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#### 5<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day

#### 21st June 2019

The NSS Unit of the College, in association with the Dept. of Physical Education& Sports and NCC Army and Navy Units organized the 5<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day Celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 from 7.45 to 9 a.m. in the College Multipurpose Hall. 92 students and 21 teachers participated.

The Programme began with an introductory video on importance of Yoga addressed by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, followed by the prayer. The participants were then taught some loosening

exercises initiated by Mr. Ajinkya Kudtarkar, Director of Physical Education and Sports, accompanied by 4 students on the dais. This was followed by Yogasanas, ShuddhiKriya, Pranayama and Mediation which were

performed by the participants in a sequence. A Demonstration video published by ministry of Ayush was played to comply with Common Yoga Protocol.

The programme ended with gratitude speech by Mr.Ajinkya Kudtarkar followed by the National anthem.



#### First Year Students' Orientation Program



#### 21st June 2019

An Orientation program was organized for First Year BCA and B.Voc (ST) Students on June 21, 2019. The aim of the session was to inform these students about the conduct of the BCA and B.Voc programmes including exams, add-on courses, activities, etc....

Vice-Principal of the College, Dr. Rodney D'Silva, addressed the students and welcomed them to the campus. Ms. Namita Neurenkar

highlighted the importance of attendance and also informed the students about various certificate courses, workshops conducted by the Department and College with the aim of imparting skills in the latest technology.

Mr. Sumit Kumar briefed students about the various activities of the Career and Placement Cells. He

highlighted the MOU's signed by the College with various industry organizations and explained how industry interaction helps in academic growth.

The College organizes various activities for students through various college clubs and the three student bodies namely Students' Council, Cultural Council and Sports Council take the lead. Ms Surekha Patil briefed the students about the activities conducted by the Councils and about the Mentoring of students by faculty members.

Ms. Akshada Hegde highlighted the important aspect of skill development which is nurtured by the College and Department by exposing students to industry work culture through various study tours, field trips and internships.

Ms. Sweta Verenkar briefed students about "TechTrendz", the department's Technology Club which is a hub of all Tech activities. She spoke about the various activities conducted and the type and extent of the involvement required from the student members.

44 students attended the session, which was organized so as to bring clarity among the FY students about the objective of every activity organized for their academic and overall development. The program was compered by Ms. Akshada Hegde

#### Talk on Career Options and Test Taking Strategies

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019



The Career and Placement cells jointly organised a talk on Career Options and Test Taking Strategies from 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The objective of the talk was to brief the students on the various career opportunities and entrance tests they need to take after their graduation.

99 students from SY & TY of all programmes attended

The speaker spoke on the recruitment process followed by various organisations for their candidates. He explained with examples the frequently asked questions by these companies for their written tests and emphasised on the need for rigorous training to clear these tests.

Mr. Roshan further gave an insight to the students on the 5 days Campus recruitment training offered by his training institute. The session ended with the speaker addressing the queries of the students.

# Talk on 'Sexual Harrassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013'

22<sup>nd</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

The Women's Cell and Internal Complaints Committee(ICC) of the organized a talk on 'Sexual Harrassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013' on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2019 in Ganesh Daivajna Auditorium in two sessions, from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon and 12:15 -1:15 p.m.

The session was conducted to create



awareness about the same amongst the students and the teachers of the college. According to the Act every person studying/working in an educational institution also has to be cognizant about the same. The Resource Person was Ms. Siddhi Parodkar, Asst. Professor, G R Kare College of Law. Ms. Siddhi Parodkar delivers talks on various issues pertaining to women across Goa. She has been associated with NGOs in Margao and provides voluntary assistance in their work.

Ms. Parodkar briefed the audience on different acts that are considered as sexual harassment, the law pertaining to it, the requirements for the constitution of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and the penalties that could be imposed for non-compliance with such requirements. She informed students about different situations wherein females are made victims and sexual favours were expected of them. The resource person used practical and real incidents that have happened in the past and alerted the students. She also warned students about the use of social media and its impact on the women if misused. The Act was made very simple for the students.

The session was very interactive. 12 teachers and 187 students attended the session. It was indeed a motivational talk for the female attendees of the session. A similar talk was organized for all the 27 non-teaching staff members on July 1st, 2019.

This will be a regular activity for all new entrants in the college, i.e. teachers, students and non-teaching staff at the beginning of every year.

#### Signing of MoU

VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce of Economics has signed Memorandum of Understanding on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with various IT companies. The purpose of the MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the implementation of the B.Voc. Programme in Software Technologies at Shree Damodar College.

IT companies are intended to help provide Shree Damodar College students of the B.Voc (Software Technologies)

25<sup>th</sup> June 2019



programme with service-learning, Internships, on the Job Training (OJT), periodic industry sessions and other opportunities to improve employability skills through partnership.

- 1) The MOU between VVM's Shree Damodar College and Codemax IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

  The MOU was signed by the Chairman and Founder CEO of Codemax IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mr.

  Mayureshwar Virkar and Principal of VVM's Shree Damodar College Dr. Prita D. Mallya on 25th June 2019.
- 2) The MOU between VVM's Shree Damodar College and CodeRun LLP.

  The MOU was signed by the designated partner of CodeRun LLP., Ms. Ninoshka Antao and Principal of VVM's Shree Damodar College Dr. Prita D. Mallya on 25th June 2019.
- 3) The MOU between VVM's Shree Damodar College and Haztech.

  The MOU was signed by the founder CEO of Haztech, Mr. Mohsin Shaikh and Principal of VVM's Shree Damodar College Dr. Prita D. Mallya on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

All three MOUs were signed in the presence of Vice-principal of the college, Dr. Rodney D'Silva, and Faculty members of Department of Computer Science, Mr. Sumit Kumar, Mrs. Namita Neurenkar, and Mrs. Sweta Verenkar

College also signed an MOU with IT/ITeS Sector Skill Council 'NASSCOM / SSC NASSCOM'. The purpose of this MOU is to ensure timely completion of training assessment & its certification of trainees by SSC NASSCOM. This MOU was signed remotely by Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Executive Director, IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM, and Dr. Prita D. Mallya, Principal, VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Goa for B.Voc (Software Technologies).

#### A Talk on "Write Your Destiny"



### 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019

A Talk on "Write Your Destiny" was organized by the Department of Computer Science on Wednesday, 26 June 2019. The Resource Persons were 1) Mrs. Shreedevi Rogi ,Write Your Destiny, Founder and Honcho and 2) Mr. Veeresh Patil , Write Your Destiny, MD and Chief Evangelist. The focus of the talk was to interact with students, emphasizing the role of deciding on a goal and working towards

achieving it. The students were made to realise the importance of planning one's destiny and being successful in an area of their interest.

The talk also opened doors of opportunities available to students in space technology and atomic research projects. The resource person proposed to conduct sessions on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to prepare the students to be at par with the present world of technologies. TYBCA and SYBCA students benefited from the talk and requested to have more such talks in future.

#### Leadership Training Camp

A two day leadership camp was held for all UG students of the College (FY, SY, TY, B.Com, BBA-FS and BCA). The Camp was jointly conducted by the M.R. Pai Foundation and the Forum of Free Enterprise on 26th and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The resource persons were Mr. VivekPatki and Mr. Rajiv Kumar Luv.

The main aim of the camp was to instill leadership qualities and improve team spirit amongst the students in their role as leaders.

The camp began at 9:00am with registration of the students. The inaugural session was held in the Smart Classroom and was attended by 68 students from all the Undergraduate programmes. Dr. Prita D. Mallya

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Principal of the College welcomed the speakers and gave the opening remarks. Mr.GajananHaldankar and Dr.

Lira M. Gama- Convenor, Students' Council introduced the resource persons. Mr. Vivek Patki gave a short briefing on the purpose of the 2-day camp.

The sessions started at 10.00 am.

Students were divided into two groups. Each resource person handled one group each. There were three sessions on both days. Both the groups were handled simultaneously by the resource persons in the sessions.

The themes of the Sessions were, Setting & Achieving Goals, Sharpening Vital Skills, The Power of Habits, Effective Communication, Coming together – A beginning, Understanding Self & Others.

By the end of the camp, students had learnt:

- Goal setting,
- ➤ How to work in a team
- ➤ How to improve communication skills and
- ➤ How to distinguish between good and bad habits.

The Valedictory function was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 3.30 pm in the Smart Classroom. The resource persons praised the students for their enthusiastic participation and told them to continue with their lives with 'Josh'. The function ended with distribution of certificates to all participants.

#### Session on Career Opportunities and Training in the Insurance Sector

27<sup>th</sup> June 2019



On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Career and Placement Cells of the College jointly organised a talk on career opportunities and training in the insurance sector. The objective of the talk was to make students aware of the various opportunities in the insurance sector and to educate them about the training required to become an Insurance Officer.

The Resource Person was Ms. RuhiChatim, Development Officer, LIC. 69 students from FY and TY B.Com and BBA(FS) attended the

session.

Ms. Ruhi enlightened students about the essential qualifications of an Insurance Officer. She also spoke about the recruitment process followed by LIC in recruitment of its officers. The speaker further highlighted the benefits and the commission structure applicable to LIC officers and motivated the students by giving them examples of successful agents. The session ended with the speaker addressing the queries of the students. Ms.RuhiChatim is an alumnus of the College.

#### Sports orientation 2019-20

29th June 2019

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organised an Orientation session for First Year sports students of the College on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

27 boys and 5 girls attended.



The objective of the session was to make students aware about the sports structure of the College. The talk covered topics such as facilities for sports, examination pattern of the College, Sports Council structure, criteria for Best Sportsman and Sportswoman, rules for participation in sports, University sports calendar, etc. Students were encouraged to take active part in sports activities.

#### Badminton, Table tennis and Chess tournament 2019-20

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019



The Department of Physical Education and Sports conducted Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess Boys and Girls Intramural tournament on 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at the College Multipurpose Hall.

The tournament saw participation by 17 Boys and 4 Girls in Badminton, 10 Boys in Table Tennis and 12 Boys and 3 Girls in Chess.

The Tournament was played in knock out format; at the beginning of the tournament fixtures were taken and players were played according to the fixtures drawn.

The winners were

Badminton Boys	Badminton Girls	Table Tennis	Chess
Mr. Yash Kunkalienkar- Gold	Ms. Emilia Silveira- Gold	Mr. Manthan Khutkar-Gold	Mr. Dhiraj Mehta-Gold
Mr. Sahil Oman Kuttan-	Ms. Racheal Raposa-	Mr. Sanket Naik	Mr. Akash Kumar-
Silver	Silver	-Silver	Silver
Mr. Kiefer Jacques-	Ms. Amisha Lotlikar-	Mr. Rishand Bhat-	Mr. Nausabh Mulla
Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze

#### Live Budget Screening

5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

A Live Budget Screening was conducted for M.Com students on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Objectives of the activity were as follows:

- 1. To acquaint the students with the Budget 2019-20.
- To encourage students to apply their theoretical knowledge to understand the Budget and its implications for the economy.

The Live Budget screening was attended by 42 students of the M.Com Department. The students were motivated to listen to the Budget and thereafter give their inputs on the same. They were also asked to monitor the BSE Sensex and



NSE Nifty to understand as to how Budget Presentations could lead to a positive or negative impact on markets.

Students observed that the markets fell by over 300 points within one hour of the presentation of the Budget. As the Budget speech was reaching its conclusion, students were encouraged to share their views on the Budget. Most students were of the opinion that the Budget was reformist in nature.

#### Live Screening of Union Budget

5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Union Budget of India for 2019-20 was presented by Finance Minister, NirmalaSitharaman – it was her



maiden budget. The Budget was screened live in four BBA(FS) classrooms on July 5 from 11:00 a.m. onwards. The objective of the Live screening was to make students familiar with the Budget presentation and to identify the key points of the Budget. 131 students attended the live screening; they were asked to download the Budget document for reference from the official source provided to them. The students willingly attended the live screening and appreciated the initiative of the Department. All faculty members of the Department also participated in the activity.

#### Investor Hub Activity (Movie Screening)

# Investors Hub is an initiative of the Department of Finance aimed at enhancing the finance and investment related awareness and knowledge of students, and to promote immersive learning through innovative learning strategies. The first activity conducted under this initiative was the screening of an inspirational movie – "Ambani: the Investor" on July 6, 2019. The objective of this activity was to inspire students by the success stories of legendary Indian business tycoons. The movie presented Ambani as the Sharp Investor: how a boy turns Rs. 5 into Rs. 138 in a single day. The boy creates his own prospect for success all by himself and enjoys the fruits of his success.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019



The movie was screened for thirty minutes in a BBA(FS) classroom and was attended by 40 SY & TY BBA(FS) students.

By watching the movie, studentsunderstood that timely tapping of an opportunity is the essential element of a successful business.

#### Session on 'CA and CS as a Career Option'

6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Career Cell of the College organized a session on 'CA and CS as a Career Option' on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Resource Person was CA UddheshVerenkar, an alumnus of the College, who secured the 3rd Rank at Goa University. He worked in IFB Industries Ltd, Goa for 3 years gaining rich experience in Corporate Finance, Taxation and Internal Controls. 57 students from all B.Com classes attended the programme.

The Resource Person introduced himself as proud alumnus of the college. He explained how to go about with the process of registration for CA/CS course. He also explained the two paths a student may choose in order to become a CA i.e. i) immediately after 10+2 by completing the Foundation Course or ii) after completing graduation. The course structure was also explained i.e. Foation, IPCC (Inter) and Final. He highlighted the importance of the 3 years of apprenticeship and how it helps in training a student in gaining practical knowledge/on the job experience. He gave students tips on how much time a CA aspirant should put into



studies. He also advised them on time and stress management. He suggested students join classes in Pune, which will help them to build a strong base and also give them an exposure for overall personality development. He shared his success story with the on July 6, 2019 students to choose CA/CS as a career.

#### Poster Making Competition

#### 09th July 2019

The Consumer cell of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics organized Poster making competition on the theme "Consumer Rights" on 09<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 11:30am at the college multipurpose hall.

The competition was organized with the objective to make student understand and gain knowledge about consumer rights and be aware of the same

for their protection. Around 14 teams participated with a total of 28 students from BCOM and BBA (FS) programme. The students appreciated the competition undertaken and also suggested that we could organize exhibition for the same in future.

The winners of the competition were:

First place - Stanley Costa and Shenise Caeiro

Second place - Gauravi kurtarker and Vishaka Naik

Third place - Daisy Braganza and Swizella Costa

#### Session on Recent Trends in the Mutual Fund Industry

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The BBA(FS) department organized a session on Recent Trends in the Mutual Fund Industry, by Mr. AmeyaKamat, Founder and CEO at Altera Advisory Private Limited. The main aim of this session, held on July 10, 2019, was to introduce students to the recent developments in the Mutual Fund industry. Mr. Kamat enlightened the students about the different ways to invest in mutual funds. He also told them about the Scheme Re-Categorization by SEBI. The students were introduced to the impact of volatility in stocks on mutual funds and explained the difference between risk and uncertainty.



Mr. Kamat explained about the working of mutual funds and the basis for selecting a particular scheme as per the objectives of investment. He also informed about the transparency maintained by Mutual fund companies. He explained with examples how different funds have delivered returns over the years.

Students found the session very interesting and asked Mr. Kamat several questions related to investment in Mutual funds. They also asked him to suggest few schemes to start investing in mutual funds. Overall it was a very interesting and fruitful session.

#### Vanamahotsav Celebration



#### 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

On July 10, 2019 the NSS Unit of the College celebrated Vanamahotsav in association with the NCC (Army & Navy) units of the College. 76 NSS volunteers & NCC cadets in the programme. The objective of the activity was to create awareness and to sensitize the students about protecting the environment. 100 Saplings were collected from the Forest Department Margao. A few saplings were planted in the College garden and the remaining were distributed amongst the students. Students were asked to monitor the growth of the saplings planted by them and report the growth by clicking photographs at regular intervals.

On 13th July, Margao MLA Shri DigambarKamatvisited the Campus and planted some saplings. Mrs. RanjitaPai, Member-Margao Mahila Mandal, Principal, Vice-Principal, teachers and students participated in this tree plantation activity.

#### Inaugural of Student Bodies





The inaugural of the Student Bodies was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 11.30 am. The event began with the welcome address by the Principal, Dr. Prita Mallya. In her welcome address, Dr. Mallya stated that the members of the student bodies have been nominated or handpicked because of their leadership abilities and thus will be at the forefront of organizing activities in the College. The student body members are role models for the students of the College and they should always behave in a manner that is appropriate for the others to follow.

The convener of the Students' Council Dr. Lira Gama introduced the members to the audience. The General Secretary is Mr. Austin Gama and the Ladies Representative is Ms. Tess Fernandes.

Dr. SheetalArondekar, Convener of the Cultural Council introduced the members of the Cultural Council. The General Secretary of the Cultural Council is Mr. AnkurBhat and the Ladies Representative is Ms. SartazMannangi.

Mr. AjinkyaKudtarkar, Convener of the Sports Council introduced the members of the Sports Council. The General Secretary for the Sports Council is Ms. Emilia Silveira.

Dr. SheetalArondekar also introduced the members of the Women's Cell. The Gender Champions are Ms. V. Harini, Mr. Ganesh Kumavat, Ms. Damini Acharya and Ms. Senalda Lopes.

Ms. HriyaPatil was introduced as the Social Media Ambassador of the College - a post created this year, in recognition of the potential of social media.

The General Secretaries of the respective councils then read out the plan for the academic year 2019-20. Ms. Lizette D'Costa, Asst. Prof. in Economics, administered the Oath to the members of the student bodies.

The Chief Guest for the function, Mr. Arjun Rebelo then addressed the gathering. In his address, Mr. Rebelo stressed on the need for becoming good, responsible citizens of our country. He stated that in their current position as leaders, the students have a role to play and responsibility towards themselves, their college mates and society as well. As leaders they should help others develop their skills and also develop the leadership qualities within them.

Stating that 'Failing to plan is planning to fail', Mr. Rebelo was impressed that the entire journey of the student bodies is already planned for the academic year 2019-20. He advised the Council members that it is important to take suggestions and feedback of others when planning any event. It is equally important to develop a legacy inorder to hand down responsibilities to the next in line.

Mr. Rebelo also stressed on the need to be respectful towards others. One needs to have respect towards

authority and the institution, and also conduct ourselves in a manner that others should respect us.

The function ended with the vote of thanks proposed by the Lady Representative, Ms.Tess Fernandes.



Master Class VI on 'Are Teachers Redundant in the Age of MOOCs: A Teacher's View'

11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Directorate of Higher Education had initiated a 'Master Class Series' for faculty of Goa University and the Colleges. The purpose of session was to build capacity and to enhance the quality of Higher Education in the State of Goa through exposure to new thoughts and ideas.

Prof. Sridhar Iyer, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Bombay, was the Resource person. Prof. Iyer began the session by introducing teachers to MOOCs and explaining its relevance for teachers. He informed the audience about the UGC/AICTE notifications on MOOCs and that stated that SWAYAM 2.0 might have virtual labs, augmented reality integrated with MOOCs; it is thus very important to adopt MOOCs.

Prof. Iyer conducted an activity wherein teachers had to give suggestions how they would stay relevant in the age of MOOCs if any MOOCs were available in the courses they teach. He also showed a video of field work conducted by him with his students at IIT Bombay.

He also informed that it is very important to be a learner in MOOCs. It was and interesting and fruitful session.

Dr.SarathChandran, Ms. SwetaVerenkar and Ms. Swati Bhat attended the session



#### Talk on Career Guidance and Bank, MBA Exam Training

11th July 2019

The Career and Placement Cells of the College jointly organised a talk on Career Guidance and Bank, MBA

entrance exam training on July 11, 2019. The objective of the session was to make students aware of the various career opportunities after graduation and to brief them on the preparation techniques to crack Bank PO and CAT exam. 100 Final Year students from B.Com, BCA, BBA(FS) and M.Com attended the session

The resource person was Mr. Malcolm Dias, Director, TIME Institute-Goa. He spoke on the structure of exams conducted by banks and MBA institutes in India. He gave examples of English, Logic and Mathematical questions that are asked at these exams and the scoring pattern followed for



qualification. Mr. Malcolm Dias also spoke on the topics of group discussion and offered students valuable tips for clearing Group Discussions and Personal Interview rounds conducted by MBA institutes. The session ended with the speaker briefing the students on the coaching offered by TIME institute and addressing their queries.

## Session on "Introduction to Entrepreneurship and the Role of CIBAin Mentoring Entrepreneurs"

12th July 2019

On July 12, 2019, the E-Cell and Institution's Innovation Council organised a session on Entrepreneurship and the Role of CIBA in Mentoring Entrepreneurs. The resource person for the session was Mr. Raj Naik, Relationship Manager, CIBA-Verna.



The talk aimed at motivating students towards entrepreneurship and creating awareness about the role of Incubation centres in assisting and promoting entrepreneurs. The speaker made a presentation on the basics of entrepreneurship and the relevant role of an entrepreneur in the present economic scenario. He also emphasized the qualities required to be a successful entrepreneur.

Mr. Naik spoke about the role of CIBA in mentoring entrepreneurs. He briefed students about the various services offered by CIBA and the success statistics of start-ups supported by CIBA. He also motivated the

students by narrating success stories of various innovative start-ups in Goa. 95 interested students from all streams attended the session, which concluded with the speaker addressing the queries of the students.

#### Finance Quiz Competition

The Finance Quiz Competition was the second activity conducted by the BBA(FS) Dept. under investors hub on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The quiz competition was conducted in three rounds namely, General knowledge, Identify the Personalities and Identify the Logos.

A total of 15 SY and TY BBA(FS) students participated in the quiz competition. Mr. Shawn Menezes and Mr. Merwin Fernandes of SY BBA(FS) were declared winners of the quiz competition.

The objective of the activity was to create awareness about the

recent finance-related happenings in the Indian financial system. The activity was successful due to active participation of the students.

The students appreciated the Investor Hub activities and requested to conduct similar activities in the future.



#### TechTrendz Activity - Team Building

13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Department of Computer Science organizes TechTrendz Activities on Saturdays from 11:15 to 1pm. The activity was aimed at building team spirit among students of first year and second year BCA and BVOC Students by interacting and knowing each other.

The Team Building Activity began with "Know Your Buddy" in which each student introduced themselves. Every student was asked to say aloud their name along with the names of people preceding them. This activity was enjoyed by all. Further the students in class were divided into six groups. Each group was required to collaborate in the formulation of a unique technical idea and present the same.

Team Building Activities were conducted in two different Classrooms at the same time. The Activities conducted, improved the enthusiasm and participation spirit among the students as a team.

#### Inauguration of NSS Units

13th July 2019

The inauguration of the NSS Units of the college was held on 13th July 2019. Principal Dr. Prita Mallya welcomed the gathering. Ms. Prachi Kolamkar, NSS Programme Officer introduced the Chief Guest Ms. Ranjita Pai. Ms. Pai is a social worker and Immediate Past President, Margao Mahila Mandal. She is Treasurer at Swaramanch and Secretary at Kalangan, Centre for Performing Arts. She undertakes Counselling for school children, Parents and Senior citizens, and is a panelist on the Screening Committee, Directorate of Social Welfare (South Goa)



NSS Chief Programme Officer Ms. Sharmila Kunde outlined the Plan of activities for the Academic Year 2019-20 and introduced the other NSS Programme Officers for the year. 106 NSS volunteers attended the inaugural.

The Chief Guest spoke about how students could make a difference to society through kind deeds in their daily life. She gave several examples of small acts in the area of environment protection, cleanliness, helping the elderly, orphans, etc. could make a large impact. She emphasized that projects do not have to be large. She encouraged students to come forward to serve their

neighborhood and society at large.

The session ended with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Ainsley Bernard. Ms. Averyl Pires compered the programme.

#### Orientation on 'Use of Library Resources'

The M.Com Department of the College organized an orientation on 'Use of Library Resources' on 13th July, 2019 for all the students of M.Com Part I & II in the M.Com Classroom from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

The objectives of the session were to acquaint students with the E-Resources available in the Library and to acquaint them with the Rules & Regulations, Policy for Issue and Return of books, Book entitlement, etc.

The talk was conducted in two separate sessions for

SmeshaPednekar. The Orientation was delivered through a PowerPoint Presentation and consisted of an overview about library, its timing, and faculty in charge, benefit of issuing 10 books per student, return policy & penalties for late submission or loss of books. Ms. Rege also spoke about the availability of 30000 books along with 17 magazines, 18 newspaper & 5 laptops in the Reading Room. Along with this, the students were also informed about the e-resources viz. NList& India.stat.com, along with various e-books, e-journals, e-paper that could be

M.Com Part I & II students. The Resource Persons for the Orientation were Mrs. Manasi D Rege and Mrs.

47 students attended the programme. The students found the talk very beneficial as students learned about the various Library facilities available to them. The talk concluded with the resource person encouraging students to participate in Library activities and make optimum use of the rich Library Resources.

used for study, research or reference purpose just by logging in with a password.

## 13th July 2019



#### Alumni Interaction

13th July 2019

The BBA(FS) Department organized its first Alumni Interaction for Final Year students on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

The primary motive of the session was to give Final Year students an opportunity to interact with their seniors

who have entered the world of work and get their views on the challenges they would face when they graduate and how they should prepare themselves.

4 alumni namely Miss. SnehaLawande, Manager at Max Life Insurance, Mr. RovinoDiniz, a clerical staff at Bank of India, Mr. ChiragMajithia, Founder of Shreeji Investment Firm and Mr. KunalPrabhu, Founder of Finno Secrets, were invited for the session.

The session commenced with a brief introduction of the invitees. Each alumnus shared a glimpse of his/her journey from graduation day till the meeting of their goals in life.



The alumni emphasized the importance of certifications that assisted them in their journey after graduation into the industry. They urged the students to participate in intercollegiate events as it helps in identifying one's interest area which can help in choosing the right career option. They also suggested everyone should develop a reading habit which helps in keeping up-to-date with the business world.

The third-year students posed queries related to career opportunities, higher studies, placement preparation and entrepreneurship. The alumni gave several valuable tips and pieces of advice to the students.

The session concluded by vote of thanks and a request to the alumni, to remain connected with the institution. The Alumni were more than happy to help and associate with the College in any way. This interaction will be definitely beneficial to the students in shaping their careers.

19 Final Year students attended the session.

#### Alumni & Industry Interactions for TY Projects & Demonstrations

#### 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019



A Series of interaction was planned to make third year BCA students understand the basics of Project, type of projects to be taken up, how to plan and think about the project topics, and how to execute and manage it. The interactions were planned & conducted in 3 different sessions.

**Session 1:** Demonstration of 3D Printer Project by the alumni passed out in the year 2018-19

The session started with the introduction of alumni members, namely, Mr. Ankit Kumar Gupta, Mr. Darshan

Umakant Naik, Mr. Navnit Dhirendra Singh, Mr. Dhanraj Sudin Pai Raiturkar, and Mr. Sammit Prashant Prabhu Chodnekar by Mr. Sumit Kumar.

Mr. Ankit Kumar showed the video of 'Making of 3D Printers' and shared the various designed printed by the printer designed and developed by them. The students were amazed to see the precision work done by the printer. The project team member, Mr. Dhanraj Sudin Pai Raiturkar, explained them how they got the idea of developing the 3D Printer, the type of hurdle they faced in designing the printer, getting requirements, procuring materials, arranging money to meet the cost, expert advice, and the motivation to complete it.

They mentioned the help extended by the BCA Department, and Mr. Ryan Vaz from 3D Infinity in completing

the projects. They also mentioned that, after completion of the project, they presented it to the VVM Management and management purchased the Printer from them.

The questions asked by the TY Students about the problem faced during the development process and their resolutions were ably answered by the Project Development team.

The overall feedback for the session was positive. The session concluded with thanking note by Mr. Sumit Kumar.

#### Session 2: Industry Interaction with Haztech CEO, Mr. Mohsin Shaikh

This session was conducted on 17th July 2019 at 09.30 am for TYBCA Students. The session started with the introduction of the Guest, CEO of Haztech, Mr. Mohsin Shaikh, followed by the briefing about the objective of the session, i.e. 'How to Choose the Right and Relevant Project' by Mr. Sumit Kumar.

Mr. Shaikh informed the audience about the relevance of the Project in the Academic Programme and how we should choose the right project. He mentioned and elaborated upon the



various aspects on which the success of any project depends. Specifically, mentioned about the importance of Creativity and Innovation and explored these aspects by taking various examples from Software and IT domain. He also shared his journey that 'How an average BCA Student become a successful entrepreneur because of an Out of the Box TYBCA Project'.

He discussed various project ideas shared by the students that they would like to implement and explained them the way to execute it. The students were very happy with the interaction and asked for more guiding sessions, which he agreed to conduct in near future. He also offered a live project to some of the interested students and mentioned that he is always ready in helping the students whenever required by them.

The feedback of the session was overwhelming and the resource person was very happy in interacting with such a positive minded audience. The session concluded with the thanking note by Mr. Sumit Kumar.

**Session 3:** Demonstration of Smart City Project by the alumni passed out in the year 2018-19, Coordinated by Ms. Namita Neurenkar.

The session started with the introduction of alumni members, namely, Mr. Sheldon Afonso and Mr. Caron Fernandes by Ms. Namita Neurenkar.

Mr. Sheldon briefed the students about their project on Smart city and gave them overview of how the idea of doing project which was out of box struck their mind. He specifically mentioned to the students that they had attended the workshop conducted by the BCA department on Internet of Things which inspired them to go ahead with project of Smart City.

Mr. Caron informed the students that there should be division of project work and review meetings with the group and Project guide is must. He also emphasized that the subjects like Information Technology Project Management helps in preparing the project report and the report carries much weightage in final assessment.

The video on Smart City Project developed by the group was shown to the students. They also highlighted that lot of hard work, dedication to learn new technologies so as to implement it and patience is required for completion of project.



Mr. Caron & Mr. Sheldon appreciated the support extended by their guide Ms. Ekta Agarwal. The queries of TY Students were resolved by the Mr. Caron & Mr. Sheldon.

The overall feedback for the session was positive as the students were motivated with the idea of going ahead for projects on IOT. The session concluded with thanking note by Ms. Namita Neurenkar.

#### **Industry Interaction**

The M.Com Department of VVM's Shree Damodar College organized an Industry Interaction Programme on July 15<sup>th</sup> for all M.Com students in the M.Com Classroom from 11:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Resource Person for the Industry Interaction Programme was Ms. Jessica Rokhade who holds the position of a Relationship Manager in the department of Small Business Banking at Toronto Dominion Bank, Canada.

The Objectives of the session were to provide students with an insight into international work cultures, Qualifications and Requirements etc. and to help students understand how to write a Resume and how to face Interviews successfully

#### 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019



The Programme commenced at 11:30 a.m. in the classroom with a Welcome Address. Thereafter after the introduction of the Resource Person Ms. Jessica Rokhade took over the session. Ms. Jessica introduced herself to the students and briefed them about the work culture in Canada. She briefed students about the huge requirements for highly skilled experienced professionals in Canada. She shared her experiences with students, thereby making them aware of the qualifications, need of personnel, and the sectors with high demand for professionals, etc. Thereafter Ms. Jessica explained to students the need for preparing a Resume and the do's and don'ts in a resume. She stressed on the need for writing a Resume as per International Requirements. Also Ms. Jessica explained to students as to how social media such as Facebook, WhatsApp etc. assist in hiring and firing a candidate. She also gave students tips as to write an effective Resume. As the session progressed, Ms. Jessica explained to students that interviews are not just a question and answer round but rather more of a discussion. She stressed on the need to dress appropriately for an interview and most importantly have sound subject knowledge. Ms. Jessica also gave students valuable suggestions as to how to crack an international interview. During the last fifteen minutes Ms. Jessica answered various queries from students.

The students found the Industry Interaction Programme very beneficial as students got an insight into the International working environments, how to write a Resume and ways of cracking an Interview.

The Programme concluded at 12:30 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks.

#### Men's and Women's Inter-Collegiate Badminton Championship 2019-20

<u> 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2</u>019

The Inter collegiate Badminton championship (Men & Women) of Goa University was held at Peddem, Mapusa from July 16 to 18, 2019. More than 40 teams from various colleges in the State took part in this tournament.

After winning all the preliminary matches against different colleges, Shree Damodar College reached the semifinals in both categories. In the Men's semifinal match, Shree Damodar College played against PCCE Verna and against GVM's GGPR College, Farmagudi in the Women's semi-final. Shree Damodar College teams won with scores of 3-0 and 2-0 respectively. The final



match was held on 18th July 2019 against Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi in the Men's section and V. M. Salgaonkar College in Women's section. Shree Damodar College teams won their matches with scores of 3-2 and 2-1 respectively.

The College has won the Men's title for the 5th consecutive year and the Women's title for the 3rd consecutive year.

Shri Ajinkya Kudtarkar, College Director of Physical Education and Sports was the Manager and he was assisted by Mr. Mano Shelke. Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya and Mr. Vikram Verlekar, Chairman of Vidya Vikas Mandal Sports Council, congratulated Captains Mr. Yash Kunkalienkar and Ms. Emilia Silveira, and all the team players and Manager for the commendable achievement.

The Champion Players of Shree Damodar College are:

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Men	Women

Yash Kunkalienkar ( C) Emilia Silveira ( C)

Kiefer Jacques Racheal Raposa

Sahil Omana Kuttan Amisha Lotlikar

Manthan Khutkar Jorlanda Pereira

Harshad Borkar

Eshwar Raj Gupta

#### Orientation for M.Com students on 'Dissertations'

17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The PG Department of the College organized an orientation for M.Com Part II students on 'Dissertations' that are a part of their study. 39 students attended the Orientation, which was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Orientation was delivered by Asst. Prof Sheryl Da Silva.

The objectives of the session were to provide students with guidelines with respect to carrying out their dissertation and to make them aware of the evaluation criteria for the dissertation

Ms. Sheryl Da Silva began the Orientation by acquainting students as to what a Dissertation is all about and why and how could it be important for the students. She explained to students in



detail the process of writing a Dissertation. She asked students to first identify a real life research problem, in consultation with their chosen Faculty Guide. Thereafter based on extensive literature review, identify sources of data used for similar studies, the methods used for collecting the data, as well as various tools and techniques used for the final data analysis, i.e., detailed literature review to be carried out for identifying research gaps, understand data management, and learn tools and techniques to be used for data analysis and interpretation. She also also informed the students about the evaluation criteria for the Dissertation. She motivated students to take up good research topics. She assured students that a Workshop would be held that would help them in understanding the various tools and techniques for Data Analysis. The Orientation concluded at 11:00 a.m.

#### Mentor-Mentee-Parents Meeting

17th-19th July 2019

The Mentoring Cell held its first meetingsbetween parents, mentors and mentees (B.Com) from July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 12-1.15 pm. The meetings were held from 12-1.15 p.m. as follows: TY B.Com on 17<sup>th</sup> July, SY B.Com on 18<sup>th</sup> July and FY B.Com on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The attendance was TY B.Com Parents 32 and Mentees 59, SY B.Com Parents 41 and Mentees 67 and FY B.Com Parents 68 and Mentees 100

The purpose of the meeting was to brief parents about

- a. Rules of examination (especially no grace marks for passing)
- b. Attendance till date
- c. Timings of activities conducted (Parents to check the website for details of activities)
- d. SMS about attendance and exam
- e. Verification of parents' numbers
- f. Fedena software training may be provided to the parents on request. Mentors need to identify the parents interested in training.
- g. Collection of mark sheets.
- h. Parent to meet mentor whenever called and also when any parent wants to meet the mentor can meet after 12 o'clock.

Students' information collected through Fedena during online admission was also verified and corrections made. The list of attendance defaulters was also shown to the parents. Parents also interacted with mentors on issues regarding studies. Parents appreciated the efforts taken by the teachers for conducting this meeting.

After this scheduled meeting the students failing to attend this meeting and also having shortfall of attendance (Less than 60% as on 13th July 2019) were shortlisted and the list is displayed for students' information. During

the weekly meeting mentors will have detailed interaction with the mentees.

#### **Debate Competition**

18th July 2019

The Cultural Council organised a Debate Competition on 18th July, 2019. The objective of this event was to

help students develop speaking skills, to learn to work in a team and also to polish their critical thinking. The topic of the Debate was "cell phones and smart phones have propagated more evil than good." There were total of 23 participants. participants were divided into teams: FOR the topic and AGAINST the topic. The event had 3 rounds. In the first round, all the participants put forward their view points.



participants were selected for the second round, in which each team asked the opposing team 2 questions. In the final round, each speaker made his/her concluding remarks. Two prizes were awarded- Best Speaker which was won by Ms. Falguni Khatri and Best Interjector won by Mr. Shawn Menezes. Students from all the departments participated enthusiastically. The volunteers also coordinated well and the event was a great success.

#### **Inter-Class Elocution Competition**

19th July 2019

The Cultural Council organized an Inter-Class Elocution Competition on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for students of all programmes from 12:00 to 01:00 p.m. The main objective of this activity was to provide a platform for students to hone their public speaking skills. The topics for the elocution competition were: 'Depression is a Secret Sorrow', 'My Role Model'and 'Should Countries Make Fast Food Network Accountable for Obesity of



Population?' A total of seven students from B.Com, BCA and BBA(FS) programmes participated in the competition. The first place was secured by Ms. Neebha Ghodge from SYB.Com C (Topic: Depression as a Secret Sorrow), the second place was secured by Mr. Sarthak Faldesai from SYB.Com D (Topic: My Role Model) and the third place was secured by Ms. Muskan Baig from FYB.Com A (Topic: My Role Model). All the student volunteers actively participated in organizing the activity. Mr. Shubham Loliencar (class representative for Second Year) was the student in-charge while Ms. Samiksha Vengurlekar (Asst. Prof. in English) and Mr. MayureshAdsul (Asst. Prof. in

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#### Session in "Strong Financial System: A step towards Economic development" | 1

19th July 2019

The Finance Dept of the College invited a guest faculty from industry, Mr. Ganesh Kothatha, MBA, AFP, Life Planner (USA), Founder of Wealth Doctors, Goa to address Final Year BBA(FS) students.

The main aim of the session was to introduce students to the Financial System in India. Mr. Kothatha enlightened the students about the different Regulators i.e SEBI, RBI, IRDAI, PFRDA and their role. He repeatedly stressed the importance of Investments and how important it is for every individual to start investing before the age of 25 years.

Mr. Kothatha briefed the students about the drastic changes that have taken place in the financial system over the years. He also explained about the transparency maintained and actions taken by Securities & Exchange Board of India with regards to fraudulent activities of companies.

Mr. Kothatha also discussed the working of Equity and Debt Markets and the risks associated with dealings in both markets.

Students found the session very interesting and also asked Mr. Kothatha several questions. Overall it was a very interesting and fruitful session.



#### Presentation on 'Budget Analysis 2019'

20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The PG Department of the College organized a PowerPoint Presentation on 'Budget Analysis 2019' on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for the students of M.Com Part I & Part II in the M.Com Classroom from 11:00a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The objectives of the programme were to enable students comprehend the technicalities of the Union budget, understand important provisions in the budgets and develop the ability to analyze them, to understand the link between the various proposed policies and how they would create an impact on the common man and to help develop students' Presentation Skills and Soft Skills.



The Programme commenced at 11:00 a.m. with a welcome address delivered by Asst. Prof. Sheryl Da Silva. In her welcome address, she welcomed the participants of M.Com Part 1 namely Mruga Niak, Rohit Prajapati, Tabassom Chaudhary, Nita Sawant and Maria Elaine Sequeira and M.Com Part II students namely Ariti Kumar Singh, Urvi Naik, Abigale Rodriguese, Nilufer Gomes. She congratulated the students for taking the initiative to present their analysis of the Union Budget 2019.

Thereafter the M.Com Part II students began their analysis of the Union Budget. The students focused on various facets of the Budget such as Corporate Taxation, Schemes to promote Startups, Policies relating to Growth and Development of Railway & Infrastructure. The M.Com Part I students presented their analysis on Industrial Development, MSMEs, Rural & Urban Development Schemes, Focus on creation of jobs and emphasis of creation of Entrepreneurs specially women Entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs from the backward communities.

After the presentation, students were asked to share their personal viewpoints and their insights into the budget as in what were the positive and negative aspects of the Budget. The students actively participated in the discussion. The PowerPoint Presentation on Budget Analysis provided a platform for the M.Com students to share and discuss what they expected of the Budget and how the various proposed policies and schemes would/could be beneficial for them in the coming months.

53 students were present for the activity

The Programme concluded at 12:30 p.m.

#### Poetry Writing and Recitation

20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Cultural Council organized the Intra-College Poetry writing and recitation competition on 20<sup>th</sup> July for students of all programmes from 12:00 noon till 1:15 pm. The objective of having this competition was to encourage creativity among students. The participants were asked to write a poem on any topic of their choice,



in English, Marathi, Hindi or Konkani. 13 students participated in the competition - 7 in Konkani, 5 in Hindi and 2 in English. The winners were selected from each category i.e Hindi, English, Konkani. In the Konkani category, the first place was secured by Dnyanada Prabhudessai, the second place by Sakshi Raikar, and the third by Chaitali Kudalkar. In

the Hindi category, Manjusha Manjrekar bagged the first and Poonam Shakya bagged the second place. In the English category, Muskan Baigs secured first place. All the student volunteers actively participated in the event. The competition was judged by Dr. Vishal Chari (Asst. Professor in Economics) and Ms. Surekha Patil (Asst. Professor in Computer Science. The student in charge for the event was Akash Paswan (FY CR) and the teacher in-charge was Ms. Mamta Kumari (Asst. Professor in Mathematics). Altogether the event was a great success.

#### Guest Lecture on Global Banking Course



#### 22<sup>th</sup> July 2019

A Guest Lecture was organized by the BBA(Financial Services) Department on the topic "Global Banking: Industry Insights" for the Third Year students on 22<sup>th</sup> July from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The resource person was Ms. Jessica Nitin Rokhade, Manager, Small Business Accounts, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The objective of the activity was to provide students with industry-specific knowledge.

Ms. Jessica started the lecture with her experience in the global banking sector. She spoke at length on the dynamic nature of the global banking industry. She emphasized the several skills essential to be successful in the international banking environment. Mrs. Rokhade provided various key inputs to students intending to appear for banking interviews. She also discussed on how to seek and apply for banking jobs abroad.

Mrs. Rokhade appreciated the active student participation in the form of putting forward several questions and providing appropriate answers during the guest lecture. Students opined that this industry immersive learning experience was quite enlightening. A total of 41 students from TYBBA(FS) attended the session. Ms. Arya Bhosale, a student of TYBBA(FS) class, welcomed the guest and proposed the vote of thanks. The guest lecture was conducted by Mr. MayureshAdsul and Ms. Lizia Gomes, Assistant Professors in Commerce.

# Investor Hub Activity (Income Tax E-Filing of Returns) on the occasion of Income Tax Day





On the occasion of Income Tax Day on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the BBA(Financial Services) department in association with the Income Tax Department and the Goa branch of ICAI conducted a session on the topic "Income Tax E-filing of Returns" for Third Year students. The resource persons were CA AnupBorkar, and two Income Tax Officials from the Income Tax Department, Goa - Mr. Ravi Singh and Mr. Vijendra Singh. The objective of the session was to educate students about E-filing of Income Tax returns.

At the outset, Mr. Ravi Singh spoke about the

importance of filing Income Tax returns regularly and honestly. During the session, CA AnupBorkar covered a

range of topics such as types of Income Tax returns, highlights of Income Tax returns, registration of assessee, process of e-filing of returns and other pre-requisites for e-filing of Income Tax return. The session ended with all present taking the Income Tax pledge.

CA AnupBorkar and the Income Tax Officials appreciated the active participation of the students as they asked several pertinent and relevant questions, which were answered satisfactorily by the resource persons. Students in turn appreciated and enjoyed the session as they got an opportunity to learn about the practical aspects of Income Tax E-filing Return. A total of 47 students from TYBBA(FS) participated in the session. Ms. Arya Bhosale, TYBBA(FS) student welcomed the guests and proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Lizia V. Gomes, Assistant Professor in Commerce, was the teacher in charge of the session.

#### **Blood Donation Camp**

The Red Ribbon Club of the College organized its First Blood Donation Camp for the year 2019-20 on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. It was conducted in collaboration with JCI Salcete Coastal, Rotaract Club of Margao and the GMC Blood Bank. A total of 27 students and 5 members of JCI and RotaractClub (18 Male and 14 Female) participated in the camp and donated blood.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019



#### Poster Competition

26<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Goa State AIDS Control Society proposes to celebrate, 'International Youth Day', on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019. India has a very young population and this section of the population is also vulnerable and Colleges were encouraged to celebrate IYD and encourage young people to participate freely. Colleges were requested to actively participate in an All Goa Poster Competition. The theme for the year is, 'Transforming Education'.

In preparation for this, the Red Ribbon Club Unit of our College organized a Poster Competition on the theme "HIV/AIDS" on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. 8 teams consisting of 13 students from B.Com, BBA(FS) and BCA actively participated in the Competition. The entries were judged by Ms. Lizette D'Costa and Mr.SandeshGaonkar.

The selected best entry was sent to the Goa State Aids Control Society office for selection at state level.





Orientation Session for Parents of FYBCA & FYBVoc Students

27th July 2019

The Department of Computer Science organized an Orientation session for the Parents of FYBCA and FYBVoc students on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019, in Smart Classroom at 10am. The aim of the orientation was to inform the parents of first year BCA and BVoc



students about the conduct of the programme including exams, add on courses, activities etc....

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Lina Sadekar, Head of Department of Commerce. Mr. Sumit Kumar, Head of Department of Computer Science informed the parents about BCA and BVoc. (ST) Degree Programmes. In detail information about the conduct of the programmes along with the various opportunities provided by the college was informed by the faculty members of the department.

Mrs. Namita Neurenkar informed the parents about importance of discipline, 75% Attendance rule and provided information about certificate courses. Mrs. Surekha Patil elaborated on the process of mentoring and the bridge courses offered to students. Mr. Bhiku Bhave explained the examination system to the parents mentioning the various internal Components, assignments, practical and end semester evaluations.

Ms. Akshada Hegde briefed the parents about the various Internship opportunities, Study Tour and Placement Assistance provided to students. Ms. Madhumeeta Dhar emphasized on Extension Services as a form of E-Madhyam that are conducted by the college for the society. Mrs. Sweta Verenkar focused on the overall skills inculcated among the students through the TechTrendz Club by providing the students with an opportunity to excel in his/her talents with a link to academics.

A Demo on use of Fedena- Campus Management Software was shown to Parents by Ms. Venisa. Parents were shown the various login and navigation options in Fedena for checking the Attendance and Marks of Students.

All the information was provided in English as well as in Konkani and Hindi, as per the comfort level of the parents. Further the Parents of FYBCA and FYBVoc personally interacted with the Teachers.

The parents gave a positive feedback about the information provided in the orientation session and mentioned that they were happy to know about the various opportunities provided by the college to each student.

#### Mentoring And Fedena Orientation

27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Mentoring is an activity which helps to enhance the association and cooperation between Parents, Mentors (Teachers) and Mentees (Students). It also helps to create favorable environment for success of the mentoring activities and enhance student progression and betterment through mentoring sessions.

The BBA(Financial Services) department of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao-Goa organised the First Mentoring Session and Fedena Orientation for the First Year BBA(FS) students of class A & B along with their parents on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in BBA(FS) classrooms.



The objectives of the mentoring session were:

- 1) To introduce intra and interdepartmental and collegiate activities.
- 2) To provide orientation on the use of Fedena Software.
- 3) To discuss the tentative mentoring activities and duties of mentor and mentee.
- 4) To create awareness among the parents about the various activities undertaken by the College and the BBA(FS) department for overall development of their wards.

During the mentoring session, parents were informed about the College reporting timefor students, examination structure, attendance and various other activities conducted by the BBA(FS) department and the College such ascertificate courses, remedial classes, life skill sessions, study tour, guest lectures, entrepreneurship cell, career and placement cell and extension activities. Ms. Venisa D'Costa, Lab Instructor introduced the Fedena Software to all the parents and the students and explained how to access and get data from Fedena.

Students were advised to take the maximum benefit of the facilities and opportunities provided by the College and parents were advised to encourage and support their children in all these activities.

The parents appreciated the initiative taken by the College as well as the department of BBA(FS). A total of 51 students and 51 parents attended the mentoring session. Assistant Professors Ms. Trisha Vadil, Mentor for FYBBA(FS)-A, Ms. Grishmi Thakur, Mentor for FYBBA(FS)-A&B and Ms. AshwiniDevari, Mentor for FYBBA(FS)-B welcomed the parents and students and proposed the vote of thanks. The session concluded at 12 noon.

#### Know Your Colleague

30<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Teacher Recreation Committee and IQAC of the College organized a Know Your Colleague(KYC) cum motivational session on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 between 11.30 am and 1.00 pm as an ice breaker for the teaching staff of B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.Voc and M.Com to get to know each other.

Dr. Shami Pai, Convener of Recreation Cell and IQAC Coordinator welcomed the gathering. The Principal Dr. Prita Mallya welcomed the guest and 44 teachers of the College. She stressed the importance of such sessions at the workplace. Dr. Rodney D'Silva introduced the resource person Dr. Leo D'Mello.

The session 'Teaching a Profession or Vocation' began with an activity where the staff members were divided into groups and given an opportunity to discover good qualities of themselves as well as their fellow colleagues. Dr. Leo D'Mello spoke about the human brain and how to make the best use of the right and left side of the brain by practicing ambidexterity. He also spoke about the uniqueness of each student in the classroom along with the need to identify their potential and become facilitators for the same. He explained the need for compassion when dealing with young minds along with establishing a good rapport with them. Only then will we as educators be able to generate successful and respectable citizens. The session was very interactive and innovative in nature. It ended with a vote of thanks which was proposed by Ms. Stesa Pereira.



#### Dear Readers,

As always, at Shree Damodar College, the emphasis is on reducing the gap between Industry and academia through guest lectures, industrial visits and training programmes. The activities conducted during the month of June and July aimed at giving practical perspectives to the students with regard to the courses they learn, this will enable them to become better competitors in the corporate world.

We are delighted to present the reports of above and other notable achievements in this edition of the e-Newsletter.

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