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Civil Defence Mock Drill at Indian oil corporation Vasco

7th May 2025



The South Goa District Disaster Management cell organized a Civil Defence Mock Drill on 7th May 2025 at the Indian Oil Corporation, Vasco. The primary objective of this drill was to prepare personnel and stakeholders for effective response during emergencies, especially in critical industrial installations.

A total of 6 cadets from the NCC Naval Wing participated in the Civil Defence Mock Drill at Indian oil cooperation Vasco. These cadets

were part of a larger group of 40 cadets from the 1 Goa Naval Unit NCC. The participating group included 5 Senior Division (SD) cadets and 1 Senior Wing (SW) cadet.

The NCC Naval Wing cadets actively took part in the mock exercise, demonstrating their discipline, coordination, and readiness to act in disaster-like situations. The mock drill simulated various emergency scenarios including

fire, explosion, evacuation procedures, and first aid response. Cadets observed and interacted with officials from fire services, civil defence teams, and local law enforcement, gaining valuable exposure to real-time crisis management protocols.

The drill served as a vital learning experience, enabling cadets to understand the roles and responsibilities of different emergency response agencies. It also highlighted the importance of teamwork, timely communication, and preparedness during emergencies.

Such activities not only equip cadets with practical knowledge but also instilling in them a strong sense of civic responsibility and readiness to serve the nation in times of need.

The Civil Defence Mock Drill was a successful initiative that provided NCC cadets with hands-on experience in disaster preparedness and civil defence mechanisms. The participation of cadets contributed to the overall effectiveness of the event and underscored the importance of youth involvement in national safety and disaster management initiatives.

Report on the Induction Ceremony of INSV Kaudinya

21st May 2025



On 21st May 2025, the Indian Navy formally inducted the INSV *Kaudinya*, a traditionally built ancient stitched sail vessel, at the Karwar Naval Base. The vessel is a remarkable recreation inspired by a 5th-century CE Ajanta painting and has been constructed using traditional shipbuilding methods. This initiative underscores India's rich maritime heritage and craftsmanship.

The induction ceremony was graced by the Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The project was officially launched through a tripartite agreement signed

in July 2023 between the Ministry of Culture, the Indian Navy, and M/s Hodi Innovations.

The prestigious event witnessed the presence of naval cadets from Goa and Karwar. A group of 15 cadets from our institution proudly participated in the ceremony. The cadets from Goa were accompanied by Sub Lieutenant Pretty Louiza Pereira, Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of the Naval Wing from our institution.

The ceremony offered an enriching experience for the cadets, giving them insights into India's maritime traditions and naval history while also encouraging their spirit of service and patriotism.

Report of Pre NSC (NAU SAINIK CAMP)

25th May 2025

The 5 Kar Naval Unit of Udupi, Karnataka, organized a Pre NSC (Nau Sainik Camp) from 25th May to 3rd June 2025 at MIT University. The primary objective of the camp was to provide cadets with firsthand experience of naval life. The camp was packed with numerous activities, memorable experiences, and adventures. The cadets received training in various naval skills and disciplines, including:

- Semaphore: Learning the flag signaling system used in maritime communication.
- Boat Rigging: Understanding the techniques and processes involved in preparing and managing boats.
- Boat Pulling: Practicing the teamwork and physical effort required for rowing and maneuvering boats.
- Health and Hygiene: Gaining knowledge on maintaining personal and communal health and hygiene.



Each day at the camp was meticulously planned, starting at 6:00 AM with exercise and raising colors, and ending at 10:30 PM. The rigorous schedule aimed to instill discipline and a sense of routine among the cadets. At the end of the camp, cadets underwent examinations comprising both theory and practical papers to assess their learning and skills acquired during the camp.

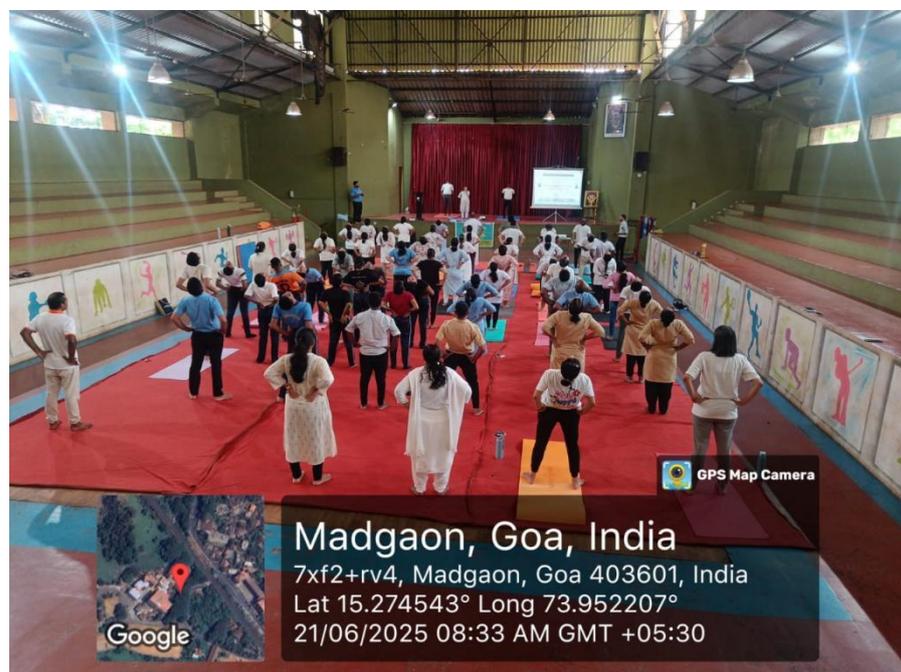
The last day of the camp was filled with joy and celebration, featuring a cultural program in which cadets actively participated. This event marked a fitting conclusion to the camp, highlighting the camaraderie and team spirit developed over the ten days.

From our institution, two NCC Naval wing cadets, Cadet Ashitosh Mali and Cadet Ragav Shetkar attended the camp and were selected for the next phase. The camp saw participation from cadets of the Karnataka and Goa Directorate.

As part of the camp experience, cadets also visited the Shree Krishna Temple in Udupi, adding a cultural and spiritual dimension to their journey.

Report of Celebration of 11th International Yoga Day

21st June 2025



The 11th International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2025 by the Department of Physical Education & Sports, along with NSS, NCC Army, and NCC Navy Wing, in collaboration with Art of Living, Goa. The event was held in the College Multipurpose hall and was conducted in two sessions, one for staff and the other for students. The theme for this year's Yoga Day was "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." The staff session, held from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, began with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding of

Lord Damodar's portrait. Dr. Ajinkia Kurtikar, Director of Physical Education & Sports, welcomed the gathering. The resource person, Ms. Tanuja Sardesai, Faculty at Art of Living, was introduced by Sub. Lt. Pretty Pereira, ANO of NCC Navy Wing.

Ms. Tanuja conducted a yoga session that included asanas such as Ardha Matsyendrasana, Trikonasana, Tadasana, Pavanamuktasana, Paschimottanasana, Shalabhasana, Bhujangasana, Makarasana, and Parvatasana, followed by pranayama (Anulom Vilom, Sheetal) and meditation. The session concluded with a relaxation practice. The Principal felicitated the Resource Person with a potted plant, and Mr. Saurab Raikar delivered the Vote of Thanks. The student session began at 9:00 AM and was led by Ms. Shubhada Keni, Volunteer from Art of Living, who was introduced by Mr. Sanjay Velip, NSS Program Officer. She guided the students through various yoga asanas and meditation. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Lt. Sandesh Gaonkar, ANO of NCC Army Wing, and a memento was presented to the Resource Person by Dr. Ajinkia Kurtikar. The event was coordinated by Dr. Ajinkia Kurtikar, Mr. Saurab Raikar, Lt. Sandesh Gaonkar, Sub. Lt. Pretty Pereira, and Mr. Sanjay Velip, ensuring a well-organized and impact celebration. The function was compered by Ms. Samiskha Vengulekar, Assistant Professor in English.

43 students and 70 staff attended the session.

Orientation Programme for the FY B.Com students**23rd June 2025**

The Department of Commerce organized an Orientation Programme for the incoming batch of FY B.Com. students on 23rd June in the Seminar Hall I. The programme was aimed at familiarizing the freshers with the institution's ethos, academic environment, facilities, and support systems.

The event commenced with a warm welcome by the compere, Ms.

Samiksha Vengurlekar, who gracefully set the tone for the proceedings. This was followed by a melodious invocation song, creating a serene and spiritual ambience.

To mark the auspicious beginning, the ceremonial lighting of the lamp was performed by the Principal, Vice Principal, all Programme Coordinators, and Heads of Departments (HODs). The event also included the garlanding of the portrait of Shree Damodar, honouring the institution's guiding spirit.

A Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Shami Pai, Vice Principal, who warmly greeted the new students and the staff. She highlighted the institution's commitment to academic excellence, discipline, and overall student development.

This was followed by self-introduction of all teaching and non-teaching faculty members, allowing students to become acquainted with the dedicated team that would support their educational journey.

Further, to help students understand the co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities available, various committee convenors addressed the gathering:

- Director of Physical Education (Sports Director) gave an overview of the sports facilities, intercollegiate events, and encouraged students to participate actively in physical fitness and sports activities.
- The Cultural Council Convenor introduced the diverse cultural activities held throughout the academic year and invited students to explore their talents in music, dance, theatre, and other performing arts.
- The Student Council shared insights into the functioning of the council, the importance of teamwork, and the leadership skills developed through different activities.

- Representatives from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) gave briefings on the values of discipline, service, and nation-building inculcated through their respective units, and how students can enrol and benefit from these enriching experiences.
- The Librarian or Library Committee Convenor introduced the students to the library's vast resources, digital facilities, rules, and the importance of cultivating a reading habit.

The session concluded with the Principal, Prof Sanjay Sawant Desai welcoming the students and wishing them all the best for the upcoming year. He also set the tone for the academic year by sharing the acronym of 'DAMODAR' which focused on critical aspects such as discipline, attendance, creating a culture of reading etc.

These informative sessions provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities, support systems, and extracurricular avenues available in the college.

The orientation programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, leaving the students motivated, informed, and ready to embark on their academic journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

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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