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## Pre Placement Soft Skills Training

June 2019 – February 2020

The Career and Placement Cell organised its Soft Skills Training to prepare the students for the Annual Placement Fair on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The training was held from 1.00 to 3.00 pm from June 2019 to February 2020. The Resource Persons for the training were Ms. Caroline D'Silva - Trainer, Impact Training Solutions, Ms. Nandini Kunde - Corporate Trainer and Ms. Priyanka Row - Priyanka Row Image Consultants. A total of 148 students enrolled for the training. All students registered under the Placement Cell across TY B.Com, BBA(FS) and M.Com were divided into 4 batches. The training had two Parts.



Part I: 15 hours of Soft Skills Training conducted by Ms. Caroline D'Silva and Ms. Nandini Kamat Kunde for each batch. The Modules covered under this training were:

- The Art of Communication (including Body Language & Listening Skills)
- Building Strong Personalities through Self Confidence and Self Esteem
- Interpersonal Skills & Conflict Management
- Business Etiquette & Professionalism
- Time Management Skills
- Attitude affects Altitude
- Interview Skills & Resume Writing

Part II: 10 hours of Campus to Corporate Training conducted by Ms. Priyanka Row. The modules covered were:

- Dress for Success
- Art of Networking
- High Performance Communication
- Mock Interviews

The Campus to Corporate programme ended with Mock Interviews to prepare students for the Placement Fair. The mock interviews were conducted by Mr. K. D. Row, Former Chairman, Goa Public Service Commission.

## AVIGHNA

25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

VVMs Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics organised an Inter-Collegiate event **Avighna** on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 from 8:00 am- 9:00 pm in the College Campus. The event provided a platform for students



of colleges in Goa to showcase their talents. The event was divided into offstage events and onstage events.

After the inaugural function, the events namely Battle of Bands, Stand-up Comedy, Men's Physique, Third Degree, Mr & Ms Avighna, Group Dance, Fashion Show, DJ Night were held. These onstage events were interspersed with off-stage events viz. Photography, Face Painting, Lit Quest, Street Play, Gaming, Mascot and Treasure Hunt.

Chowgule College of Arts & Science, Margao won the competition.

## KALPAK

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The Directorate of Higher Education organised a three day program named “Kalpak” - Exhibiting Innovative Projects in Science, Engineering, Arts and Social Sciences, from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Adil Shah Palace (Old Secretariat), Panaji - Goa. This exhibition showcased various research projects done by college students in the form of working models or posters. Along with the exhibition, public talks by Resource Persons were organised on all three days.

Two projects from the Department of Computer Science done by TY BCA students, viz. “e-Rupee”, a Smart Billing and Payment Software and “JAAAS”, an IOT based Ambulance Management Software were selected for display.

On the first day, Prof. V. Saxena, Ex. Vice Chancellor of Jiwaji University, Gwallior, delivered a talk on “Mathematics in the world of Biological Science”. Application of different mathematical theories and formulas in the real world were presented with examples.

On 27th February, Dr. Debasis Patnaik from BITS-Goa addressed the audience on “Education and Socio-Economic Reforms in Goa”. Topics like ‘Testability of Holistic Science’ were presented by the speaker.

On 28th February, Dr. Vithal Tilvi from the Directorate of Higher Education, delivered a very interesting and interactive talk, “The Wonders of the Universe”.

On all three days students and teachers from different Educational Institutes in Goa attended the talks and visited the exhibition. Both projects from the College were exceptionally well presented and explained to the visitors. The TY BCA students received appreciation and praise for their projects and also received some valuable feedback, which they have incorporated in their projects.

## Industry Interaction Program

26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized an Industry Interaction Program (IIP) on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 from 11:00 – 1:00 pm.

The Resource Person for the IIP was Mr. Abhijit Sawant. He began his session by describing his life journey and gave an account of how in spite of difficult circumstances, he has achieved success. During his college days, he was selected to participate in the Republic Day Camp as an NCC cadet. Being selected out of thousands of students boosted his morale. He spoke about his career path and his success in life.



Mr. Sawant briefed the students about MLM i.e. Multi-Level Marketing, where one does not have to appoint a distributor. MLM eliminates the agent and the wholesaler and the transaction takes place directly between the firm and the consumer.

Mr. Sawant advised the students to make maximum use of their time in productive activities. He urged the students to set a goal in life. One of his best motivators is Mr. Shiv Khhera, author of 'You can win' and 'Eight habits of successful people'. He used several stories and anecdotes as a reference to motivate the students.

Later he asked the students to ponder over the 4 C's i.e. creation of income, consumption of income, continuation of income and conservation of income. The most important point on which we need to focus is continuation of income. He advises that one can invest money in various investment avenues. The session ended with a motivational song.



### Primary Data Analysis Workshop

29<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized a Primary Data Analysis Workshop for students on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The main objective of the workshop was to provide the students with a hands-on training about using tools and techniques of Primary Data Analysis for research work. A total of 50 students participated in this workshop.

The Resource Person Mr. Kaustubh Kamat began the session by discussing the fundamentals of Data Analysis and the difference between Data Analysis and Statistics. He stressed on the point that sample should be an accurate representation of the population, which is very important for the research work to progress. While selecting the sample, one must understand the requirement of sample unit, sample size and sampling technique.

He stressed on some of the important aspects of primary data which are as follows:

- 1) Normality of Data
- 2) Confidence Interval and Confidence Level
- 3) Hypothesis

The collected data can be Parametric or non-parametric. Depending on this one must appropriately select the tools that will be used for verifying the hypothesis. Mr. Kamat also taught students how to enter data in SPSS and use the software for various calculations by using test files. The session ended with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Assmita Corrgaonkar, student of M.Com Part II (BM).



Visit to R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

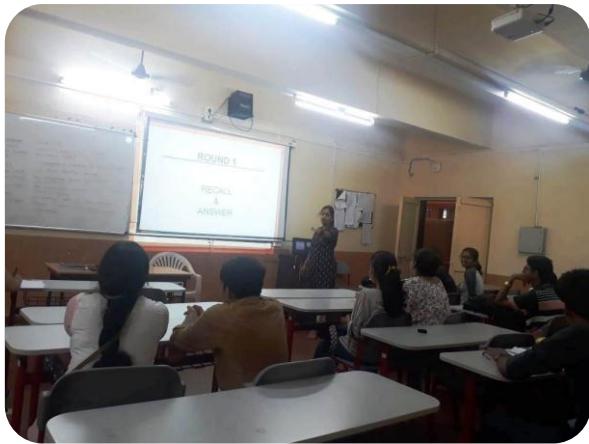
A team of seven students and Dr. Maithili Naik visited R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 from 8.30 to 10.30 am. This was a part of the MoU that the two colleges have with each other. It was a great opportunity for the students and the faculty member to interact with the students and staff of this NAAC accredited A grade Institution.



The team also attended a very interesting session on “Graphology” by Handwriting Expert Ms. Divya Gala. They were briefed on how handwriting is a reflection of one’s personality and the need to work on one’s handwriting to succeed in future. Our students were appreciated for their active participation during this session.

Quiz Competition

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020



The Library Committee & Readers’ Club of the College organized a Quiz on the theme BOOKS & AUTHORS on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, from 3:00- 4:00 pm in the Smart Classroom.

The quiz was divided into 3 rounds with two questions to each team in each round. The first round was “Recall & Answer”, the second round was “Name the Novel” and the third round was “Who am I?” (Identify the author in the picture), which was the buzzer round. There was no negative marking for a wrong answer and the right answer won each team 10 points.

There were four teams of two members each:

Team	Members
1) Stark	Kevin Silveira (SY B.Com B), Daisy Braganza (FY B.Com C)
2) Warriors	Keagan Silveira (SY B.Com A), Sarthak Faldessai (SY B.Com D)
3) Unique	Mruga Naik (M.Com Part I), Balkrishna Salelkar (TY B.Com C)
4) Ice Breakers	Senalda Lopis (FY B.Com C), Maryann Gomes (FY B.Com C)

The quiz was conducted by Ms. Samiksha Vengurlekar, Convenor, Readers’ Club.

The winners of the competition were:

Place	Team	Members
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Unique	Mruga Naik (M.Com Part I), Balkrishna Salelkar (TY B.Com C)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ice Breakers	Senalda Lopis (FY B.Com C), Maryann Gomes (FY B.Com C)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Warriors	Keagan Silveira (SY B.Com A), Sarthak Faldessai (SY B.Com D)



## Librarian Development Program ( LDP)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Directorate of Higher Education, Goa, in association with the IQAC of Goa University, organized a 5-day workshop for College Librarians in Goa from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji –Goa.

Twelve technical sessions were conducted namely:

- Professional Development opportunities for College Librarians, HR Issues (Staff formula)
- Digital and Information Literacy Services in College Libraries,
- Career Information Resources in College Libraries
- Networking: purpose and benefits,
- E-resources Management: legal issues, usage and promotion in colleges.
- A modern approach to Library spaces in Colleges, Getting ready for NAAC; inputs from Librarians,
- Plagiarism and copyrights,
- Two group discussions - College Websites and Best Practices for College Libraries - were also conducted.

25 delegates attended the Workshop. The broad aim of the Program was to enhance the technological skills and expertise of the Librarians.

It was a highly informative and educative workshop. Eminent national level Resource Persons

were invited to share their subject expertise in the field of Library and Information Science. Participants were updated on Library Automation. They also stressed upon the current Library Integrated softwares, which are being used by College Libraries.



## TECHNOTRONICS 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Students of the Dept. of Computer Science participated in a Two day National Level Technical Event named Technotronics 2020 on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 9:00am to 5:00pm – organized by Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College & Research Center.

A total of 12 students participated in various competitions at Technotronics 2020, namely The Great Programmer, Treasure Hunt, GifIT and War of DJs.

The following Students won prizes:

1st Place-The Great Programmer-Nikhil Kotharkar (FY BCA) and Binson D'Souza (FY BCA)

2nd Place - Treasure Hunt – Eshwar Gupta (FY BCA) and Smruti Kudnekar (FY B.Voc)

2nd Place - GIF IT – Omkar Borkar (FY BCA) and Smruti Kudnekar (FY B.Voc)

2nd Place - War of DJs – Rahul Naik (SY BCA)

Participation in this National Level Event boosted the confidence of the students and increased their enthusiasm to participate in more events to hone their skills.

### Workshop on Secondary Analysis

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organised a 'Workshop on Secondary Analysis' on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, from 10.00 am -12.15 pm. Dr. Vishal Chari, Asst. Prof. in Economics was the Resource Person. The aim of the workshop was to introduce students to Gretl software and the various tools and techniques for secondary data analysis which would help them in research.



On Day 1, Dr. Vishal Chari began the session by explaining the Parametric and Non-Parametric tests and focused on the different types of tests be used for Parametric and Non-Parametric statistical testing

Parametric Tests: Independent Sample T-Test, Paired sample t-Test and One- way ANOVA

Non-Parametric Tests: T-Test and F-Test

Hypothesis testing was explained with the concepts of Type I and Type II errors and confidence and significance levels. The next topic was a detailed explanation of 3 types of data used in research, viz. Cross-sectional data, Time Series data and Panel data. Students were also briefed about SPSS software.

Day 2 began with explanations of Regression analysis. A Regression Model was shown using sample data sets in Gretl and also interpretation of data was taught to the students. Dr. Chari also explained about the different problems associated with time-series and cross-sectional data.

At the end of the session the queries put forward by the students were discussed. Ms. Abigale Rodrigues, student of M.Com Part II, proposed the Vote of Thanks.

### Women's Day Celebration

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

NSS Volunteers participated in a rally on the theme "Save the Girl Child" organized by the Office of the Collector and District Magistrate, South Goa on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 8:00 to 10:00 am to celebrate "International Women's Day". The rally started at South Goa Collectorate, continued around Fatorda stadium and ended at the starting point, with volunteers shouting slogans to create awareness on protecting the rights of a girl child. 58 volunteers participated in the rally. The teacher in charge was Mr. Ainsley Bernard.





## GENESIS 2020

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The students of the Department of Computer Science participated in Genesis 2020 – a State-Level IT Fest conducted by MES College, Goa on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 9:00am – 6:00 pm in the College campus. The event had 15 sub-events such as Debate, Blind Coding, Logo Making, Third Degree, Open Mic, Fashion Show, Viral It etc.

Team “Spectra” of Damodar College consisting of Eshwar Gupta, Rajat Nagvenkar, Stoline Fernandes, Mark Fernandes, Dally Serrao, Smruti Kudenkar, Frilia Goes, Binson, Shubham Kholkar, Saidutt Naik, Nikhil Kotharkar and Pratik Faldessai participated in almost all of the 15 sub events and won either First or

Second Place in most of the events.

Treasure Hunt - 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Shubham Kholkar, Pratik Faldessai, Nikhil Kotharkar, Dally Serrao)

Third Degree- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Eshwar Gupta)

Fashion Show- 1<sup>st</sup> place (Dally Serrao, Mark Fernandes, Saidutt Naik, Smruti Kudnekar, Eshwar Gupta)

Logo Making- 1<sup>st</sup> place (Frilia Goes)

Team Spectra emerged Overall Runners-Up for the event.

## Guest Lecture on Cash Management

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organised a Guest lecture on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10:15am to provide students theoretical and practical knowledge about cash management. A total of 22 students attended the lecture.

The Resource Person for the session was Mr. Shrey Kulkarni, an alumnus of the College and the PG



department. He began the session by giving a brief introduction about management of cash where he focused on the need to manage cash. He explained the different motives for holding cash, that is, transaction motive, precautionary motive, speculation motive and compensating motive. Factors considered while determining optimum cash balance, elements of cash systems were also discussed in the session. He also explained the different types of floats - collection float, mail float, processing float, availability float. All the types of collection systems were explained with flowcharts. The concept of cash concentration was also

explained along with its advantages, functions and types. He also made a presentation on the topic, Disbursement System - Types and Tools.

Later, the Miller-ORR Model was explained to the students along with its assumptions. Different concepts were explained with the help of diagrams. The session concluded by solving a problem on cash budget.

### Beach Cleaning Drive

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

NSS Volunteers participated in a Beach Cleaning drive on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Betalbatim beach. The activity was organized in collaboration with Nanu Resorts. The staff of Nanu Resorts along with staff of Bavish Waste Management Company joined in the beach cleaning activity. Through this activity, the NSS volunteers and the resort staff set an example for the citizens of the village, shack owners and tourists visiting the beach. 74 volunteers participated in the same. The teachers in charge were Ms. Sharmila Kunde, Dr. Prachi Kolamker and Mr. Shrikant Madar.



### Industry Interaction Program

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized an Industry Interaction Program (IIP) on the topic 'The art of managing time and stress' on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10:30 am. The session was conducted by the Rotary Club of Margao Mid Town in association with the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). A total of 42 students participated in the session.



The program began with the introduction of the chief guest by Rotary Club Member, Mr. Tanmay Mahajan. The speaker Shree Shyam Rasik Prabhu made the students aware about various aspects of stress and time management.

The speaker used several anecdotes from his life to explain the topic. He suggested that students clear their Vision, create their Mission and utilize their time effectively.

In order to explain the practical aspects of the topic, students were told to write down the most important things in their lives and select them according to priority. This gave them a clear vision of their priorities. Spiritual well-being, mental balance, social understanding and importance of sacrifice were discussed. The session ended



with a Vote of Thanks by Rotary Club member, Mr. Tanmay Mahajan.

## Poster Making Competition

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Institution's Innovation Council & TechTrendz Club of Department of Computer Science organized a Poster Making competition on the occasion of National Science Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 3.30 to 5.00 pm. A total of 12 students participated in this competition.

The Poster Competition was on the theme "Impact of Indian Innovation or Scientific Achievement on Human Life". The 12 students were divided into teams. In their posters the students portrayed the innovations in



technology and scientific advancement that has brought about a transformation in the world.

The First place winners of the competition were Mr. Eshwar Gupta from FY BCA and Ms. Sneha Prasad from FY BBA(FS). The second place was secured by Mr. Prathamesh Dessai from FY BCA and Ms. Frilia Goes from FY BVoc.(ST). The Third place winners are Ms. Vaishnavi Kamthe and Ms. Rachana Kurtarkar from TY B.Com.

The competition was judged by Associate Professors Dr. Shami Pai and Dr. Edwin Barreto. The student coordinators of the event were Mr. Vijay Prabhu, Mr. Prateek Faldessai, Mr. Viraj Talekar and Ms. Shehana Dias from FYBCA and the faculty member in charge was Ms. Namita Neurenkar, Asst. Prof Dept. of Computer Science and Member of IIC.

## Field Trip

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

65 students from FYBBA(FS) went on a field trip to Varad's Farm at Dabal and Satpal Arboretum at Satpal near Mollem, Goa, on 07<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The students were accompanied by faculty members, Mr. Kiran Naik,



Ms. Swati Bhat, Ms. Ashwini Korde, Ms. Lizia Gomes, Ms. Grishmi Thakur and Mr. Mayuresh Adsul.

The field trip was conducted as a field work for the students of Environmental Studies and also was a part of Life Skills Activity. The objectives of the field trip were to enable students to understand the practice of sustainable agriculture by using different organic farming methods, to explore the biotic components of the forest ecosystem and identify the different species of medicinal plants.

The first stop was Varad's farm situated in

Dabal, owned by Mr. Varad Samant, a young farmer. Mr. Samant has cultivated various types of crops such as carrot, cabbage, chilies, tomatoes, watermelon, etc. on his 4000 square meters of land. He has implemented different methods of organic farming such as using organic manure like cow dung, poultry waste, etc. and practiced drip irrigation technique to supply sufficient water to the crops. Some crops such as carrot and watermelon are hundred percent organic in nature. He also told students that his next aim is to introduce Drone technology on his farm which will make his work easy. He stated that "Agriculture can be a good source of income if it is done with interest, as there is a lot of physical work involved". Students were very impressed by the venture and posed several questions, which he answered to their satisfaction.

Satpal Arboretum has over 80 plots in which various tree species have been planted over an area of 24.50 hectares of land. Students and faculty members took a walk in the Arboretum and observed different species of medicinal plants and their medical use. Students got all the information by reading information plates which were placed near each plant colony.

The major outcome of the field trip was that students got exposure to learn many things related to sustainable agriculture and the scope for entrepreneurship in agriculture. They also got chance to explore different varieties of trees, as well as plants and their medicinal use.

### International Women's Day Celebration

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The College, in association with Directorate of Extra Mural Studies & Extension Services, Goa University, Asha Sadan Social Centre and Kiren Niketan Social Centre, celebrated International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup>

March, 2020 at Ravindra Bhavan, Vasco da Gama, from 3.00 to 6.00 pm.

The celebration was coordinated by Ms. Madhumeeta Dhar Assistant Professor in Commerce. The theme was 'WonderWoman# - we all have a wonder woman inside us.'

The Chief Guest for the celebration was Mrs. Lawanya Shetye, Nodal officer to Health Minister for Directorate of Women and Child Development and a member of Goa State Women's Commission. The Holy Sisters Family Congregation, Superior General

Sister Alvita was present with Sister Lourenca, Representative of Asha Sadan Social Centre and Sister Phelisen Representative of Kiren Nikentan Social Centre were also present. The students of Shree Damodar College who actively took part in organizing were Eshwar Raj Gupta, Shubhan Kholkar, Bhavya H Prasad, Dally Serrao, Seema Hadimani, Sheehan Alcaocoas, Mukesh Bhat, Kanniaya Khatarkar, Sairaj Ghadage, Chirag Bandekar. The teachers in charge were Ms. Meher Rodrigues and Ms. Madhumeeta Dhar.

The Inaugural Function began at 3:00 pm with a prayer dance performed by the Women of Kiren Nikentan Social Centre. The dignitaries present lit the traditional lamp. The first Resource Person, Dietician Radhika Dhar spoke on the topic 'Health and Nutrition.' She spoke about the dietary requirements during different stages of a girl's life - childhood, adolescence, pregnancy and menopause. She opined that every individual can maintain his/her diet by having simple Indian food like dal, fish, chapati and rice.





The Chief Guest Mrs. Lawanya Shetye encouraged women to raise their voice against domestic violence. She conveyed how powerful the word “no” is and that it would build self-confidence every time we utilize it against any violence.

Resource Person Dr. Jyoti Redkar spoke on the topic Women’s Menstrual Hygiene. From the beginning of menstruation till menopause, the hormonal changes and the nutrients required were listed by her. She encouraged women to speak about their menstrual problems with their parents, friends and doctors for necessary guidance. She explained the importance of using sanitary napkins while emphasizing on cleanliness.

The highlight of the celebration was the real life stories shared by some of the strong women of these social centres. Dance performances and the melodies sung by the students and teachers kept the audience entertained.

Principal Dr. Prita D Mallya appreciated the efforts put in by the students and the teachers to help organize this event and also motivated the women in the audience to follow the guidelines given by the Resource Persons. She encouraged the women to educate themselves and their children as a means of self-dependence.

Every woman present for this celebration was gifted a pack of sanitary napkins.



## International Women’s Day

9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Women’s Cell organised a program on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm to celebrate International Women’s day. The program began with a Self-Defence session for the female students and staff members, conducted by Mr Ravi Das, student of SY B.Com, Trainer in Martial Arts. A total of 87 students participated in this program.

This was followed by a programme in the Smart Classroom. The programme began with a dance performance depicting Women Empowerment by a student of FY BBA(FS), Ms. Gautami Karmalkar, followed by an address by the Vice-Principal, Dr. Rodney D’Silva. Two competitions were organized. In the first one participants had to click a picture of a woman who inspires them with a brief write up on the theme and upload it on Social Media, captioned #myinspiration. Dr. Shami Pai and Dr. Lira Gama were the judges for this competition. The winners of this event were:

First place - Ms. Senalda Lopes,

Second place -Ms. Poonam Shakya

Third place – Ms. Afshan Shaikh & Tejas Shrivant

The next competition was ‘Voice it out’ -a two minute speech competition, wherein participants had to give their opinions on gender inequality. The event was judged by Dr. Vishal Chari and Ms. Snehal Alve. The winners of this event were:

First place- Ms. Chrisliza Gonsalves

Second place- Ms. Hriya Patil and

Third place- Ms. Dnyanada Prabhudessai.

Students in the audience were also asked to narrate incidents they have experienced concerning gender inequality. Ms. Senalda Lopes also recited a poem titled, 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou.



A short quiz on 'Empowered Women' was conducted. The very enthusiastic audience participated and made the program a lively one. The prizes were distributed by the Vice-Principal.

The Readers' Club and Library Committee displayed over 200 books on women's issues on this occasion.

Gender Champion, Ms. Damini Achari, proposed the Vote of Thanks.

## TECHLIPSE 2020

9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The students of the Department of Computer Science participated in Techlipse 2020, an IT Event organized by St. Xavier's College, Mapusa on 09<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the College campus. Our students

performed excellently in all the competitions, competing with various colleges from Goa. A total of 11 students participated in this event.

Students won individual competitions as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – IceBreaker – Rohan Patil

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Photography – Shane Cardozo

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Meme – Shaunak Bale and Rohan Patil

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Web Development – Siddhant Kholkar and Sherwyn Rodrigues

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Coding – Binson Dsouza and Sherwyn Rodrigues

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Treasure Hunt – Mark Dourado & Nashita Da Silva

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mascot – Mark Fernandes

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – ASCII Challenge - Shaunak Bale & Mark Dourado

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Third Degree – Shaunak Bale

1<sup>st</sup> Place – FIFA – Cyrus

The students of TYBCA have won overall trophies in three successive years at three different events namely IRIX 2018, TechFluence 2019 and Techlipse 2020.

## Certificate Course in Animation

9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Department of Computer Science organized a 30-hour Certificate Course in Animation for FY BCA & FY B.Voc students from 09<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 9.00am to 2.00 pm with the aim to equip the students with the skill sets required to work in the field of Computer Graphics and Animation. The Resource Person for the



course was Mr. Roshan Raykar, Founder, School of Passion. 21 students completed the course.

Mr. Raykar motivated the students to put forth their ideas through their creative designs. The course was designed as follows

- Graphic design basics & process
- Concept development
- Introduction to Adobe Photoshop & exploring the tools in Photoshop
- Introduction to Animation
- Animation process and making basic animation
- Making a portfolio

At the end of the course students created their own animations.

The students appreciated the course and gave positive feedback about the trainer and the conduct of the certificate course by Assistant Professors Mr. Bhiku Bhavé & Ms. Namita Neurenkar.



### Comquest 3.0

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020



The Post Graduate Department of Commerce organized the third edition of the State-level Inter-Collegiate event Comquest 3.0, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm in the College Campus. In her welcome address, Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya congratulated the Post-Graduate Dept. of Commerce for organizing the event and stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Comquest included innovative events which were apt for Master's Degree students.

The event coordinator Ms. Seema Dharani, Asst. Professor in Commerce, briefed participants about the events. The student coordinator Ms.

Janice Gomes introduced the Chief Guest Mrs. Sarita Chavan, Celebrity Master Chef. In her keynote address, she motivated and inspired the students to pursue their dreams. The student coordinator Mr. Fardeen Sharief proposed the Vote of Thanks for the Inaugural Function.

The event consisted of 4 on-stage events –namely Critical Testing (Research paper presentation), Act Attackers (One Act Play), Vogue (Fashion Show) and Mr. & Ms. Comquest – and 5 off-stage events – namely Painting Warriors (Face Painting), Abbreviated Version (Synopsis Writing), Mind Games (Quiz), Battle of Words (Debate), Clash of Quest (Surprise event wherein each team was given a clue and a task to perform after which the 4 qualifying teams were given a product to advertise).

The Valedictory function began with a summary of the day's proceedings by Ms. Sheryl Da Silva Asst. Professor in Commerce. The participants shared their feedback about the event, which was positive and motivating. Lastly the Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Vice-Principal and M.Com Programme Coordinator Dr. Rodney D'Silva.

The event saw participation from 5 colleges. The winners of the various events were:

### On-Stage:

Critical Testing	1 <sup>st</sup> place Government College, Quepem 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Rosary College, Navelim
Act Attackers	1 <sup>st</sup> place St. Xavier's College, Mapusa 2 <sup>nd</sup> place MES College, Zuarinagar
Vogue	1 <sup>st</sup> place Government College, Quepem 2 <sup>nd</sup> place St. Xavier's College, Mapusa
Mr. & Ms. Comquest	Mr. Comquest S. S. Dempo College, Cujira Ms. Comquest Government College, Quepem

### Off-Stage:

Painting Warriors	1 <sup>st</sup> place Government College, Quepem 2 <sup>nd</sup> place St. Xavier's College
Abbreviated Version	1 <sup>st</sup> place Rosary College, Navelim 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Government College, Quepem
Clash of Quest	1 <sup>st</sup> place St. Xavier's College, Mapusa 2 <sup>nd</sup> place MES College, Zuarinagar
Battle of Words	1 <sup>st</sup> place St. Xavier's College, Mapusa 2 <sup>nd</sup> place MES College, Zuarinagar
Mind Games	1 <sup>st</sup> place Rosary College, Navelim 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Government College, Quepem

The overall winner of 'Comquest 3.0' 2020 was Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem and the runners-up team was St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.



### DST Presentation Competition

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Department of English organised a Digital Story Telling (DST) Presentation Competition on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 from 3:00 to 4:45 pm in the Smart Classroom. A total of 13 DSTs were presented by FY. B Com students. Each student gave a brief introduction of the DST video and then presented it. The judges for the competition were Ms. Namita Neurenkar and Ms. Lizette D'Costa. The DST videos were judged on the following criteria:

- Development of the story
- Language
- Graphics
- Creativity



- Digital representation

13 FY B.Com students participated in the competition.

#### **FY B.Com A**

1. Gourish Bhatikar
2. Jai Patel
3. Luvica Fernandes
4. Harsha Kerkar

#### **FY B.Com B**

1. Queency Silva
2. Jewella Godinho

#### **FY B.Com C**

1. Senalda Lopes
2. Stella Costabir
3. Vaishnavi Gaonkar
4. Elaine Correa

#### **FY B.Com D**

1. Akash Paswan
2. Dipthi Lone
3. Ilum Shaikh

The first place was secured by Ms. Elaine Correa, second place was secured by Ms. Luvica Fernandes and the third prize was bagged by Mr. Akash Paswan. The digitally represented stories were appreciated by the judges and the audience.

### Industry Interaction Program

14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The PostGraduate Department of Commerce organised an Industry Interaction Program on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at 10:15 am. The main objective of the guest lecture was to make students aware of the importance of having

proper posture at workplace, the importance of using the right chair and understanding 'Deskercise'. A total of 54 students attended the program.

The Resource Person Dr. Ronita R Ajgaonkar began the session with a brief introduction on Desk Ergonomics where she explained the importance of having a good posture. She explained work-related musculoskeletal disorders that result from conditions in the workplace environment or the performance of work tasks and the causes of the disorders like prolonged sitting or standing in the same position. Awkward or static postures were also discussed. Further she explained how to have a good posture at



the work place. She explained the term ergonomics - designing workstations and tools to reduce work-related musculoskeletal disorders. She explained what should be the correct height, depth, width of the chair, also that the lumbar back support and armrest for the chair is important. Also, the distance from and height of the monitor was discussed. At the end of the session, she explained the concept and benefits of Deskercise.

The session ended with demonstration of different stretches that can be performed at the work place, which could alleviate pain and calm nerves. Dr. Ajgaonkar ended the session with a quote, 'Work harder, work smarter and after today, work being little fitter.'

## FIN-SPLASH 1.0

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The BBA(Financial Services) Department, under its Investors' Hub, organized a two-day inter-class event, Fin-Splash 1.0 on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A total of 14 Students Participated in this event. The event was introduced this year to select the first ever "**Finance Student of the Year**".

There were a series of competitions under Fin-Splash - 1.0

Fin-Quiz: Saved by the Bell was conducted on March 13th and tested the participants' general knowledge in the areas of Finance, Accounting, Banking and Economics. It was organized in two rounds, i.e., the qualification round and the final round. Ms. Arya Bhosale and Mr. Daniel Rodrigues tied with top points, and after a tie-breaker, Mr. Daniel Rodrigues won the first place and Ms. Arya came in second. The next two spots were taken by Ms. Shubhechsha Shet and Ms. Sarva Hede respectively.



Hammer the Box was a business plan competition. The participant had to present an innovative product or service on the theme, 'Sustainable Development through Green Initiative'. The competition was executed in two phases - an elimination round based on the theme and the Business Plan round. The competition was judged by Mrs. Apoorva Gadre-Apte Proprietor at Shubhankar Environmental Services, Margao Goa. Ms. Rachel Fernandes secured the first place followed by Miss. V.V. Sai Vyshnavi and the third place was bagged by Miss. Arya Bhosale. The judge was delighted by the quality of the presentation and expressed her desire to support the business idea to bring it to reality.

"Battle it Out" - 14 students participated. An Elimination round was conducted on 13th March in which students had to answer 15 Multiple Choice Questions based on the world economy. After the elimination round, 10 students qualified for the Final Round which was held on 13th March 2020. In the final round the students made a presentation on the country's financial prospects, and created an investment roadmap by studying the country's booming sectors, FDI & FII investment opportunities. Mr. Abhijeet Sawant, founder and Managing Director at Abhiganesh Financial Planners Pvt. Ltd. judged the final round. 1st place was bagged by Ms. Sarva Hede, followed by Ms. Arya Bhosle in 2nd place and K. Venkatesh in 3rd place.

The event "Econowhiz: Elaborate the Obvious" was held in two rounds; Round One was an elimination round and Round Two was a presentation. The top 10 scorers after the qualification round were selected for the final round. On March 14th, these students were allotted an economic theory on lottery basis. The students had to



prepare a PowerPoint presentation and explain the theory in simple language. The judge for the event was Mr. Rayes Eftie, Manager at IIFL Investments. The winners were: 1st Place – Ms. V.V. Sai Vyshnavi, 2nd Place – Mr. Daniel Rodrigues and 3rd Place – Ms. Rachel Fernandes.

Wealth Secrets - “MONEY: Master the Game” - an event based on Financial portfolio creation. This event was organised to test the knowledge of the students with regards to financial planning for the individual. The event had two rounds. The first round was Virtual Trading. Students were told to trade for three days. 10 students participated in the Virtual Trading. The final round was scheduled on 14th at 11.30 a.m. Participants were given a case study one hour before and were asked to present it for 5 minutes followed by question and answer round. The judge for the event was CA. Kamlesh Kanji. At the end of the event CA. Kamlesh also shared his insights on financial planning and portfolio creation. The winners for this event were First Place: Ms. V. V. Sai Vyshnavi, Second Place: Ms. Rachel Fernandes and Third Place: Ms. Arya Bhosle.

Live Bait Theatre was divided into three rounds consisting of Preliminary Round, Turn Table and Final Round of Debate. Mr. Mudit Agarwal, Managing Director, Advaitaa Green Energy, Margao - Goa was the judge. There were 14 participants for the events at the preliminary round, of who 10 qualified for the Turn table round. For the turn table round students were given 5 minutes to speak for and against the topic allotted to them on the spot. Two students qualified for the final round - Ms. Rachel Fernandes and Ms. V.V. Sai Vyshnavi. In the finals, conducted on 14th March 2020 the two finalists debated a topic. The judge declared Ms. Rachel Fernandes as the winner of the event.

On the basis of overall performance **Ms. Rachel Fernandes was declared Winner of Fin-Splash 1.0 and Finance Student of the Year.**



Overall, the students had a very good experience. They could present their knowledge, intelligence and ideas before the audience and suggested that the Department conduct such activities on regular basis for continuous improvement. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Ms. Lizia V. Gomes, Investor Hub In-charge and Asst. Prof. Mrs. Snehal Alve, Programme Coordinator of the BBA(Financial Services) programme.

### Practical Banking Certificate Course

A 30 hour Certificate Course in Practical Banking was conducted for SY B.Com students. During the course, students learnt about the working scenarios in the banking sector, the different formalities associated with obtaining a loan and opening of accounts.

Students were trained in a manner such that they could easily be absorbed in banks as interns during the summer break. Students were also informed about the ways of cracking the Banking Recruitment exams. The 30 hour course was spread over 15 days, with 2 hour sessions per day. To test their understanding the students were given tests at regular intervals.

The Resource Person for the certificate course was Mr. Suresh Parrikar (Former Banker). The teacher in charge was Dr. Prachi Kolamker. A total of 62 students attended and completed the course.

*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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