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IRDA Certificate Exam

November 2019



The BBA(Financial Services) Department of the College organized a four-day training session in collaboration with LIC, Panaji from August 19-22, 2019 for preparing the SY BBA(FS) students (Batch-I) for IRDA Certificate Exam of Insurance Agents in Life Insurance – English (Online Mode) during November 2019. The resource person was Mr. Nixon Agnelo Fernandes, Development Officer, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Panaji. Mr. Fernandes also played an important role in providing assistance throughout the conduct of the online examination.

The activity is conducted by the Department with the

following objectives:

To enhance the knowledge of the students by focusing on the related practical aspects.

To add value to their undergraduate degree.

To expand the employment opportunities for students.

A total of 73 students (34 boys and 39 girls) completed the training; 30 students (08 boys and 22 girls) enrolled for the online examination. The Venue for the examination was NSEIT, Panjim and students could appear at any time during November. 20 students (04 boys and 16 girls) passed the examination. The passing certificates were received on December 18, 2019 and were distributed to the successful students.

“30 Hours Certificate Course in Computerized Accounting in Higher Educational Institution”

21st October – 9th November 2019

The Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Govt. of Goa has taken an initiative of training clerical staff in the Colleges across Goa in Computerized Accounting. Mr. Gajanan Haldankar, Asst. Professor in Commerce, had been identified as the Resource Person for VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics and G R Kare College of Law.

Accordingly, Mr. Gajanan Hadankar conducted the “30 Hours Certificate Course in Computerized Accounting in Higher



Educational Institutions” from 21st October to 9th November 2019. The objective of the course was to enable course participants acquire knowledge of principles and framework of accounting in higher educational institutions and develop skills in practice of accounting using software applications.

A total of 10 non-teaching staff attended the course. The DHE will now hold an exam and award certificates for successful completion of the course.

Annual College Tour

7th – 19th November 2019



The Annual College Tour was held during the mid-term break from 7th to 19th November 2019. The tour covered Delhi-Mussorie-Naintal –Corbett Park-Auli-Rishikesh. The tour party of 54 persons included students, teachers and escorts.

7th November 2019- students assembled at the Margao railway station at 7.30 am to board the Nizamuddin Express.

8th November – the contingent arrived in Delhi at 2.30 pm, checked into the hotel, freshened up and went window shopping in Delhi. Later they left for Mussoorie.

9th November –the team arrived in Mussoorie. In Mussoorie students enjoyed the scenic beauty of snow-capped mountains and the Shivalik ranges. The climate in this beautiful hill station situated at the foothills of the Himalayas, was very pleasant. Students visited and enjoyed the graceful Kemptoy waterfalls. Also it was very satisfying to see this clean environment friendly place. Later students went on a street shopping spree.

10th November – the team arrived in Rishikesh, which is a pilgrimage city. The students saw many ashrams, temples and pious devotees. This place which is famous worldwide for yoga, was crowded with Indian and foreign tourists, sages and pilgrims. It was a feast for their eyes to see the clean, serene Ganga, which emerges from the mountains at Rishikesh and flows throughout this legendary land. Rishikesh is also known as Rafting Capital of India. Adventure lover students enjoyed rafting in the river Ganga. They also walked on Ram and Laxman Jhoola, saw Parmarth Niketan and Swarg Ashram.

Another experience to behold in this place is the famous Ganga Aarti which takes place every evening at Parmarth Niketan Ashram. Everyone from the other ashrams and of all faiths and religions congregates here at 5pm for the devotional song (chanting Hare Krishna) and prayer. The night was spent at camps nestled in the jungle area.

11th November –the day was spent travelling to Auli, Pipalkoti from Rishikesh. Auli is situated at an altitude of 2915 mts above sea-level. This place is blessed with a breathtaking panoramic view of the lofty peaks of the greatest mountain range in the world, the Himalayas and huge mountainous trees creating a fabulous scenery all along.

12th November- Auli, Pipalkoti - the contingent



stayed at Auli and took pleasure in the cool climate which this place experiences all through the seasons. Auli also boasts Asia's longest 4 km Cable Car / Ropeway (Gondola). Students visited the snow point by this ropeway and the students enjoyed playing in the snow. Most students felt that the place was the closest thing to Heaven on Earth. The ropeway operator told students all about Auli which is surrounded by the mighty peaks of Himalayas, have names of goddesses or a mythological connection. In the evening some students visited temples and went shopping in the local market.

13th November - the day was spent travelling from Auli to Nainital. When we reached Nainital we were welcomed by a vast expanse of a brilliantly blue lake. We had an overnight stay at a resort.

14th November –Nainital which is located in the Kumaon foothills of the outer Himalayas is a charming hill station, brimming with elegant colonial structures. From the top of the higher peaks in Nainital, magnificent views of the vast plain were visible which also covered the Mango Lake. Students had fun-filled boating at Naini Lake, visited different scenic points, temples and shopped on the Mall Road. Distant famous viewpoints where eminent movies were shot were visible via telescope.

15th November Jim Corbett National Park - the oldest National Park in India, established to protect the endangered Bengal tiger, is located in Nainital district and Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand. The students stayed at a resort which was self-contained with different amusement facilities and outdoor games.

On 16th November students went around the national park in groups of 7 in 4x4 jeeps and saw deer, peacocks, a porcupine and snakes.

17th November –Delhi. In Delhi students were taken on a Delhi Darshan trip which included sightseeing; they saw India Gate, Qutub Minar and the Lotus temple followed by shopping in Pallika bazar, Chandni Chowk, Connaught Place, Sarojini Gali, Karol Bagh etc.

The Contingent left from Delhi on 18th and reached Madgaon on 19th November at 9pm.

Library Session for Staff Members

4th December 2019



The Library Committee organized a Library session for all staff members on December 4, 2019, on “How to use e-resources: NDLI, N-List and Indiastat.com.” The purpose of the session was to orient readers on the use of e-resources made available to them by the College. An official 10 minutes video of NDLI prepared by IIT-Karagpur, was screened. A PPT on N-List and Indiastat.com was also shown to the staff members. Later on, all the readers were shown how to actually work on these e-resources. Details about their logins were also shared.

N-List: Downloading the full text articles from various sources like JSTOR, EPW, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, H. W. Wilson were shown. Downloading of e-Books PDF of Cambridge Books Online, E-brary, Sage Publication ebooks, Taylor Francis ebooks, World ebooks Library were also shown. Sorting and segregation of e-journals and e-books were shown.

Indiastat.com: Staff were shown

- (a) all the 32 sectors of the statistical database
- (b) how to download the data tables under each sector
- (c) how to search for State-wise data

The Librarian addressed Staff members' doubts and queries.

45 Staff members (faculty members and non-teaching staff) attended the session.

Certificate Course in Excel

9th September to 4th December 2019

The BBA(Financial Services) Department of the College organized a 30-Hour Certificate Course in "Accounting and Finance with Excel" for SYBBA(FS) students. The course was conducted from September 9th to December 4th, 2019, by CA D. Shraavan Swarup, Partner Marathe Rao & Swarup, Chartered Accountants.

The Department conducts the course for every batch of SY BBA(FS) students, with the following objectives:

1. To supplement the theoretical knowledge of students by focusing on the related practical aspects.
2. To add value to their undergraduate degree.
3. To equip students with the technical skills required in the field of Finance
4. To expand the employment opportunities for students.

The course was conducted in two batches for SYBBA(FS) A and B division students from 01:45 to 04:45 p.m.

A total of 53 students enrolled and 41 students successfully completed the course.

Research Scholars Work Presentation

7th December 2019

The Research Cell continued its series of Ph.D. Research Scholars Work Presentation on 7th Dec, 2019, with a presentation by Ms. Reshma Prabhu Verlekar, Assistant Professor, Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Mapusa. Ms. Reshma Prabhu Verlekar is registered in the Research Centre in Commerce of the College, under the supervision of PhD guide Dr. Manoj Kamat. Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar, Assistant Professor of Commerce and Management introduced the Research Scholar

Ms. Prabhu Verlekar made a presentation on her Ph.D. topic "Credit Risk Management Practices: A Study of Public and Private Banks in India".

The presentation covered the Research Problem, Research Question, Objectives, Research

Methodology of each objective, Results and Discussion on each objective, Conclusion and the Implications of the study. Discussions centered around justification for using Principal Component Analysis (PCA) method for calculation of model accuracy rate, clarifications on recalibrations of models and scope for future study.

22 faculty members attended the session and participated actively in the discussion.

The session ended around 1.20 pm with the vote of thanks by Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar.



Book Donation Drive

10th December 2019

The Library Committee and Readers' Club of the College jointly conducted an Outreach activity. A Book Donation Drive was conducted in and around the College from October to December 2019, through which 203 books were collected. These were then donated to Utkarsh High School, Rivona on December 10, 2019.

During the visit to Utkarsh High School, at Rivona, a couple of activities were conducted for the school children. A 10-minute video in Marathi on Mission Make India Read by Amrut Deshmukh was screened to motivate, encourage and inculcate reading habits

amongst the school children,. The school children understood and appreciated the message of the video.

Readers' Club Secretary Ms. Dynanada Prabhudessai gave a PowerPoint presentation on the theme "Fun with Reading" She stressed the importance of reading in our day to day life. Students were motivated to read as reading makes them emotionally strong and confident; reading helps develop reasoning capabilities, improves spellings and vocabulary. Readers' Club member Ms. Mruga Naik conducted some spot sessions, and students were rewarded with spot prizes like colour pens and pens. The School students were fully engrossed and active during the entire programme.

At the end of the programme, the Librarian Ms. Manasi Rege and the Readers' Club members handed over 2 boxes of books to the School Headmistress Ms. Neha. The school children and staff were very happy to receive the books – the Headmistress said that this donation would be the start of the School Library.

129 school children, 7 School teachers and the Headmistress attended the programme

Students Participation

10th December 2019

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day (December 10th), the National Confederation of Human Rights Organizations, in collaboration with Council for Social Justice, organized an All Goa Inter-Collegiate Seminar on "Advancing Democracy and Human Rights in India- The Role of Youth" at Pope John Paul II Complex, Borda.

The objectives of the seminar were to impart knowledge of the provisions in law for the implementation of human rights provisions, to motivate students to become aware of the values of a just and humane society and to work for a common humanity regardless of differences in religion and culture; to acquire skills to serve as human rights monitors and defenders in society through established structures in government and civil society.

Participants had been asked to prepare a video presentation on any one of the following themes: Gender and Human Rights, Migration and Trafficking, Children's rights. 3 BBA(FS) students of the College made a short film on Child labour & Child Rights and presented the same for the seminar.



Sports Day

13th December 2019

VVM's Shree Damodar College held its Annual Sports Day on 13th December, 2019 at Davorlim Panchayat ground. Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, G. R. Kare College of Law & RMS High Secondary School collaboratively organized the Sports Meet.

The Meet was inaugurated by Dr.Prita D. Mallya, Principal.

The program began with the March Past, followed by unfurling of the Tricolor flag. This was followed by lighting of the torch. Mr.Ajinkya Kudtarkar, College Director of Physical Education and Sports lit the torch and it was then passed to the sports champions of all the three institutions - Ms. Emilia Silveira, National Badminton Player & Mr. Ravi Das, International medalist in Sqay Martial Arts (Shree Damodar College), Ms. Clima Rebello football and athletics player &Ms. Genevieve Fernandes, National Football player (G. R. Kare College of Law) and Mr. Prithviraj Shinde (Sports Secretary) and Mr. Nihal Naik, gold medallist in Karate (RMS Higher Secondary School).The Chief Guest placed the torch on the stand and declared the Sports Meet open.

The events organized included

- 800 m Run,
- 400m run,
- 200m run,
- 100m run,
- 4 x100 m relay,
- 4 x 400 m relay,
- Discuss throw,
- Javelin throw,
- Shot put and
- Tug of war

Winners and participants of different events are as follows.

Event	List of Winners	Participants
800 Meter Run Men	1 st place- AmruthVirdikar TY BCA	07
	2 nd place –BiswatVishwakarma FY BBA(FS)	
	3 rd place - Cruz Dias	
800 Meter Run Women	1 st place- Sonal Goankar M.Com-II	04
	2 nd place - Nita Sawant M.Com-I	
	3 rd place - Chelcy Cardozo M.Com-II	
Javelin Throw Men	1 st place - Dinesh Kadam FY B.Com	07
	2 nd place –Kamlesh Purohit SY B.Com	
	3 rd place –Prasann Verenkar FY BBA(FS)	
Javelin Throw Women	1 st place- Maleah FernandesTY B.Com	08
	2 nd place - Nita Sawant M.Com-I	

	3 rd place – Komal Swami TY B.Com	
400 m.sprint Men	1 st place – Muktiar shaikh FY B.Com	14
	2 nd place - Jovial Fernandes SY B.Com	
	3 rd place –Rakesh Malage TY B.Com	
400 m.sprint Women	1 st place –Sonal Gaonkar M.Com-II	04
	2 nd place –Roshni Khatu FY B.Com	
	3 rd place –Ankita Naik FY B.Com	
100 mt.sprint Men	1 st place –Menjoy Rodriguese TY B.Com	17
	2 nd place –Nausabh Mulla TY B.Com	
	3 rd place - Presley Fernandes FY BBA(FS)	
100 mt.sprint Women	1 st place- Janice Gomes M.Com-I	14
	2 nd place - Emilia Silveira TY BBA(FS)	
	3 rd place –Ariti Kumari M.Com-II	
Shot put Men	1 st place- Rajshekhar Mandrekar SY B.Com	15
	2 nd place –Abhishek Vernekar TY BBA(FS)	
	3 rd place- Karol Soares SY B.Com	
Shot put Women	1 st place- YogitaSambhaji SY B.Com	06
	2 nd place- Kiran Fernandes TY B.Com	
	3 rd place- Ankita Naik FY B.Com	
200 mt.sprint Men	1 st place -Dinesh Kadam FY B.Com	16
	2 nd place- Menjoy Rodriguese TY B.Com	
	3 rd place- Jovial Fernandes SY B.Com	
200 mt.sprint Women	1 st place Janice Gomes M.Com-I	11
	2 nd place Sarite Sathe TY B.Com	
	3 rd place Roshni Khatu FY B.Com	
Discuss Throw Men	1 st place –Abhishek Vernekar TY BBA(FS)	08
	2 nd place- Kamlesh Purohit SY B.Com	
	3 rd place –Sayyam Naik TY B.Com	
Discuss Throw Women	1 st place –Yogita Sambhaji SY B.Com	07
	2 nd place –Priya Pai Vaidya M.Com-II	
	3 rd place Ankita Langote SY B.Com	
4*400 Mt.Relay Men	1 st place Nausabh Mulla, Amruth Virdikar, Dinesh Kadam, Muktiar Shaikh.	03 teams = 12 members
	2 nd place Ayan Bepari, Bishal Sharma, Kaushal Naik, Zishan Mohammad.	
	3 rd place Deepesh Pandit, Prashant Rai, Esther Fernandes, Fardeen Shariff.	
4*400 Mt.Realy Women	1 st place Janice Gomes, Nita Sawant, Priyanka Rawat, Priya Yadav.	04 teams = 16 members

	2 nd place Roshni Khatun, Alvina Cabral, Jeronia D'Costa, Shruti Gambre.	
	3 rd place Ariti Kumari, Chelcy Cardozo, Sonal Gaonkar, Raissa Barretto	
4*100 Mt.Relay Men	1 st place Kalpesh Chavan, Kiefer Jacques, Vibhav Prabhu, Dinesh Kadam.	07 teams = 28 members
	2 nd place Nausabh Mulla, Muktiar Shaikh, Vedant Nayak, Amruth Virdikar	
	3 rd place Siddhant Madkaikar, Presley Fernandes, Prasann Verenkar, Kailash Chaudary	
4*100 Mt.Relay Women	1 st place Nethravathi Shankarpa, Sarita Sathe, Sandhya Mangalwaddkar, Emilia Silveira	04 teams = 16 members
	2 nd place Sonal Gaonkar,Raissa Baretto, Ariti Kumari, Chelcy Cardozo	
	3 rd place Jenica Gomes, Nita Sawant,Priya Yadav, Priyanka Rawat	
Tug of War (Students-Men) Winners	Rajshekhar Mandrekar, Rohit Rangapuri, Sayyam Naik, Treron D'Souza, Nausab Mulla, YogeshYadav, Anant Shetkar, Esther Fernandes, Cresjowell Pereira, Ivin Pereira, Karol Soares	10
Tug of War (Staff) Winners	Shree Damodar College	10

Tug-of-War was organised between the staff members of all the three institution. Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics were the winners.

Mr. Milton Fernandes, Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sports of Goa University was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony. Mr.Vikram Verlekar, Chairman of Sports Governing Council, Vidya Vikas Mandal presented a memento to theChief Guest.In his address, the Chief Guest spoke about the benefits of physical activity in our lives. Lastly the prizes were handed over to the winners by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Mrs. Cintia Maria Abranches, Principal of RMS High Secondary School proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Workshop on “Women Work & Wellness”

14th December 2019

The Women’s Cell of the College organised a half-day workshop on “Women, Work & Wellness” for the students and staff members of the College on 14thDecember 2019from 10:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ganesh Daivajna Auditorium

07 lady faculty members and 107 students (03 males, 104 females) attended.

The workshop began with the welcome address by the Principal.

The workshop was divided into five sessions. The first



session was on the topic “Women’s Rights”. The resource person for the session was Ms Siddhi Parodkar, Assistant Professor of Law, G.R.Kare College. She spoke on issues such as Child Labour, Right to Education, Marriage Act and Sexual Harassment at the Workplace. She also spoke about the Uniform Civil Code in Goa and how it protects women and their rights.

The second speaker was Dr. Jyoti Damodar Redkar, a Gynaecologist by profession. She spoke on the topic “Common Gynaecological Problems during Adolescence”. The speaker focused on issues such as Menstrual pain, PCOD, Irregular periods, Thyroid etc. She also played a video which explained in detail the process of menstruation. Dr. Jyoti also mentioned the causes of problems like PCOD and thyroid. She also spoke on the use of contraceptive pills. This session helped students clear their doubts with regards to menstrual issues.

The speaker for the third session was Ms. Prashanti Talpankar, Associate Professor at DM’s College, Mapusa. She shared her experiences during her detection and treatment of breast cancer. Ms. Prashanti spoke about the moments that she had to pass through during her treatment as well as the type of treatment she underwent. She discussed about the support that one needs when undergoing through such sicknesses and shared some of her good memories. She stressed on the importance of regular self-body checkup which helps one in identifying the

unusual lumps in the body parts. The session was very interactive.



The fourth session was on the topic “Sustainable Menstrual Habits”, by Ms. Althea Fernandes, President and Founder of Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Goa and Dr. Minaxi Panandikar, Gynaecologist at Hospicio Hospital, Margao. Ms. Althea Fernandes, who is an alumna of the College, stressed on the need to do away with sanitary napkins in order to keep the environment clean. She shared the harmful effects of sanitary napkins on the health of women. She then introduced the menstrual cup to the audience, its uses and

importance. The two resource persons made an attempt to convince the audience to make a smart choice for safe menstruation by choosing cloth pads, tampons and menstrual cups. Dr. Minaxi also gave a demonstration on the use of menstrual cups.

Film Screening

19th December 2019

The NSS unit organized Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) activity on 19th December, 2019 from 9.00 to 10.30 am in the Smart Classroom. 10 activities have been recommended under EBSB, one being screening of films featuring a particular State and its ethos. Since Goa is paired with Jharkhand under EBSB, a film was screened depicting the Nature, Culture and Heritage of Jharkhand. The main objective of the activity was to create awareness about Jharkhand. 95 NSS volunteers attended the program.



Workshop on Accounting

20th December 2019

The Department of Commerce & Management organized a Workshop on Accounting in DSE papers 5-8 on 20th December, 2019 from 9:00a.m to 1:45 pm. The workshop began with the welcome address by the Principal. Dr. Edwin Barreto introduced the moderators for the four Accounting courses:

Ms. Sumina Dias, Associate Prof. and Head, Dept of Commerce, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa – DSE- 5

Dr. Vinod Joshua, Asst. Prof., Dempo College, Cujira DSE- 6

Dr. Juao Costa, Associate Prof. and Head, Dept of Commerce, Rosary College, Navelim - DSE- 7

Dr. (CA)S. Bhat, Principal, Swami Vivekanand College, Borim

DSE- 8

At the start, Dr. Bhat briefed the participants about the guidelines to be followed while submitting the report of the workshop. The participants then split up into 4 groups, one for each course. The discussions were led by the moderators of the respective courses. At the valedictory function, each moderator presented the report of the discussions. The audience also gave their feedback thereafter. 56 Commerce faculty members from colleges across the State participated in the workshop. The workshop was fruitful as it helped teachers gain clarity about the coverage of the syllabus as well as the pattern of question papers to be set for exams. Vice-Principal Dr. Rodney D'Silva proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Participation at Moneta 2019

18th – 21st December 2019

R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous), Mumbai hosted MONETA – a financial market based event from 18th to 21st December 2019. MONETA is a national-level financial-market based event which aims at development of financial knowledge of aspiring students. Two teams comprising of 20 students (12 girls and 08 boys) of BBA(Financial Services) participated in the event. They were accompanied by two faculty members Asst. Prof. Ms. Lizia V. Gomes and Asst. Prof. Ms. Cinola Tanisha Vaz.

The Guest of Honour for the event was Mr. Nilendu Mukherjee, Executive Director & Senior Coverage

Banker Rabobank U. A. He elaborated on the present scenario of the stock market, he also advised the students to respect time, and shared some of the key notes to be successful corporate leaders.

MONETA 2019 included various financial events like Bullring, Shark Tank, Production Paradox, Kitne Aadmi The?, The Big Brand Theory, The O's Challenge, True and Fair View, Manobhav, Horse Trade, The Biz-arre Quiz, Legit. and Run For Financial Literacy. They also organised various Management Games and Treasure Hunt activity to enhance the quality of team work among the students.

The students participated in all the events; Ms. Arya P.Bhosle from TYBBA(FS) and Ms. Anusiya S. Naik from SYBBA(FS) bagged the second place in Manobhav event.



Overall the event helped the students to apply their theoretical knowledge to real-life situations. It was a great learning experience for the BBA(Financial Services) students.

Dear Readers,

As always, at Shree Damodar College, the emphasis is on the holistic development of students and bridging the Industry-Academia gap.

We are delighted to present the reports of activities in this edition of the E-Newsletter.

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