	10 th January 2024	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Ms. Twinkle Fernandes Ms. Edrea Picardo
2.	Cuncoim Educational Society's College of Arts & Commerce, Cuncoim;	11 th January 2024	12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	Ms. Twinkle Fernandes Ms. Edrea Picardo
3.	Swami Vivekanand Vidya Prasarak Mandal's College of Commerce, Borim	15 th January 2024	9.30 am to 10.30 am	Ms. Twinkle Fernandes Ms. Valencia Baptista
4.	Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda	17 th January 2024	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Ms. Twinkle Fernandes Ms. Valencia Baptista
5.	Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao	18 th January 2024	9.00 am to 10.00 am	Ms. Valencia Baptista Ms. Edrea Picardo

The sessions were conducted by the M.Com faculty: Ms. Twinkle Fernandes, Ms. Valencia Baptista and Ms. Edrea Picardo. They briefed the students about the M.Com programme offered at Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics. They covered various aspects of the programme such as course objectives, structure, number of seats, specialization available, courses offered, evaluation scheme, internship, dissertation and teaching methodologies. They also briefed the students about the College facilities, various departmental activities like guest lectures, Industry Interaction Program, Research Paper Presentations, PG Club Activities such as Debate Club, Gurukul, business quiz, study tours and industrial visits. They also mentioned about the various career opportunities available after pursuing the programmes.

Thereafter, the students were briefed about GU-ART i.e. the Goa University Admission Ranking Test, a pre-requirement to obtain admission to Post Graduate programs. The faculty members informed the students about the last date of registration of Round 1 of GU-ART, Question paper pattern, syllabus and marking scheme. They also informed the students about the GU-ART preparatory training organized by the PG Department of Commerce scheduled from 18th to 30th January 2024.



The teachers were accompanied by students of M.Com Part II: Ms. Switi Gawas, Ms. Petalia Coutinho and Ms. Shantani Prabhu who shared their feedback of the M.Com programme as well as positive experiences in terms of academic and co-curricular life at Shree Damodar College with the TY students.

Career Counseling Session on 'Future of AI and Emerging Job Horizons'

12th January 2024

The Career Cell organised an insightful session on the topic 'Future of AI and Emerging Job Horizons' on 12th January 2024 from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm in the smart classroom for the students of all the programmes. The objective of the session was to provide students with insights into the dynamic field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its influence on upcoming job prospects and the career opportunities available.



The Principal welcomed the gathering and highlighted the potential automation of routine tasks and the subsequent emergence of new job roles focusing on managing and enhancing AI systems. She further informed that, as AI becomes more prevalent, there will be a growing need for professionals with the necessary knowledge and skills. Ms. Karishma Tuenkar, Faculty Department of Computer Science introduced the Resource Person Dr. Roopa Praveen, Director-Admissions and International relations, ASM

Group of Institutes, to the participants.

Session Overview: Segment 1: Introduction to AI

Dr. Roopa Praveen initiated the session by introducing students to the concept of AI and its current impact on the business landscape. She discussed the potential automation of tasks across various industries and emphasized the creation of new job opportunities. The speaker shed light on the ethical implications of AI, its role in shaping the future of businesses and the strategies for success in the AI-powered business world.

Segment 2: Key Drivers, Importance of AI, Career prospects

The second segment delved into the key drivers of AI adoption, its significance for management aspirants, and its role in data-driven decision-making. Dr. Roopa illustrated these concepts with industry examples, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the subject. The discussion also touched upon challenges in AI implementation and future trends in the field.

The session concluded at 12:00 pm with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Pooja Shanbhag, Convenor of Career Cell. 68 students actively participated in the session, engaging with the Resource Person by posing queries and clarifying doubts. Thus, this awareness-cum-counseling session was successful in preparing students for the evolving dynamics of the job market influenced by AI technologies.

Face Painting Competition

12th January 2024

To commemorate National Youth Day, the Red Ribbon Club of the College organized a Face Painting Competition on the topic HIV/AIDS on 12th January 2024 in Hall no.1, 5th Floor, College Central Block. The purpose of this competition was to showcase our students' artistic talents and to spread awareness about a critical health issue that affects millions of lives globally. Through this competition participants were encouraged to express their creativity and convey important messages related to HIV/AIDS. The competition also aimed to engage students in a meaningful dialogue about understanding and having empathy towards those affected by HIV/AIDS.



4 teams participated in this competition and the participants were judged based on Creativity, Relevance to Theme, Originality and Message Clarity.

The winners of the competition are:

- 1st Place- Shreyesh Naik and Samarth Shirodkar
(FY B.Com)
- 2nd Place- Harsha Hallikeri and Sweeda Cotta
(TY B.Com)

The activity was coordinated by Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO-Incharge and Ms. Akshada Gaonkar, NSS PO.

Remembering Swami Vivekananda On National Youth Day

12th January 2024



To celebrate National Youth Day, the NSS Unit of the College organized a session on 'Remembering Swami Vivekananda on National Youth Day' on 12th January 2024 in hall no.2, 5th floor, College Central Block. The session aimed to inspire and motivate our youth, fostering a sense of purpose and social responsibility. The Resource Person for the session was Prof. Sushila Sawant Mendes, History Researcher.

The session began with the welcome address delivered by Principal Prof. Prita D. Mallya. After the welcome address, Ms. Abigayle Rodrigues, a student from SY B.Com introduced the Resource Person to the audience.

Later, Prof. Sushila delivered an insightful and thought-provoking lecture on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda. She covered various aspects of Swamiji's philosophy, including his emphasis on education, selfless service, and the power of youth in shaping the nation's destiny. Prof. Mendes highlighted how Swami Vivekananda's teachings remain pertinent in the contemporary world, emphasizing the importance of self-realization, empathy, and a holistic approach to education.

The session also focused on Swami Vivekananda's belief in the inherent potential of the youth to bring about positive change. The Resource Person encouraged students to harness their energy and talents for the betterment of society. The session ended at 12:45 p.m. with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Zakiya Sayed, a student from SY B.Com.

The program was compered by Ms. Dhriti Bene, a student of FY B.Com. 64 students participated in the session.

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

International Purple Fest

12th January 2024



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Students of B.Com Programme participated in the International Purple Fest Goa on 12th January 2024. The five-day Fest was organized by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa, in association with the Directorate of Social Welfare and the Entertainment Society of Goa.

Short Films related to the challenges faced by the ‘Divyangjan’ (physically challenged) were shown to an audience comprising school and college students from

across Goa with an aim to alter perspectives. Later a Marathi film ‘Baba’ - a heart-warming tale of the trials faced by a deaf and dumb couple who adopt a normal child - was screened.

Shri Subhash Phal Desai, Minister of Social Welfare, Shripad Naik, Minister of State for Tourism, Mr. Guruprasad Pawaskar, the Goa State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, UN representatives, Jury members and Purple Fest Ambassadors were the dignitaries present. 34 students were by accompanied Dr. Monica M Patil.

Design Dazzle Showdown- Logo designing competition using Canva

13th January 2024

The Techtrendz Club of the Department of Computer Science organized the Design Dazzle Showdown, a logo designing competition using Canva for BCA and B.Voc.(ST) students on 13th January, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Labs 1 and 3. The competition aimed to foster creativity and encourage design enthusiasts, providing an opportunity for students to showcase their graphic design skills and unleash their artistic potential. The theme for the logo designing competition was "Fitness and Wellness," and a total of 20 teams, each consisting of 2 participants, participated in the event.

The judging criteria included creativity, design excellence, reference to the theme, and originality. Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker, a Communication Designer (Graphics & Animation) and also visiting faculty of the Department, served as the judge for the competition. The winners of the logo designing competition were as follows:

1st Place: Yash Naik & Ashish Mathkar (students of SY BCA - B)

2nd Place: Khushal Naik & Hayden Teixeira (students of FY B.Voc.(ST))

3rd Place: Apsara Ghorasaini & Shrawya Shetty (students of SY BCA - B)



Mr. Jayden Jesus Fernandes, a member of the Multimedia Group and a student from SY BCA- B, served as the student coordinator for the Design Dazzle Showdown competition. Ms. Vinaya Kirloskar, Assistant Professor in Commerce, was the teacher in-charge of the competition. Lab Assistants Ms. Preeti Dhoble and Ms. Manisha

Braganza played crucial roles, offering their valuable assistance throughout the event. Ms. Annette Santimano, Assistant Professor in Computer Science is the incharge of TechTrendz Club. The competition was appreciated and enjoyed by all the participants.

Field Trip To Tambdi Surla And Biodiversity Park Mollem

13th January 2023



The NSS Unit & NCC Army Wing in collaboration with Yuva Tourism Club organized a field trip to Tambdi Surla and Biodiversity Park Mollem on 13th January 2024. Students were accompanied by Dr. Rodney D'Silva, Lt. Sandesh Gaonkar (NCC), Mr Sanjay Velip (NSS PO Incharge), Ms. Akshada Gaonkar (NSS PO), Mr. Ainsley Bernard and Ms. Kalpana Parab. The trip aimed to provide students

with a unique and enriching experience in nature and wildlife conservation.

The visit to Tambdi Surla included exploration of the ancient Mahadev Temple, renowned for its intricate architecture and cultural significance. Students gained insights into the historical and religious aspects of the region, broadening their cultural understanding. The sanctuary provided a rich learning experience about biodiversity conservation and the importance of preserving natural habitats. This park is renowned for its diverse flora and fauna, providing an excellent opportunity for students to witness and appreciate the importance of biodiversity conservation.

The field trip to Tambdi Surla and Biodiversity Park Mollem was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of education, awareness, and fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment. The collaboration between NSS, NCC, and Yuva Tourism proved to be instrumental in creating a memorable and impactful learning experience for all participants.

NSS Adventure Camp in Dharmashala, Himachal Pradesh

14th January to 23rd January 2024

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Adventure Camp held at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (ABVIMAS), Dharmashala, Himachal Pradesh proved to be an enriching and transformative experience for 20 students selected from various colleges in Goa, including two students from Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics. The camp started on 14th January 2024 and ended on 23rd January 2024. The program aimed at fostering a spirit of adventure, self-reliance, and social responsibility.

Two students, Ms. Ruby Mahato from SY B.Com 'C' & Mr. Kewell Fernandes from TY B.Com 'A' were selected based on their physical test and personal interview. Additionally, 18 students from various colleges across Goa also participated. The inclusion of teams from Karnataka and Kerala added a diverse and collaborative dimension to the entire camp.

The camp included different adventure activities such as early morning trekking at St. John Church, Prayer Flag point Dharamkot, trek to Triund point, Natural rock climbing, Artificial Rock Climbing, rappelling, Jumaring and river crossing. These activities not only tested the physical endurance of the participants but also encouraged teamwork and mutual support.

The camp also provided a unique platform for cultural exchange as students from different colleges of Goa as well as students from Karnataka and Kerala came together and presented their culture in the form of dance and music. Team Goa presented 'Dekhni' and 'Katti Dance' to showcase the Goan culture.

Apart from the adventure activities, the students had the opportunity to explore the local attractions in Dharmashala and its surroundings. Visits to the Dalai Lama Temple, Bhagsu Waterfall, Tea Plantation, War Memorial and the scenic McLeod Ganj provided huge insights into the rich heritage of the region.

Campfire discussions were organized to facilitate the exchange of ideas and perspectives among the students, contributing to their overall intellectual growth. The challenging terrain and weather conditions in Dharamshala presented both physical and mental challenges to the participants. However, overcoming these challenges fostered resilience, adaptability, and a sense of achievement among the students.

Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar, Assistant Professor in Economics accompanied the Goa team. The faculty members actively participated in all activities, setting an example for the students.



Session on Collaborative and Interactive Teaching Techniques	15th January 2024
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The FD Cell, in collaboration with the TLET Cell, conducted an enriching session titled 'Collaborative and Interactive Teaching Techniques' on 15th January 2024, from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm in the Smart Classroom. The primary objective was to equip teachers with practical strategies and insights into collaborative and interactive teaching methods, fostering an environment conducive to better learning outcomes. By fostering a collaborative mindset,

teachers will be better equipped to create engaging, inclusive and dynamic learning environment that will

promote student success. Ms. Swati Bhat, Assistant Professor in Commerce, served as the Resource Person for the session. Mr. Shreyas Dessai, Convenor of TLET Cell, commenced the session by introducing the Resource Person to the audience and providing a comprehensive overview of the session.

Ms. Swati Bhat initiated the session by elucidating the concept and significance of collaborative teaching-learning methods. She presented various strategies, including Four Corner, Round Robin, Team-Pair-Solo, Think-Pair-Share, One Stray, and the Jigsaw method. Real-life examples of successful collaborative learning experiences were shared. She explained various collaborative teaching learning strategies by giving a step-by-step demonstration, making the concepts very clear to all. Ms. Swati discussed effective methods for grouping students based on learning styles and strengths. Practical insights into managing diverse group dynamics and addressing potential challenges were also shared.

The second segment focused on incorporating technology in collaborative teaching. Ms. Swati highlighted various digital tools and platforms relevant to the educational context. Further, she discussed the strategies for assessing individual and group performance, ways to balance individual accountability with group success and the need for providing constructive feedback and fostering a growth mindset within the students.

Thus, the session focused on empowering educators to leverage collaborative approaches to enhance student engagement, critical thinking, and overall academic achievement. Ms. Pooja Shanbhag, Convenor of FDP cell proposed the Vote of Thanks and requested the teachers to implement these strategies in their particular subjects to enrich classroom experiences. 44 teaching staff from all programmes attended and benefited from this session. The session was appreciated by all the participants.

Awareness Session on Life and Health Insurance

15th January 2024

The Student Welfare Cell of the College organized an Awareness session on Importance of Life and Health Insurance for the students of all Programmes on 15th January 2024 between 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm to educate participants on the significance of securing their financial and health well-being through proper insurance coverage. The session was organized to address common misconceptions and highlight the importance of making informed decisions regarding life and health insurance.



The Resource Persons for the session were Mr. Venkat and Ms. Rama Venkat who briefed the Participants on the overview of the Indian Insurance Industry both in Life and Health. They were also accompanied by two insurance industry professionals namely, Mr. Satyendra Naik from Star Health Insurance and Mr. Sanjay B Dere, LIC Branch Manager, both of who are proud alumni of the College. They threw light on importance of tailoring insurance policies to individual circumstances. Participants were guided on assessing their needs, considering factors such as age, health condition, and financial goals when selecting and customizing insurance coverage to ensure optimal protection. The discussion focused on risk mitigation strategies and the role of insurance in comprehensive financial planning. Students were encouraged to view insurance as a crucial component of their overall financial strategy, contributing to long-term stability and peace of mind. They also addressed some of the common misconceptions surrounding life and health insurance.

The session concluded with questions from students on specific concerns and scenarios related to life and health insurance. 34 students across all Programmes actively participated in the session.

Hands-on workshop on “Artificial Intelligence”**17th January 2024**

The TechTrendz Club of the Department of Computer Science organized a hands-on workshop titled “Artificial Intelligence” using Free Open-Source Software (FOSS), on 17th January, 2024 in Classroom F101 from 10.30 am to 12:30 pm. The Resource Person was Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker, Visual Designer and Illustrator. 26 students of FY B.Voc.(ST) participated in the workshop.

The "Artificial Intelligence" workshop successfully brought together individuals passionate about exploring the intersection of generative art and artificial intelligence. Over the workshop of two hours, participants engaged in a rich and immersive experience that combined theoretical understanding with hands-on exercises using free-to-use online AI image creators like Playground AI and Leonardo AI to create art, social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos and more.

Participants gained a foundational understanding of generative art, and the pivotal role of AI in the creative process. Practical sessions allowed participants to set up their environments, explore generative algorithms, and create their first AI-generated images. Participants delved into generative techniques and dedicated time to develop more complex generative art. The Resource Person provided expert guidance during sessions, ensuring participants received personalized support and encouragement.

The workshop concluded with participants showcasing their unique generative art, fostering a collaborative environment for feedback and reflection.

BOOK EXHIBITION**18th January 2024**

The Department of Library & Information Science in collaboration with Navkar Book Distributors, Mumbai organized Book Exhibition for all the students and staff members on 18th January, 2024 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm in the Reading Room.

The Book Exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Edwin Brahma Barreto, Vice Principal of the College. Books were displayed of various subjects like Economics, Banking, Management, Commerce, Mathematics, Marketing, Literature, Environment, Computer Science etc. More than 200 readers/Visitors visited the book exhibition. Faculty members and students selected a few books for the purchase by the College library.



Library staff Ms. Ravila Talaulikar, Mr. Bappo Varak, Mr. Injo Lambor were also present. The Book Exhibition concluded at 2.00 pm.

Waste Segregation**18th January 2024**

The Department of Management Studies and the Green Club (Vasundhara) of the College in association with YIMBY organized a session on “Waste Segregation” on 18th January 2024 at 11:30 am in Hall no.2. The session focused on educating participants about the importance of waste segregation and providing practical insights into implementing effective waste disposal strategies. 71 Students attended the session.

Mr. Gaurav Pokle, Founder & CEO of YIMBY was the Resource Person for the session. He began the session with the significance of waste segregation in contributing to a sustainable and eco-friendly campus environment. An overview of waste segregation principles and its impact on the environment was presented. Participants were briefed on the different categories of waste, including organic, recyclable, and non-recyclable materials. The characteristics of each type were explained to ensure a clear understanding. Best practices were shared to inspire and motivate participants to adopt similar strategies.



An interactive discussion allowed participants to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas about waste management. This exchange of ideas promoted a sense of community engagement and encouraged collaborative problem-solving. The session concluded with closing remarks expressing gratitude to the participants for their active involvement. Attendees were encouraged to share the knowledge gained with their peers and contribute to creating a culture of sustainability within the College.

The session aimed to instil a sense of responsibility among participants regarding their waste disposal habits.

Food Bazaar

18th and 19th January 2024



The Department of Computer Science in association with E-Cell and Incubation Centre, organized a Food Bazaar on 18th and 19th January 2024. This event served as a platform for showcasing entrepreneurial spirit and was part of the Entrepreneurship Development course. Food and game stalls were set up, offering attendees a wide array of savory and sweet delicacies skillfully prepared by the students. The Food Bazaar served as a practical learning ground for event management, teamwork, and entrepreneurship.

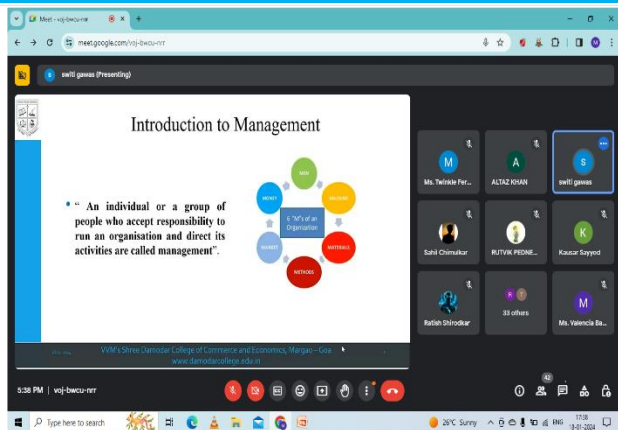
On the first day of the Food Bazaar, students from SY BCA-A and TY B.Voc.(ST) set up a total of 11 food stalls and one game stall, adding vibrancy and diversity to the event. They demonstrated their culinary expertise by presenting a wide array of savory and sweet delicacies. Additionally, a game stall provided an interactive and entertaining element for attendees.

On the second day of the Food Bazaar, SY BCA-B set up 7 food stalls and one game stall. Students showcased their culinary prowess once again, presenting an enticing array of savory and sweet delights. These activities helped them apply the knowledge acquired through classroom discussions in a practical setting. Students also acquired skills in preparing item-specific budgets, cost management, and profit generation.

The Food Bazaar received overwhelming response from both participants and attendees. Visitors praised the diverse range of culinary creations and skill exhibited by the students. The game stall continued to be a hit, providing entertainment and a playful atmosphere for participants. Students had also created a promotional video and vibrant menu card. Ms. Vinaya Kirloskar was the overall faculty in charge of the event.

Online 'GU-ART Preparatory Sessions (Commerce)

18th to 30th January 2024



The Post-Graduate Department in association with the Training, Internship and Placement Cell organized an online 'GU-ART Preparatory Sessions (Commerce)' for the Third Year B.Com students from 18th to 30th January 2024 from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm via Google Meet platform. The objective of the preparatory sessions was to train the TY B.Com students to prepare for the upcoming GU-ART exam in Commerce which is conducted by Goa University. The Sessions also aimed to

help the final year students to secure a good rank in commerce subject in order to obtain admissions to M.Com Programme in Colleges of their choice.

Seven students of M.Com Part II, along with two faculty members of the PG Department delivered sessions on various topics as per the GU-ART Syllabus alongwith a special session on Guidelines while answering GU-ART and Assistance in solving MCQs.

The trainers made the sessions very interactive by posing review questions after every topic to test the knowledge of the participants. Throughout the training sessions, the participants showed a keen interest and cleared their doubts about the GU-ART Exam. 50 students across Goa aspiring to answer GU-ART in Commerce attended the sessions.

National Youth Week

19th January 2024



The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Directorate of Higher Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Directorate of Planning Statistics & Evaluation, and Directorate of Information and Publicity, marked the celebration of National Youth Week on 19th January 2024. The event aimed to enlighten and empower the youth on various

aspects crucial to their development. The celebration commenced with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding Swami Vivekananda photo. 112 students attended the programme.

Three informative and engaging orientation sessions were conducted during the event. The first orientation session on "**Financial Management as a Youth**" and was led by CA Mitali Talawadker. The session delved into crucial aspects of financial literacy, empowering the youth with essential knowledge to manage their finances effectively.

The second session, focusing on "**Mental Fitness**," was conducted by Dr. Veena Kantak an expert in the field. She provided valuable insights into maintaining mental well-being, addressing challenges and fostering resilience among the youth.

The final orientation session was on "**Mera Yuva Bharat - My Bharat Portal and Opportunities for Youth**." Smt. Celina Rodrigues was the Resource Person for the same. She explored the various avenues and opportunities available for the youth through the My Bharat portal. The session aimed to guide students in making informed choices for their future endeavour.

The event was compered by Brionna Noronha, student of TY B.Com. Abigayle Rodrigues student of SY B.Com introduced the Resource Persons, providing a glimpse into their expertise and accomplishments. Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS PO incharge proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Student Participation in “IT fest COLOSSUS XI”

19th and 20th January 2024

The Department of Computer Science participated in the State level Intercollegiate IT Fest “COLOSSUS XI” organized by Don Bosco College, Panaji on 19th and 20th January 2024. 19 students from the Department participated in the event.

There were diverse range of events like Ice Breaker, Teck Talk, IOT-Expo, Let’s Rescrap, Debate, Bugzilla, Smarticus, Verbal Vortex, Logoworthy, Product Presentation, Webify, Character Showdown, Quiz, C-Carnival, Tech Frames Presentation and Gaming events like Valorant, BGMI, FIFA. Students showcased their skills in many of these events.

Mr. Yogesh Yadav of FY B.Voc.(ST) and Jabez Rodrigues from SY B.Voc.(ST) won the first place in C-Carnival event. Muheet Bhat of TY B.Voc.(ST), Joy Fernandes of TY BCA, Tanay Naik and Sanjivy Harijan of SY B.Voc.(ST), Hayden Teixeira and Glyde Rebelo of FY B.Voc.(ST) won the first place in Valorant gaming event.



All the students demonstrated their best efforts and represented the college with professionalism. The event was well-organized, and the students expressed satisfaction with the overall experience.

Artsy Streetography: A street photography competition

20th -25th January 2024

The TechTrendz Club of the Department of Computer Science organized Artsy Streetography, a photography competition for the students of BCA and B.Voc.(ST) from 20th to 25th January 2024 in online mode. The primary goal was to assess their photography skills, adhering to the theme "Street Photography". Participants had to send their photos to the organizing committee within 5 days, starting from 20th January.



7 students participated in this competition. The judge for the competition was Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker, Visiting Faculty in the Computer Science Department. Evaluation criteria included creativity, composition, storytelling and technical skills.

3 Solanki, FY BCA(A)

3rd Place: Mr. Showil Rebello, FY B.Voc.(ST)

The competition was efficiently organized by Mr. Shahid Shaikh from SY B.Voc.(ST) and Mr. Riyano Fernandes from FY BCA(A). Ms. Sneha Prabhudessai was the teacher in-charge of the competition, while Ms. Annette Santimano, TechTrendz Club In-charge, ensured the event's

smooth execution.

U. N. Bene Quiz Competition

24th January 2024



The Cultural Council organised the U. N. Bene Quiz competition on 24th January 2024 at the Conference Hall of Ravindra Bhavan. The Quiz competition began at noon and concluded at 2 pm. The Quiz Masters for the competition were Mr. Anish Dhopeswarkar and Mr. Suraj Kamat.

Nine colleges participated in the quiz, which began with a Written round, wherein thirty General Knowledge questions were displayed on the screen, with successive questions put forth after each minute. It was an elimination round and four teams qualified for the next level – the Buzzer round. A total of 25 questions were asked for the Buzzer round, based on topics like science and technology, culture and heritage, business, economy, music, and entertainment.

The efforts put in by the Quizmasters during the conduct of the quiz were commendable as they were able to make the quiz engaging and entertaining for both the participants and the audience. The participants were having a tough time answering whilst also showing excitement to answer each question.

The Quiz ended with the final question in round two being asked and the winners emerged for answering the most number of questions correctly. The first place was secured by G. R. Kare College of Law; the second place went to Rosary College of Commerce and Arts. The winners received a cash prize of Rs. 7000 and the Runners-up got Rs. 5000.

Assistant Professors Dr. Monica M. Patil and Ms. Swati Bhat were the coordinators of the programme. Advait Ainaur, Tanisha Naik, and Aachal Naik were the student coordinators, and Dhruv, Arti Solanki, and Anirudh Solanki were the student volunteers for the event.

Student Participation in Conquest 3.0

27th January 2024

The BBA Forum of S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira, Bambolim, hosted a State-level Management event titled Conquest 3.0 on 27th January 2024. The theme of the event was "Business Chronicles: A Journey Through Time". 2 students from SY BBA and 3 students from FY BBA(FS) competed in the following rounds: Human Algorithm (Human Resource round) - Warren Fernandes, Growth Gambit (Finance round)- Dhruv Kadcade, Timeframe Triads (Marketing round)- Sydon Gracias, Leadership Quest (Best Manager round)- Afzal Shaikh, and Mindfire Odyssey (Mystery event)- Suyash Patki and Sunil Danapnavar. The event consisted of several pre-rounds. The event began with an inaugural function at 9.00 a.m., followed by individual rounds.



Sydon Gracias, SY BBA won second place in Timeframe Triads (Marketing round). Eight Colleges from Goa were a part of this event. Don Bosco College, Panjim won the event. Conquest 3.0 concluded with a valedictory function and prize distribution at 9:30 p.m. The students had excellent exposure and a valuable learning experience. Assistant Professor Omkar Pawaskar was in charge of the team participating in the event.

On recommendation of the **VVM's IT Academics Group**, the TechTrendz Club of the Department of Computer Science organized an activity titled “Graphic Designing Workshop using Canva” for the students of Ramacrishna Madeva Salgaocar Higher Secondary School, Margao, on 27th January, 2024 from 11.00 am to 2:30 pm. The Resource Person for session 1 was Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker, Visual Designer and Illustrator. The session 2 was entirely handled by BCA and B.Voc.(ST) students. 57 RMS students attended the workshop. The compere for the workshop was Ms. Anushree Shirodkar from FY BCA, Div B.

The objective of the workshop was to provide students with a basic understanding of graphic design principles, color theory, typography, and layout design. It was also aimed to offer a creative online platform, enabling the students to design stunning graphics, presentations, social media posts, and more.



The Principal, Prof. Prita D. Mallya welcomed the gathering. She emphasized that gaining only theoretical knowledge isn't sufficient, but rather one must learn to apply it practically. She also inspired them to think creatively and to bring their ideas to life.

The Principal of RMS, Mrs. Cintia Maria e Abranches congratulated the organizing team for providing a platform to enable participants gain hands-on experience using Canva through practical exercises. She also thanked Shree Damodar College for taking the initiative of imparting valuable knowledge.

The first session titled “Fundamentals of Graphic Designing” was conducted by Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker in the Smart Classroom. He structured the entire session by focusing on the Fundamentals of design which centered on Color theory and Typography. The session of one hour duration touched upon various topics such as Color Basics, the Color Wheel, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Colors, Color Harmony and Combinations, Psychological Impact of Colors, Emotional Responses to Colors and Color in Design. The participants also gained a foundational understanding on the fundamentals of Typography, Typeface vs. Font, Readability and Legibility, Typography Style and Trends, Serif vs. Sans Serif Fonts, Script and Decorative Fonts, Pairing Fonts Effectively, Font Combinations and Achieving Visual Hierarchy.

The next session titled “Designing with Canva” was expertly handled by 16 BCA and B.Voc.(ST) students, spread out across 4 Computer Labs. The aim was to equip the students with the tools and knowledge to create visually compelling content independently. The participants received personalized support and encouragement, with hands-on activities to apply the principles learned, fostering a deeper understanding of color and typography in design. The workshop began with a brief introduction to Canva, highlighting its accessibility and functionality. Participants then learned account creation, explored the interface, and discovered efficient template searching and keyboard shortcuts. Hands-on activities involved creating downloadable posters and brochures, solidifying design principles and application. Participants explored crafting engaging presentations and basic video creation within Canva, expanding their digital storytelling skills.

The workshop proved to be a valuable educational experience for participants, equipping them with essential skills for effective design. The combination of theoretical knowledge and practical application contributed to a well-rounded understanding of color and typography in design using Canva. The students were encouraged to fill

an online feedback form to be eligible for certificates. Ramkrishna Reddy, Assistant Professor from the Department of Computer Science, served as the faculty in-charge for the workshop.

Awareness of Phishing Attacks	29th January 2024
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To commemorate “Data Privacy Day”, students from TYBCA Div A and B delivered a 10-minute talk on “Awareness of Phishing Attacks” for all students of the College in their respective classrooms/labs on 29th January 2024. The activity was a part of their E-commerce Assignment and was conducted by the Department of Computer Science under the TechTrendz Club and Inter-Department Activities.

The talk basically focused on the Phishing, summarizing the various forms of Phishing attacks, the possible precautionary measures that can be taken and the relevant laws in India associated with Phishing attacks.

The objective of the talk was to equip students with the knowledge about phishing attacks, to handle any real-life Phishing attacks and the legal implications. Through this activity, the Computer Science Department contributed to the development of a more secure and responsible digital community.



The activity was initiated and organized by Ms. Rama Borkar and Ms. Sneha Prabhudessai, faculties from the Department of Computer Science. The overall in-charges were Ms. Annette Santimano (TechTrendz Club) and Ms. Rakshavi Dessai (Incharge Inter-Department Activities).

Presentation Competition: "Empowering Consumers: Navigating Quality with BIS Standards"	29th January 2024
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The Consumer Cell of the College organized a presentation competition on the theme, 'Empowering Consumers: Navigating Quality with BIS Standards.' The competition was exclusively designed for Higher Secondary Schools in Goa and took place in the College premises on 29th January, 2024.



The primary objective of the competition was to empower the youth with ethical business practices, enhance awareness about consumer protection, and contribute to the overall development of a responsible and quality-driven market. 6 Higher Secondary Schools from across Goa enthusiastically participated in the competition.

The event commenced with an inauguration ceremony. The Principal welcomed the gathering. This was followed by a brief introduction of the event by Dr. Sheetal Arondekar, Coordinator of the event. The host introduced the judges Dr. Rodney D’Silva, Associate Professor from the Department of Commerce and Management and Mr. Omkar Pawaskar, Assistant Professor from the Department of Management Studies. Participating schools showcased their presentations, exploring various aspects of consumer empowerment, ethical business practices,

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and the significance of adhering to BIS standards. The topics covered a wide spectrum, including the role of consumers in shaping markets, the impact of substandard products on society, and the importance of quality certification. The judges evaluated the presentations based on content, presentation skills, and alignment with the theme. The judging process ensured fairness and transparency. Post-presentation, there were engaging interactive sessions where students had the opportunity to discuss their ideas with the judges and seek insights into consumer protection and quality standards. The first place was won by Miss. Shona Mascarenhas and Miss. Shaina Mascarenhas students of Smt. Chandrabhaga T. Naik Higher Secondary School, Curchorem and the second place was awarded to Ms. Dipshita Arondekar and Ms. Mayura Velip, students of Deepvihar Higher Secondary School, Mormugao. Ms. Abigayle Rodrigues a student from SY B.Com was the compere for the session and Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms. Marjina Shaikh, Convenor of the Consumer Cell.

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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