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Training Sessions for IRDA Examinations

11,15 October 2023 & 3 February 2024

The Department of Management Studies organized Training Sessions for IRDA Examinations for the students of SY BBA(FS). The Resource Person was Mr. Nixon Fernandes, Development Officer, LIC. The first session was held on 11th October 2023 in Room F401, the second session was held on 15th October 2023 in Smart classroom and the final session was held on 3rd February 2024 - Room F401.

Ms. Delisha Rebello, Asst. Professor introduced the Resource Person and Ms. Sushrusha Naik Khandekar gave the highlights of the training programme. In his first session, Mr. Fernandes familiarised the students with the fundamentals of Insurance and discussed the challenges and opportunities for the insurance industry in India. The second session focused on practical aspects such as the practice of insurance through an agency and its license requirements, career opportunities for students in the life insurance sector and the regulatory framework of IRDA.



The third session focused on the procedure for applying for the IRDA examination, documents required, and the fee structure. Through all the three sessions, important contents from the syllabus were discussed and necessary guidance was provided to the students. Mr. Fernandes also shared the handout of study materials with the students for preparation for the IRDA examinations. The sessions were attended by students of SY BBA(FS) A&B. Faculty coordinators of the training programme were Asst. Professors Ms. Delisha Rebello and Ms. Sushrusha Naik Khandekar. Ms. Nitya Bhat, student from SY BBA(FS)A, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The students expressed their gratitude and provided positive feedback for the fruitful sessions.

Young Leaders

15th January-10th February 2024

The Department of Management of the College organized the “Young Leaders Program”, a community outreach activity from 15th January 2024 to 10th February 2024. The program was an initiative towards imparting financial literacy to the children of various Government schools and Higher Secondary Schools in Goa. It also aimed at empowering students by enhancing their leadership skills and providing them an opportunity to exhibit remarkable qualities such as creativity, adaptability, and inclusivity.

15 Government Schools and Higher Secondary Schools were covered under the outreach activity namely Vandemnagar High School- Vasco, Vandemnagar Higher Secondary School- Vasco, Anjuman High School- Vasco, Government High School– Junabazar Ponda, Government High School– Sadar Ponda, Amaya Higher



Secondary School- Curti Ponda, Government High School– Zambaulim, Government High School– Colamb, Government High School – Borim, Government High School – Ganjem Usgao, Government High School– Alto Betim, Government High School- Dona Paula, Government High School – Malkarnem, Our Lady of Fatima- Rivona, Government High School– Zuarinagar Vasco.

The BBA(FS) students engaged the participants with the help of interactive sessions which included PowerPoint presentations, skit and quizzes to create awareness on important topics such as Online and Offline Scams and Frauds. The program successfully raised awareness among the participating schools. At the same time, it was a great learning experience for our students. 42 from FY BBA(FS) and SY BBA(FS) conducted the program. The overall program was coordinated by Ms. Alba De Sa and Mr. Jayant Panvelkar.

Special National Integration Camp- RDC **17th-28th January 2024**



DGNCC organized SNIC-2024 Prime Minister’s Rally Kartavyapath, New Delhi, from 17th to 28th January 2024. The purpose of this camp was to integrate the culture of 17 Directorate of States and to perform in the Prime Minister's Rally on 27th January 2024.

PO Cadet Vaishnavi Borkar of NCC Naval wing of the College was the only girl cadet to represent Goa at the Special National Integration Camp, Delhi

The camp took place in Sundarjung at Delhi. Everyday cadets of 17 different Directorates were trained at Cariappa Parade Ground by professional choreographers for their grand

performance in front of PM Shri Narendra Modi. Cadets from distinct cultural backgrounds came together, fostering the spirit of unity amidst diversity. The camp provided a platform for cultural exchange.

As a cadet of Karnataka and Goa Directorate, Vaishanvi Borkar performed Nandi dhawaja kunita and Pooja kunit (cultural programme) at Prime Minister’s Rally -2024. They were deeply honoured and filled with pride to showcase the vibrant blend of our rich culture. Vaishnavi passed through the following camp phases of RDC from August 2023 to January 2024.

RDC -I 10th -19th Sep 2023

RDC-II 20th -29th Sep 2023

RDC-III 30th Sept - 9th Oct 2023

IGC -20 Oct 2023

ATC - 02 - 09 Nov 2023

Pre RDC-1 10-19 Nov 2023

EBSB Bellari from 8th to 15th

17th Jan to 28th Jan 2024 SNIC Delhi

ANANTARA 8.0

24th-25th January 2024

The Students' Council, Cultural Council, and Sports Council successfully hosted the Annual Intercollegiate event, 'Anantara 2024'. 10 colleges participated in more than 20 events, including cultural, sports, literary, business, as well as pre-events. The theme of Anantara was 'Celebrating the Ancient Dynasties of India'. The event was held on 24th and 25th January 2024 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao.

The Inaugural Ceremony was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Shri Digambar Kamat, MLA, Margao. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the special invitees, Principal, Vice-Principal, Student bodies' convenors, and representatives of the College.

Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya welcomed the gathering and conveyed her best wishes to all the participants. The Chief Guest commended the efforts of the students in organising such events.



PRE-EVENTS

Flag painting: - Vijay Dhvaj

The theme for the event was "Rise from death and return to life". The teachers in charge were Ms. Lizette D'Costa and Ms. Yugandhara Joshi and the event heads were Ms. Sakshi Ganguli and Ms. Mallita Sawant Dessai. The flags were made and presented by the teams before the event and the judging was held on the first day. The event was judged by Assistant Professors Mr. Sarth Shanbhag and Ms. Namrata Ugvekar. It was a colourful display of flags, each better than the other, which showcased their vision of the theme.

Team Marathas won the competition

Like Contest - Theme: Promote Anantara in a Funny Way

The "Like Contest" unfolded as a unique and entertaining event aimed at promoting Anantara humorously and engagingly. The Event Heads were Neeraj Aroskar and Damodar Patnekar along with teachers-in-charge, Mr. Andre Pacheco and Ms. Rakshavi Dessai. The judge Mr. Vinay Parge evaluated the participants' performances.

The teams showcased their wit and humour as they ingeniously promoted *Anantara* through various entertaining means. From comedic skits to funny advertisements, participants demonstrated their creativity in aligning with the theme. Pallavas emerged as the winners and Rajputs secured the runners-up position.

Short Film Showcase

Short Film Pre-Event, spearheaded by the duo Aditya Joshi and Yaman Redkar with the guidance of Asst. Professors Snehal Alve and Karishma Tuenkar unfolded with creativity, storytelling, and a journey through time. The event focused on three captivating themes: "The Rise of Kaliyug," "Forgotten Goan Culture," and "Before the Digital Media."

The judges for the event were Mr. Amay and Mr. Sandesh Gaundalkar, adding a touch of expertise to the evaluation process. The 1st place was clinched by Team Gupta, whose short film seamlessly wove together the intricate themes. Team Chera secured a well-deserved spot as the runner-up, with a compelling narrative that resonated with the event's essence.

Bodhi Academy's Surprise Event: Reel-Making Competition

Bodhi Academy played host to an unexpected Reel Making Competition by event heads Kewal Patel and Myron Soares and Teacher Heads Ms. Ankita Naik and Ms. Akshada Gaonkar. The judges were Mr. Gangesh S. Govekar and Ms. Alka Verma, teachers associated with Bodhi Academy. Themed around the very Institution that hosted it, the competition challenged participants to record promotional videos for the sponsor *The Bodhi Academy*.

ON STAGE EVENTS

Mr and Ms Anantara

The Mr and Ms Anantara event, under the efficient guidance of Event Heads Krishna Gad and Harshita Poojari and teachers in charge Ms. Sheryl Sanches and Ms. Samira Vengurlekar, unfolded over two days with a total of five captivating rounds. Judges Saisha Prabhu who was the title holder of Miss Goa and Arjun Fallary who was Mr Goa lent their expertise to assess the participants.

Day 1 Highlights: The excitement kicked off with an intriguing Escape Room challenge, followed by a rigorous Fitness Task that tested the contestants' physical prowess.

Day 2 Showcase: Glamour took centrestage on the second day. Ramp Walk and self-introduction set the tone, showcasing the contestant's style and personality. The subsequent *Talent Round* unveiled unique skills, while the *Question and Answers Round* brought forth intellect and quick thinking.

Team Gupta secured the coveted title of Mr. Anantara, displaying charisma and charm, while Team Maurya dazzled the audience, claiming the title of Ms Anantara with grace and elegance. The event was a resounding success, weaving together elements of challenge, glamour, and talent, leaving a lasting impression on participants and spectators alike.

Vendetta Savannah

The event was organised on Day 1, in the Black box at Ravindra Bhavan. A total of eight colleges participated, each team comprising two participants. The event focused on fostering critical thinking amongst the participants. In round 1, students were expected to represent the CTO and CFO of a company and convince the judges who played the role of the Board of Directors. In round 2, participants were presented with a situation where a scam committed by them had been exposed and the task was to defend themselves before angry investors and the Press.

Mr. Yogendra Karmali, a Financial Advisor from Margao and CA. Anup Borkar graced the occasion as judges. The event started at 3.30 pm and ended at 7 pm. It received enthusiastic participation from the audience. Rajputs secured first place and Mauryas stood second.

The event heads were Abha Naik, Vedang Bagade and Nidhi Kunde with teacher heads Ms. Marjina Shaikh and Ms. Alba De Sa.

Beat Breaker Dance Competition

The electrifying Beat Breaker Dance Competition, led by Event Heads Sahil Khanvilkar and Mitali Poojari with teacher Heads Ms. Rama Borkar and Ms. Delisha Rebello, unfolded with pulsating rhythms and dynamic choreography. Three distinguished judges all being renowned professional dancers Ms. Stefney Dias, Mr. Gaurav Naik, and Mr. Mayank Shirodkar, brought their expertise to the judging panel.

Teams from diverse backgrounds and styles captivated the audience with their mesmerizing dance performances, showcasing a blend of creativity, precision, and passion.

Team Maratha emerged triumphant, securing 1st place with their exceptional dance routine, while Team Pandayan claimed the 2nd position. Team Rajput secured the 3rd spot, adding to the fierce competition.

The judges commended the participants for their dedication, originality, and synchronized moves.

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree competition unfolded as an intense and daring spectacle, pushing participants from various colleges to their limits. Under the discerning eyes of judges Sandeep Yadav and Neeraj Naik Salgaocar, contestants showcased exceptional courage and resilience in the face of physically demanding tasks.

Chalukyas emerged triumphant, securing 1st place, while the Nandas claimed the 2nd position. The competition was fierce, with participants demonstrating not only physical prowess but also mental fortitude. The tasks presented to participants were both physically and mentally exhausting. From engaging in physically tiring activities to consuming unconventional items like raw chicken, the challenges pushed contestants beyond their comfort zones. The on-stage tasks demanded a combination of gutsiness and boldness, creating an electrifying atmosphere.

Judges Sandeep Yadav and Neeraj Naik Salgaocar played a crucial role in evaluating the participants. Their discerning eyes sought not only physical prowess but also the ability to face unconventional challenges with grace. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as spectators cheered for their favourite contestants, creating a memorable experience for all in attendance.

The event heads were Vedant Raut Dessai and Yashraj Phaldessai with teacher Heads Mr. Omkar Pawaskar and Ms. Twinkle Fernandes

Fashion Show - "Revisiting Royal Blood"

On Day 2 of Anantara 2024, a captivating fashion show unfolded under the theme "Revisiting Royal Blood." The panel of judges for this comprised Ms. Hriya Patil, a professional dancer, actor, model, and entrepreneur, Mr. Tapan Acharya, a popular Indian actor, writer, producer, and director and Mr. Joslin Mesquita.

The event unfolded over 10 minutes per team, showcasing the sartorial brilliance of seven teams. Each team skilfully depicted the grandeur of different kingdoms, immersing the audience in a visual feast of historical aesthetics.

Team Maratha emerged victorious and the second place was won by Pandyan.

Behind the scenes, orchestrating this grand spectacle were the event heads Shubham Gajinkar and Disha Morvekar, and the teachers in charge Asst. Professors Ms. Pooja Shanbhag and Ms. Shruti Kunkolienkar. Their meticulous planning ensured a seamless execution of the event.

OFF-STAGE EVENTS

Street Play

Event heads were Padmaja Shirodkar and Omkar Naik, with Teacher Heads Ms Sweta Verenkar and Ms Saruka Kalgutkar. Assistant Professor Brijesh Shet Dessai, and Vrishab Pattanshetty, Physics Lab Assistant, brought their expertise to evaluate the impactful performances as Judges. Teams delved into crucial societal issues through their street plays, addressing the urgent need to eradicate transgender discrimination, combat drug addiction, and shed light on the concept of "Vilupt Goen" – a call to preserve the environment.

Team Maratha seized the first-place position with a compelling and thought-provoking street play. Their ability to convey the message effectively and engage the audience contributed to their well-deserved victory.

Team Pandyan secured the second-place spot, delivering a performance that resonated with the audience and judges alike. Team Chera's impactful street play earned them the third-place position, adding to the diversity of themes explored during the event.

Sketch Symphony

The event was led by the event heads Omkar Kedar and Harsh Naik with teachers in charge, Dr Lina Sadekar and Ms Valencia Baptista. The event was judged by the discerning duo of Mr. Sachin Naik and Ms. Ashwini Prabhu, both Art teachers. The theme was "Portrait of an Ancient Indian Ruler."

The competition witnessed intense two-hour rounds where participants translated their visions onto canvas, capturing the reality and essence of ancient Indian rulers. Claiming the coveted positions were the following: *1st Place: Team Maratha, *2nd Place: Team Pandyan, *3rd Place: Team Maurya.

RAJVANSH KHOJ - (Treasure Hunt)

The much-anticipated event, "RAJVANSH KHOJ," unfolded on the vibrant grounds of Ravindra Bhawan and College on Day Two. The essence of the day was encapsulated in a thrilling treasure hunt that tested the wit and agility of the participating teams. The treasure hunt comprised a myriad of challenging tasks and mind-bending riddles, pushing the participating teams to their limits as they navigated through the labyrinth of clues in pursuit of victory.

The 1st place was secured by Team Gupta, 2nd place by Team Rajput and 3rd Place by Team Pandyan. These teams demonstrated exceptional teamwork, problem-solving skills, and resilience, earning their well-deserved positions on the podium. The success of Rajvansh Khoj can be attributed to the diligent efforts of the event heads, Soham Mayank, Aditi, and the team. The teachers in charge of the event were Asst. Professors Sumit Kumar and Sameer Patil.

Mascot Crafting Battle

The competition unfolded in three exciting rounds, each designed to test the participants' skills and imagination. The initial round challenged them to craft a complete warrior attire from top to bottom, using their materials. The results were a visual feast, showcasing a diverse array of warrior-inspired creations.

The second round, provided participants an opportunity to breathe life into their warrior personas by engaging in conversations; this round added a dynamic and interactive element to the competition. The third round centered on the introduction of the crafted warrior characters. Participants not only displayed their artistic finesse but also narrated compelling stories behind their warrior creations. The event heads for the battle were Mrunali Chari and Pavitra Gadkar, It was judged by Mr Sandesh Gaundalkar and Siddhant Kanekar which added a touch of expertise to the event. The first place was secured by the Marathas and second place by the Pandyan.

Culinary Skills Throwdown

Under the guidance of Dr. Shami Pai and Ms. Ashwina Tari, and with event heads Siya Gauns Dessai and Pranjali Naik, the competition unfolded seamlessly. The judges, Ms. Shradha Gaurish Lad, an entrepreneur, and Mr. Angelo Savio da Costa, a Chef, lent their expertise to the event, setting the stage for an exhilarating contest. With 10 teams competing for victory, the "Blind Spice Challenge" commenced at 11:00 am, challenging participants to identify various spices and their medicinal uses while blindfolded. Following a rigorous selection process, seven teams advanced to the final round: Chalukya, Pallava, Maratha, Gupta, Maurya, Rajputs, and Cholas.

The climax of the event, the "Chef Battle," began at 11:50 am, unveiling the secret ingredient: soya chunks. With culinary creativity as their canvas, participants embarked on a journey to craft dishes that showcased the versatility of this ingredient. Each team presented their creation, accompanied by a compelling narrative that highlighted the inspiration behind their dish and the winners were the Marathas.

Entry Parade

In a dazzling display of creativity and social awareness, the Entry Parade unfolded as a grand spectacle, providing a platform for teams to showcase their concerns about various Goan issues. The event, aptly judged by Mr. Saheel Naik, a teacher and Ghumat Vadak, and Mr. Shubham Naik, also a Ghumat Vadak, brought together eight spirited teams. Diverse topics were chosen by the teams, ranging from the historical significance of the *1967 Opinion poll* to contemporary issues like *Save Mollem, the Mhadei issue, increasing criminal cases in Goa, the Mining issue, and the perceived threat of tourism to the state.*

In a competitive atmosphere, Team Gupta claimed the top spot for their insightful presentation on "Increasing Criminal Cases in Goa." Meanwhile, Team Rajputs secured a well-deserved victory by addressing the critical issue of "Mhadei." The Entry Parade served as a powerful platform for not only artistic expression but also for shedding light on the multifaceted challenges faced by Goa. Each team's dedication to raising awareness about Goan issues left a lasting impact, making this event a remarkable and socially significant affair. The event Heads were Dipam Naik and Sujal Naik with teachers in charge Mr. Sanjay Velip and Ms. Snigdha Naik.

U. N. BENE Quiz

The Cultural Council organised the U. N. Bene Quiz competition on the 24th of 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, both of whom are affiliated with the Quiz Labs quiz master organisation.

Nine colleges participated in the quiz, which began with a written round, which was an elimination round. 30 General Knowledge questions were displayed on the screen, with each successive question being put forth after each minute. Four teams qualified for the next level – the buzzer round. 25 questions were asked, 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 participants and the audience, The participants had a tough time answering while also showing excitement when answering each question.

The Quiz ended with the final question in round 2 being asked and the winners emerged through answering the greatest number of questions correctly. The 1st Place was secured by Team Nanda, and the 2nd Place went to Team Maurya.

Assistant Professors Ms. Swati Bhat and Dr. Monica M. Patil were the coordinators of the programme and Advait, Tanisha, and Aachal were the student coordinators.

FOOTLOOSE DANCE BATTLE

The Footloose Dance Battle, was organized under the guidance of Assistant Professors Ms. Zakiya Tahir and Ms. Cinola Vaz with Mandar Patil and Swapnil Shirodkar as the event heads. The dance battle brought forth an electrifying display of talent and creativity. With Sachin Patkaro, a professional dancer as the discerning judge, the event unfolded with captivating performances, showcasing the diversity and skill of the participating teams.

The Pandyans secured the 1st position and the Marathas claimed the 2nd spot.

SPORTS EVENTS

IRON MAN AND IRON WOMAN

The Iron Man and Iron Woman event, organized by Mohammed Hassan Raza Qazi and Nicolla Mascarenhas, showcased the physical prowess of participants across eight teams each.

In the Iron Man category, the Chera team clinched the top spot with a time of 10 hours, 14 minutes, and 24 seconds, followed by Rajput in second place and Maratha in third. Meanwhile, in the Iron Woman category, Pallava secured first place with a time of 8 hours, 34 minutes, and 3 seconds, with Maurya and Maratha securing second and third place, respectively.

The event unfolded across seven stages, each testing the competitors' strength, speed, and endurance. From running with weights to burpees, drinking water, and flipping tires, participants navigated a challenging circuit on the second day of the event. The judges ensured fair play and accurate timing throughout the competition.

Control Cricket Championship

Under the event heads Omprakash Lenka and Eshwari Borkar, the Control Cricket Championship unfolded as a thrilling spectacle of strategic prowess and athletic skill. This intense cricket tournament saw participation of eight teams. Regrettably, Team Chola Dynasty and Chera Dynasty were absent from the cricket pitch. The matches were officiated by student volunteers who took on the role of umpires, ensuring a fair and unbiased competition. The format adopted for the tournament was knockout-based. The culmination of this gripping contest saw the Gupta Dynasty and Pallava Dynasty facing off in a high-stakes final, with Gupta Dynasty emerging victorious as the champions, followed by Pallava Dynasty securing the second position.

Tug of War

Under the expert supervision of Referees Magaj and Bharat, and led by Event Heads Magaj and Sarvesh, the Tug of War event unfolded as a test of strength and teamwork. The intense competition showcased the participants' determination and resilience as teams battled it out in gripping rounds.

Team Nanda emerged as the ultimate victors, demonstrating their prowess in this challenging test of physical strength and coordination.

Badminton Tournament

The Badminton Tournament, organized by event heads Bhavana Shruti Seth and Samprabh Phaldesai, showcased thrilling matches and exceptional talent on the court. After intense competition, Team Maratha emerged victorious, demonstrating their skill and determination throughout the tournament. Meanwhile, Team Rajput secured the runners-up position, displaying their resilience and sportsmanship in the face of tough opponents. The tournament was a testament to the passion for badminton and the competitive spirit of all the participating teams.

Knockouts (Penalty Shootout)

The event heads were Cavel Dias and Roshni Patil. A total of ten teams participated. The officials in the game were student volunteers themselves. It was a knockout-based tournament and each team got five penalty shootouts. The Finals were played between the Gupta Dynasty and Rajput Dynasty.

The winners were the Rajput Dynasty and the runners-up, the Gupta Dynasty. The third place was shared by the Chalukya and Maurya dynasties.

The Two-day mega event Anantara 8.0 ended with musical performances by DJs Keagan and Anik, followed by the Prize distribution programme. Mr. Vijay Sardesai, Fatorda MLA, was the Chief Guest for the prize distribution. Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science emerged as the overall winners of Anantara 8.0. The event's success can be attributed to the collaborative efforts of Dr. Maithili Naik, Dr. Sheetal Arondekar, and Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, who led the Students' Council, Cultural Council, and Sports Council respectively, along with the dedicated faculty and students of the College.

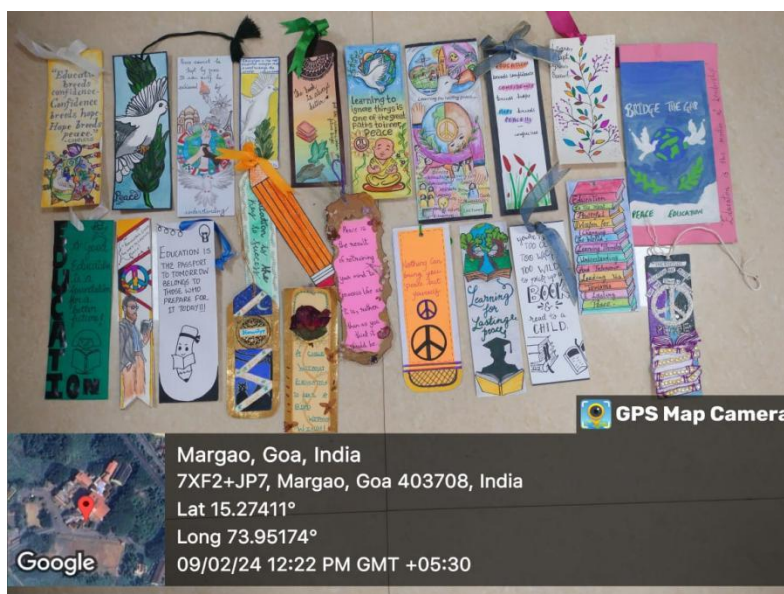
Bookmark Making Competition	24th January to 5th February 2024
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To celebrate International Education Day, a bookmark making competition was organized by the Department of Economics & Banking from 24th January to 5th February 2024. The event aimed to promote creativity, artistic expression, and the significance of education. 25 participants enthusiastically took part in the competition.

The competition witnessed participation from students across different programmes. Each participant showcased their unique creativity and perspective through their bookmark designs.

The judges for the competition were Ms. Kalpana Parab, Assistant Professor in Commerce and Ms. Eshani Bakhale, Counsellor.

Participants were asked to get their bookmarks created from home. They were given a time period of 10 days to complete their designs, during which they unleashed their creativity to craft visually appealing and meaningful bookmarks.



After a thorough evaluation of all entries, the judges announced the winners:

First Prize: Mrunali Chari (SY B.Com 'A')

Second Prize: Gudiya Bhati (FY B.Com 'E')

Third Prize: Lavanya Mhapsekar (SY B.Com 'C')

The faculties in charge for the competition were Assistant Professors, Ms. Lizette D'Costa and Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar.

Volleyball Intramural (Men)	29th January 2024
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The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized a Volleyball Intramural for Men on 29th January, 2024. The tournament was held at the G. R. Kare Law College Volleyball Court, with a total of 8 teams participating.

The tournament commenced with an introduction by Mr. Saurabh Raikar, the Instructor in Physical Education. Matches were played on a knockout basis, and the fixtures were determined through

lots. All preliminary matches were played to 21 points in 1 set, while the finals were played to 11 points in 3 sets.

The winners of the Volleyball tournament are as follows:



Position	Men's Category:
1 st Place	SY BCA B & FY BCA A
2 nd Place	SY B.COM
3 rd Place	M.COM
Best Player	Mr. Gaurav Gaonkar (FY BCA-B)

The valedictory function was graced by Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, the College Director of Physical Education & Sports. The winners were awarded medals, and the best player received a trophy. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Roshni Patil, the Sports Council Member of the College.

IPR Online Awareness Quiz **29th January -15 th February 2024**

Instructions:

1. The Quiz comprises 20 questions
2. E-Certificate will be awarded to participants scoring 60% and above.
3. Link for participating in the Quiz:
<http://tinyurl.com/s3dc5twu> OR Scan QR Code

Prof. Prita D. Mallya
Professor and Principal

Ms. Lizette D'Costa
Convenor, IPR Cell

The IPR Cell of IIC organized an Online IPR Awareness Quiz from 29th January to 15th February 2024. The objective of the quiz was to increase the awareness of IPR among the students of the College. The quiz comprised 20 multiple-choice questions based on the scope, need, and types of Intellectual Property Rights. An auto-generated e-certificate was awarded to all participants who secured a score above 60%. 65 students participated in the quiz. This activity was organized and coordinated by Assistant Professor Ms. Lizette D'Costa, Convenor, IPR Cell.

Session on Transformative Role of Automation in HR Processes and Evolution of Quality Assurance **31th January 2024**



The Department of Computer Science organized a session with Codemax IT Solutions, an MOU partner, on 31st January 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for the FY, SY, and TY BCA, B.Voc.(ST) students. The Resource Persons for the session on Evolution of Quality Assurance was Ms. Blanca Rebello and on the Transformative Role of Automation in HR Processes was Ms. Ishrat Shaikh.

The welcome address was delivered by a student from FY BCA, Anushree Shirodkar.

Following this, Vice Principal Edwin Barreto extended a warm welcome to our distinguished Resource Persons.

Ms. Blanca explained to the students the role of Quality Assurance in a team, the various QA techniques used in industry and mentioned that today's IT world requires a different approach to Quality Assurance. Ms. Ishrat discussed with students the various roles HR plays in a company and then added a transformation role to HR's process of automating the team. A Codemax example was given to demonstrate how they achieve result-oriented output in a short period of time.

Towards the end of the session, an interactive Q&A session took place, allowing students to pose their queries and seek clarification about the IT industry. Student Astha Tiwari from FY BCA delivered the Vote of Thanks. This session proved beneficial to 62 students and 2 faculty members who attended. Overall, the session was informative, engaging, and succeeded in enhancing students' understanding of the subject matter.

PG Club Activity: “Key Highlights of Union Budget 2024-2025”

1st February 2024



The Post Graduate Department of Commerce conducted live screening session on the Interim Union Budget for the students of M.Com Part I and II on 1st February 2024 . The live session was screened in the classroom T-304. The purpose of screening the session was to make the students aware about the upcoming budget. The session started at 11.05 am with the Head of the Department, Ms Twinkle Fernandes

greeting the students and giving them a small insight on the budget.

The live session started with the Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman giving a brief report on the current economic status of India. The interim budget 2024 lays a solid foundation for Viksit Bharat, affirming the government’s vision of building a prosperous Bharat in harmony with nature, modern infrastructure and opportunities for all. It promises to empower the four vulnerable sections of society - the poor, the youth, farmers, and women folk, in order to realise India's potential.

Promoting sustainable development in India has been the top-of-mind strategy of the Amrit Kaal wherein bold action towards climate change for realising our commitment to becoming ‘net-zero’ by 2070 were taken. It focuses

on environment-friendly alternatives such as: 1 crore households will be able to obtain up to 300 units of free electricity per month, adoption of e-buses for public transport network, strengthening of the e-vehicle support system by supporting manufacturing and charging and launching of new scheme for bio manufacturing and bio-foundry to support environment friendly alternatives.

For the purpose of development of infrastructure and investment, three major railway corridor programmes will be implemented under the PM Gati Shakti with the aim to improve logistic efficiency and reduce cost. Foreign investments will be promoted via bilateral investments treaties and expansion of existing airports and comprehensive development of new airports will be initiated under the UDAAN scheme. In order to empower the youth and foster entrepreneurial aspirations, 1.4 crore youth will be provided training under the Skill India Mission and 43 crore loans have been sanctioned under the PM Mudra Yojana. The same tax rates for direct and indirect taxes, including import duties have been retained for the year 2024. The average processing times of returns have been reduced from 93 days (2013-14) to 10 days (2023-24) thereby resulting in faster refunds.

The session ended with a short question and answer round that was conducted by the teachers. The session ended at 12.15 pm. 78 students attended the session. Ms. Shine De Souza, student of M. Com Part-II has drafted the report.

Live Screening of Interim Budget 2024

1st February 2024

The Department of Economics & Banking organized 'Live Screening of the Interim Budget 2024' on 1st February 2024 in the smart classroom from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Interim Budget was screened live with the objective of providing a platform to students and faculty to comprehend the intricacies of the revenue and expenditures of the government for the fiscal year 2024-2025. With the 'mantra' of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwas' and the approach of "Sabka Prayas", the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Union Budget 2024-25 at the Parliament on 1st February 2024. She stressed that the Indian government is working towards development which is all-round, all-inclusive and all-pervasive, covering all castes and people at all levels working towards making India a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The budget comprised two parts – Part A, which focused on Social Justice, 'Garib Kalyan, Desh ka Kalyan' – assistance to the poor, Welfare of 'Annadata' – financial assistance to farmers, Momentum for Nari Shakti, PM Awas Yojana (Grameen), Rooftop solarization and muft Bijli, Ayushman Bharat, Agriculture and food processing, Research and Innovation for catalyzing growth, employment and development, Infrastructure, Railways, Aviation Sector, Green Energy, Tourism sector, Investments, and Reforms in the States for 'Viksit Bharat'. While part B broadly focused on direct and indirect tax proposals, tax rationalization efforts over the years, achievements in tax-payer services, and the progress of the Indian economy over the last 10 years. Smt. Sitharaman highlighted that with a whole-nation approach, the country overcame challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, took long strides towards Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and laid solid foundations for Amrit Kaal. Defining GDP in her way, the finance minister said, that the government is focussed on more comprehensive



GDP: Governance, Development and Performance. She said that there is macroeconomic stability, investments are robust, economy is doing well, people are doing well, with greater aspirations for future, average real income has increased by 50 percent, inflation is moderate, people are getting empowered to pursue their aspirations, there is effective and timely delivery of programmes and large projects. The government will continue its focus on the upliftment of four major castes, that is, 'Garib' (Poor), 'Mahilayen' (Women), 'Yuva' (Youth) and 'Annadata'(Farmer). The total receipts other than borrowings and the total expenditure are estimated at ₹30.80 and ₹47.66 lakh crore respectively. A provision of ₹75,000 crore rupees as fifty-year interest free loan is proposed to support milestone-linked reforms by the State Governments towards Viksit Bharat. Proposal to retain same tax rates for direct, indirect taxes and import duties were announced besides other benefits. The finance minister concluded her presentation by proudly announcing that the government has succeeded with a strong belief of 'nation-first' and it is now appropriate to look at where India was till 2014 and where India is now" and expressed her confidence in the blessings of the people to achieve 'Viksit Bharat'. 32 students attended the session. Ms. Lizette D'Costa and Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar were the faculty in charge of the session.

Financial Fitness: Cultivating Your Wealth Potential

3rd February 2024

The Department of Management Studies organised a One Day Workshop on 'Financial Fitness: Cultivating your Wealth Potential for TY BBA(FS) and M.Com students on 03rd February 2024 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Smart classroom.

The objective of this workshop was to raise the level of financial awareness of participants and enable them to use the financial information provided to make better short-term and long-term decisions in managing their finances. The Resource Person for the workshop was the first Goan investment advisor with triple financial qualifications, Mr. Brendon Mascarenhas - Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and a Chartered Wealth Manager (CWM).



The event began with a welcome address followed by the introduction of Mr. Brendon Mascarenhas. Mr. Brendon began the session by illuminating the importance of Financial Fitness. He mentioned the basics of Self-finance by providing simple real-life examples highlighting the time value of money and inflation, along with which he taught some basic financial calculations. He also provided insight on emergency fund planning, insurance planning, investment planning, reviewing investments, tax planning and retirement planning in detail. The Resource Person highlighted some newer knowledge about human capital, risk profiling and income expense analyses.

Mr. Mascarenhas explained the calculation of present value, future value, IRR, XIRR, to calculate the return, number of years, and monthly investments. He elucidated ways to analyse and choose the right investments, to manage a portfolio depending on individual goals, asset allocation, mutual funds, liquidity, saving and investment ratios, management of accounts, coverage of insurance and policy comparisons.

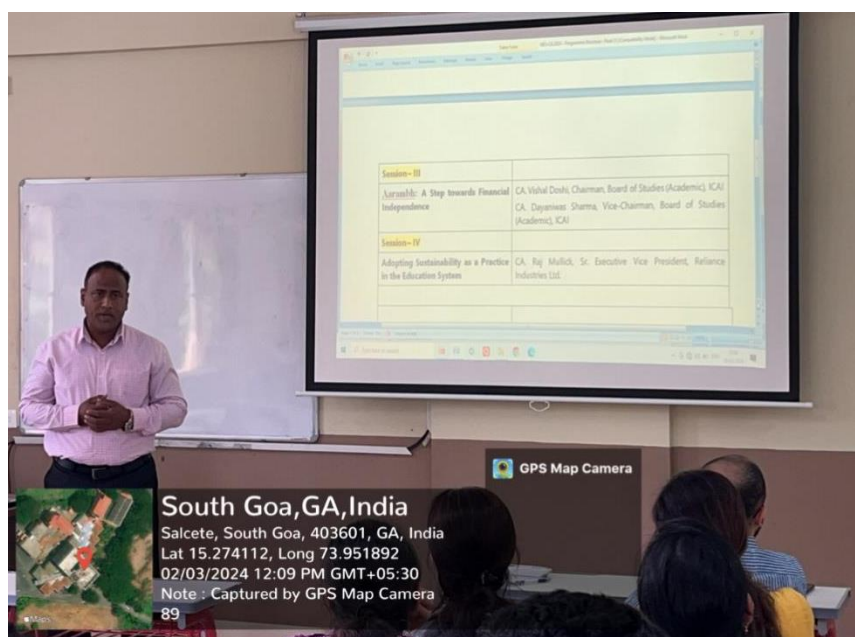
19 TY BBA(FS) students and 15 M.Com students attended the workshop. In their feedback, students said it was truly an inspiring and enlightening workshop, and the resource person addressed all their queries very well.

The Way Forward in Commerce & Accountancy Education

3rd February 2024

The FD Cell, in collaboration with the TLET Cell, organised an insightful session titled The Way Forward in Commerce & Accountancy Education on 3rd February 2024, from 12:00 pm to 12.30 pm in F-104. Dr. Edwin Barreto, Vice-Principal and Associate Professor in Commerce, led the session as the Resource Person. Mr. Shreyas Dessai, Convenor of TLET Cell, initiated the session by introducing Dr. Edwin Barreto and providing a comprehensive overview of the session to the participants. Dr. Edwin shared key insights from the National Educational Summit on Commerce and Accountancy (NESA) 2024, attended by him from 22nd to 24th January 2024 in New Delhi. The session focused on three main topics: (a) Skill-Based Learning through hands-on practice and real-world applications, (b) Aarambh - A step towards financial independence, and (c) Adopting sustainability as a practice in the education system.

Dr. Edwin emphasized the importance of navigating opportunities in the accounting profession and advocated for a multi-disciplinary approach to learning for students. He encouraged the teachers to have maximum collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Dr. Edwin mentioned that some of the suggestions given during NESA were student exchange programs, internships at CA offices, student clubs, strengthening industry-academia interactions, software training, group mentorship programs with alumni, financial labs, interdisciplinary projects, offering credits for students who qualify CA exams, faculty training & development, certificate courses with flexible learning modules etc.



The session saw active participation from 30 teaching staff members who engaged in discussions and Q&A sessions with Dr. Edwin. The key takeaways of this session were: embracing technological advancements, fostering industry collaboration, adopting a global perspective, nurturing soft skills, and upholding ethical and sustainable practices. The session concluded at 12:30 pm with Ms. Pooja Shanbhag, Convenor of the FD Cell, expressing gratitude through a Vote of Thanks. The event successfully provided valuable insights into the future of commerce and accountancy education, emphasizing the importance of innovation, collaboration, and a holistic approach to preparing students for the dynamic professional landscape.

37 वो राजभास दीस आनी कोंकणी साहित्य - भाशा सेवा पुरस्कार भेटवण सुवाळो

4th February 2024

On 04th February, 2024, the *Goa Konkani Akademi* organized '37 वो राजभास दीस आनी कोंकणी साहित्य - भाशा सेवा पुरस्कार भेटवण सुवाळो' in Dona Paula. The event aimed to commemorate the importance of the Konkani language and showcase its rich cultural heritage. The celebration brought together scholars, students and language enthusiasts to honour and promote the significance of Konkani in the sociocultural fabric of Goa.

The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the distinguished dignitaries, symbolizing the enlightenment of knowledge and culture. Dr. Pramod Sawant, in his inaugural address, emphasized the significance of preserving and promoting the Konkani language, acknowledging its role in shaping the cultural identity of Goa.

Madhav Kaushik, the Guest of Honour, spoke about the literary richness of Konkani and its importance in fostering unity among the diverse communities in Goa. Damodar Mauzo, as the Chairman of the Function, shared insights into the efforts of Goa Konkani Akademi in nurturing Konkani literature and art.



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious Konkani awards for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, recognizing outstanding achievements in various categories such as literature, translation, drama, and journalism. The occasion not only recognized the past achievements but also inspired the community to continue their dedication towards preserving and flourishing the Konkani heritage.

4 students, i.e Ms. Taniya Rekdo, Mr. Samir Chavan, Ms. Sejal Naik from B.Com and Ms. Astha Tiwari from BCA attended the function with Faculty member Ms.Snighdha Naik.

Academic Leadership Program	5th -7th February 2024
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The Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) Goa in association with the Goa Institute of Management organised a 3 - day Academic Leadership Program at Club Mahindra, Asnora Bardez from 5th to 7th February 2024. Prof Sanjay P Sawant Dessai and Dr. Edwin Barreto attended this program.

The Academic Leadership Program was based on Outcome-Based Education & Learning Excellence. Sessions outlined an innovative academic leadership program to equip leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge for successful implementation of outcome-based education (OBE) within their institutions and to explore the learning service delivery process.

The following sessions were conducted:

- Day one - Assurance of learning strategic overview and outcome based education by Prof. Arif Raza
- Day two - Stakeholders engagement in outcome-based education by Prof. Vishnu
- Day three - Change Management - Student-centric culture by Prof. Venkatesh

Certificate Course in Networking Fundamentals workshop	5th-12th February 2024
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The Department of Computer Science in association with IP-Gates organized a 30-hour certificate course for BCA students from 5th-12th February 2024 by way of a workshop. The workshop was organized to help students of SY BCA to get theoretical and practical knowledge on IT infrastructure management that is currently required by all companies. This workshop was conducted by IP-Gates, a Goa based IT training company.

The Resource Persons from IP-Gates were Mr. Dwayne Afonso and Ms. Synora Rodriques. 25 students attended workshop.

The workshop started with a walkthrough of basic fundamentals of IT networking. Students were briefed and shown examples of the various building blocks of IT infrastructure. Students were taught about installing virtual machines,

servers and deploying them and learnt about the various tools to configure, test and set up servers and networks. Students also learnt about core networking technologies and practical requirements to run a company wide network. Students appreciated the workshop as it opened an avenue for them that is different from software development. After attending this workshop, a couple of students expressed interest in pursuing CCNA certification .

Session on Optimum Health and Menstrual Hygiene Awareness

7 February 2024



Gomantak Young Inspirators Network and the College jointly organized a session on Optimum Health and Menstrual Hygiene Awareness on 7th February 2024 from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.in Hall No.2 of the central block of the College. 92 students of the B.Com programme were a part of this session. The event aimed to educate students about menstrual hygiene and promote practices that contribute to overall health and well-being during menstruation.

The session commenced with a brief introduction about Optimum Health and Menstrual Hygiene by the compere Ms. Abha Naik, a student of SY B.Com. The Resource Person for the session was Dr. Vedika Walke (Homeopathic Doctor). She began with a set of mental health check-in questions that may be used to understand the feelings of an individual. She discussed various factors causing deterioration of health and how it is important to be completely healthy at all levels: mental, physical and emotional.

Dr. Vedika Walke delved into various aspects of menstrual hygiene, covered topics such as proper menstrual hygiene product selection, disposal methods, and common misconceptions. She provided valuable insights into the importance of maintaining cleanliness during menstruation to prevent infections and other health issues. Dr. Walke also discussed the role of diet and exercise in managing menstrual symptoms and promoting overall well-being.

At the end of the session Dr. Vedika answered the queries raised by the students. Ms. Ruby Mahato, a student of SY B.Com proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Research Workshop Series I on ‘Questionnaire Designing’

7th February 2024

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized a Research Workshop Series I on ‘Questionnaire Designing’ for the M.Com students. The main objective of the workshop was to provide a practical understanding of how to design a questionnaire. The Resource Person for the session was Dr. Smita Sanzgiri, Associate Professor at GVM’s College of Commerce & Economics, Ponda and alumnus of Shree Damodar College. The workshop started at 9:15 a.m. with a warm welcome and introduction of the Resource Person given by Ms. Petalia Coutinho, of M.Com Part II.

In the first session she gave an “Introduction to Questionnaire Designing” wherein she covered how to write,



draft and organize a questionnaire. She spoke about the rules to be followed while designing a questionnaire i.e. the questions on the questionnaire should be accurate and related to the research problem.

She also explained the types of survey questions. The first session ended at 11.05 a.m. followed by a break.

Post break, students were assigned an exercise that consisted of working out questions based on research topics and their objectives. Four students presented the research objectives they worked on to the audience. The session was very interactive as most of the students raised queries and the Resource Person readily clarified.

The session ended at 1.00 pm with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Sachin Chaudhary. 71 students attended the session. The Report is contributed by Suveda Durgadas Prabhu, M.Com Part II.

Ecoweek 5.0	8th - 13th February 2024
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The Economics Club of the College organised Eco-week 5.0 from 8th to 13th February 2024, from 12:00 p.m. onwards, in the College Smart Classroom. During the week, one competition was held every day, in addition to stalls by students.

The **One-Minute Elocution Competition** marked the commencement of Eco Week 5.0, where students were tasked with selecting chits and delivering impromptu speeches based on the topic allotted by the chit, within a one-minute time frame. The event witnessed active participation with a total of 7 enthusiastic contestants.

Ms. Ruby Mahato clinched the coveted First Prize with her compelling presentation, showcasing both depth and clarity in her delivery. Following closely behind, Kewell V. Fernandes won the Second Prize, impressing the judges with his eloquent articulation. Ms. Arya Vijay Kamat claimed the Third Prize, demonstrating commendable skill and confidence in her speech.



A **Quiz competition** was held on **09th February 2024** in the smart classroom from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm. The quiz covered a wide range of subjects, including current affairs, history, science, literature, Indian economy and more.

The following were the winners of the quiz competition:

- 1) Ms. Tanisha G. Naik and Ms. Ruby Mahato --- Winners
- 2) Mr. Rahul P. Raikar and Ms. Shambhavi Dessai -- Runners up
- 3) Mr. Ibrahim Pirjade and Mr. Sahil Karapurkar --- 3rd Place

The "**Wealth out of Waste**" competition, themed "Regard before you Discard," was held as part of EcoWeek. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 15 groups (3 students per group), showcasing their skills and commitment to sustainable practices.

After a thorough evaluation of all entries, the judges announced the winners:

First Prize: Kewell.V.Fernandes, Mansoor Makandar, Prem Khajure

Second Prize: Kewal Patel, Koel Jana, Brionna Noronha

Third Prize: Jaidenn A Fernandes, Abigail Fernandes, Ashwin L. Colaco

On **12th Feb 2024**, the Economics Club organised 'Analyzers' – a presentation competition. The participants were given 5 topics to choose from:

1. Global Humanitarian Crisis
2. Interim Budget 2024
3. India and SDG Goals
4. Viksit Bharat @ 2047
5. Future of Humans and AI

Participants were required to prepare a presentation on any one of the five given topics, and present it to the judges and the audience.

The first place was bagged by Astha A. Kosaambe, second place by Kewell.V. Fernandes, and third place was won by Altaz Khan.

On the last day of Eco-week, i.e. on **13th Feb 2024**, Eco-Flash, photography competition was held in the smart classroom. The participants had to submit one picture that depicts the primary, secondary or tertiary sector of the Goan economy, along with a brief description of how the photo relates to the theme.

In this competition, the first place was won by Mr. Kewell Fernandes, second place by Mr. Zenon Vaz and third place by Ms. Arya Kamat.

On all the days of Eco-week, students from FY B.Com and SY B.Com put up different stalls to sell different products made by them. These stalls witnessed good response from the college students as well as staff.

On the last day of the Ecoweek, Valedictory function for Eco-week 5.0 was held in the smart classroom. Vice Principal of the College, Dr Edwin Barreto and Head of the Department of Economics and Banking, Dr. Lira M. Gama awarded medals to all the prize winners. **Mr. Kewell Fernandes was awarded Economist of the Year**, for

scoring most points in the competitions organised by the Economics club during the Academic Year. Convenor Mr. Shreyas Desai proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Panel Discussion on Interim Budget 2024

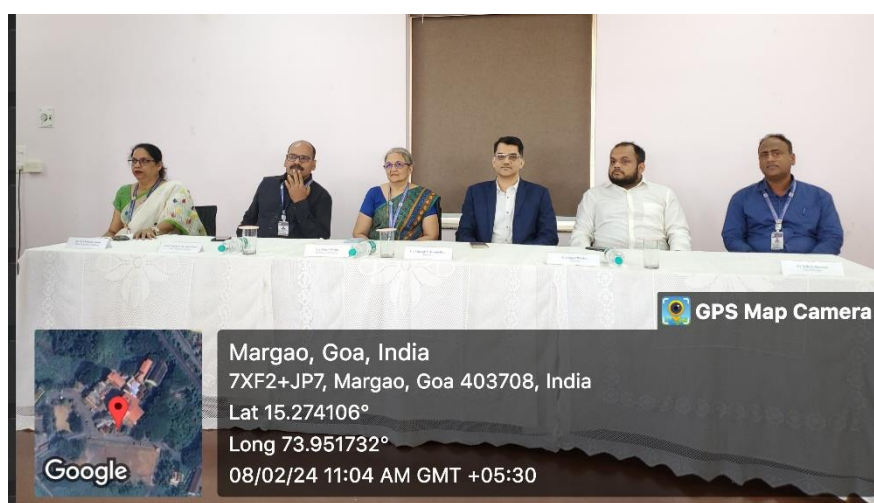
8th February 2024

The Department of Economics & Banking organized a Panel Discussion on the Interim Budget 2024 on the 08th of February 2024 in Hall No. 2, 5th Floor, College Central Block from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The objective of the panel discussion was to place a platform before the students and faculty of the College, for better understanding the budgetary situation of the Central Government by eminent speakers from across the spectrum, given the current expectations and needs of the country. The event sought to analyze and discuss the key aspects of the interim budget presented by the Government. The panel comprised three distinguished speakers; Vice-Principal Professor Sanjay Sawant Dessai, CA Vinayak V. Dhumatkar, and CA. Royce Pereira. Assistant Professor Mr. Shreyas Desai moderated the session.

At the outset, the Principal of the College, Professor Prita D. Mallya, addressed the gathering and welcomed the panelists and the moderator. Ms. Cidel Rodrigues, student of TY B.Com., introduced the panelists. The session began with comments by the panelists on their general impressions of the budget. Professor Sanjay Dessai provided his scholarly perspectives on the overall budget by meticulously displaying the key components of the budget. CA Vinayak Dhumatkar, with extensive experience in finance and taxation, provided insights into the budget's fiscal policies and their implications on various sectors of the economy. While CA Royce Pereira, offered his expertise on the financial implications of the budget, focusing on taxation, investments, and fiscal management.

The panel discussion commenced with an overview of the key highlights of the Interim Budget 2024 presented by the government. Each panelist then presented their analysis and opinions on different aspects of the budget, including fiscal deficit targets, expenditure allocations, tax reforms, and sector-specific policies. Students enthusiastically participated in the discussion by posing various questions regarding the implications of the interim budget 2024 on various sectors, share markets, start-ups, taxes, government schemes, etc.

To conclude, all the panelists agreed that since the country is set to face the general elections, Budget 2024 is interim in nature, there are more expectations yet to be realised from the full budget which will be presented in July 2024 by the incoming government. Nonetheless, India has progressed extensively with a strong balance between economic growth and fiscal consolidation reflecting the country's economic aspirations. It sets a broad direction for the management of the economy, focusing on growth, inclusivity, and reinforcing a pro-competition stance. The budget steers clear of populism and emphasizes building capabilities and lowering entry barriers in the market economy. It promotes development in infrastructure, particularly in physical, digital, and social aspects.



The Head of the Department of Economics and Banking, Dr. Lira M. Gama delivered the Vote of Thanks, for a fruitful discussion packed with expert views and deliberations.

The Panel Discussion was organized and coordinated by Ms. Lizette D'Costa and Ms. Saruka Kalgutkar, Assistant Professors from the Department of Economics & Banking. 97 students and 27 Faculty members attended the Panel Discussion.

Busting Myths about TOEFL and GRE

9th February 2024



The MoU Cell and the TIP Cell of the College organised a session on 'Busting Myths About TOEFL and GRE' for the students of SY B.Com on 9th February 2024. The Resource Persons for the sessions were Ms. Elizabeth Parmar, Regional Manager, ETS TOEFL; and Mr. Vasant A. Hede, Marketing Manager, Eduadvice International.

The main objective of organising the session was to make students aware of opportunities for further studies abroad and the relevance of TOEFL and GRE. The session began with the compere, Ms. Aveena Moura, student of FY B.Com B, introducing the Resource Persons. Mr. Vasant Hede then gave an overview about Eduadvice and discussed about TOEFL and GRE.

Ms. Parmar explained about the benefits of answering TOEFL through Eduadvice such as reduced test time, streamlined registration process, enhanced score reporting, Free AI-scored mobile practice sets, improved 'at home' experience, INR payment options and India-based customer support. The session ended with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Haseena Begum, TY B.Com. 51 students attended the session.

Academic Administrative Enrichment Programme for Government-Aided Colleges in Goa

9th February 2024

The Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) conducted a One-day Academic Administrative Enrichment Programme for Government Aided Colleges in Goa on 9th February 2024 at "Kautilya", Lekha Bhavan, Directorate of Accounts, Alto-Porvorim.

The objective of this training was to ensure uniformity in the proposals submitted by Government Aided Colleges to the Directorate of Higher Education, particularly regarding recruitment, career advancement, substitute for leaves, and purchases under the pattern of assistance. Three participants from our college attended the programme: Mr. Prakash R. Tendulkar (Accountant), Ms. Shruti S. Nayak (Head Clerk), and Ms. Nikhita N. Mayekar (Junior Stenographer).

The Academic Administrative Enrichment Programme comprised four technical sessions:

Session I, conducted by Ms. Bhakti Naik, Assistant Director (DHE), focused on the recruitment process of teaching and non-teaching staff. Ms. Naik elaborated on the required documents and procedures for obtaining NOC and final approval from DHE for the appointment of regular and temporary staff. She highlighted the checklists and proforma prepared by the Academic section of DHE to streamline proposal processing.

Session II, led by Shri Raghoba Gawandi, Rtd. Joint Director of Accounts, covered Financial Upgradation under Schemes for Non-teaching Staff. Mr. Gawandi explained eligibility criteria and procedures for financial upgradations under schemes like TBPS, ACPS, and MACPS, providing examples for clarity.

Session III, facilitated by Ms. Bhakti Naik, focused on Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Leaves for Teaching Staff. Ms. Naik discussed financial upgradations from Academic Level 10 to 11 and Academic Level 11 to 12, emphasizing the need for proposals to be sent to Goa University for approval beyond Academic Level 12. The session continued with Shri Ramesh Mahale, Senior Audit Officer (DHE), discussing the maintenance of Service Books for staff.

Session IV, conducted by Shri Ashwin Shah, Rtd. Joint Director of Accounts, covered Compliance for Audit of Salary and Non-Salary Grants. Mr. Shah emphasized adherence to the Pattern of Assistance and shared examples of audit recoveries due to non-compliance.

Participants were instructed to refer to circulars and checklists uploaded on the DHE website, as proposals not meeting checklist criteria would not be accepted. Additionally, each college was asked to appoint a Master Trainer from among the participants. Ms. Shruti S. Nayak was appointed as the Master Trainer for our college.

The Programme was well-organized and highly informative, concluding with a vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr) F.M. Nadaf, Deputy Director (DHE).

One Day State Level Inter-Collegiate Event 'Comquest 4.0'

10th February 2024

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized a One Day Inter-Collegiate Event 'Comquest 4.0' for M.Com students across Goa on 10th February 2024. The event aimed to promote learning, innovation, and the exchange of ideas among budding postgraduates in commerce. The day kicked off with the registration for the event that commenced at 8:30 a.m. The event witnessed participation of six colleges from Goa: Rosary college, Navelim, S.S Dempo college, Bambolim, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa; Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, Assagao, Govt. College, Pernem and MES Vasant Joshi College, Zuarinagar.

The inaugural function began with the lighting of the traditional lamp in Hall 1. Ms. Petalia Coutinho was the compere for the Inaugural Function. The Dignitaries present for the inaugural function were Vice Principal Dr. Edwin Barreto, Vice Principal Prof. Sanjay Dessai and Chief Guest, Ms. Rachana Deshpande, Founder of AR Consultancy Solutions and 9 Digits. The Chief Guest was introduced by Asst. Prof. Edrea Picardo.

The Programme Coordinator, Asst. Prof. Twinkle Fernandes briefed the audience about the proceedings of the event. Comquest 4.0 featured three main categories: Pre Open, Bear, and Bull, each containing multiple sub-events both On-stage as well as off stage events such as Insta R (Reel Making), Trade Craft (Logo Making), Mascotrend (Mascot), Ad-Echo Fantasia (Ad Making), Pitch-Rich (Marketing), Stock Market Showdown (Mock Trading), Trade Trivia (Business Quiz), Team Guru (Best Manager), Venture Vault (Business Plan), Bizbrush (Poster Making) and Comquest Royale (Mr. & Ms. Comquest 4.0). A total of 11 sub-events were held for Comquest 4.0.

The Vice Principal, Dr. Edwin Barreto extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, teaching faculty and participants from various colleges. He congratulated the Post Graduate Department of Commerce for organizing Comquest 4.0 and mentioned that events like Comquest give students the opportunity to showcase their talents and also help the students in developing their organizing skills. Vice Principal Prof. Sanjay Dessai, in his address

emphasized the requirements of a career as a Professor and encouraged the students to be updated about the current news by reading business newspapers and undertaking stock market trading. Chief Guest, Ms. Rachana Deshpande, in her address inspired the students to leverage their education effectively and encouraged them to adopt entrepreneurial mindset by illustrating anecdotes of renowned business figures who began modestly and eventually achieved remarkable success. She concluded by wishing the participants good luck. Thereafter, the Chief Guest unveiled the overall Champion's trophy and declared the event 'Comquest 4.0' open. Ms. Shruthi Pai Khot and team gave a sweet and musical welcome to the audience. The inaugural function concluded at 10.00 am with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Asst. Prof. Valencia Baptista.

All teams participated with a lot of enthusiasm and vigor in all the events.

The Valedictory function was held at 5:15 p.m. in Hall 1. Ms. Aemisha Azavedo was the compere for the Valedictory Function. The Dignitaries present for the Valedictory function were Vice Principal Dr. Edwin Barreto and Chief Guest: Mrs. Cinthia Maria Borges e Abranches, Principal of R.M.S. Higher Secondary School, Margao. The Report of Comquest 4.0 was read by Asst. Prof. Ms. Valencia Baptista. The Chief Guest was introduced by Ms. Zia Fernandes. Thereafter, as a token of appreciation, a fruit basket and a memento were presented by Ms. Sunia Boruah to the Chief Guest. The participants from colleges gave their honest feedback about the day's event.

Mr. Dhiraj Goyal and Mr. Hassan Raza declared the results of the event. The winners for individual sub-events were as follows:

Sub-Event	1 st Place	2 nd Place
Venture vault	Fyers	Angel One and Groww
Trade craft	Fyers	Upstock
Insta R	Fyers	Upstock
Stock market showdown	Zerodha	Groww
Trade Trivia	Upstock	Groww
Ad Echo Fantasia	Edelweiss	Upstock
Team Guru	Edelweiss	Groww
Pitch Ritch	Upstock	Angel One
Biz Brush	Upstock	Edelweiss
Mascotrend	Angel One	Groww

S. S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics, Cujira emerged as the Overall Winners, while Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao won the Runners up Trophy. Mr. Varun Mascarenhas from Rosary College, Navelim and Ms. Radyni Faldesai of S. S. Dempo College, Cujira were crowned as Mr. and Ms. Comquest 4.0 respectively.

Ms. Switi Gawas, Student Coordinator of Comquest proposed the Vote of Thanks for

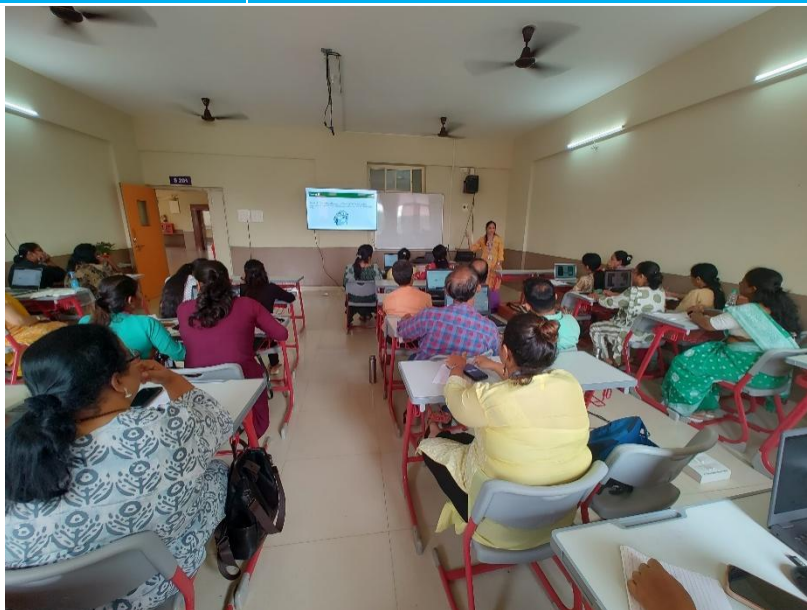


the Valedictory Function. The event concluded at 6.00 p.m. The Student Coordinators of the event were Ms. Switi Gawas and Mr. Alrich Fernandes.

Outreach program- Workshop on Power BI

10th February 2024

The Department of Computer Science as part of its outreach program organized a 2 hour workshop on Power BI for the faculty of RMS Higher secondary on 10th February 2024. This workshop was organized to help the faculty familiarize themselves with a data analytic tool that could help them make their work more efficient. The Resource Person was Asst. Professor Ms. Rakshavi Dessai.



The workshop started with walk-through of basic fundamentals of business intelligence. The basic

difference between excel and power BI, advantages and role of power BI was discussed. The focus was then shifted to the demonstration of Power BI, its commands, tools and practical approach. The faculties were given data sets where they would perform certain analytic functions to get the desired information. Multiple examples were taken to make the faculty familiar with using the interface and tools of Power BI.

The workshop concluded at 2:45pm. Ms. Ujwala More from RMS Higher Secondary proposed the Vote of Thanks and handed a memento to the Resource Person. All the faculty present appreciated the workshop as it has opened an avenue for them that is different from standard excel spread sheets.

Mr. Andre Pacheco and Ms.Rama Borkar were the faculty in charge of this program. 29 Teachers of RMS HSS attended the program.

'In Depth Insights: The Art of Case Study Research'

10th February 2024

The Research & Development Cell in collaboration with FD Cell organised an insightful session titled 'In depth Insights: The Art of Case Study Research' on 10th February 2024, from 12.15 pm to 1.15 pm in room no F-104. Mr. Clifford D'Costa, FPM Scholar Goa Institute of Management and an alumnus of our college led the session as the Resource Person. Dr. Maithili Naik, Convenor of R&D Cell initiated the session by introducing the Resource Person and providing a comprehensive overview of the session to the participants.



The objective of the session was to provide researchers with a deeper understanding of the art involved in crafting meaningful case studies. The art of analyzing case study data was a key aspect of the session. The session began with a clear definition of case study research, emphasizing its qualitative nature and the detailed analysis of a particular subject within its real-life context.

During the session, the speaker provided valuable insights into various types of case study research, drawing from personal experiences in researching notable cases such as Zerodha and DMart. The discussion offered a firsthand perspective on the intricacies and challenges encountered while working on these specific cases. Participants gained insights into the diverse purposes of case studies, including theory-building, exploration, and problem-solving. The session focused on the intricacies of designing a case study. This included careful consideration of the research questions, selection criteria for cases, and the importance of defining the scope and boundaries. Practical tips were shared for effective planning and execution.

Mr. Clifford provided an in-depth examination of various data collection methods and elaborated the key elements involved in conducting high-quality case study research. Participants gained insights into the advantages and challenges associated with case study research. The session saw active participation from 25 teaching staff members who engaged in discussions and Q&A sessions with Mr. Clifford. The session offered a comprehensive exploration into the methodology, techniques, and intricacies of conducting case study research. The session concluded at 12:15 pm with Ms. Pooja Shanbhag, Convenor of FDP Cell, expressing gratitude with the Vote of Thanks. The session proved to be highly informative and enriching and was appreciated by all the teachers.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

10th February 2024

An Internship Information Session was organised by the Department of Computer Science on 10th February 2024 in class S-204 from 11:30 to 12:45 pm for students of BCA and B.Voc.(ST). The Resource Person for this session was Mr. Zubin Sousa, Founder of Zunderdog LLP., Velsao, Goa. 44 FY, SY BCA and B.Voc.(ST) students attended the session.

The session began with an engaging overview of the company's mission and values, providing attendees with a clear understanding of the organizational culture. Mr Zubin Sousa highlighted the diverse range of internship opportunities available in marketing, development and social media marketing.



The session emphasized the company's commitment to fostering a learning environment, where interns would be actively involved in real-world projects. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions during a lively Q&A session, wherein the company representatives addressed queries about specific roles, expectations and potential career paths.

The activity was initiated and organized by Ms. Samira Vengurlekar and Mr. Sameer Patil, faculty members from the Department of Computer Science.

Lakshya 17.0

10th February 2024

The BBA Department of MES College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar, hosted a state-level management event titled Lakshya 17.0 at MES College campus on 10th February 2024. The event's theme was "Unlock the chamber of corporate secrets". 4 students from FY BBA and 1 student from SY BBA competed in the following rounds:

- Hufflepuff (Human Resource round)- Naychell Miranda
- Gryfindor (Finance round)- Divyanshi Vala

- Ravenclaw (Marketing round)- Sydon Gracias
- Slytherin (Entrepreneur round)- Warren Fernandes
- Steedhoof (Best Manager round)- Cybern Fernandes, and
- Labyrinth (team round)-entire team.

Each round had a pre-round. The event began with the inaugural function at 9.30 a.m., followed by individual rounds. **The team won first place in the Human Resource round, Marketing round and Entrepreneurship round.** The team were crowned as overall runners-up for Lakshya 17.0. The winners of the event were S.S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics. Lakshya 17.0 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.



Students' participation in the State-Level IT event "GENESIS 6.0"

10th February 2024

The Department of Computer Applications of MES Vasant Joshi College, Zuarinagar, Goa, organized a State-level IT event 'GENESIS 6.0' on 10th February 2024 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for students pursuing B.C.A, B.Sc. (Computer Science), M.C.A, M.Sc, and Engineering. 7 Colleges across Goa participated in the event. The event aimed at providing a platform for prospective IT graduates to showcase their talent in the field of computing and creativity. 17 students from the BCA and B.Voc.(ST) programme of our college participated in the event.



The event was divided into 5 major events such as the Pre-event, Cultural event, Tech event, Sport event, and Gaming events. A student of TY BCA, Mr. Siddhivinayak Hadapad, won first place in Code Converse (Debate competition). Overall, Rosary College of Commerce and Arts won the event. Ms. Vinaya Kirloskar, Assistant Professor in Commerce, accompanied the students for the event.

"Brainiac Battle" - Fastest Word Search Competition.

10th February 2024

The TechTrendz Club of the Department of Computer Science organized "Brainiac Battle"- Fastest Word Search Competition, for the students of BCA and BVoc.(ST) programmes on February 10, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Classroom S203. 24 students participated in the event.

The participants had to complete the puzzle by searching all the listed words in a grid of letters within limited time. The benefits of the Word Search competition range from improving spelling and vocabulary to reducing stress and improving context clue fluency. The winners of the Brainiac Battle” Fastest word search Competition” were as follows:

1st Place: Aldrid Alex Fernandes (SY BCA - B)

2nd Place: Analey Afonso (SY BCA - B)

3rd Place: Ashley Colaco (SY BCA - B)

Ms. Shaikh Thuba (SY BCA- B), Ms. Fateema Khan (SY BCA- B), Ms. Aifa Shaikh (SY BCA- B) and Mr. Tanish Ghag (TY B.Voc.(ST)) organized the event. Ms. Sheetal Sharma (SY BCA- B) served as the student coordinator for the event. Ms. Vidya N, Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Ms. Yugandhara Joshi, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, were the teachers in charge of the competition.



Interpersonal Skills Training Sessions

12th,13th,14th,22nd & 27th February 2024

The TIP Cell of the College conducted training sessions for students to improve their interpersonal skills on 12th, 13th, 14th, 22nd and 27th February 2024. The sessions were planned across 5 days for 2 hours each day. The trainer for the sessions was Ms. Nandini Kunde. The topics covered for the training were

- Art of communication and Listening Skills
- Time Management Skills
- Business Etiquette
- Email and Social Etiquette
- Conflict Management

The sessions began with a team building activity where students played the role of employees of a company. Interactive workshops, role-playing exercises, and group discussions were utilized to explore different communication styles and techniques. Emphasis was placed on active listening, non-verbal communication, and



overcoming communication barriers. Time management tools and methodologies were introduced, including the Pomodoro Technique and task prioritization frameworks. The next training sessions covered topics such as professional dress codes, networking etiquette and professional correspondence. Best practices for composing professional

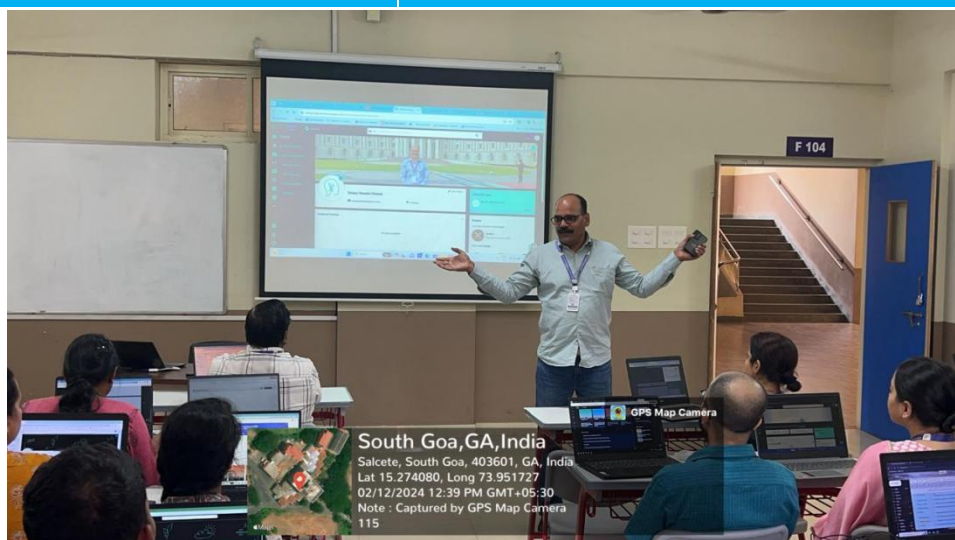
emails, managing email overload, and using social media platforms for professional networking were discussed. The last training session explored different conflict resolution styles, negotiation techniques, and strategies for managing difficult conversations.

The five-day training program proved very valuable in equipping participants with professional skills essential for success in today's dynamic workplace. Asst. Prof. Omkar Pawaskar was in charge of the training sessions. 78 students attended the sessions.

Session on Infosys Springboard

12th February 2024

The FDP Cell, in collaboration with the TLET Cell, conducted an enriching session on 'Infosys Springboard' on 12th February 2024, from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm in room number F104. The primary objective of the session was to make the teachers aware of the features of Infosys Springboard platform and guide them about the wide choice of courses available there. Prof. Sanjay Sawant Dessai, Vice Principal of Shree Damodar College, was the Resource Person for the session.



Ms. Pooja Shanbhag, Convenor of FD Cell, commenced the session by introducing the Resource Person to the audience and providing a comprehensive overview of the session.

Prof. Sanjay Sawant Dessai initiated the session by introducing the Infosys Springboard Platform. He demonstrated the process of signing up on the platform, and followed by exhibiting various courses offered on it. He also urged the teachers to encourage students to sign up on the platform and complete courses offered on it.

Attendees used their laptops to explore the platform themselves, and posed queries and questions, which were promptly addressed by the resource person. Mr. Shreyas Desai, Convenor of TLET Cell, proposed the vote of thanks. 44 teaching staff from all programs attended and benefited from this session. The session was appreciated by all the participants.

Career Counselling Session on Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test

14th February 2024

The Department of Management Studies in collaboration with the Career Cell organised a workshop on Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test on 14th February 2024. The event aimed to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills required to excel in the entrance test for the Company Secretary Executive program. The Resource Person for the workshop was Mr. Dharmaraj J. Bhonsle, a distinguished professional and Ex-Chairman of the Goa Chapter of WIRC-ICSI.

A welcome address and introduction of the Resource Person was provided by a student, Mr. Devraj Chaudhary. The workshop began with an insightful analysis by Mr. Dharmaraj J. Bhonsle of the Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test, covering its structure, marking scheme, and key areas of focus. This allowed



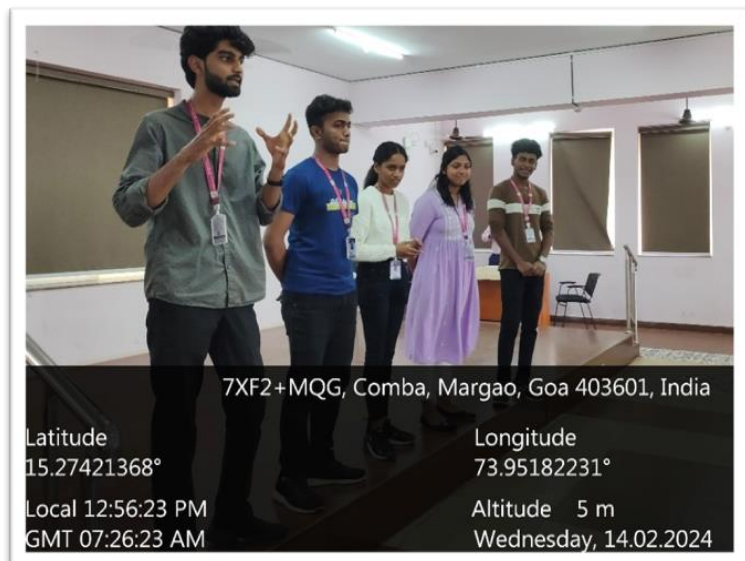
students to gain a comprehensive understanding of what to expect in the examination. A significant portion of the workshop was dedicated to enlightening students about the Company Secretary profession. Mr. Bhonsle shared his rich industry experience, shedding light on the role and responsibilities of a Company Secretary, thus motivating aspirants to pursue this career path.

A highly interactive Q&A session was conducted, allowing students to clarify doubts and seek advice on specific challenges. This segment facilitated personalized guidance, making the workshop more beneficial for each participant. Mr. Sami Shaikh, a student, expressed gratitude to Mr. Bhonsle for his time, expertise, and commitment to fostering the professional growth of aspiring Company Secretaries. 51 students attended the session.

One-Word Stories & One Act	14th February 2024
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The Readers Club organized a competition on ‘One-Word Stories & One Act’ (Scene from a Play) on 14th February 2024 in Hall No. 2 from 12.15 pm. to 1.15 pm. The competition was judged by Asst. Professor, Ms. Sheryl Sanches.

Five teams participated in One-word stories, wherein each group had to narrate a story based on a word given on the spot, within 5 minutes. Each team got two minutes for preparation. The first place was secured by Jesly and his team of four members Belisma Barreto, Suhani Naik Dessai, Bikram Chouhan, and Rahul Raikar from FY B.Com and the second place was bagged by Soham Gharse and his team consisting of Tanisha Naik, Advait Ainapur, Vaishnavi Vernekar, Dhruv Kakode, and Suyash Patki.



The One Act (Scene from a Play) competition had two groups participating. Students had to select an act from any novel or fairy tale and act it out within a duration of 10 minutes. The first place was won by Kewell Fernandes and his team members- Altaz Khan, Samiullah Shaikh, Mansur Makandar, Sufiyan Yadwad, and Prem Khajure.

This activity was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Monica Patil, Convenor of the Readers Club, and students in charge, Koel Jana, Brionna Noronha, Kewal Patel, and Natisha Borkar.

Intercollegiate T-10 Leather Ball Cricket Tournament	14th-15th February 2024
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The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized the Inter-Collegiate T-10 Leather Ball Cricket Tournament for Men for the first time on 14th and 15th February 2024, at the Fatorda Cricket Ground. Eight different colleges participated in the tournament, including:

1. VVM's Shree Damodar College, Margao
2. Govt. College Borda
3. VMS Law, Miramar
4. SES Caculo, Mapusa
5. AIID, Assagao
6. Govt. College, Quepem

- 7. DCT's S.S Dempo College, Cujira
- 8. DM's College, Assagao

The Chief Guest for the Inaugural Ceremony was Dr. Debashish Bagchi, CDPE&S at Parvatibai Chowgule College, and the Guest of Honour was Dr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, Asst. Prof. of PE at Don Bosco College Panjim. The event was coordinated by Mr. Dewaraj Hirekurbar, the College Director of Physical Education and Sports, and Mr. Saurabh Raikar, an Instructor in Physical Education at the College.



The officials for the tournament were:

- 1. Mr. Abrar Khan - Umpire
- 2. Mr. Kusgbuddin Shaikh - Umpire
- 3. Mr. Tushar Naik - Commentator
- 4. Mr. Satish Shirodkar - Scorer

The Chief Guest for the Valedictory function was Mr. Aditya Prabhu Gaonkar, Cricketer, and also working at My Voyage Management & Consultancy. The Sports Council of the College, headed by Mr. Siddhivinayak Hadapad, a student of TYBCA, along with 30 other Sports Council Members, made all the arrangements for the tournament.

Results

Position	College Name	Players	Performance
Winners	Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao		Total Score 71 with loss of 4 wickets in finals
Runners up	VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao		Total Score 70 with loss of 4 wickets in finals
Best Bowler	VVM's Shree Damodar College, Margao	Mr. Samprabh Phaldesai	5 wickets in 3 Matches
Best Batsman	VVM's Shree Damodar College, Margao	Mr. Shubham Gajinkar	78 Runs in 3 Matches
Best Fielder	DMC College, Assagao	Mr. Yash Gadekar	5 Catches and 3 Stumpings in 3 Matches

Commerce Wars 4.0	15th -27th February 2024
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The Commerce Club of the Department of Commerce & Management organized Commerce Wars 4.0 from 15th to 27th February 2024. 80 B.Com students were a part of this event.

The following activities were held:

1. Workshop on E-filing of Income Tax Returns

A workshop on E-filing of Income Tax Returns was held on February 15, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Attended by 77 participants, the event aimed to enhance understanding of E-filing processes. CA Sneha Menon, a taxation expert, led the session, offering insights into online filing procedures, common errors, and tax-saving strategies. The workshop, inaugurated by the Principal, emphasized practical skill development for future careers. Interactive activities and case studies enriched learning experiences. Ruby Mahato served as the compere, while Prof. Sanjay Dessai delivered the Vote of Thanks. Prof. Sanjay Dessai, Mr. Ainsley Bernard, and Ms. Akshada Gaonkar coordinated the workshop.



2. Business Plan Competition on the theme "Social Entrepreneurship"

A Business Plan Competition on "Social Entrepreneurship" was held for B.Com students on February 16, 2024. The event aimed to cultivate entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking among participants. Seven teams presented solutions to social issues like waste management and HIV testing. Judges CA Atindra Bhatikar and Mohsin Shaikh assessed plans based on relevance, practicality, and quality. Interactive sessions allowed students to discuss ideas with judges. The competition fostered critical thinking and practical application of business concepts. Altaz Khan & Kewell Fernandes secured first place, Brionna Noronha & Belisma Barreto came second, and Harsh Kalal & Sai Lolla claimed third. The students will receive cash prizes from the Suhas Mulay Smriti Pratishthan endowment. Dr.Edwin Barreto, Dr.Lina Sadekar and Ms.Kalpana Parab were the teachers in charge.

3. Panel discussion titled "Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward"

A panel discussion titled "Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward" was held during Commerce Wars 4.0 on February 17, 2024. With 71 students in attendance, the event featured a distinguished panel including Mr. Datta Naik, Mr. Prajal Sakhardande and Mr. Abhijit Sawant, and was moderated by Mr. Alwin Joseph. Student Nandita Borkar introduced the panelists, highlighting their expertise. The discussion, skillfully led by Mr. Joseph, delved into various aspects of SDGs, from poverty and inequality to environmental sustainability. The event, hosted by Ms. Giselle Colaco, concluded with a Vote of Thanks from Asst. Prof. Sheryl Sanches.

4. Product Design Competition on the theme "Sustainable Invent: Designing for a Sustainable Tomorrow"

A product design competition was organised as a part of Commerce Wars 4.0 on 19th Feb 2024 in the smart classroom. The event aimed at cultivating entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking among participants. 12 teams displayed their products. The judges Ms. Snehal Jadhav and Ms.Twinkle Fernandes assessed the products based on creativity, sustainability, marketability, usage and overall impact. The winners of the competition were, First place: Altaz Khan & Kewell Fernandes of TY.B.Com, Second place: Nikita Shirodkar and Teja Gaonkar of SY B.Com and Third place: Shrideep Shetty and Soham Prabhu of FY B.Com.

5. "Bazaar: Mock Trading Competition"

"Bazaar: Mock Trading Competition" was held as a part of Commerce Wars 4.0 on February 20, 2024. The event aimed to provide practical insights into trading and investment strategies. Seven teams of B.Com. students

participated, engaging in two rounds. The first involved an Initial Public Offering (IPO) session, allocating funds for investment decisions. The subsequent round allowed investment across asset classes like debt, equity, and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Mr. Owen Godinho and Mr. Swapnil Wagh secured first place, followed by Mr. Vishal Kubawat and Ms. Brionna Noronha in second, and Mr. Kewell Fernandes and Mr. Altaz Khan in third. The competition proved successful in enriching students' understanding of trading and investment dynamics. Dr. Maithili Naik was the teacher in charge of the event. Mr. Suyash Patki, FY BBA(FS), Mr. Vedang Bagade, TY B.Com, Mr. Aldric Menezes Gama, TY B.Com and Mr. Dhruv Kade, SY BBA(FS) were the student organisers.

6. Debate on "Can Artificial Intelligence Truly Replace Human Intelligence?"

Debate Competition on "Can Artificial Intelligence Truly Replace Human Intelligence?" was organized on February 21, 2024. It aimed at empowering students with knowledge about AI, seven teams participated. Dr. Shami Pai introduced the event, with Mr. Ramakrishna Reddy and Ms. Twinkle Fernandes as judges. Debaters presented diverse perspectives, evaluated on argument clarity, presentation style, and relevance to the theme. Miss. Ruby Mahato and Miss. Astha Kossambe secured first place, while Mr. Sai Lolla and Mr. Harsh Kalal claimed second. Miss. Zakiya Sayed hosted, and Miss. Safaa Sayad delivered the Vote of Thanks, fostering a deeper understanding of AI among participants. Dr. Shami Pai and Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar were the teachers in charge for the event.

7. Students Seminar cum Research Paper Presentation Competition

A Students Seminar cum Paper Presentation Competition on February 27th, 2024, themed 'Reshaping Business in the New Global Paradigm.' was organized. Dr. Shami Pai welcomed judges and participants, with Miss. Safaa Sayed introducing the esteemed panel. Eight teams, guided by faculty members, showcased their insights. The valedictory function saw Abha Naik, Nidhi Kunde, and Shreya Rajeev guided by Dr. Maithili Naik and Ms. Pooja Shanbhag clinching the first place. Shreeyash Dalal, Sai Sashank Lola, and Janvi Dalal guided by Dr. Shami Pai and Ms. Swati Bhat secured second place, while Ruby Mahato, Sakshi Ganguli, and Harsh Kalal guided by Dr. Edwin Barreto and Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar secured third place. Miss. Zakiya Sayed hosted, and Ms. Koel Jana delivered the Vote of Thanks, marking a successful event fostering academic excellence.

Commerce Wizard of the Year: Kewell Fernandes and Altaz Khan of TY B.Com

Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition

16th February 2024

The Department of Commerce, Government College of Commerce & Economics, Borda, organized an intercollegiate COMMERCE QUIZ on 16th February 2024. Dr. Anson Albuquerque, Assistant Director at the Directorate of Higher Education, served as the quiz master for the event, which saw participation from 7 colleges.

Two teams represented our college in the quiz. The first team consisted of Ms. Shreeyash Sinai Dalal and Mr. Vedang Bagade (T.Y.B.Com), while the second team comprised Ms. Astha Kossambe and Ms. Arya Kamat (T.Y.B.Com).

The quiz commenced with a written preliminary round, conducted through a Google form, focusing on topics related to accounting and taxation. Four teams qualified for the on-stage quiz competition.

The main quiz comprised three challenging rounds that tested participants' knowledge in taxation, business, and

commerce. It proved to be an engaging and informative experience for all teams.

In the final round, teams from Damodar College and GVM's College were tied with a total of 160 points. A tie-breaker question was posed by the quizmaster, resulting in Damodar College emerging as the winner, with GVM's College securing the runner-up position.

The members of the winning team from our institution, Ms. Shreyash and Mr. Vedang, were awarded certificates and a winning trophy.

The quizmaster commended the efforts of all participants and winning teams for their dedication to the event. The prize distribution concluded with a Vote of Thanks.



Soft Skills & Personality Development Workshop	16th February 2024
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The Department of Psychology and English of MES College, Zuarinagar, Goa organised a Workshop on Soft Skills & Personality Development on 16th February 2024. 04 students from FY B.Com, Fahadullah Javed, Melisha Baptista, Shaahid Almelkar, and Jaidenn Fernandes, participated in the Workshop.

The Resource Persons for the Workshop were Mr. Eshan Usapkar and Prof. Shalini Upadhyay. Prof. Shalini spoke about the importance of communication skills, overcoming the fear of communication, and positive self-talk, etc. She also gave tips on how to ace an interview and a group discussion, and to write a Resume.



Mr. Eshan Usapkar, the second Resource Person shared his journey of joining the army, facing challenges, and becoming an advocate. He spoke about the importance of not giving up on our dreams, daring to do what we love, and developing our soft skills.

The students appreciated both sessions and felt more confident and motivated to communicate effectively and pursue their goals.

Students' Participation in Students Parliament Competition	16th February 2024
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Goa Legislature Secretariat at Porvorim organized Students Parliament competition on 16th February 2024. This report documents their active engagement and contributions to the discussions on various pressing societal issues during the event.

The participating students represented our college with enthusiasm and dedication. They embraced the opportunity



to voice concerns on behalf of their community and actively participated in the parliamentary proceedings. The students underwent thorough preparation and training. They engaged in research, discussions, and mock debates to familiarize themselves with parliamentary procedures and the topics of discussion. In order to have a better understanding of assembly procedures, Mr. Durgadas Kamat from Goa Forward

party provided guidance and support, ensuring that the students were well-equipped to articulate their ideas effectively.

During the competition, our students raised pertinent issues affecting society, including the condition of roads, tourism development, drug menace, and waste disposal. In addition to the question hour, our students actively participated in other segments of the competition, such as Calling Attention, Zero Hour, and Discussion on Urgent Matters. The competition fostered a vibrant exchange of ideas between the ruling and opposition parties, with our students contributing meaningfully to the discourse. Participating in the Students Parliament competition provided our students with invaluable learning experiences. They honed their communication skills, critical thinking abilities, and understanding of democratic processes.

30 students namely Advait Ainar, Soham Gharse, Tanish Patil, Sathvik Satardekar, Mayank Jalora, Granthik Buyao, Omkar Naik, Shambhavi Gaonkar, Mitali Poojari, Aldric Menezes Gama, Cybern Fernandes, Surya Kerkar, Sweta Shah, Dharmesh Gupta, Sahil Talaulikar, Glace D'Souza, Sahil Khanvilkar, Sania Madkaikar, Janhavi Aigal, Nitya Bhat, Sohan Patil, Suyash Patki, Dhruv Kadkade, Warren Fernandes, Naychell Miranda, Saipratham Anvekar, Sunil Danapanavar, Dishant Singh, Tanisha Naik and Raghav Bhat took part in the competition.

Mr. Jayant Panvelkar was the teacher in charge.

Financial Market Awareness Programme: Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)

16th February 2024

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce in association with Empirical F&M Academy, Mumbai organized a Financial Market Awareness Programme: Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on 16th February 2024 between 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Hall 1. The main objective of this session was to provide students with insights into the functioning, importance, and application of commodity derivatives in financial markets. The Resource Person for the session was Mr. Pratyush Bhaskar, SEBI smart trainer, Empirical F&M Academy, Mumbai. The programme began with a warm welcome and an introduction of the Resource Person by Ms. Roshni Khatun of M.Com-II.

Mr. Pratyush commenced the session with a brief introduction of the concept of commodity derivatives and their significance in financial markets. He then explained to the students how to explore the mechanics of commodity trading, including futures and options contracts. He also discussed the role of commodity derivatives in risk management and portfolio diversification, and also provided the students with practical insights through case studies and real-world examples. He further elaborated the role of MCX – Multi Commodity Exchange in the commodity futures market.

This session provided the students with a comprehensive understanding of commodity markets and derivatives trading.



The Resource Person made the session interactive by solving various queries of students related to commodity markets and MCX.

The session ended at 1.00 pm with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Uma Pandit from M.Com-II. The report is contributed by Ms. Aruna Mali from M.Com-I. 53 students of B.Com and M.Com attended the session.

Session on National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange

16th February 2024

The Department of Commerce & Management in collaboration with the Department of Management Studies conducted a session on the “National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange” on 16th of February, 2024, aimed to enlighten students on the intricacies of commodity trading, derivatives market, and the role of SEBI in regulating these financial instruments. Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar, Assistant Professor in Commerce & Management, and Miss Delisha Rebello, Assistant Professor in the Department of Management Studies, were the Coordinators. Mansha Kerkar student of SY BBA(FS) was the compere.

Mr. Pratyush Bhaskar, SEBI Smart Trainer, Mumbai began the session by providing a comprehensive overview of commodity markets, elucidating the types of commodities traded, and the significance of these markets in the global economy. The resource person delved into the complexities of derivatives trading, explaining the purpose, types, and functioning of derivative instruments. Practical examples were shared to enhance understanding.

Mr. Bhaskar shed light on the regulatory framework administered by SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) to ensure the fair and transparent functioning of commodity and derivative markets. He emphasized the importance of compliance and ethical trading practices.

A lively and engaging question-and-answer session followed the main presentation. Students actively participated, seeking clarification on various topics related to commodity and derivatives trading. Miss Fenisa Dias SY BBA FS proposed the Vote of Thanks. 85 students attended the session.



“Decoding Geographical Indications: An Overview”

16th February 2024

The IPR Cell of the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of the College, organized a session on 'Decoding Geographical Indications: An Overview' on 16th February 2024 in Class No. 204 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Resource Person for the session was Ms. Smita Bandekar, Assistant Professor in Law. The objective of conducting the session was to acquaint students and increase their



knowledge of Geographical Indications – one of the major types of Intellectual Property Rights. Ms. Bandekar commenced her session by educating students on the meaning of Geographical Indications. She proceeded by enlightening the students on the types, uses, and rights provided by Geographical Indications along with various examples. She expanded their insights by informing them that Geographical Indications also include a variety of concepts used in international treaties and national/regional jurisdictions, such as, Appellation of Origin (AO), Protected Designation of Origin (PDO), and Protected Geographical Indication (PGI). She also competently differentiated between Geographical Indications and Trademarks. On the whole, the session was extremely informative, providing students an opportunity to supplement their knowledge of Geographical Indications. 36 students attended the session, which was organized and coordinated by Ms. Lizette D'Costa, Assistant Professor in Economics & Banking, Convenor, IPR Cell.

Investor Hub Activity: Presentation on Central Bank Digital Currency, Quiz & Debate competition

17th February 2024

The Department of Management Studies organized the weekly Investor Hub activity on 17th February 2024, providing a platform for students to engage in interactive discussions on financial topics.

Presentation:

Mr. Erville, Mr. Vaibhav, Mr. Aden, and Mr. Divyanshu, students from FY BBA(FS), delivered a comprehensive presentation on the topic Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), focusing particularly on the concept of E-rupee. They elucidated the features, advantages, and challenges associated with the adoption of digital currencies, offering valuable insights into the evolving landscape of financial technology. The presentations on Central Bank Digital Currency offered valuable insights into the rapidly evolving landscape of financial technology.



Quiz and Debate competition

Mr. Devraj, student from FY BBA (FS), took charge of conducting a quiz and debate round during the Investor Hub activity. The quiz encompassed a wide range of topics spanning current affairs and finance, challenging participants to test their knowledge and critical thinking abilities. Following the quiz, a debate competition was

conducted wherein students engaged in spirited discussions on various contemporary issues in finance. The debate fostered intellectual discourse and encouraged participants to articulate their viewpoints with clarity.

The Investor Hub activity proved to be a stimulating and enriching experience for all participants. The teachers in charge of the activity were Mr. Jayant Panvelkar and Ms. Alba De Sa.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti Celebration

19th February 2024

The Cultural Council and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Club of the College came together to pay tribute to celebrate Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti. The festivities commenced with a solemn garlanding ceremony of



the revered idol of Shivaji Maharaj, by the Principal, Professor Prita D Mallya. The Principal's address symbolized deep admiration and homage to his noble spirit, inspiring the staff and students present to emulate his noble virtues in our own lives.

As a part of the celebrations, Mr. Suyash Patki, from the BBA program, in his speech delved into the heroic exploits and strategic brilliance of Shivaji Maharaj. Students also participated in a Flag Painting Competition organized by the Cultural Council and EBSB Club. The winner of the competition was Ms. Natisha Borkar from TY B.Com.

The event took place in the College quadrangle, thus giving every staff member and student an opportunity to participate. As we reflect on the inspiring legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, may his ideals continue to guide and inspire us towards a brighter future filled with courage, resilience, and unity.

Ms. Shambhavi Naik Gaonkar- General Secretary, Cultural Council and Mr. Sathvik Satardekar- General Secretary, Students' Council, were the student coordinators for the event.

'EmpowerED: Elevating English Soft Skills'

20 th - 24 th February 2024

The Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the Career Cell, conducted a workshop titled "EmpowerED: Elevating English Soft Skills" for FYBCA students from 20th to 24th, February 2024. The workshop was meticulously organized to enhance the English language proficiency of the students, with Ms. Zakiya Tahir, Assistant Professor in English, as the Resource Person. The workshop comprised of four sessions, to address different aspects of English language development.

Session 1, titled '**Importance of LRWS Skills,**' took place on 20th February from 8:00 to 9:00 pm, focusing on the essential components of LRWS (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking) skills and their significance. Participants engaged in various activities aimed at improving these skills, including comprehension exercises to enhance reading abilities, role-playing activities to practice speaking and communication, and strategies for effective reading and listening comprehension.

Session 2, dedicated to '**Vocabulary Building & Grammar Exercises,**' took place on 21st February from 9:00 to 10:00 pm. Participants engaged in grammar exercises with practical applications, aiming to reinforce grammatical rules and structures. The session focused on identifying and rectifying common grammatical errors to enhance

communication skills. Through these activities, participants had the opportunity to strengthen their grasp of vocabulary and grammar, ultimately improving their language proficiency.

On 21st February, from 10:30 to 11:30 pm, Session 3 focused on **‘Writing Skills and Critical Thinking.’** The session included creative writing exercises to stimulate imaginative expression among participants. Additionally, students were guided through essay writing and critical analysis to refine their writing abilities and enhance critical thinking skills.

Session 4, titled **‘Business English Enhancement,** was held on 22nd February from 9:00 to 10:00 pm, with a focus on improving formal communication skills applicable to professional contexts. The session introduced business language, vocabulary, and terminology relevant to various industries. Participants engaged in practice exercises aimed at refining formal expressions and navigating simulated business scenarios.

41 students enthusiastically participated in these sessions, benefiting from the guidance provided by Ms. Zakiya Tahir. The workshop not only aimed at elevating English soft skills but also aimed at empowering students with essential communication abilities crucial for their academic and professional growth.



Session on Healthy Transition into the working world

20th February 2024



The Training, Internship and Placement Cell, in association with the Counseling Cell, conducted a session on “Healthy transition into the working world” on 20th February 2024 at 11.30 am in Hall-2 of the College. The Resource Person was Ms. Elsa Lumia Da Costa, Consulting Psychologist & Health stress expert, Margao Goa.

The objective of the session was to enable the students to have a safe transition into working world and cope with uncertainty of future. The session was commenced with welcome address by Ms. Eshani Bakhle, College Counselor.

Ms. Elsa began the session with students brainstorming the contextual differences between college and work-life, and the qualities required to adjust to these changes. She guided students on building qualities such as discipline, punctuality, time management, personal growth and contentment. The speaker also discussed the statistical and practical differences in these qualities.

She also spoke about the work environment and the importance of work etiquette, dress code, skills of professional communication, team spirit and emotional self-regulation in work-settings. The session concluded with a Q&A segment. 144 students attended the session.

INTER- COLLEGIATE EVENT: ARENA 2024**20th February 2024**

St. Xavier's College of Commerce Mapusa, Goa, organized an inter-collegiate event ARENA, specifically for B.Com students on 20th February 2024. The event aimed to provide a platform for students to showcase their skills, talents, and knowledge in various fields related to commerce. Seven colleges participated in the event, with each team given a unique team name to represent their institution.

Shree Damodar College actively participated in the event, with a team of 10 students along with two additional students for assistance. The participating students were Soham Gharse, Sathvik Satardekar, Aneesh Sadhale, Mayank Jalora, Shreeyash Sinai Dalal, Tanvi Tengse, Tanisha Naik, Advait Ainapur, Arya Kamat, and Shambhavi Naik Gaunkar, Omkar Kedar and Sahil Khanvilkar accompanied by Assistant Professor Akshada Gaonkar. The team was enthusiastic and well-prepared to compete in various challenges. The ARENA event comprised multiple competitions to test the students' abilities in different areas. The Damodar College team, known as "Trade Warriors," showcased exceptional skills and determination throughout the day. The event included competitions such as Inception, Eye Delight, Lets Ad it up, Voice it out, We're Hiring, Art Attack, Treasure hunt, Shark Tank, Negocio, The Crown and a Surprise event.



Damodar College emerged victorious in ARENA 2024, showcasing outstanding performance in various competitions. The following students from Damodar College secured first place in their respective events:

- Eye Delight Event: Mayank Jalora
- Shark Tank: Shreeyash Sinai Dalal and Tanvi Tengse
- Digital Art: Sathvik Satardekar
- Voice it Out: Arya Kamat

As the overall winners of ARENA 2024, Damodar College received a trophy and a cash prize of ₹15,000 for the team. The achievement reflects the dedication and hard work put in by the students and faculty members.

The ARENA event organized by Xavier College Mapusa, provided an excellent platform for B.Com students to showcase their talents and skills. Damodar College's remarkable performance and ultimate victory in ARENA 2024 underscored the institution's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting excellence among its students. The event was coordinated by Dr. Shami Pai, B.Com Programme Coordinator. Ms. Akshada Gaonkar and Ms. Kalpana Parab, faculty members of Shree Damodar College, were the teachers in charge.

Management Day: "The Indian Century: Managing Growth with Transformation"**21st February 2024**

The Department of Management Studies, in collaboration with the Goa Management Association, organized "Management Day" on 21/02/2024. This event aimed to provide a platform for students to present a presentation centered around the theme "The Indian Century: Managing Growth with Transformation." Seven colleges from



Goa, viz. Saraswat College, Dempo College, Don Bosco College, Goa Multi Faculty College, MES College, Rosary College, and Xavier College, participated actively in the competition.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to all participants, faculty members, and dignitaries present. Mr. Rajesh Mehrotra, Vice President of the Goa Management Association, graced the occasion as the Chief guest, imparting valuable insights and encouragement to the participants.

The students from the participating colleges showcased their intellect and creativity through presentations on various topics aligned with the theme. Each team demonstrated a sound understanding of contemporary management challenges and proposed innovative solutions for managing growth amidst transformation, which was followed by a Q & A session. The Judging panel comprised esteemed personalities from the field of management, viz. Mr. G. M. K Venkata Rao and Mr. Vasu Ramanujam. Their expertise and discernment ensured fair evaluation and recognition of the participants' efforts. Mr. Datta Naik graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for the Valedictory function, commending the participants for their dedication and commendable presentations.

After rigorous evaluation, Don Bosco College, Panjim, emerged as the deserving winners of the competition and Rosary College stood as the runners up. The Management Day event served as a platform for the talent and potential present within the academic institutions of Goa.

WORKSHOP ON WEALTH CREATION THROUGH EQUITY

21st February 2024

The Department of Commerce and Management in association with Canara Robeco Mutual Fund organised a workshop on Wealth Creation through Equity on 21st February 2024 at the Conference Hall, Hotel Manoshanti, Panaji. The workshop aimed to enlighten students about the significance of equity investments in wealth creation and financial planning. 50 SY B.Com students, accompanied by faculty members, Mr. Ainsley Bernard and Ms. Akshada Gaonkar attended the workshop.

The workshop commenced with an introductory session on equity investments. The speakers from Canara Robeco Mutual Funds provided insights into the concept of equity, its types, and the potential returns associated with equity investments. Students were educated about the dynamics of the stock market, including the factors influencing stock prices, market trends and risk management strategies. Real-life examples and case studies were presented to enhance understanding. Various investment strategies were discussed during the workshop, ranging from value

investing to growth investing and diversification techniques. Participants gained knowledge about selecting promising stocks and building a well-balanced investment portfolio.

The session also shed light on the role of mutual funds in equity investments. A lively question and answer session followed the presentations, allowing participants to clarify their doubts and engage in insightful discussions with the speakers.

The workshop served as a valuable platform for students to gain hands-on knowledge of wealth creation through equity.



International Mother Language Day	21st February 2024
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The Cultural Council and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Club of the College observed International Mother Language Day on 21st February 2024 to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity. The event commenced with the address on the importance of the Day and glimpses of Goan language and culture.

This was followed by a short video on folk tale in Konkani via you tube video. Thereafter the videos made by four students for the competition on the occasion were streamed. The videos showcased the language and culture of the following states: Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Gujarat. Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar and Mr. Sanjay Velip viewed and judged the videos. Ms. Aarti Solanki was the winner of the event.



The activity created a sense of belonging among linguistic communities and sparked discussion on

the importance of language. 18 students attended the event.

Guest Lecture on “Mutual Fund Investment: A Beginner’s Guide”	22nd February 2024
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The Department of Computer Science organized a guest lecture on the topic "Mutual Fund Investment: A Beginner's Guide," on 22nd February, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in classroom 201. The Resource Person for the session was Mr. Sagar Bandodkar, an NISM Certified Mutual Fund distributor, Fintech Speaker, and Finance content writer. The session commenced with a warm welcome extended by Ms. Nidhi Nagvekar, a student of FY BCA, who introduced the speaker. Mr. Sagar Bandodkar then took the floor and covered various essential topics related to mutual funds. He began by defining mutual funds and subsequently elaborated on the different types, highlighting their distinct characteristics and suitability for various investment objectives. Concepts such as Net Asset Value (NAV), expense ratios, and systematic investment plans (SIPs) were thoroughly discussed to enhance participants' understanding of mutual fund operations.

Furthermore, Mr. Bandodkar delved into the structure of mutual funds, elucidating the roles of entities like asset management companies (AMCs), trustees, and custodians in managing investors' funds, along with insights into



the taxation aspects associated with mutual fund investments. Additionally, the session featured an explanation of the Rule of 72, a financial concept used to estimate the time required for an investment to double in value based on a fixed annual rate of return. Mr. Bandodkar concluded the presentation with a discussion on strategies to accumulate wealth, including disciplined investing and long-term financial planning, aiming to provide participants with actionable insights for achieving financial goals.

The seminar culminated in an interactive quiz segment and a Q&A session. The session ended with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Riya Shinde, a student of FY BCA. The teacher in charge of the session was Ms. Vinaya Kirloskar. 37 students attended the session.

Session on 'Path to be a CEO – How to Crack a Fortune 500 Company'

22nd February 2024



The TIP Cell of the College organised a session on 'Path to be a CEO – How to Crack a Fortune 500 Company' for the students of all programmes of the College on 22nd February 2024 at 11.30 am in the smart classroom. The Resource Persons for the session were Mr. Nilesh Sarawate (CEO, Finance Forum of India) and Ms. Yashita Pathak.

The main objective of organising the session was to familiarise students with the opportunities available to them after completing their graduation as well as exposing them to the challenges that they might face post college life. Mr. Nilesh Sarawate enlightened the students about the challenging yet rewarding path to becoming a CEO. The participants were provided with invaluable insights and strategies to not only dream big but also execute those dreams in the most effective manner. The students were taken through the various complexities of leadership and decision making, emphasising the importance of doing the right thing, in the right way, at the right time. Ms. Yashita Pathak discussed with the students about profile building and its importance in enhancing the students' chances of achieving their educational and professional goals. She spoke about creating and developing a well-crafted professional profile on various platforms and its importance in showcasing one's skills as well as achievements and connecting with others in their professional networks.

The session ended with the Resource Persons attending to various queries of the students. 45 students attended the session.

"PixelSplash", An AI-generated Art Exhibition**22nd- 24th February 2024**

The Department of Computer Science unveiled a groundbreaking event - "PixelSplash", An AI-generated Art Exhibition to showcase AI-generated images through the imaginative prowess of the FY and TY B.Voc.(ST) students, meticulously curated by Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker, Graphic and Visual designer, Illustrator and Visiting faculty. The faculty coordinator of the exhibition was Ms. Annette Santimano, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science. The exhibition was the first-of-its-kind in Goa, which was held from 22nd to 24th February 2024, on the ground floor, Central Block of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics. The pioneering event aimed at exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence and artistic expression, bringing forth a diverse array of visual experiences that showcased the limitless potential of machine-generated art.

The event not only provided a platform for students to showcase their creations but also marked a significant stride in Outcome-Based Learning, aligning with the principles of the educational philosophy. The exhibition is the outcome of a workshop titled "Artificial Imagination" conducted on 17th January 2024 by Mr. Sandesh Gaundalker under the TechTrendz Club. It has evidently played a crucial role in equipping students with the skills and knowledge required to create AI-generated art, aligning with the principles of Outcome Based Learning.



The following student participants have pushed the boundaries of traditional artistic expression by harnessing the power of AI algorithms to generate visually stunning and thought-provoking pieces.

- Chandrashekhar Bhat
- Savvas Cardoso
- Vaishnavi Sawal
- Sailee Manjrekar
- Showil Rebello
- Shaina Kamat
- Yogesh Yadav
- Khushal Naik

The exhibition was inaugurated on 22nd February 2024, at the hands of Chief Guest Capt. Venzy Viegas, MLA of Benaulim Constituency. Ms. Shaina Kamat, student of FY B.Voc.(ST) was the event compere. The inaugural function concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Anito Fernandes, FY B.Voc.(ST) student.

The success of "PixelSplash" was made possible by the generous support of key sponsors:

- Capt. Venzy Viegas, MLA of Benaulim Constituency
- Mr. Francis X. Fernandes, Director, Jayaar Infraventures Pvt. Ltd.

- Rawanfond Boys
- Rahul G. Shanbhag, Social Worker & Founder of Indian Tigers Organisation
- Shashank V. Naik, Social Worker and Businessman

"PixelSplash" received widespread attention and acclaim, as the event was published in local daily newspapers like Heraldo, The Navhind Times, Dainik Gomantak, Gomantak Times and on local news channel Goa365.

The AI-Generated Art Exhibition drew a diverse audience, from art lovers to technology enthusiasts. Visitors expressed awe and curiosity as they explored the boundaries of what AI could achieve in the realm of artistic expression. The fusion of technology and art sparked conversations about the evolving role of AI in shaping the future of creativity.

The positive reception of the exhibition by art lovers and the wider audience is a testament to the success of the implementation. The entire team expresses its gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and visitors who contributed to its success and looks forward to continued exploration and innovation in the future.

Awareness session on TeleMANAS services

23rd February 2024



The Counseling Cell and Student Welfare Cell organised an awareness session on TeleMANAS services on 23rd February 2024 at 11.30am. The Resource Persons for the session were Dr. Sneha Pokle, Consultant Psychiatrist and Ms. Meghna Jadhav, Clinical Psychologist from the State TeleMANAS Cell, Goa.

TeleMANAS is a component of the National Mental Health Programme started by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Ms. Safaa Sayad from SY B.Com commenced the session by providing a brief introduction of TeleMANAS Services. The session aimed at creating awareness of Tele services provided by TeleMANAS and reducing the stigma associated with mental health.

Dr. Sneha began the session by showing a video on emotions and discussed the importance of being aware of one's emotions. She then interacted with students and asked students to name a few mental health issues students face. The causes of mental health issues, such as parental or peer pressure, addiction, traumatic event and emotional dysregulation were explained to students. Dr. Sneha explained the importance of using the right mental health terms to explain a mental health condition. The relationship between addiction and the brain was discussed. An explanation of the brain reward circuit, different types of addiction and increased activity of dopamine neurotransmitters was provided to students.

Ms. Meghna Jadhav informed students about the availability and accessibility of TeleMANAS services. It aims to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country 24/7. They could be contacted through a toll-free number: 14416. The programme includes a network of tele-mental health centres spread across the States and UTs, providing mental health services in over 20 languages and trained counsellors running the first-line services. The

service is free and available for all Indian citizens. A demo call was made to tele services to provide practical experience to students.

The session concluded with a Q&A segment and a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Erville Rodrigues, student of the BBA programme. 38 students attended the session.

WordRacer – Fastest typing competition

24th February 2024

The "WordRacer" Fastest Typing Competition was organized by Future Skills Group under the TechTrendz Club, with active involvement from the organizing committee members Jafney Fernandes, Sherlyn Xavier, Fabiola De Sa, and Agnes Diniz, all from SYBCA, Div A on 24th February 2024. The event aimed to showcase the typing proficiency and speed of students within the Department of Computer Science.

The competition was an individual typing challenge, held in two labs, Lab 1 and Lab 2. Participants were required to type a set of words and phrases accurately and quickly within a specified time frame. The use of typing software was allowed to track the participants' typing speed and accuracy.

19 students participated in the "WordRacer" competition, showcasing a diverse range of skills and competencies. The participants hailed from different divisions and showcased their typing abilities in a competitive yet friendly environment.

The winners are as follows:

1st place: Amaan Shaikh, SY BCA, B

2nd place: Jesval Fernandes, SY BCA, A

3rd place: Mallik Rehan, TY BVoc.(ST)



Investor Hub Activity

24th February 2024

The Department of Management Studies organised a weekly investor hub activity on 24th February 2024, in order to enhance the financial literacy and practical understanding of students through interactive sessions and group activities.

As part of the activity, students delivered a comprehensive presentation focusing on the interim budget 2024. The presentation highlighted key points and implications of the budget, providing valuable insights into current economic policies.

Students engaged in a number game designed to test their financial calculation skills. Another engaging activity



involved teams identifying given financial terms and creatively acting them out. This activity promoted teamwork and deepened comprehension of financial terminology. The Investor Hub activity witnessed active participation from numerous students. The enthusiasm and involvement demonstrated by the participants was overwhelming.

The Investor Hub activity proved to be a valuable platform for students to deepen their understanding of financial concepts and enhance their practical skills. The combination of presentations and interactive group activities contributed to a holistic learning experience, fostering critical thinking and teamwork among the participants.

Guest Lecture on Idea to Startup

26th February 2024



The Department of Management Studies organised a guest session ‘Idea to Startup’ for the students of SY BBA(FS) on 26th February 2024 from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. The lecture was delivered by an Entrepreneur and CEO of ‘The Handy Goan’, Mr. Rinaldo Fernandes. 37 students attended the session.

The Resource Person was introduced by Ms. Aachal Naik of SY BBA(FS)-A. Mr.

Fernandes commenced the session by sharing his academic and professional journey, following which, he highlighted the merits and demerits of a job and starting up one’s own business. He touched upon the challenges he faced while setting up his automation startup and subsequently running the business. He spoke about the means he used to tackle those challenges. He concluded his session by leaving the students with valuable insights and tips on entrepreneurship. Towards the end, he addressed the students’ doubts with regards to starting up a business of their own.

Overall, the session proved to be an enriching experience for the students that provided them with knowledge and valuable insights into entrepreneurship. At the end, Ms. Mahek Shaikh of SY BBA(FS)-A proposed the Vote of Thanks. The session was coordinated by Ms. Alba De Sa and Ms. Namrata Ugvekar.

SSC/N9014: (Unit-I) Sustainable Practices

27th February 2024

As a part of the skill component of JSD Module Qualification Pack, the Department of Computer Science organized a training session for B.Voc. students on Sustainable Practices to be followed at the workplace. The Resource



Person for the session was Mr. Clinton Vaz, Waste Management Specialist, vRecycle, Sao Jose De Areal, Margao-Goa.

The session commenced at 10.40 am with the introduction of guest by Ms. Shaina Kamat, from FY B.Voc.(ST). Mr. Clinton runs a waste management system which has around 40 employees. He introduced the session with the need for waste management and the best practices to be followed in order to reduce waste. He also highlighted the various sources of waste, mainly the packaging of commodities that we buy.

Mr. Clinton emphasized the 3 R's of waste minimization viz. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. After guiding the students to reduce and reuse the packaging materials, he explained the process of recycling. He introduced various logos that are printed on any product packaging and encouraged everyone to use products that have the Recycle logo.

In the second part of the session Mr. Clinton explained the process that they follow to recycle the products at their waste management unit. He showed the sample of compost that they prepared from wet waste collected from different cities in Margao. He also showed other recycled products like cardboard made out of tetra-packs, ropes made from other waste and so on.

The session concluded at 1.00 pm. 59 students attended this training session. The teacher in charge for the session was Ms. Sneha Prabhudessai, NOS Coordinator, Dept of Computer Science.

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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