



**QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY GOA UNIVERSITY AND  
AFFILIATED COLLEGES UNDER SURAKSHIT BHARAT**

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**Programmes conducted to promote Fundamental Duties for Inspiring and Motivating Youth**

**SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora-Goa**

1. On 06/01/2026, as a part of a 30-day awareness campaign on the topic "Drug Abuse- Drugs: A Menace to Society," the pledge was administered to all the students and faculty on campus. The said pledge was administered in the college hall.
2. On 12/01/2026, the occasion of National Youth Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the NSS Unit, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education and Sports of GMFC, organised a mega rally titled "Run for Swadeshi." The programme aimed to instil a sense of national pride and promote the "Swadeshi" ideology among the youth, reflecting Vivekananda's vision of a self-reliant India. A solemn tribute was paid to Swami Vivekananda by garlanding the portrait of Swami Vivekananda by the college dignitaries and faculty members. This ceremony served as a moment of reflection on his teachings, inspiring the participants to embody the values of strength, character, and service to the nation.

**Vikas Parishad's Mandre College of Commerce, Economics & Management.**

The Converge 3.0 – Academia Industry Summit was jointly organised by the TIP and IIC Cell of Mandre College of Commerce, Economics, and Management on 10th February 2026 at the college's multipurpose hall. The programme commenced at 9:30 a.m. and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teaching faculty, and non-teaching staff.

1. The first session focused on career opportunities and professional courses in the aviation, airport, and other related sectors. It was delivered by Mr Rahul Shirodkar, Retail Sales Trainer at GMR Aviation Skill Development Centre, on the topic "GMR Aviation Training & Development Program" He began the

session by sharing examples of two airports in Goa and highlighting the diverse career opportunities available for youth. Mr Shirodkar motivated the students by presenting a wide range of courses offered by the GMR Aviation Skill Development Centre, emphasising their relevance for students after completing their bachelor's degrees.

The session covered courses across multiple fields, including:

- \* Assistant Electrician Technician
- \* Field Technician (AC)
- \* Food & Beverage Service
- \* Airline Customer Service Executive
- \* Housekeeping Attendant
- \* Light Motor Driving School

He elaborated on the job profiles associated with each course, their career prospects, and outcomes. He also highlighted the facilities and benefits available to students, such as free training, certification upon completion, hands-on practical and theoretical training by industry experts, interview preparation, and soft skills sessions conducted by professionals. Additionally, Mr. Shirodkar guided students on recruitment opportunities, citing examples of industry partners in the hospitality and retail sectors, including Puma, Crocs, KFC, and others. Video demonstrations were incorporated to provide students with practical insights into the work environment. The Outcome of this session was highly informative and engaging, offering students a clear understanding of career options, skill development programs, and pathways to employment in the aviation and hospitality sectors.

#### **V.M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education,**

1. The Counselling Department, in collaboration with IQAC, conducted a session on Drug Abuse: Drugs a menace to society on 12th January 2026 for all the students and staff of VMSIHE to create awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and educate the students about the legal implications under the NDPS Act.
2. On 21st January 2026, the Cultural Club of VMSIHE organised an event called "Indian Vibes on Goan Tides" aimed to celebrate India's cultural diversity by creatively blending Indian and Goan art forms while providing students a platform to showcase their talents. Indian Vibes on Goan Tides was a memorable and enriching experience, successfully achieving its objectives of cultural celebration, student engagement, and experiential learning.

#### **Rosary College of Commerce and Arts.**

1. Slogan Writing on the theme Sustainable Water Harvesting

The NSS unit of the college organised a Slogan Writing Competition on the theme 'Sustainable Water Harvesting' as part of the awareness campaign Jal Mahotsav: Gaon Ka Utsav- Desh Ka Mahotsav 2026, observed from International Women's Day to World Water Day. The objective of the competition was to encourage students to creatively convey the importance of conserving water and adopting sustainable water-harvesting practices. Students enthusiastically presented innovative and impactful slogans highlighting water scarcity, conservation,

and responsible use. The competition successfully raised awareness about the need for sustainable water management and inspired students to think critically about environmental conservation. A total of 209 volunteers participated in the online Slogan writing activity. The activity was coordinated by Dr Ancy Gonsalves.

2. Quiz on the Theme: Water Conservation, Water Resources, and Sustainable Water Use

The NSS Unit organised a Quiz Competition on Water Conservation, Water Resources, and Sustainable Water Use as part of the campaign Jal Mahotsav: Gaon Ka Utsav – Desh Ka Mahotsav 2026. The quiz aimed to enhance students' knowledge and awareness of water-related issues, including water sources, conservation techniques, and sustainable practices. Participants demonstrated keen interest and actively engaged in answering questions on both basic and advanced concepts of water management. The competition fostered a spirit of learning and healthy competition among students while reinforcing the importance of responsible water usage. The online quiz was answered by 251 volunteers. The activity was coordinated by Dr Ancy Gonsalves.

3. Essay Writing Competition Theme: Importance of Water Conservation for a Sustainable Future

An Essay Writing Competition was conducted by the NSS Unit on the theme “Importance of Water Conservation for a Sustainable Future” as part of Jal Mahotsav: Gaon Ka Utsav – Desh Ka Mahotsav 2026. The objective of this activity was to encourage students to critically analyse and express their views on water conservation and sustainability. Participants wrote insightful essays highlighting the causes of water scarcity, the importance of conservation, and strategies for sustainable water use. The competition provided a platform for students to showcase their writing skills while reflecting on environmental issues. It also helped raise awareness of the need for collective responsibility in conserving water. A total of 108 volunteers participated in this activity. The activity was coordinated by Dr Ancy Gonsalves

4. Digital Poster Competition on the theme Water Preservation – Every Drop Counts

The NSS Unit organised a Digital Poster Competition on the theme “Water Preservation – Every Drop Counts” as part of Jal Mahotsav: Gaon Ka Utsav – Desh Ka Mahotsav 2026. Students created innovative, visually appealing digital posters that convey strong messages about water conservation and sustainable use. Participants were required to include the hashtags #JalMahotsav2026, #JalArpanDiwas, and #HarGharJal when sharing their entries, thereby promoting the campaign on digital platforms. The posters effectively captured the urgency of water conservation and encouraged responsible behaviour. The competition also enhanced students' creativity and digital skills. A total of 106 volunteers participated in the same. The activity was coordinated by Dr Ancy Gonsalves.

**Shree Mallikarjun and Shri Chetan Manju Desai College.**

1. On 8th January 2026, nineteen Army NCC cadets participated in the Lokotsav at Canacona under the guidance of Lt. Karishma Parsekar. On the same day, NCC cadets also attended a Youth Empowerment Program at Adarshgram, Poinginim.
2. On 8<sup>th</sup> January, an interactive session on Entrepreneurship and Generative AI was organised by the Economics

Department and TIP Cell, coordinated by Dr Geeta Walvekar, providing students with insights into emerging technological trends and entrepreneurial opportunities.

3. On 10th January 2026, a Career Guidance Session in Economics was conducted for 12th standard students at Mallikarjun Higher Secondary School by Dr Geeta Walvekar and Mr Prajyot Gaonkar, helping students understand career prospects in the field of economics.

#### **Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women,**

1. The Students of F.Y. B.Sc. and F.Y. B.Com. have learnt about Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties in their multi-disciplinary paper at Semester II of the N.E.P. program.
2. 'Constitution Week' was celebrated by the Department of Political Science by organising an 'Online Quiz Competition' on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 for the students. Prizes were awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>-, 2<sup>nd</sup>-, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-place winners.

#### **Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar.**

Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, has consistently undertaken initiatives to promote constitutional values, democratic participation, civic responsibility, consumer awareness, and community engagement among students. During the months of Jan to March of the academic year 2025–2026, several departments organised activities that helped students understand the importance of democratic institutions, voting, responsible citizenship, and social awareness.

1. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar-Goa, organised a series of events to commemorate National Voters' Day, themed "My India, My Vote." This initiative aimed to educate and sensitise students about the significance of voting, electoral processes, and their role in shaping India's democratic future. The events organised were:
  - a) Poster-Making Competition: Titled "Artistic Voters Expressions," showcasing creativity on "Empowering Voters" and "Vote for Change".
  - b) Quiz Competition: Over 50 students participated, testing their knowledge on voting rights, electoral processes, and Indian democracy.
  - c) Elocution Competition: Participants delivered passionate speeches on topics like "The Significance of Voting" and "My Vote, My Voice".
  - d) Debate Competition: Students engaged in lively debates on topics such as "Is Voting a Fundamental Right or a Duty?" and "Social Media's Impact on Voting Behaviour".
  - e) Public Speaking Session: Participants spoke on the importance of informed voting, discussing topics like "The Power of One Vote" and "Voting: Shaping India's Future".

By celebrating National Voters' Day, the college emphasized the importance of informed citizenship, encouraging students to exercise their franchise responsibly. The ELC's efforts aligned with the Election Commission of India's goal of promoting electoral literacy among youth, fostering a culture of participation and awareness. The celebrations included diverse activities that sparked enthusiasm, creativity, and critical thinking among students,

making the event a memorable learning experience. Participation: Around 100 students actively participated in the competitions, with overall engagement from 600 students. Coordination: Prof. Anthony Rodrigues (Nodal Officer, ELC) and Mr. Jonas Aaron Rodrigues (faculty member, ELC) ensured the event's success, with support from ELC members

2. In order to further strengthen grassroots democratic awareness, the Department of Political Science is currently training students for the All-India Model Youth Gram Sabha Competition. In this competition, students enact the actual procedures and functioning of a Gram Sabha meeting. Through this activity, students learn about local self-governance, community participation, decision-making processes, and democratic accountability at the village level. The training programme enables students to understand the functioning of grassroots democracy and encourages them to actively participate in community governance and development.
3. Consumer awareness was also promoted through programmes organised by the college. The Consumer Welfare Cell, in association with the Department of Sociology, organised a talk on the topic “Consumer Rights with Respect to Legal Metrology” under the Consumer Awareness Programme. The programme was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Goa. The guest speaker for the session was L. M. Satish Gawas, Controller of Legal Metrology, Goa. The speaker explained how consumers are often subjected to fraudulent practices in the marketplace and highlighted the importance of awareness regarding weights and measures, product labelling, and consumer protection laws. He also guided students on the legal remedies available to consumers and ways to safeguard themselves from scams. The session significantly enhanced students’ awareness of consumer rights and responsibilities.

Through these diverse activities, Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, has actively promoted constitutional values, democratic participation, responsible citizenship, consumer awareness, and community engagement among students. These initiatives have helped create a deeper understanding of democratic institutions and civic duties while encouraging students to become informed, responsible, and active participants in society.

### **MES Vasant Joshi College of ARTS & Commerce**

1. On the occasion of National Youth Day, senior ex-cadet Sneha Yadav was felicitated by the college on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. She was selected into the Border Security Force (BSF) and was the only candidate from Goa to be selected. As a token of appreciation, she was presented with a potted plant, a memento. The management, principal and all cadets congratulated her and wished her luck and success in her career in the armed forces.
2. The Department of Konkani, MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, organised ‘Asmitai Dis’ (Opinion Poll Day) on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to commemorate the historic referendum that safeguarded Goa’s separate statehood. The programme was conducted in the college with great enthusiasm and academic spirit.
3. The staff and students of MES Vasant Joshi College Zuarinagar, Goa took the voters' pledge on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to commemorate the National Voter's Day. A total of 91 people, including staff and students, took the voter's pledge.
4. The Celebration of Republic Day was solemnly and enthusiastically organised by M.E.S Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar–Goa on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Sports Complex, Pernem, Goa, in

collaboration with 1 Goa Naval Unit, with the objective of instilling a deep sense of patriotism, national pride and constitutional awareness among NCC cadets and participants. The programme witnessed the active participation of 13 NCC cadets, including 06 girl cadets and 07 boy cadets, who assembled with great discipline and enthusiasm to commemorate the historic adoption of the Constitution of India.

5. The Department of Konkani, MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, celebrated Konkani Official Language Day on 4th February 2026 at the Principal M. S. Kamat Seminar Hall. The programme was organised to commemorate the historic day on which Konkani was accorded the status of an official language. Shri Gopinath Gawas, Headmaster of Vivekanand Dnyan Mandir High School, Keri, Sattari, Goa, was the Chief Guest. The programme began with a warm welcome to the gathering by the Principal, Dr. Manasvi M. Kamat, who highlighted the importance of celebrating language, culture, and identity through such events. Prof. Dr. Cosma Fernandes, Head of the Department of Konkani, presented the outline of the programme and explained the objectives of observing Konkani Official Language Day.
6. NDLI Club and The Reader's Club, in association with IQAC of Murgaoon Education Society's Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, organised a Just a Minute Talk Competition on the occasion of International Mother Language Day on 20th February 2026. The objective of the programme was to encourage students to express their thoughts confidently and raise awareness of the importance of mother languages. A total of 17 participants took part in the competition. The participants were given chits containing different topics related to language, social, Motivation and culture.
7. NDLI Club, Readers Club in collaboration with OBC Cell and IQAC, organised Poster making competition on the occasion of International Women's Day on the Theme "Women Empowerment / Gender Equality/ Celebrating Women's Achievements" to encourage students to express their ideas and creativity through posters on issues related to women on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the library. In total, 24 students, 16 Female and 08 Male students, participated in the competition.

#### **HPSM's Ganpat Parsekar College of Education.**

The Department of Physical Education, in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club, organised a 3 km Run for Swadeshi on Monday, 11 January 2026, to mark National Youth Day. The event aimed to promote the values of swadeshi, self-reliance, and national awareness among the youth. The warm-up session began at 6.45 am at the Harmal Fish Market and was conducted by Lt. Dr Aniket Kerkar, College Director of Physical Education. The run started at 7.10 am, following the route from Harmal Fish Market to Harmal Titho, Harson Petrol Pump, Vishwanarh Hotel, and ending at Vidya Sankul Gate. All participants completed the run by 7.45 am. A total of 10 students and 8 staff members took part and successfully completed the Swadeshi Run.

#### **DCT's S. S Dempo College of Commerce and Economics**

1. The Department of Economics of DCT's SS Dempo College (Autonomous) organized an Experiential Learning Module on "Digital Literacy & E-Governance: Creating e PAN Cards" on 13th February 2026 in Classroom G-03. The session was conducted by Asst. Prof. Dattaraj Kamalkar, who provided students with practical exposure to the process of applying for an e-PAN card through the official Income Tax portal. The activity aimed at enhancing digital literacy and familiarizing students with the concepts of financial identity and

digital governance.

2. The Department of Commerce of SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira, Goa, organised an academic workshop on "Climate Change and Sustainable Technologies" under the 5th Edition of Vidnyan Dhara 2026 on 05 January 2026, in association with the Goa State Higher Education Council and the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa. The programme aimed to create awareness among undergraduate students about climate change and the importance of sustainable technological solutions. The session was addressed by Principal Prof. Dr Manoj Kamat, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Smitha Bhandare Kamat. The workshop, conducted by Mr Ganesh Chari, Managing Director, innovator, waste management expert, and serial entrepreneur, was attended by students of F.Y. B.Com Division D. The resource person explained the concept of climate change, its scientific basis, and its environmental, economic, and social impacts. Issues such as greenhouse gas emissions, rising global temperatures, erratic rainfall, heatwaves, and extreme weather events were discussed with special reference to the Indian context. Mr Chari also highlighted the role of sustainable technologies in addressing climate change, introducing concepts such as renewable energy. green hydrogen energy storage systems, smart arid electric vehicles, carbon, etc.
3. The IT Club of SS Dempo College (Autonomous), in collaboration with NSS and UBA Cell of the college, organised a community-based E-Waste Awareness Talk for the panch members of Cujira Village Panchayat. The session was conducted by Asst. Prof. Anjita Gaonkar, Department of IT and IT Club In charge. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about electronic waste, its environmental impact, and the importance of proper disposal and management. The programme was attended by the panch members and panchayat staff. A total of 8 participants attended the session. During the interaction, key aspects, including types of e-waste, the hazards of improper disposal, and the role of local bodies in e-waste management, were discussed. Asst. Prof. Anjita Gaonkar also proposed that the IT Club, along with NSS volunteers, could take up an e-waste awareness and collection drive for the Curca Village Panchayat in the future, as the college has tie up with Group Ten Plus, where the collected E-Waste will be handed over for proper disposal, as an extension of community outreach activities.
4. On the occasion of International Women's Day, organized a Slogan Art Competition on the theme "Women – The Future of Commerce." The programme was held on 12th March 2026 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the college's AV Room. The competition aimed to encourage students to creatively express their thoughts on the growing role of women in business, entrepreneurship, finance, and trade. Through slogans and artistic presentations, students highlighted the importance of women's contributions to economic development and their emerging leadership in the commercial world. The programme was organised and coordinated under the guidance of Assoc. Prof. Derina Rodrigues, Head of the Department of Commerce, along with Asst. Prof. Elvina Machado and Asst. Prof. Aleris Rodrigues.
5. The NSS Unit and Student Counselling and Mentoring Cell, in collaboration with Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, organised a poster-making competition to create awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse. Students actively participated and showcased their creativity through posters conveying strong messages on how to avoid drugs and lead a healthy life as part of this activity. A session was conducted for students on January 12, National Youth Day, focusing on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The resource person highlighted Swami Vivekananda's views on self-discipline, character building, and the importance of

avoiding harmful habits such as drug use. Students in classes also took a pledge in which they vowed not to use drugs, not to encourage or allow others to use drugs, and to immediately report any instance of drug use if observed. The pledge aimed to strengthen students' commitment to a drug-free society and responsible citizenship. Overall, the activity successfully raised awareness and inspired students to follow positive values and health

6. Rangoli competition on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 on the theme “Water Conservation “was organised for students of all the courses. A total of 5 teams (2Each) participated. The competition was organised to commemorate World Water Day. The Competition encouraged the students to understand the importance of water conservation.
7. The Department of Economics of the college, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dona Paula, organised a State Level Budget Plan Competition on the theme "My State My Budget 2026-2027." The competition was held in the college's Commerce Lab from 8:30 am onwards. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 10 colleges and 12 teams across Goa. The competition was open to students from both Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programmes. The primary objective of the competition was to enhance students' critical thinking and analytical skills by encouraging them to design a budget plan for the next financial year, taking into account the State Budget estimates from the previous year.
8. The Consumer Welfare and Legal Aid Cell, Department of Law, and Department of Commerce of SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira–Bambolim, Goa, in association with the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Panaji, organised a Digital Poster Making Competition on the theme “Consumer Rights and Responsibilities” on 23rd January 2026. The competition was held to raise students' awareness of consumer rights and responsibilities.
9. The Department of Law, the Department of Commerce, and the CWC of our college had organised a poster-making Competition on the theme, “National Consumer Helpline” on Thursday, 15th January 2026, for students across all programmes of the college. The event was designed to strengthen participants' understanding of the provisions on consumer rights and responsibilities under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. A total of 12 students registered and participated in the competition. The competition was a resounding success.
10. The Department of Law and Commerce and CWC of our college organised a Reel-making Competition on the theme “Consumer Welfare – Balancing Profits and Consumer Rights” on Friday, 16th January 2026, for students across all programmes of the college. Objectives of the competition were to enhance students' understanding of consumer rights and responsibilities under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and to provide a platform for students to on balancing business profits with consumer protection.
11. The Department of Law of our college had organised a Slogan Art Competition on “From Constitution to Nation Building” on Saturday, 17th January, 2026, for students across all programmes of the college. Objectives of the competition: To enhance students' Knowledge on Constitution of India. To promote academic excellence. To provide students with an opportunity to express their understanding of the Constitution of India, the event aimed to enhance participants' knowledge on provisions related to the Constitution of India. A total of 07 students registered, out of which 06 participated in the competition. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Sarita C. Parker.
12. At SS Dempo College (Autonomous), the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) organised a sensitisation

session on the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, on Friday, 9th January 2026, at 12:45 p.m. in the Conference Room. The session, conducted by College Counsellor Ms. Rudrakshi Mayenkar, aimed to create awareness among faculty and staff about the legal framework, preventive measures, and redressal mechanisms under the POSH Act. College Counsellor elaborated on the key provisions of the Act, including the definition of sexual harassment, constitution of Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs), complaint and inquiry procedures, confidentiality norms, and employer responsibilities

The NSS volunteers participated in the Republic Day celebrations on 26th January 2026, where the Indian flag was unfurled by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kamat, in the college amphitheatre. As the flag was unfurled, everyone sang the National Anthem in unison. In his address, the principal spoke about the significance of the day when the Constitution of India came into force in 1950, making the country a sovereign, secular, and democratic republic. On the occasion, he also highlighted the strides the college has taken towards academic autonomy, with the successful completion of one year under autonomous status. He recalled the institution's various achievements in academic, co-curricular, and other areas of student-centric development

13. The 6th Mentoring Session was held for all BBA, BCOM, PGDM(B&F), BA(GSM) and MCOM Part-1 and Part-2 classes by the respective Class Teachers and Mentors. The session's theme was "Safe Riding and Driving," and the PowerPoint presentation was prepared by the College Counsellor. The session emphasised the importance of road safety, following traffic rules, and maintaining responsible behaviour on the road. Students were guided on the use of helmets and seat belts, avoiding mobile phone usage while driving, and strictly refraining from drunk driving. The discussion also highlighted the effects of speed, stress, and fatigue on driving. Proper two-wheeler etiquette, vehicle maintenance, and carrying valid documents were also stressed. The session concluded with the key message that safety is always more important than speed.
14. The Digital Poster Making Competition on the theme *Consumer Welfare Awareness* was organized by the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan unit of SS Dempo College (Autonomous) on the occasion of *World Consumer Rights Day*, observed on 15th March. The competition was held on 16th March 2026 with the objective of raising students' awareness of consumer rights and responsibilities through creative expression. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic and digital design skills while highlighting important issues related to consumer protection, ethical practices, and informed decision-making. Participants designed innovative digital posters that effectively communicated messages on consumer awareness, rights, and welfare.
15. The Department of Commerce organised a Budget Presentation Competition for the students across all streams of the College on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026, from 9:30 am onwards in the college AV Room. The theme of the competition was "Union Budget 2026: Key Highlights and Announcements". The primary objective was to encourage students to analyse the national budget and enhance their analytical and presentation skills.
16. The Teaching Learning Education and Technology Cell coordinated faculty participation in an International Webinar titled "Using En-ROADS in the Classroom" organised by the Goa Institute of Management (GIM). The session was conducted by Mr Andrew Jones, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Climate Interactive, who introduced the En-ROADS Climate Simulation Tool as an innovative teaching and learning resource. The

Webinar demonstrated how En-ROADS can be effectively integrated into the classrooms to enhance student engagement with climate science and sustainability challenges. It aimed at empowering educators to integrate interactive digital tools into the classroom to teach climate dynamics, policy trade-offs and systems thinking.

On the occasion of National Voters' Day, on 23rd January 2026, students actively participated in a pledge-taking activity to reaffirm their commitment towards democratic values. The students collectively took a pledge to uphold the Constitution of India, exercise their right to vote responsibly, and contribute towards strengthening the democratic process. The activity aimed to create awareness about the importance of voting, ethical participation in elections, and the role of youth in building a strong and inclusive democracy

17. SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira, Goa, hosted a thought-provoking State-Level Panel Discussion on the Union Budget 2026–27 in association with the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Education Committee) on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. The event brought together distinguished panellists representing key sectors of the Goan economy. The panellists offered valuable insights into the recent budget announcements, analysing their implications within their respective domains. Ms Asha Arondekar highlighted the opportunities and challenges faced by MSMEs, stressing the need for enhanced policy support, improved infrastructure, and easier access to finance. Mr Rajiv Kumar discussed the growth prospects of the mining sector, emphasising government initiatives to boost production and exports.
18. As part of a peer learning activity, the participants from the Global Immersion Programme (Malaysia) presented to the FYBBA students on 9th Feb 2026 about their learnings. The students presented their learning and findings on Malaysia's trade culture. They also explained and taught the FY students the Business theories and AI tools taught to them at UCSI University. This encouraged collaborative learning among the students.
19. The Student Counselling and Mentoring Cell organised an awareness session on the POSH Act, 2013, for students of the PGDM (B&F and EM), MTTM Part-1, MCom Part-1 and Part-2 classes. The session was conducted to help students understand what sexual harassment is, the different types of sexual harassment (physical, verbal, non-verbal, and online), and the rights and responsibilities of students and staff. The role and composition of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), as well as the procedure for filing a complaint, were also explained.
20. The Gender Champions Cell, in collaboration with the Centre for Equal Opportunities, and the Student Counselling and Mentoring Cell, organised a Reel-Making competition. The competition aimed to encourage students to creatively express their views through digital media while promoting awareness of unspoken social norms and expectations. The theme, "The Rules We Never Agreed To," invited students to reflect on societal stereotypes, pressures, and unwritten rules affecting individuals in daily life, thereby providing a platform for self-expression, creativity, and critical thinking.
21. Verbal Nexus organised a Debate Competition on March 8th 2026, to mark International Women's Day, open to students across all programmes. A total of 12 teams participated, showcasing strong critical thinking and oratory skills. The event commenced with a quiz-based elimination round focused on women's rights, history, and gender equality. Top teams qualified for two debate rounds on themes such as women's empowerment, gender roles, and societal progress.
22. As part of the Peer-to-Peer Learning Initiative aimed at boosting confidence, sharing experiences, and developing practical skills, M. Com Part I student Mr Johnatan Ribeiro conducted an engaging session titled

“Turning Views into Revenue - A Deep Dive into Export Media Production and Content Management.” He shared his journey as a young entrepreneur in the digital media industry.

23. Mr Johnatan began by narrating how his passion for video creation inspired him to start his own venture, PIKA Media Exports. He manages more than five YouTube channels producing anime content, commentary videos, YouTube shorts, and related media for international clients, particularly from the UK and the US. He currently leads a growing team of 20 members.
24. The M.Com Department organised an insightful workshop titled “Trade Smarter, Not Harder: Introduction to Algorithmic Trading” on 26th February 2026. The session was conducted by Dr Vipul Mathur, who brought both academic insight and industry expertise to the topic. The workshop was thoughtfully divided into two parts. The first segment featured a concise presentation on the fundamentals of algorithmic trading. Dr Vipul introduced students to concepts such as discretionary and systematic trading, explained algorithmic trading as a subset of quantitative finance, and discussed the essential components of an algorithmic trading system - Data, Alpha, Risk, Cost, Portfolio Construction, and Execution. He presented these concepts clearly and engagingly, making them easy to understand for all participants.
25. Dempo College organised a Book Exhibition on Eminent Women Personalities in its library to celebrate International Women’s Day. The exhibition showcased biographies and works highlighting the achievements and contributions of inspiring women across various fields. It was inaugurated in the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal, faculty, and students. The initiative encouraged readers to explore literature on women’s empowerment and received an enthusiastic response from the college community.

### **VVM’s Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics**

#### 1) Street Play on Consumer Rights

The Consumer Welfare Cell of Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics successfully organised a street play on Consumer Rights to raise awareness among students and the general public. The activity aimed to educate people about their consumer rights in today’s rapidly changing marketplace. Students of the college actively participated in the street play and effectively portrayed real-life situations related to consumer exploitation. Special emphasis was placed on issues related to digital payments, online banking, cyber fraud, misleading advertisements, and unfair trade practices. Through impactful dialogues, expressions, and relatable scenarios, the students highlighted the importance of being alert, informed, and responsible while engaging in digital and financial transactions. The street play served as an engaging medium for simplifying complex consumer laws and conveying important messages in an easy-to-understand manner. It attracted the attention of passers-by and students alike, thereby extending its reach beyond the campus.

#### 2) Each One Teach One

The Department of Economics & Banking, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, successfully organised an Each One Teach One activity from 06/12/2025 to 02/01/2026 to promote basic literacy and social responsibility among students. The activity focused on empowering illiterate individuals by teaching them fundamental learning skills. As per the activity plan, NSS volunteers were assigned the responsibility of identifying one illiterate person in their respective localities and teaching them basic literacy skills. The areas of learning included writing one’s own name, understanding and writing the English alphabet, recognising numbers, and developing basic numeracy skills essential

for daily life. Through continuous interaction and personalised teaching, each learner was provided with basic literacy knowledge, thereby giving them a lifelong identity through the ability to write their own name and recognise letters and numbers. The activity not only benefited the learners but also sensitised the volunteers towards the realities of illiteracy in society.

### 3) Yuva Aapda Mitra Training

The NSS Regional Directorate (NSSRD), Pune, in association with the NSS State Cell, Goa, organised a seven-day training programme under Yuva Aapda Mitra in collaboration with the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Goa. The training programme was conducted at the Curchorem Fire Station from 12th January to 20th January 2026. The programme was organised with the objective of providing both theoretical and practical knowledge related to

fire safety, emergency response, and disaster management. It aimed to create awareness, build confidence, and develop essential life-saving skills among the participants, especially for handling real-life emergency situations. The training programme consisted of theory, practical, and demonstration sessions. This well-balanced approach helped participants gain a clear, in-depth understanding of various emergency management techniques and disaster response strategies. A total of 11 NSS volunteers from our college attended and successfully completed the training programme, gaining valuable skills and knowledge that will enable them to serve the community effectively during emergencies.

### 4) Bazaar Day

The Department of Economics & Banking of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao, organised "Bazaar Day" for the students and faculty of the College by students of our institution. The objective of the bazaar was to develop entrepreneurial and business management skills among students, encourage creativity, innovation, and practical learning, enhance teamwork, communication, and leadership skills, provide hands-on experience in planning, organising, and marketing products, and boost students' confidence and decision-making.

### 5) Poster Making Competition

The Consumer Welfare Cell of the College successfully organised a Poster Making Competition for the students on the theme 'Wrong Click, Right Fix: Secure your Digital Wallet' on 27th January 2026. The initiative aimed to foster critical thinking regarding digital financial safety and consumer rights in an increasingly virtual economy. The event commenced with a welcoming address by Asst. Prof. Ms Abigale Rodrigues, who briefed the participants on the competition guidelines and the thematic importance of digital literacy. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments. Each participant demonstrated commendable creativity, translating complex cybersecurity and digital vigilance concepts into impactful visual art.

## **Goa College of Agriculture**

All Goa Model Youth Gram Sabha Competition 3.0: All Goa Model Youth Gram Sabha Competition 3.0 organised by GIPARD, Ela Farm, Old Goa. The Students of Goa College of Agriculture, Old Goa, participated in the Competition on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## **Nirmala Institute of Education.**

1. Leadership Camp: Organised a Leadership Camp on 11th July 2025 for B.Ed. teacher trainees.

2. Human Rights And Advocacy on 4th January, Resource Person: Br. Tino D'Abreau

Objective of the Programme: To raise awareness about human rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), individual responsibility, and the significance of advocacy for vulnerable and marginalised groups in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

During the session, Br. Tino introduced the students to the United Nations' human rights framework, with special emphasis on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and its 30 fundamental rights. He explained how these rights uphold human dignity, equality, and freedom, and highlighted their relevance in everyday life. He also emphasised the responsibility of individuals to respect and protect others' rights.

A major focus of the session was advocacy for vulnerable and marginalised groups, highlighting the role of teachers as agents of change in promoting justice, inclusion, and equity. Br. Tino also linked human rights education with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), explaining how education, equality, and social justice contribute to sustainable development.

The session was informative and thought-provoking, encouraging students to reflect on their responsibilities as responsible citizens and future educators.

3. Workshop on "Legal Rights and Empowerment of Minority Communities in Goa: Challenges and Perspectives"

Workshop on "Legal Rights and Empowerment of Minority Communities in Goa: Challenges and Perspectives" was organized on 13th February 2026 at 9:30 a.m. by the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Goa University and the UGC Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion of D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, in collaboration with the Directorate of Equal Opportunity and Nirmala Institute of Education, Panaji, Goa.

The programme provided a platform for legal experts, academicians, and students to discuss issues related to the rights, protection, and dignity of minority communities.

Adv. Cleofato Almeida Coutinho, Senior Advocate at the High Court of Bombay at Goa, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Dr Maria Norma Menezes Rebello, Director of the Directorate of Equal Opportunity Cell (DEOC), Goa University, attended as the Distinguished Guest. The dignitaries shared valuable insights on the significance of legal awareness and empowerment for minority communities.

The workshop ended on an inspiring note, emphasising the need to work collectively towards building a more just, inclusive, and equitable society. The event successfully raised awareness about legal rights and initiated important discussions on empowering minority communities in Goa.

### **Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce**

Participation in 16th National Voters' Day Programme (25th January 2026)  
The NSS Unit of Swami Vivekanand College of Commerce facilitated student participation in the State-level programme commemorating the 16th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2026 at Rajiv Gandhi Kala Mandir,

Ponda. The programme was organised by the Office of the Collector & District Election Officer, South Goa.

### **Narayan Zantye College of Commerce**

#### **1. Blood Donation Camp**

The Rotaract Club, NSS Unit and NCC Unit of the college and Rotary Club of Panaji Riveira, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The doctors and medical team from North Goa District Hospital visited the college to collect the donated blood. Dr. Divya Upaskar graced the occasion as Chief Guest, and Ms. Aparijita Mainikar was the Guest of Honour. A total of 32 donors, including students, staff, and alumni, donated blood. NCC Officer Lt. Vaibhav Dhuri, NSS Coordinator Dr. Ajita Morajkar, Rotaract Members Ms Mrinal Valke and Ms Vinita Agarvadekar were in charge of the programme

#### **2. Lions Republic Run**

Eight (08) students (Sportspersons) of our college participated in the Republic Day Run on 26th January 2026, organised by the Lions Club of Bicholim. Dr Satyavan Harmalkar, College Director of Sports, took the initiative.

#### **3. Nasha Mukh Bharat – Nasha Mukh Goa**

Goa University organised a programme on the theme “Nasha Mukh Bharat – Nasha Mukh Goa” on 8th January 2025 to raise awareness about substance-free living and promote a healthy, responsible society. The programme was addressed by the Hon’ble Governor and Chancellor of Goa University, Shri Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju. In his address, the Hon’ble Governor emphasised the need for collective responsibility in combating substance abuse and highlighted the role of educational institutions, youth, and society in building a drug-free nation and state. He stressed that awareness, education, and strong value systems are key to achieving the vision of a Nasha Mukh Bharat and Nasha Mukh Goa. The programme was graced by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, Prof. Harilal B. Menon, and the Registrar, Goa University, Prof. Sunder Dhuri, who supported the initiative and reiterated the university’s commitment to promoting student well-being and social responsibility. Ms Mrinal Valke, college counsellor, attended the talk along with two students, who actively participated in the programme and benefited from the insightful address.

#### **4. Session on “One Nation, One Election”**

The NSS Unit organised an awareness programme on “One Nation, One Election” on 12th January on the occasion of National Youth Day, with the objective of creating awareness among students about the importance of simultaneous elections in the country. Principal Prof. Dr Rajendra Kumbharjuekar welcomed the gathering and emphasised the role of youth in strengthening democracy. The session was graced by Mr. Vishwas Satarkar, Ex-Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly, who was the Guest and Speaker. He explained the concept, advantages, and challenges of “One Nation, One Election” and encouraged students to actively participate in the democratic process. The programme was also attended by Mr. Dayanand Karbotkar, Vice Chairman, SC & OBC Corporation. Dr. Rajesh Amonkar, Vice-Principal; Dr. Ajita Morajker, Chief NSS Programme Officer; Dr. Jhimli Adhikari and Dr. Pravin Sawant, Associate Professor in Commerce, added value to the session. Around 120 NSS volunteers participated actively in the programme

## 5. National Girl Child Day

The NSS Unit of our college observed National Girl Child Day on 24th January 2026 by administering a pledge under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. The programme aimed to create awareness about the importance of protecting, educating, and empowering the girl child. A total of 250 students participated in the event and took a pledge to promote gender equality, support girls' education, and eliminate gender discrimination. The programme was conducted successfully, reinforcing the values of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme and the significance of empowering the girl child.

## 6. Republic Day Celebration

The Republic Day celebration was observed with great pride and patriotic fervour on 26th January 2026. The programme commenced with the garlanding of the statue of Late Shri Narayan Zantye, paying homage to his contributions. This was followed by the flag hoisting ceremony, which was performed by the Principal, Prof. Dr. Rajendra Kumbharjuvekar, and the gathering respectfully stood for the National Anthem. Dr. Pravin Sawant, Associate Professor in Commerce, delivered an insightful speech highlighting the significance of Republic Day and the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Vice Principal, Dr. Rajesh Amonkar, spoke about the duties and responsibilities of citizens. The Principal, Prof. Dr. Rajendra Kumbharjuvekar, then addressed the gathering and motivated students and staff to uphold constitutional ideals. The dignitaries present on the dais included NSS Chief Programme Officer Dr. Ajita Morajker, NCC A.N.O. Lt. Vaibhav Dhuri, and Sports Director Dr. Satyawan Harmalkar. The programme was attended by teaching and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers, and NCC cadets. The event was efficiently anchored by NSS volunteer Nisa Khan. The celebration concluded on a patriotic note with the singing of "Vande Mataram", leaving the audience inspired with national pride.

## 7. Participation of NSS Volunteers in Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026

NSS volunteers of Narayan Zantye actively participated and witnessed the live telecast of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026 on an official online streaming platform. The programme was telecast live at 10:00 AM on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The volunteers watched the interaction with great interest and enthusiasm, gaining valuable insights on examination stress management, motivation, and holistic development. The initiative contributed significantly to spreading awareness about the objectives of *Pariksha Pe Charcha* and ensured the involvement of NSS volunteers

## **St. Joseph Vaz College**

1. Staff observed National Voter's Day by taking a pledge to uphold the democratic tradition of the country on 23/01/2026
2. Staff and Students observed National Girl Child Day "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (BBBP) by taking a pledge of the same on 24/01/2026
3. Staff and students observed National Republic Day on 26/01/2026
4. Electoral Library Club (ELC) organized a Slogan Making Competition "Your Vote Your Voice" on 05/02/2026
5. Session on The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971 and Fag code of India, 2002 (amended in 2021 and 2022) was conducted for students on 21/02/2026

### **Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda.**

The Constitution Club of the Autonomous College of Multidisciplinary Studies & Research, Margao, Goa, was inaugurated on 26 January 2026 in the College Seminar Hall to commemorate the spirit and significance of Republic Day. Mr Oscar Gonsalves, a distinguished educationist, Inspiring administrator and dedicated contributor to the field of learning, was the Chief Guest for the programme. The principal of the college, Dr F. M. Nadaf, addressed the gathering and extended a warm welcome to the distinguished Chief Guest.

The programme was organised to promote constitutional literacy and awareness of constitutional values, rights, and duties among students. The inauguration aimed to encourage students to actively engage with the ideals of the Constitution and develop a sense of responsible citizenship. The event was held in the presence of the college's faculty, staff, and students. The programme commenced with a brief introduction highlighting the importance of the Constitution of India and the need for young citizens to understand and uphold its principles.

The Constitution Club was formally inaugurated as a platform to organise academic and awareness activities, including discussions, debates, quizzes, lectures, and workshops on constitutional values and governance. The students performed a skit highlighting the importance of Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties. The programme was convened by Ms Prajakta Lolayekar, Assistant Professor in Business Law. The event was coordinated by Ms Tanvi Keny, Assistant Professor of Commerce. Mr Jonlen Desa, Assistant Professor of Commerce, proposed the vote of thanks, and Ms Geetanjali Roy, student of F.Y.B. Com, compered the programme.

### **St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa.**

Programs to Promote Fundamental Duties and Youth Motivation

1. Awareness Talk on 'Drugs: A Menace to Society': 9th January 2026, Department of
2. Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
3. Patriotic Singing Competition: 23rd January 2026, Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College.
4. Marathi Day (Jagatik Marathi Bhasha Divas): 2nd March 2026, Department of Marathi with Goa Marathi Academy, St. Xavier's College.

### **Vrundavan Institute of Nursing Education, Colvale – Goa**

1. A training programme on "Dog Bite Menace" was conducted on 13th January 2026. BSc Nursing students participated and gained knowledge on the dog menace. The programme began with the welcome of the speaker, Dr Rajendra Kanekal, State Epidemiologist, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, Directorate of Health Services, Campal, Panjim.
2. Republic Day was commemorated on 26th January. The programme included a prayer song, flag hoisting, patriotic songs, dance, and speeches.

3. A street play was organised on World Cancer Day to create awareness among the public on prevention and early detection, on 3rd January 2026, at PHC Aldona.
4. A yoga session was organised on 27th February 2026. The resource person was Ms. Mahua Deb, a qualified yoga instructor.
5. Women's Day celebration was organised on 9th March 2026 with the theme "Give to Gain". The programme was attended by management, the chief guest, the principal, the teaching and non-teaching staff, and the students.

### **PES's College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda**

#### All-Goa Street Play Competition

P.E.S.'s College of Education participated in the prestigious All-Goa Street Play Competition organised by the Directorate of Social Welfare in association with YUVA Panaji. held at Ravindra Bhavan. We are pleased to report that our college secured First Place among various competing institutions. The performance focused on the urgent social issue of drug abuse, directly supporting the national mission for a *Nasha Mukta Bharat* (Drug-Free India).

### **Programmes conducted to promote Gandhiji's thoughts and values**

### **SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora-Goa**

On 06 /01/2026, the NSS Unit organised a Campus Cleaning Drive. This initiative aimed to maintain the aesthetic and hygienic standards of the college environment while instilling a sense of "Service Before Self" among the student community

### **Vikas Parishad's Mandre College of Commerce, Economics and Management.**

"Kokedama Start-up Workshop: Cultivating Business Ideas" The session on Sustainable Development, titled "Kokedama Start-up Workshop: Cultivating Business Ideas," was delivered by Mrs Leekhani Naik, a Kokedama artist and Agricultural Demonstrator. The session aimed to promote eco-friendly practices while fostering entrepreneurial thinking among students. Mrs Naik guided participants in transitioning from plastic materials to sustainable, biodegradable alternatives. She introduced the concept of \*Kokedama\*, explaining its meaning, origin, and historical background. Detailed information on the required materials, including soil types, thread, wool, and suitable plants, was provided. She demonstrated the methods and step-by-step procedures for creating a Kokedama, emphasising the correct soil-to-water ratio and appropriate watering for healthy plant growth. The workshop gave students hands-on experience preparing plant arrangements. The session saw enthusiastic participation from students as well as teaching and non-teaching staff. Students worked collaboratively in groups, actively engaging in the activity, asking relevant questions, and clarifying their doubts. The Outcome of this workshop was such that it enhanced creativity and innovation, promoted teamwork and communication skills, and encouraged sustainable living practices. Mrs. Naik also highlighted the potential of Kokedama as a small-scale home-based business,

inspiring students to explore entrepreneurial ventures.

### **V.M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education,**

The Institute celebrated Republic Day with the students, staff and faculty of VMSIIHE with flag hoisting, patriotic song singing, dancing and organized a Storytelling Competition on 26th January 2026, to promote cultural awareness, boost local tourism, and develop creative expression. These events aimed to highlight lesser-known, geographically diverse, and historically significant places, fostering a sense of pride in India's heritage while enhancing communication skills and imagination, with the objective of inculcating values of peace, harmony and cultural diversity in the students.

### **Rosary College of Commerce and Arts.**

Cleanliness Drive at Buticas, Navelim: The NSS Unit of Rosary College organised a Cleanliness Drive on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 12:45 p.m. in the Buticas ward, which has been adopted by the NSS unit of the college. The activity was conducted to promote civic responsibility and encourage environmental awareness among students. A total of 55 NSS volunteers (50 female and 05 male) from various programmes participated in the activity. The NSS volunteers were awarded 10 NSS hours for their participation. The drive was coordinated by NSS Programme Officer Asst. Prof. Archana Kumar.

### **Shree Mallikarjun and Shri Chetan Manju Desai College**

1. On 11th January 2026, students of Sociology visited St. Teresa of Jesus Church as part of their curriculum on Religion and Society under the guidance of Ms Sandhya Kharat.
2. On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026, a cleanliness Drive was organised at Palolem Beach by the Sociology Department in collaboration with the T.B. Cunha Civic Club, promoting environmental awareness and civic responsibility among students

### **Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women,**

1. The Department of History organised the Peace / Martyrs' Day programme on 30 January 2026 at 9.20 a.m. under the Administrative Block to commemorate the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi and to reflect upon his enduring message of peace and non-violence. Ms. Hazel Fernandes delivered a short yet meaningful speech highlighting the teachings, values, and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, with special emphasis on truth (*Satya*), non-violence (*Ahimsa*), peace, and moral courage. The speech encouraged students to internalise Gandhian ideals in their personal and social lives.
2. Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem, organized a Run for Swadeshi on Monday, January 12, at 8.30 a.m., with the objective of promoting the ideals of Swadeshi, self-reliance, and national consciousness among the youth. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, the Department of History, the NSS Unit, and the NCC Unit. The programme commenced on the college campus, where students and staff assembled in large numbers. After a brief

introductory address highlighting the significance of Swadeshi in the present era, the run was formally flagged off. 100 students and some faculty members participated in the run.

#### **Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar.**

Cadets, along with the Associate NCC officer of the NCC Navy company of Fr. Agnel College, Pilar, undertook a cleanliness drive in Keserval Spring, Verna, as part of the social service and community development activity. The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness, encourage responsible civic behaviour and contribute towards maintaining the cleanliness of this important natural site

#### **MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce**

15 Cadets attended the Swadeshi Run Organised by the Department of Sports of M.E.S. Vasant Joshi College, Zuarinagar, on 12th January 2026

#### **DCT's S. S Dempo College of Commerce and Economics**

1. The NSS volunteers participated in the Republic Day celebrations on 26th January 2026, where the Indian flag was unfurled by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kamat, in the college amphitheatre. As the flag was unfurled, everyone sang the National Anthem in unison. In his address, the Principal spoke about the significance of the day when the Constitution of India came into force in 1950, making the country a sovereign, secular, and democratic republic. On the occasion, he also highlighted the strides the college has taken towards academic autonomy, with the successful completion of one year under autonomous status. He recalled the institution's various achievements in academic, co-curricular, and other student-centric areas.
2. The Digital Poster Making Competition on the theme Consumer Welfare Awareness was organised by the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan unit of SS Dempo College (Autonomous) on the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day, observed on 15th March. The competition was held on 16th March 2026 with the objective of raising students' awareness of consumer rights and responsibilities through creative expression. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic and digital design skills while highlighting important issues related to consumer protection, ethical practices, and informed decision-making. Participants designed innovative digital posters that effectively communicated messages on consumer awareness, rights, and welfare.
3. The Department of Law, the Department of Commerce, and the CWC of our college organised a Reel-making Competition on the theme "National Consumer Helpline" on Thursday, 15th January 2026, for students across all programmes of the college. The event was designed to strengthen participants' understanding of the provisions on consumer rights and responsibilities under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. A total of 12 students registered and participated in the competition. The competition was a resounding success. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. CA Divya Prabhu Bam and Asst Prof. Sarita C.Parker.
4. The Department of Law and Commerce and CWC of our college organised a Reel-making Competition on the theme "Consumer Welfare – Balancing Profits and Consumer Rights" on Friday, 16th January 2026, for students across all programmes of the college. The competition aimed to strengthen knowledge and practical understanding of consumer welfare while allowing students to creatively present their perspectives. A total of 9

students registered, of whom 07 participated in the competition. It achieved its objective of enhancing student; Knowledge of Consumer Rights and Responsibilities. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof Divya Prabhu Bam and Asst Prof. Sarita C. Parker.

5. The department of Physical Education & Sports in association with N.S.S & N.C.C unit of DCT's S.S Dempo College (Autonomous), organised a run on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8:30 am onwards to honour our honourable Chief Minister's call to organise "RUN FOR SWADESHI" programme in connection with 'National Youth Day'. The Directorate of Higher Education (D.H.E) had also directed all colleges in Goa to organise the run in their respective institutions.
6. The 5<sup>th</sup> mentoring session for all BCom, MCom Part-1 and BA(GSM) students was held on 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, with a total of 534 students in attendance. The theme of the session was Practical Tips for Students' Wellness. The class teachers conducted an interactive session using a PowerPoint presentation created by Ms Rudhrakshi Mayekar (College Counsellor). The presentation highlighted simple and practical ways to maintain physical, mental, and emotional well-being, including maintaining a balanced diet, staying hydrated, managing academic stress effectively, practising digital balance, and being kind to oneself. Students were encouraged to acknowledge and accept their emotions, avoid harmful coping mechanisms, seek professional help when necessary, and recognise the importance of family and social support. The session aimed to raise awareness about healthy lifestyle habits and motivate students to take small yet meaningful steps towards overall well-being.
7. The Student Counselling and Mentoring Cell organised an awareness session on 07<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 on the POSH Act, 2013, for students of the BCOM, IMCOM & BA(GSM) classes. The session was conducted to help students understand what sexual harassment is, the different types of sexual harassment (physical, verbal, non-verbal, and online), and the rights and responsibilities of students and staff. The role and composition of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), as well as the procedure for filing a complaint, were also explained.
8. The Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat and Centre for Equal Opportunities Committee jointly organised a Digital Poster Making Competition on the theme "Progress of Your State Towards Sustainability" on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, as part of Dempo Fest. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams across all academic programs. The main objective of the activity was to highlight and showcase the sustainable development progress achieved by the allotted state. After a thorough evaluation by the judge, the results were declared on the same day.
9. The Department of Law of our college had organised a Poster Exhibition on the Constitution of India on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026, for students across all programmes of the college. The event aimed to enhance participants' knowledge on provisions related to the Constitution of India. A total of 60 students and 10 faculty members participated in the event. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Sarita C. Parker.
10. The Consumer Welfare & Legal Aid Cell in association with the Department of Law and the Department of Commerce of SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira, Bambolim-Goa, in collaboration with the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Panaji, organised a Quiz Competition on "Consumer Rights in E-Commerce" on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The quiz competition witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 57 students (29 teams) from the BCOM, BBA and IMCOM programmes competing. The objective of the quiz competition was to assess and enhance students' understanding of consumer rights and responsibilities, while

creating awareness about legal safeguards in the growing E-commerce sector. It aimed to familiarize students with consumer protection laws, grievance redressal mechanisms, and regulatory bodies, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

11. The Dempo Literati Club of S.S Dempo College (autonomous), Authors' Meet 2025, along with three renowned authors, Ms Michelle Mendonça, Ms Bina Nayak, and Dr Smitha Bhandare Kamat, faculty in-charge, Asst. Prof. Ms. Namrata Wagle and Asst. Prof. Ms Ratika C. Rane and the students of FYBBA. The Dempo Literati Club of S.S. Dempo College (autonomous), in association with the Library Advisory Committee, held an exclusive Authors' Meet from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in the College AV room on the 20th of February 2025, featuring three remarkable writers. Ms. Michelle Mascarenhas (FYBBA) was compere for the authors' meet and introduced the authors. Ms Michelle Mendonça Bambawale, author of Becoming Goan—a tale of identity, culture, and what it truly means to belong.
12. DCT's SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira Bambolim, Goa, organised a spiritually enriching and motivational programme titled "Chinmaya Amrit Yatra – Harnessing Youth Potential" on 16th February 2026 from 10:30 a.m. onwards in the college auditorium. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Swami Anukoolananda, National Director of All India Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (AICHYK), an initiative of Chinmaya Mission dedicated to youth empowerment and value-based education.
13. K-OSS 2026, the annual intercollegiate cultural extravaganza organised by the Student Council of DCT's SS Dempo College (Autonomous), was held on February 27th and 28th, 2026, at the college campus in Cujira, Bambolim, Goa. This year's edition was themed "Mythology Meets Generation Next," drawing deep inspiration from Indian mythology and reinterpreting legendary moments through creativity, culture, and competition. The event was powered by the Planning and Statistics Department, Government of Goa, and received special acknowledgement from Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from colleges across Goa, with an estimated footfall of over 5,000 students, along with prominent figures from youth welfare, entertainment, and business. Competitions were classified into four categories namely Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze, spanning diverse domains including performing arts, cultural events, digital media, sports, and technical creativity. The scoring system awarded 250, 200, and 150 points for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively in Platinum events, 200, 150, and 100 in Gold events, 100, 75, and 50 in Silver events, and 75, 50, and 25 in Bronze events

### **VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics**

#### **1. Cleanliness Drive**

The NSS Unit of the college organised a Cleanliness Drive on 16th March 2026 within the College campus premises. 34 NSS volunteers actively participated in cleaning various areas of the campus, including common areas, and open spaces within the college premises. The drive focused on proper waste disposal, litter removal, and general upkeep of the campus surroundings.

#### **2. Collection Drive for Reusable Notebook Pages**

The Department of Economics & Banking organised an Extension Activity Project from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with the objective of promoting social responsibility and supporting underprivileged children through a simple yet meaningful initiative.

As part of the activity, students and teachers were encouraged to collect unused pages from old notebooks and books. A collection box was placed in the college quadrangle, where the pages were deposited daily between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The initiative received an overwhelming response from students and faculty members across the college's programmes. The collected pages were later sorted and sent for binding, resulting in usable notebooks. These newly bound notebooks were then distributed to children in orphanages, thereby helping students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The activity not only helped recycle usable resources but also raised students' awareness of social responsibility, sustainability, and the importance of helping the less fortunate.

### **Goa College of Agriculture**

National Youth Day “Run for Swadeshi”: The NSS Unit of Goa College of Agriculture organised National Youth Day - “Run for Swadeshi” on 12 January 2026 in the college campus. The program started with a welcome speech by Mr Laxman. J. Kasvankar, a student of T.Y. B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture. This was followed by a speech highlighting the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda, delivered by the University Representative, T.Y. B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture Ms Slinjal D’souza.

A motivational address was then delivered by the college's Principal, Dr Suresh Kunkalikar, inspiring students to imbibe the values of youth empowerment, self-reliance, and national pride. The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms Saloni Gaude, a student of T.Y. B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture.

As part of the celebrations, a quiz competition was organised for the students, followed by a run and walk event across the college campus. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and staff and successfully conveyed the message of Swadeshi and youth responsibility.

### **Nirmala Institute of Education.**

NIE Campus Cleanliness Drive: The students and faculty of Nirmala Institute of Education organised a campus cleanliness drive on 23rd February 2026. Inspired by Gandhian ideals that emphasise the importance of cleanliness, the initiative aimed to promote awareness and responsibility for maintaining a clean, healthy environment. The campaign sought to instil in every teacher trainee a strong sense of duty and commitment towards protecting nature. As future educators, it is our moral responsibility to nurture in students the habit of maintaining cleanliness for the well-being of both individuals and their surroundings.

### **Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal’s College of Commerce**

1. Counselling Cell of Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal’s College of Commerce has organised the Psychological First Aid session, featuring a student speaker — fostering empathy, awareness, and emerging leadership on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

2. Conducted Shahid Divas on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at college premises for the students of Swami Vivekanand VM’s College of Commerce Bori.

### **Narayan Zantye College of Commerce**

1. Run for Swadeshi: The NSS Unit and Sports Department of the college, in association with the Directorate of Higher Education, organised “Run for Swadeshi” on the occasion of National Youth Day on 12th January 2026 from the college ground through the Bicholim area. The programme aimed to promote patriotism, self-reliance, physical fitness, and youth participation in nation-building activities. The programme began with a welcome address by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Rajendra Kumbharjuvekar. Vice-Principal Dr Rajesh Amonkar and Associate Professor Dr Pravin Sawant, who motivated the students and volunteers. The run was flagged off by all the dignitaries, including Dr Ajita Morajker, Chief NSS Programme Officer, and Mr Govind Bhagkar, Headmaster of Govind Gunaji School, Sarvan. The NSS volunteers participated enthusiastically.

2. Awareness Session on Road Safety: A Road Safety Awareness Session was organised on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to raise awareness among students about traffic rules and safe road practices. Principal Prof. Dr Rajendra Kumbharjuvekar emphasised the importance of road safety and responsible behaviour while using public roads. The resource person for the session was RTO Inspector Shri Shivanand Pednekar, who addressed the gathering by explaining various traffic rules and regulations. He effectively used videos to demonstrate real-life situations, highlighting the consequences of careless driving and the importance of wearing helmets, seat belts, and following traffic signals. The session was informative and engaging, leaving a strong impact on the audience. A total of 60 NSS volunteers actively participated in the session. The NSS Programme Officer, Dr Ajita Morajker, Dr Jhimli Adhikari, and Mrs Soniya Chodankar were present for the session and extended their support.

3. Seva Setu: Stationery Donation: The NSS Unit of Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Bicholim, Goa, organized a meaningful outreach initiative titled “Seva Setu”, aimed at building bridges of hope through the gift of education and stationery. As part of this initiative, stationery and other essential educational materials were donated to students of Government High School Sarvan, Bicholim, on 2nd March 2026. The activity continued on 5th March 2026, when similar educational materials were donated to students of Keshav Seva Sadan School, Vathadev, Bicholim. The program was conducted under the guidance of the Principal, Dr Rajendra Kumbharjuvekar, with the support of the Vice Principal, Dr Rajesh Amonkar, and the NSS Chief Programme Officer, Dr Ajita Morajker. NSS volunteers actively participated in collecting and distributing notebooks, pens, pencils, and other study materials to the students. The initiative reflected the spirit of service and social responsibility promoted by the NSS and aimed to encourage students by providing them with the basic tools for their education while strengthening the college's connection to the community.

### **St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa**

#### Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Initiatives

1. ‘From News to Use: Handmade Newspaper Bags’: 2-14 January 2026, Department of Economics, St. Xavier’s College.
2. Outreach Programme: 13th January 2026, Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa.
3. Canteen Mela: 21st January 2026, Department of Commerce, St. Xavier’s College.
4. ‘The Invisible Majority’ Bulletin Board Competition: Date not specified, Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier’s College.
5. Understanding Bank Runs Through Posters: 16th February 2026, Department of Economics, St. Xavier’s

College.

6. Daily cleanliness drive by NSS Unit.

### Efforts to include vocational education and training in the University system

#### SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora-Goa

1. On 20/01/2026, the Department of Commerce organised a guest talk on “Agripreneurship, Government Schemes and Assistance” for students, as part of the subject Introduction to Agripreneurship.
2. On 27/01/2026, the Department of Business Administration organised an industrial visit for Third Year B.B.A. students. The primary objective of the industrial visit was to provide students with practical exposure to industrial operations, manufacturing processes, technology applications, quality control systems, and organisational functioning, thereby bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world industrial practices.
3. On 05 /02/2026, the Research and Development Cell of Goa Multi-Faculty College (GMFC), Dharbandora, in association with the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Goa, organised a lecture under the Vidnyan Dhara Lecture Series 2026. The lecture was titled “Beyond Borders: India’s Arctic Endeavour” and aimed at sensitising students to India’s growing scientific engagement in the Arctic region, with special emphasis on climate research, polar science, geopolitics, and international collaboration. The session was designed to broaden students' academic horizons by exposing them to interdisciplinary research themes beyond conventional classroom learning.
4. On 06/02/2026, the Department of IT & Computer Applications, organized a State Level Webinar on Cyber Security: “Empowering Girls for a Safer Digital Future” in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, , with the objective of creating awareness among girl students across Goa regarding cyber threats, digital safety, particularly in addressing issues such as cyberbullying, identity theft, and privacy violations. And career opportunities in the field of cyber security.
5. On 12/02/2026, the Department of Commerce, organized an academic session for the students of T.Y. B.Com. The session was titled “*Strategic Preparation for the GU–ART Examination: A Master of Commerce Perspective*” and aimed at equipping students with effective preparation strategies for the Goa University Admission-cum-Research Test (GU–ART).
6. On 09/02/2026, the Department of Commerce organised an Educational Visit to the ICAR–Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (CCARI), Goa, for the students of the B. Com programme. The objective of the visit was to provide students with practical exposure to agricultural practices, rural entrepreneurship opportunities, and the role of agriculture in the economic development of Goa.
7. On 23/02/2026, the Department of IT & Computer Applications of SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College organised an industrial visit for the T.Y. B.C.A. students with the objective of providing practical industry exposure and enhancing their understanding of real-world applications of Information Technology.

1. The session focused on demonstrating how artistic skills can be transformed into sustainable entrepreneurial ventures. It was conducted by Ms Vijaya Vishwanath Shetgaonkar, founder of Terrasoul Pottery at Shetgaonkar Art Gallery, where she manages her own pottery business. The session also showcased the talent of an alumna from the Higher Secondary section of the same institution. Ms Shetgaonkar holds a Bachelor's degree in Fine Art from Goa College of Art, Altinho, Panaji, Goa, and certification from the Central Village Pottery Institute, Khanapur, Belagavi. She specialises in handmade clay art, pottery, and mixed media painting. Her early entrepreneurial success inspired students to explore entrepreneurship rather than rely solely on government employment. During the session, she displayed a variety of products crafted from clay and soil sourced from her gallery and studio. She explained how shapes, colours, and textures of clay products can be altered using different baking and finishing techniques. Students observed miniatures and other creations directly, gaining a more engaging experience than viewing images online. Ms Shetgaonkar ensured every student had clay for hands-on practice. Students and staff actively participated, moulding clay into various shapes, including animals, balls, and other creative designs. They were also introduced to different pottery tools and techniques to enhance their skills. Clear explanations of the methods, steps, and overall process were provided throughout. The workshop fostered confidence, self-reliance, creativity, fine motor skills, and practical craftsmanship. It also inspired students to consider pottery as a potential small-scale business venture, particularly since many live in rural areas where soil is readily available.

**V.M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education,**

1. The Research, Development and Innovation Cell (RDI) of VMSIHE conducted a workshop on Intellectual Property Rights on 23/02/2026 for 63 students. The purpose was to make students aware of the various categories of intellectual property that can be registered under the IPR acts. The resource person was Ms Varsha Redkar, Assistant Professor, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar.
2. The NSS unit of VMSIHE organised on 20th February 2026, a talk on "Mother Language" for the students of VMSIHE to promote linguistic diversity, encourage mother tongue education, raise awareness, and preserve endangered languages globally.
3. The NSS unit of VMSIHE celebrated National Girl Child Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 to promote awareness about the rights, education, health, and nutrition of girls. The objective was to highlight inequalities, combat gender discrimination, and support initiatives like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao to empower girls.
4. To encourage and promote entrepreneurship, the Cuisine Club organised a "Skewers of the Caribbean", "Waffles and Shakes" and "Binge bites - sausage done right" food carts in the month of January, inviting students, staff and locals of Raia to participate.
5. Fire Emergency Training was conducted on 11th February 2026 by Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Change Adaptation Club. It provided instruction to the security personnel on the various classes of fire and the appropriate methods for managing them.
6. To encourage and promote entrepreneurship, the Cuisine Club organised a "Mexican and Asian fusion", "Freshly Baked Cookies" and "O Poie Patrao" food carts in the month of February, inviting students, staff and

locals of Raia to participate.

### **Rosary College of Commerce and Arts.**

1. Poster Making Competition: National Youth Day

The NSS unit and the college's Red Ribbon Club organised a poster-making competition to commemorate the National Youth Day, observed on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The theme of this competition was “Self-Care and Emotional Well-Being”. A total of 10 students, including 9 females and 1 male, participated in the competition. The winners of the competition were Jesleah Fernandes of TYBCOM B, Ethanee Fernandes of TYBCOM B, and Palak Kothari of SYBCOM A. This competition was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Dale Da Cruz and Asst. Prof. Daniella Fernandes.

2. Paper and Cloth Bag-Making Activity

The NSS Unit of Rosary College, Navelim, organised a Paper and Cloth Bag-Making Activity as part of its initiative to promote eco-friendly practices and reduce the use of plastic. The activity was conducted in January 2026 with the objective of creating awareness among students about sustainable alternatives and encouraging responsible environmental behaviour. A total of 42 NSS volunteers (41 females and 01 male) actively participated in the activity and prepared over 250 cloth and paper bags. The activity was coordinated by NSS Programme Officer Asst. Prof. Archana Kumar.

3. Paper Bag Distribution

The NSS unit, in collaboration with the Department of Geography, organised a paper bag distribution activity on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. The NSS volunteers were to make 10 paper bags and distribute them to local vendors by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. A total of 18 female students participated in this activity. This activity was coordinated by the NSS programme officer, Asst. Prof. Dale Da Cruz and Asst. Prof. Radhika Pandey

### **Shree Mallikarjun and Shri Chetan Manju Desai College**

1. On 17th January 2026, the Commerce Department conducted a workshop on Financial Literacy Awareness, coordinated by Mrs Kshama Desai, to educate students on essential financial management skills.

2. On 19<sup>th</sup> January, a session on the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, was organised by the Consumer Awareness Cell and coordinated by Ms Snehal Gaonkar.

3. On 26th January 2026, multiple activities were conducted to mark Republic Day. The Republic Day celebration was held with active participation from the principal, staff, and students. Additionally, a career guidance talk on “Why Choose Armed Forces as a Career” was delivered by Capt. Utpal Datta, motivating students to consider careers in the defence sector.

4. On 13th February 2026, the institution organised “Converge 3.0 – Industry Academia Summit” under the TIP Cell in collaboration with the Government of Goa and Goa State Higher Education Council, coordinated by Dr Geeta S. Walvekar. The event served as a platform for interaction between academia and industry.

### **Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar.**

1. A GST return filing 30-hour course was organised by the college. The Resource person was CA Vaibhav Pai Fondekar. 28 commerce students undertook the course.
2. First Aid Skill course, a 40-hour course, was organised for students. 23 students undertook the course. The lead teacher was Mrs Shubhada Amit Sawant.

### **MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce**

Five TY cadets participated in the next phase of Yuva Apda Mitra Training at Curchorem Fire station from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 and from 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026. The activity was organised by the Directorate of Fire & camp; emergency Services, Government of Goa.

### **HPSM's Ganpat Parsekar College of Education.**

Day 1: Telescope Workshop (16/02/2026): Workshop was conducted by Mr. Sumukh Kamat (members of AFA). Workshop started with the introduction of astronomy followed by Hands-on training on assembling and handling telescopes. Sky observation was started at 8.00 pm. It was an Interactive session.

Day 2: Astronomy-Themed Competitions (17/02/2026): E-Poster Competition was conducted for the Students of Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal and HPSM's College of Nursing where the theme was Upcoming ISRO's Space mission. Poster Competition was conducted for the Students of Harmal Panchakroshi Higher Secondary School, Harmal where the theme was ISRO's Journey to the Moon. Drawing Competition was conducted for the Students of Harmal Panchakroshi High School, Harmal where the theme was Rocket Launches to the Stars. Snacks were provided to the participating students.

Day 3: Astronomy Workshop and Sky Observation (Open for All): The event was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at HPSM's Campus, Harmal. The day was marked by a valedictory function followed by prize distribution and sky observation. The program was graced by distinguished dignitaries:

- Chief Guest: Mr. Satish Nayak, President, AFA Goa
- Resource Person: Mr. Sumukh Kamat, Member, AFA Goa
- Chairman of HPSM's: Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar
- Principal: Dr. Pandurang Pandit
- Principal, Nursing College: Ms. Kiruba

The formal function commenced with the welcoming of guests. The gathering was formally welcomed by the organising committee, which highlighted the objectives and the success of the three-day event. Chairman Shri Laxmikant Parsekar congratulated the organisers for successfully conducting the event and appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students. The prize distribution ceremony followed the formal addresses. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners of the various competitions held on Day 2. The prizes were presented by the Chief Guest, Chairman, and the principal, who congratulated the students for their commendable performances. The event concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, resource persons, organising committee, student volunteers, and participants for making *Celestial Horizons* a grand success. Basic

Astronomy workshop was conducted by Mr Sumukh Kamat to introduce astronomy, basics of sky watching and observation, followed by a refreshment break. The final session of sky observation started at 7.30 PM at HPSM's campus added practical enrichment to the formal proceedings, providing participants with an opportunity to observe celestial objects, planets, stars, and constellations through the telescope under expert guidance and also got the opportunity to interact with astronomy experts from AFA

The third day successfully marked the culmination of the three-day astronomy outreach program, leaving participants inspired and motivated to explore the wonders of the universe.

### **DCT's S. S Dempo College of Commerce and Economics**

1. The Department of Commerce organised a Treasure Hunt Competition on 16th January 2026 as part of Dempo Fest 2026. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams representing all programs, creating an atmosphere of excitement and healthy competition. The objective of the competition was to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork among participants. The treasure hunt was conducted in five rounds, each designed to test the participants' analytical skills, presence of mind, and ability to work collaboratively under time constraints.
2. As part of the Peer-to-Peer Learning Initiative aimed at boosting confidence, sharing experiences, and developing practical skills, M.Com Part II student Ms Sakshi Chari conducted an engaging session on "Queen of Your Own Journey: Mastering Solo Travel" on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The session began on an interactive note when Ms Sakshi asked how many students did not like travelling. Interestingly, everyone expressed their love for travel, setting a lively tone for the discussion. She shared her personal journey into solo travel, explaining how her passion for exploration gradually led her to independent travel experiences. She spoke honestly about both the benefits and challenges of travelling alone, giving students a realistic perspective. Highlighting the benefits, she mentioned that solo travel teaches individuals to manage everything on their own, making them more independent and self-reliant. It also helps develop a strong sense of responsibility, as every decision, right from planning to budgeting, rests on the traveller. Additionally, she emphasised the freedom solo travel offers, allowing one to travel without delays or cancellations caused by others' busy schedules.
3. A session on Resume Drafting was conducted for the students of the Post Graduate Programme in Banking and Finance on 17th January 2026. The session was led by Ms Neha Mapari, Assistant Professor, with the objective of enhancing students' employability and industry readiness. During the session, students were guided on the importance of a well-structured resume, appropriate formatting, and effective presentation of academic qualifications, internships, skills, and achievements relevant to the BFSI sector. Practical tips were shared on tailoring resumes for internships and entry-level roles, avoiding common mistakes, and highlighting competencies aligned with industry expectations. The interactive nature of the session enabled students to clarify doubts and gain confidence in drafting professional resumes. Overall, the session proved beneficial in improving students' career preparedness and self-presentation skills
4. MCom (Integrated) students, Ankush Sen and Abir Kamat of Part II, won third place in the all-Goa Biz Quest competition, on 6th January 2026, conducted by SS Dempo College (Autonomous).

The Commerce Department conducted an expert session today titled "Forensic Accounting: Beyond

Traditional Auditing” on 21st-Jan-2026 9:15 am in the Commerce Lab. The session, held at the college’s Commerce Lab, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 81 students and 6 faculty members, all eager to explore the evolving landscape of financial investigation. The event featured CA (Dr.) Satyaprakash Kamath as the Resource Person. Dr Kamath captivated the audience by showcasing real-world fraud-detection cases, illustrating the practical challenges and techniques involved in uncovering financial discrepancies. He emphasised how forensic accounting extends far beyond the scope of standard auditing, requiring a unique blend of accounting skills and investigative mentality

5. The Commerce Department, in association with Child World Foundation and Fire Safety Association of India, organised a ‘Fire Safety Training Workshop’ on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium. Ms Sabrina Cooper, Core Committee member of FSAI, Founder Trustee of Child World Foundation and a committed social leader and safety advocate, was present. The technical session was led by Mr Ajit Kamat, Senior Fire and Emergency Services Officer (Rtd), Govt. of India. A fire safety drill was also demonstrated. The workshop was attended by 120 participants, comprising of 73 students and 47 staff members.
6. The Commerce Department, in collaboration with Pratik Joshi FinServ, organised an informative session on Digital Insurance for the students of F.Y.B.Com. The programme was held on 5th February 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in the F.Y.B.Com. class. ‘D’ Classroom (G-05). The session was conducted by the distinguished alumnus of the college, Mr Pratik Joshi, who shared his valuable knowledge and professional insights on the growing importance of digitalisation in the insurance sector
7. The Commerce Department organised a Budget Presentation Competition for the students across all streams of the College on Thursday, 5th February 2026, from 9:30 am onwards in the college AV Room. The theme of the competition was “Union Budget 2026: Key Highlights and Announcements”. The primary objective was to encourage students to analyse the national budget and enhance their analytical and presentation skills.
8. The Commerce Department, in association with the Alumni Association, organised a session on Financial Reporting for students of BCom on 6th February 2026 in Commerce Lab (S01). The session was attended by 5 Faculty members and 40 students. The session was delivered by CA Atul Joshi, a Chartered Accountant and alumnus of the college. The resource person explained the importance of financial reporting in ensuring transparency and informed decision-making. He discussed key financial statements, including the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account, and Cash Flow Statement, as well as the significance of accounting standards and regulatory compliance. The session included practical insights and an interactive discussion, making it informative and beneficial for all participants.
9. Dempo AI Business School BBA Forum organised the Dempo Best Management Student Awards 2025-26. This is the second edition of the competition, launched last academic year. After a rigorous and highly competitive selection process, involving evaluation by external industry experts from diverse fields, the Dempo Best Management Student Awards 2025-2026 recognised students who demonstrated exceptional excellence in academics, leadership, innovation, problem-solving and professional competence. The selection reflected holistic assessment beyond classroom performance, making the recognition truly prestigious and well-deserved. The competition comprised Case Analysis and Interview Rounds and was judged by industry experts, Mr Pradeep Salgaonkar, Founder of Saldots Academy & IAF Endorsed Facilitator, Ms Theresa Isaac, Founder

of Performance Matrix Training & Management and Ms Rachana Nabar Deshpande, Founder of 9-Digits Media. The competition was spearheaded by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kamat, coordinated by the BBA Program Coordinator, Asst. Prof. Tania Shirodkar, BA (GSM) Program Coordinator, Asst. Prof. Priti Talkar, Dempo AI Business School Faculty Asst. Prof. Judith Marques and Asst. Prof. Nigel Barreto.

10. Mentors of SY BBA conducted a pre-internship mentoring session from 5th to 7th January, 2026, for students who are scheduled to proceed for their internship as part of the academic curriculum. The objective of the session was to prepare students for industry exposure by setting clear expectations for professional conduct, workplace ethics, internship responsibilities, the internship process, and instructions related to submissions and deadlines. The mentoring focused on helping students understand the transition from classroom learning to practical application in organisational settings.
11. The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with Pratik Joshi FinServ, organised an informative session on Digital Insurance for the students of F.Y.B.Com. The programme was held on 5th February 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in the F.Y.B.Com. class. 'D' Classroom (G-05). The session was conducted by the distinguished alumnus of the college, Mr Pratik Joshi, who shared his valuable knowledge and professional insights on the growing importance of digitalisation in the insurance sector. He explained various aspects, including the concept of digital insurance, its advantages, online policy purchase procedures, claim settlement processes, and the role of technology in enhancing customer convenience and transparency. The session proved highly informative and beneficial for the students, helping them understand current trends and career opportunities in the insurance industry.
12. An Alumni Connect session titled "Mind-Machine Mashups" was conducted on 20 January 2026 at SS Dempo College – Autonomous. The session was delivered by Aldrina Cabral, alumna of the institution and Human Resources Manager at Goa Marriott Resort & Spa. She shared practical insights on how Artificial Intelligence is used in HR at Marriott, particularly in talent acquisition, workforce planning, onboarding, learning and development, and employee engagement, while emphasising that key HR decisions remain human-led. The session was attended by Talent Acquisition and Employee Engagement students from SY BBA and Organisational Behaviour students from FYBBA.
13. The Dempo AI Business School BBA Program TYBBA Mentors organized session on 'TYBBA Internship Orientation & Mentoring Session' for the TYBBA Students on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 to orient the students on the Internship requirements as a part of the curriculum for Semester-6. The TYBBA Batch Mentors addressed the students and instructed them on the requirements for the Internship and discussed various aspects of credits, number of hours, project submission, formats and the instructions for the research-based study to be conducted in the organisations during the internships. A total of 99 of TYBBA students attended the session.
14. The Global Partnership Programme (GPP) in Malaysia was designed to enhance student learning through international classroom engagement and exposure to Malaysia's economic environment, and meaningful cultural immersion. Conducted in collaboration with UCSI University from 11th January 2026 to 16th January 2026, the programme provided a structured and experiential global learning opportunity. Students participated in interactive academic sessions delivered by international faculty, focusing on contemporary business practices, innovation, and technology-enabled decision-making. Project-based learning formed a core component,

enabling students to apply theoretical concepts to real-world contexts through group work and presentations.

15. The 4th mentoring session for the PGDM (B&F, EM) and MTTM students was held on 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, with a total of 17 students in attendance. The theme of the session was *College Etiquettes, and the mentors* conducted an interactive session using a PowerPoint presentation created by Ms Rudhrakshi Mayekar (College Counsellor). The presentation highlighted essential aspects of responsible behaviour on campus, including maintaining punctuality, dressing neatly in accordance with the uniform code, carrying ID cards, avoiding class bunking, and using mobile phones appropriately by keeping them on silent, avoiding unnecessary recordings, and strictly following examination rules.
16. The Centre for Equal Opportunities, Gender Champions, and the Students Counselling and Mentoring Cell jointly organised a “Code Breakout” team activity on the occasion of Dempo Fest 2026 on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The event was designed to promote teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking among students in an engaging, fun-filled way. The activities conducted included Match the Character, Dark Room Treasure Hunt, Shadow Memory Vault, Landmine Sequence, and Dark Room Navigation, each of which challenged the participants’ presence of mind, coordination, and logical thinking.
17. Dempo Students’ Fest 2026 was a three-day inter-departmental festival organized from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira, the fest was coordinated by the Students’ Council Committee in collaboration with various academic departments, clubs, and institutional cells, with the objective of promoting holistic student development through a blend of academic, cultural, creative, and sports activities.
18. DCT’s SS Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira – Goa, conducted the Mid-Year Review of its Autonomous Status on Saturday, 24 January 2026, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the college premises. The review focused on academic progress, curriculum implementation, examination processes, continuous evaluation, experiential learning, research initiatives, library resources, sports activities, and academic and administrative audits undertaken during Semester I of the Academic Year 2025–2026. Students and parents shared feedback on curriculum design, teaching–learning practices, and the overall academic experience under autonomy. The review also examined outcome-based education, programme and course outcome attainment, faculty development initiatives, and result analysis across programmes.
19. This weekly program of 6 Sessions from 23/01/2026 to 07/03/2026 integrates high-level situational intelligence with biomechanically efficient defensive tactics to minimise risk in high-threat environments. By prioritising verbal de-escalation and proactive environmental scanning, the training ensures personnel can neutralise threats through avoidance or rapid, decisive action.
20. The PGP Banking & M. Com Department, in collaboration with the Beam Outsourcing Services (BOS), successfully organised an informative UTI awareness session on 05<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The session was conducted by Mr Tanuj Poddar, who shared valuable insights on personal finance and investment planning with students. Mr Poddar began by explaining the basic financial flow of “Income, Save and Spend”, highlighting the need for mindful money management. He emphasised that inflation erodes the value of money over time, underscoring that saving alone is not sufficient to achieve financial goals. He also explained how Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) help in building financial discipline and make investing simple and regular.
21. The Department of Economics of DCT’s SS Dempo College (Autonomous) organised a workshop on “Skilling India- Empowered Excellence: Mastering the Solo Business” on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 in Classroom G-

06 from 08:15 am to 10:15 am. The workshop was held for B. Com students in Start-ups and Entrepreneurship and attracted 26 students. It aimed to provide students with practical exposure to starting and managing a sole proprietorship in Goa.

22. Dempo Charities Trust's SS Dempo College (Autonomous) successfully organised the second edition of the Dempo Management Hackathon 2026, a week-long national innovation- driven event held from 20th to 28th January 2026. The hackathon aimed to provide a dynamic platform for young minds to ideate, collaborate, and propose creative solutions to contemporary socio-economic and business challenges. Designed to foster problem-solving, teamwork, analytical thinking, and entrepreneurial skills, the Dempo Hackathon 2026 attracted enthusiastic participation from students representing colleges across India.
23. The Teaching, Learning, and Education Technology (TLET) Cell organised a Faculty Development Program titled "Capacity Building in AI" on 4th February 2026. The session was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Vipul Mathur, Dean of Dempo AI Business School, attended the college, accompanied by the teaching faculty. This capacity-building workshop explored the fundamental shift in the teacher's role from a distributor of content to a "learning-system designer" and "cognitive debugger," emphasising that while AI can handle information retrieval, the human elements of judgment and motivation remain irreplaceable. Prof. (Dr.) Vipul Mathur mentioned a diverse landscape of AI tools, including MagicSchool.ai, Eduaide.ai, and Khanmigo, that are currently streamlining lecture preparation, delivery, and assessment.
24. The 5th mentoring session for all BBA students was held from 21st to 29th January 2026, with a total of 251 students in attendance, and for IMCOM, PGDM (B&F) and MTTM Part-1, with a total of 74 students from 11th to 23rd February 2026. The theme of the session was Practical Tips for Students' Wellness. The class teachers conducted an interactive session using a PowerPoint presentation created by Ms Rudhrakshi Mayekar (College Counsellor). The presentation highlighted simple and practical ways to maintain physical, mental, and emotional well-being, including maintaining a balanced diet, staying hydrated, managing academic stress effectively, practising digital balance, and being kind to oneself. Students were encouraged to acknowledge and accept their emotions, avoid harmful coping mechanisms, seek professional help when necessary, and recognise the importance of family and social support. The session aimed to raise awareness about healthy lifestyle habits and motivate students to take small yet meaningful steps towards overall well-being.
25. The mentoring session for the Master of Commerce (Integrated) students was held on 7th and 9th February 2026, with a total of 58 students in attendance. The theme of the session was College Etiquettes, and the mentors conducted an interactive session using a PowerPoint presentation created by Ms Rudhrakshi Mayekar (College Counsellor). The presentation highlighted essential aspects of responsible behaviour on campus, including maintaining punctuality, dressing neatly in accordance with the uniform code, carrying ID cards, avoiding class bunking, and using mobile phones appropriately by keeping them on silent, avoiding unnecessary recordings, and strictly following examination rules. The session also emphasised respectful communication, encouraging students to speak politely, listen attentively, avoid gossip, and maintain a calm, respectful tone when interacting with peers and faculty. Additionally, students were reminded to maintain cleanliness by properly disposing of waste, keeping classrooms tidy, preserving campus spaces, and switching off lights and fans when not in use.
26. On February 20, 2026, Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College (Autonomous) hosted a 2-hour session titled "From

Classroom to Corporate: Careers in the BFSI Sector" via Zoom for its Post Graduate Programme in Banking & Finance. Mr. Tanuj Poddar, Director at Beam Outsourcing Services LLP with over 18 years in BFSI, delivered insights to 17 attending students. Key topics included 24/7 kiosks at metro stations, enabling cash deposits, withdrawals, and passbook printing to reduce branch visits in Tier I/II cities. He emphasized staying relevant amid digital transformation and outlined bank roles like core banking specialists, AI-driven credit analysts, and risk experts.

27. The NCC unit of the college organised a trek to Sanvordem Waterfall in Volpoi, Goa, on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026. A total of 31 NCC Cadets participated in it. Trekking to the Waterfall involved navigating steep slopes and rocky terrain, testing the cadets' endurance and discipline. Upon reaching the waterfall, fed by the River Mhadei and surrounded by lush greenery and cliffs, the cadets relaxed in the cool waters and appreciated the scenic beauty. The cadets also undertook a cleanliness drive. The activity fostered camaraderie, team spirit, and discipline among the participants. The trek concluded around 3:00 PM, after which the cadets regrouped at the base point. Overall, the trek was a memorable and refreshing experience that strengthened bonds and offered an opportunity to connect with nature. Asst. Prof. Shrikant Madar, NCC Unit Member, accompanied the cadets to the Waterfall.
28. CONVERGE 3.0 – Shiksha Udyojak Sangam Academia–Industry Summit was organised by the TIP Cell and IIC on 19th February 2026 with the objective of strengthening academia–industry collaboration and fostering entrepreneurial orientation among students. The summit brought together distinguished entrepreneurs, business leaders, consultants, and professionals from diverse sectors to provide practical insights into entrepreneurship, professional growth, innovation, and industry readiness.
29. The BBA Department of SS Dempo College (Autonomous) organised a Brainwave Hour – Peer Learning Session titled “Financial Markets: Latest Trends and Awareness” on 20th February 2026 in the AV Room. The session was designed to strengthen students' conceptual clarity regarding financial markets while exposing them to recent trends, analytical tools, and practical dimensions of investment decision-making. The session was conducted by four SY BBA students and one TY BBA student who had recently attended a Financial Market Seminar in Mumbai. The student presenters shared their experiential learning from expert-led discussions and industry interactions at the seminar. They provided a structured overview of current developments in financial markets, including emerging investment avenues, factors influencing market volatility, the growing integration of fintech platforms, algorithmic trading, and the increasing participation of retail investors.
30. The HRM Club conducted a peer learning session on 29.01.2026, where FYBBA student Purva Kamat presented a case study on Starbucks and its Employee Engagement Model. The session focused on how Starbucks addressed high employee turnover through health benefits for part-time employees and the “Bean Stock” program. The discussion linked employee welfare initiatives to productivity, motivation, and retention. The session encouraged active participation and practical understanding of HR concepts among students.
31. The HRM Club organised a peer learning session on 12/02/2026, where SYBBA student Sumeet Sahu discussed various HR competitions conducted under a national-level BBA Hackathon event. The session analysed HR-focused competitions related to recruitment strategy, talent management, and organisational problem-solving. The theme *India@47* inspired students to explore innovative HR practices for a developed India. The interactive discussion enhanced analytical thinking and promoted collaborative learning among club

members.

32. Dempo AI Business School BBA Programme Entrepreneurship organised BRAINWAVE HOUR- PEER LEARNING SESSION on 12/02/2026 titled 'Case Study on Sustainable Entrepreneurship in AI Infrastructure' for the Entrepreneurship Club members under the supervision of faculty coordinators, Asst. Prof. Gilbert Mendes and Asst. Prof. Judith Marques. The session was facilitated by Entrepreneurship Club Head Khushi Jain and Assistant Head Stephen Xavier. The comprehensive peer learning session centred on the critical advancement of Sustainable Artificial Intelligence (AI) Practices. This collaborative initiative was designed to address the growing environmental footprint of emerging technologies and foster actionable dialogue among its members.
33. The BBA Department of SS Dempo College (Autonomous) conducted a session on "How to Write a Literature Review for the Upcoming TYBBA Internship Report" for Third Year BBA students. The session was designed to guide students in understanding the structure, relevance, and academic importance of the literature review section in their internship reports. The session was conducted on 11th February 2026 for TYBBA Division B and on 11th February 2026 for TYBBA Divisions A and C. The primary objective was to equip students with essential academic writing and research skills to prepare a well-structured internship report.
34. The BBA Department of S.S. Dempo College, Goa organised *Industry Connect 2.0* for SYBBA and TYBBA students on data-driven marketing. The session was conducted by Mr. Ajay Menon, Entrepreneur and Marketing Consultant. He emphasised the growing importance of analytics in modern management education. Using examples of Netflix and Amazon, he explained how companies use consumer data to personalise services and enhance engagement. The session also highlighted the role of algorithms and behavioural tracking in business growth. Students were introduced to tools like Google Analytics and SEO platforms. The programme concluded with an interactive Q&A session. Overall, the session provided practical insights into data-driven decision-making in marketing.
35. As part of the experiential learning initiative, on 24<sup>th</sup> feb 2026 the FY students of BA (GSM) undertook an industrial field visit to Goa International Airport, Dabolim Goa. The objective of the visit was to provide students with practical exposure to airport functional areas, passenger management systems, baggage operations, customs procedures, and commercial airport services. The students were accompanied by Visiting Faculty Commander GPS Bajwa (Veteran, Professional Aviation Consultant) and Assistant Professor Ms. Priti Talkar, who supervised and guided the academic engagement during the visit.
36. IQAC of our college organized a Faculty Development Programme on "Initiatives Under Autonomy, NIRF and Innovations" in collaboration with DCT's Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar as an MoU activity on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for the teaching faculty of the college. Resource person was Prof. Pratibha Jolly, Former Principal from Miranda House, constituent college of Delhi University. Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kamat introduced and welcomed the resource person and other dignitaries. Principal, Prof. Ramu Murthy and Vice Principal, Dr. Swati Pawar from Dhempe college were present for the meeting. During the session, resource person Prof. Pratibha Jolly shared her experience and challenges faced to retain NIRF rank 1 for the college for 14 long years. In their pursuit of excellence, Prof. Jolly told the audience that Miranda House followed experiential learning, project-based learning, providing opportunity to every student to ensure their holistic growth.

37. A Tech Talk on 'Entrepreneurship – The Journey', was organised on 6th March, 2025 for the students of S.Y.B.Com. 49 students were enlightened by the resource person Mr. Sanroy D'Souza, an entrepreneur who shared his journey into entrepreneurship at the age of 17 years. Mr D'Souza spoke of simple ideas that can be turned into highly lucrative business opportunities. He encouraged students to take-up small entrepreneurial opportunities even while pursuing an academic qualification, and also to interact with industry professionals and other key personalities in their areas of interest. The session was interactive with engaging activities such as role play of salesmanship and generation of business ideas.
38. A career-focused workshop was organised by the 'Commerce Club', on 7<sup>th</sup> march 2026 for the undergraduate and post-graduate students of the college where guidance was provided to those who would seek career opportunities in the area of accounting. The resource person Mrs Diptee Parag Wagle, who scaled up to the position of Deputy Director of Accounts at the office of the State Government, enlightened the students on her journey. She highlighted the various career opportunities at the directorate of accounts of the State of Goa; provided guidance on preparation for the selection tests and shared the online platforms where the vacancies would be available. 66 students from the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, participated in the workshop.
39. The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme Orientation was conducted for the students of Dempo College on 6th March 2025 at 11:00 AM in the College Commerce Club. The session was organized as part of the 'Converge 2.0 - Shiksha Udyojak Sangam' Academia Industry Summit and was powered by Lenovo and CSR Box. The session was conducted by Ms Tanvi Shah, a Consultant at CSR Box. She provided valuable insights into the relevance of internships for graduating students. She highlighted the prevalent gap between academic learning and the skills required in the professional world. Ms Shah emphasised that internships serve as a crucial stepping stone for students to gain industry exposure and hands-on experience.
40. Converge 2.0 hosted by SS Dempo College (Autonomous) featured a diverse range of sessions and workshops on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026, designed to equip students with practical knowledge and skills. These included sessions on "Protecting Intellectual Property Rights" conducted by Mr Amey Karmali, CEO, CIBA-AEDI. "Raising Capital and Managing Finance for Startups" by Mr Nitin Naik, Govt. Certified Disaster Management Master Trainer & Instructor. Hands-on workshop on "Data Analysis for Skills and Innovation" by Mr Johann Da Silva, Executive Assistant, CIRQUE India Equity Fund, etc
41. The TIP cell, in association with DHE & RoC, has organised the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme Registration on 25th March 2025 at 8:45 am in the college auditorium. The primary objective of this activity was to inform students about the available internship opportunities and guide them through the registration process for the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme. The session was conducted by the officials from the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) and the Registrar of Companies. The DHE official explained the scheme to students and explained the registration process on a smart board.
42. This experiential learning activity on march 13,2026 aimed to equip MITM Part 1 students with practical skills in fine dining etiquette. Held at S17, the session transformed the venue into a formal dining setting, allowing students to practice aspects like proper seating posture, handling cutlery, and respectful interaction with servers. Interactive role-playing exercises and personalized feedback from the instructor helped students refine their skills and develop teamwork and communication abilities essential for careers in hospitality and tourism.

43. BBA Department, BBA Forum, and the Alumni Association organised an Alumni Insights session, 'Seizing Opportunities: From College to Career' on 3rd March 2026, featuring Ms Tanvi Sharma, Assistant Manager Sales at the Leela Palace Bengaluru, one of India's most prestigious luxury hotels. Ms Sharma highlighted the invaluable role of sales experience in shaping her professional journey at The Leela Palace Bengaluru, where she completed the Leela Leadership Development Program, Class of 2024. She emphasised how key skills such as communication, negotiation, and problem-solving, which she developed through sales, have been instrumental in her current role. Additionally, Ms Sharma stressed the importance of upskilling, highlighting how adapting to new trends, enhancing industry-specific knowledge, and refining both technical and soft skills are crucial for career growth and success.
44. The Department of BBA, along with TIP and IIC cell, and in association with the Directorate of Higher Education, under the Government of Goa and the Goa State Higher Education Council, successfully organised Converge 2.0: Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, an Academia-Industry Summit aimed at bridging the gap between academic institutions and industry on 6 March 2025 for FY and SY students. The theme for this year was "Skill-Up, Scale-Up, Succeed: Empowering the Workforce of Tomorrow.
45. The BBA Department Forum organised an Industry Connect 1.0 Session on 12TH March 2026, ' Business Learning and Life Lessons' with CA Santosh Kenkre, Former Chairman of Indo American Chamber of Commerce and Former Chairman of EDC Ltd. The session aimed to bridge the gap between academia and industry by providing students with valuable insights into business practices and life lessons from an experienced professional, CA Santosh Kenkre.
46. The first capacity building series ' ElevateU' was held between the 17th and 21st March 2025. This was organised for the FY and SY BBA students. The program focused on providing skills and industry-relevant knowledge. Eminent speakers - in-residence professors were invited. Prof. Dr Anil Kumar Garag from Chanakya University interacted with the SY students and taught them Technical Analysis, while with the first-year students, he discussed the Porter Five Forces with industry examples. Dr Vipul Mathur, a former IIM Professor, interacted with the students and conducted a hands-on workshop on the use of AI for the modern-day workforce.
47. The students of the BBA Department participated in a Global Immersion Program (Dubai) from the 19th to the 24th March. The students visited the NASDAQ floor and attended a session on the Dubai financial markets. They also visited the Middlesex University, where they presented their Marketing and Case Analysis assignments on Sustainability. They also visited stores and the mall in Dubai, where they conducted short surveys and interacted with the local businesses. This initiative provided them with an opportunity to learn about the global business environment.
48. As part of the Alumni Insights series, the Marquee Club (Marketing) had the pleasure of hosting Mr Chintan Shet, who is currently the Marketing Manager at Delta Corp. Ltd. The session was held in the AV Room at 11:30 am. Mr Chintan Shet's insightful session gave students a deep dive into branding and marketing. He shared his journey of working with various advertising agencies before transitioning to Delta Corp Ltd., highlighting the key difference between working for clients and being the client, where the challenge is not just creating ideas but also executing them effectively. He emphasised how branding is a highly creative field that involves collaboration with multiple teams, from designers to strategists. His expertise in brand strategy and

marketing execution provided valuable industry insights, helping students better understand the dynamic advertising and branding landscape.

49. The COPE Team Under MPower organised a screening of the web series Zindaginama on 22nd March 2025 at the college auditorium. A total of twenty students participated. The event commenced at 10:00 AM, providing students with an opportunity to engage with the thought-provoking themes presented in the series. Zindaginama explores various aspects of life, relationships, and human emotions, offering deep insights into personal growth and societal values. The screening was followed by a brief discussion in which students shared their reflections and interpretations of the series. This interactive session encouraged meaningful conversations and critical thinking among the participants.
50. DCT's SS Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira, Bambolim, Goa, organised a hands-on workshop titled "Kokedama Making Workshop" on 20th February 2026 in the Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The workshop was conducted as part of the institution's commitment towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production, and SDG 15 – Life on Land). The session aimed to promote sustainable gardening practices and environmental awareness among students by introducing them to the Japanese art of Kokedama. Kokedama is a unique planting technique in which plant roots are wrapped in a mixture of soil and coconut coir fibre and covered with moss, forming a natural green ball instead of being placed in a traditional pot.
51. The MCOM Department, in association with the Alumni Association, organised a session titled "Build Your LinkedIn Profile." On 17th February 2026. The session was conducted by the resource person, alumna Sudipta Mallya, HR at Congruence (MCOM Batch 2021–23). Ms Sudipta began the session by discussing various job platforms and gradually introduced the professional networking platform LinkedIn. She explained its importance in today's job market and highlighted its widespread use by recruiters and professionals across industries. The primary objectives of the session were to guide students on building and optimising a strong LinkedIn profile, understanding how recruiters use LinkedIn during the hiring process, and using the platform strategically for job applications, showcasing skills, and developing a personal brand.
52. Department of Mathematics and Statistics conducted "A hands-on workshop on Jamovi: Exploring Data with Ease" for First Year B. Com. Business Statistics using Software Tools subject students on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The workshop aimed to equip students with practical knowledge of Jamovi for data analysis. The resource person for the workshop was Asst. Prof. Jafron Simoes, Department of Mathematics, Government College, Quepem. Students were guided step-by-step through practical demonstrations of how to analyse correlation and interpret regression analysis using Jamovi software. The workshop was coordinated by the Head of the Department, Mrs Nutan Nayak.
53. The session titled "*The Art of Persuasive Advertising: From Attention to Action*" was conducted by Mr Harshvardhan Bhatkuly, Managing Director of Savoir Faire Advertising, on 17 March 2026 at the International Centre, Goa, Dona Paula. The International Centre Goa is a renowned platform that hosts intellectual discussions, seminars, and knowledge-sharing events featuring professionals, academics, and industry experts. The masterclass focused on understanding how modern advertising goes beyond mere visibility and evolves into a tool that influences consumer behaviour and drives measurable action.
54. DCT's SS Dempo College organised an academic visit for First Year B. Com students to the Goa Book Festival

on 7th Feb 2026, promoting experiential learning and reading awareness. The visit, aligned with the “Make India Read” vision, gave students practical exposure beyond the classroom. Accompanied by faculty members, students explored diverse literary resources. The initiative was conducted under the guidance and leadership of the college administration. The students of BA Global Sustainable Management (BA GSM) actively participated in the International Net Zero Summit 2026, held from 22nd to 24th January 2026 in Goa. The summit, organised by the Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC) in collaboration with the International Institute of Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility (IICSR). A total of 10 students from BA GSM were selected to be part of this prestigious event. Their involvement extended beyond passive participation, as they were entrusted with key operational and engagement responsibilities throughout the summit.

### **VVM’s Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics**

#### **1. Session on Cybersecurity and digital Fraud Detection**

On Wednesday, 29th January 2026, the BBA(FS) programme organized a Session on Cybersecurity and digital Fraud Detection for the students of TY BBA(FS) Programme at National Forensic Sciences University, Curti, Ponda. A total of 23 students participated in the visit, comprising of 11 male and 12 female students. Mr. Dr. Suryakant Patil, Faculty at National Forensic Sciences University, Curti, Ponda, served as the resource person and guided the students through various aspects of cybersecurity and digital fraud detection. The primary objective of the visit was to provide students with practical insights into cybersecurity practices and digital fraud detection mechanisms, helping them understand real-world threats, prevention strategies, and industry workflows, thereby bridging the gap between academic theory and real-world application.

The hands-on session on Cybersecurity and Digital Fraud Detection was conducted from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. During the session, the students actively participated in learning about cybersecurity practices and digital fraud detection techniques. They gained practical exposure to identifying counterfeit currency and understanding various mechanisms used to prevent and detect digital frauds through expert demonstrations and interactive discussions

#### **2. Beauty Makeover & Glow Up” Workshop**

The Internal Complaints Committee and Women’s Cell of Vidya Vikas Mandal’s Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao, Goa organized a “Beauty Makeover & Glow Up” Workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Hall 1. The workshop aimed at creating

awareness about personal grooming, skincare, haircare, and basic makeup techniques among students. The session began with the resource person Ms. Shamim Shaikh delivering a short presentation introducing the importance of grooming, self-care, and confidence building through proper skincare and makeup practices. Ms. Shamim Shaikh, who is a Professional Beautician, explained different skin types, the importance of proper skin prep before makeup, and shared useful tips and tricks for maintaining healthy skin and hair using simple and affordable methods.

#### **3. Guest Lecture on “Basics of Personal Finance and Investment”**

The Department of Management Studies under the BBA (Financial Services) Programme organized a guest lecture on “Basics of Personal Finance and Investment” on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The session was conducted by Mr. Davendra Tare, SEBI Empaneled Security Markets Trainer (SMARTs).

Mr. Tare began the session by explaining the concept of time value of money and the impact of inflation on real

returns. He demonstrated how inflation erodes purchasing power and emphasized the need to generate inflation-adjusted (real) returns rather than focusing solely on nominal returns. Students were introduced to the concept of compounding and how early investments significantly enhance long-term wealth accumulation.

The session progressed into goal-based financial planning, where financial objectives were categorized into short-term, medium-term, and long-term horizons. Mr. Tare explained how asset allocation should vary depending on risk appetite, age, income stability, and financial goals. He discussed the importance of balancing equity, debt, and hybrid instruments to optimize returns while managing risk exposure.

#### 4. Career Guidance – Navigate Your Future in the Tech World

The Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the Career, Training, Internship & Placement Cell, organized a session on “Career Guidance – Navigate Your Future in the Tech World” on 26th February 2026.

The session was conducted by Mr. Vignesh Kamath, Director – ASBS Goa, and coordinated under the guidance of Ms. Samira Vengurlekar, Faculty In charge. A total of 40 students (19 male and 21 female) from TYBCA and TY B.Voc (ST) attended the session.

The session was highly informative and engaging, providing valuable insights into various career opportunities available after graduation in BCA and B.Voc. The speaker highlighted opportunities in the IT sector, emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, and also encouraged students to explore management education for leadership and career advancement. He emphasized the importance of thinking extraordinary and developing a growth mindset to stand out in today’s competitive world.

#### 5. Skill and Personality Development Training’- Career Competency Building Program

The Career, Training, Internship & Placement (CTIP) Cell organized a Skill and Personality Development Training – Career Competency Building Program from 5th to 9th January 2026 at Hall 1 for TYB.Com students, with the objective of enhancing their career readiness and employability skills. The training focused on key aspects of professional and personality development, including personal grooming, interview etiquette, appropriate dress code, reuse review, and effective interview preparation strategies. Students were guided on building confidence, managing interview nervousness, responding to challenging questions, and handling situations where answers are momentarily forgotten. Emphasis was also placed on researching prospective organizations, understanding job roles, and aligning responses with organizational expectations.

### **Goa College of Agriculture**

1. Fungi to Fortune- 5 days workshop on Mushroom Production Technology : The Module Students of Plant Pathology of Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa had organized 5 days Workshop on Mushroom Production Technology from 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. The resource person for the programme was Dr. Pramod Borkar, Retired Associate Professor of Plant Pathology. The basic objective of this workshop was to make awareness about mushroom technology among the communities.
2. Sericulture Production Technology: The Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa had organized Session on Sericulture Production Technology on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. The resource person for the Session was Dr. I.K. Pai, Former Head of the Zoology Department, Goa University. The basic objective of this workshop was to make awareness about Sericulture technology among the communities.
3. Foodpreneur- 3 days workshop on Bakery Production Technology: The Module Students of FST of Goa

College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa had organized 3 days Workshop on Bakery Production Technology from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The basic objective of this workshop was to make awareness about Bakery technology among the communities.

### **Nirmala Institute of Education.**

1. Capacity Building Session on “Exploring Artificial Intelligence in Educational Research” for Faculty and Alumni of Nirmala Institute of Education on 17th February 2026

The Teaching, Learning and Educational Technology (TLET) Cell, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho–Panaji, Goa, organized a Capacity Building Session for faculty members and alumni on the topic “Exploring Artificial Intelligence in Educational Research.” The session was conducted on 17th February 2026 from 1:50 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab of the institution.

The session was facilitated by Ms. Daniella Colaco, Assistant Professor at NIE, who served as the Resource Person. The focus of the session was on exploring SciSpace, an AI-powered platform that supports researchers in writing research proposals and research papers. Ms. Colaco demonstrated how the tool can assist in reviewing literature, organizing research proposals, drafting academic papers, and managing references effectively.

The session was conducted in a hands-on format, where faculty members participated with their personal laptops and engaged actively with the platform during the live demonstration. This practical approach enabled participants to explore the features of SciSpace in real time, clarify their queries, and understand its potential applications in strengthening academic research.

A total of 10 faculty members attended and actively participated in the session. The programme was well appreciated and proved to be informative, practical, and relevant in enhancing the research skills and competencies of the faculty members.

2. Report On Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme

Workshop was organized by: Entrepreneurship & Startup Development (ESED) Cell under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) on 18th February 2026.

The programme aimed to create awareness among students about entrepreneurship, startup culture, and emerging career opportunities in today’s rapidly evolving world.

The programme featured two distinguished resource persons, Ms. Durva Sukhthankar and Ms. Nikita Gupta, who shared valuable knowledge and practical insights with the participants.

Ms. Durva Sukhthankar, who introduced the concept of entrepreneurship systematically and practically. She engaged the students in an activity based on the Business Model Canvas, explaining how a business idea can be structured and developed into a successful venture. She elaborated on its key components, including Customer Segments, Value Proposition, Channels, Customer Relationships, Revenue Streams, Key Resources, Key Activities, Key Partnerships, and Cost Structure. Each component was explained with relevant examples, enabling students to

understand how to effectively design and plan a business model.

Ms. Durva Sukhathankar also provided detailed information about the Chief Minister Rozgar Yojana (CMRY) 2023, a government initiative aimed at promoting self-employment among youth. She explained that the scheme offers financial assistance, subsidized bank loans, and guidance to eligible individuals who wish to start small-scale businesses or service enterprises. The scheme primarily focuses on empowering young

In conclusion, the Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme proved to be highly informative, interactive, and motivating. It provided students with practical insights into business planning, government support schemes such as CMRY 2023 and PMER initiatives, and emerging career opportunities. The programme successfully encouraged students to think creatively, build confidence, and consider entrepreneurship as a viable and promising career option.

### **Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce**

1. The session is conducted to the students on the topic AI in accounting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for the students of Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce.
2. The 5th edition of Vidnyan Dhara 2026, a pioneering mega science series organized by the Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC) and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Goa, was successfully hosted at Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce, Bori-Ponda. The session was conducted on 13th February 2026 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, serving as a key event to celebrate National Science Day

### **Narayan Zantye College of Commerce**

#### **1. Workshop on AI for Career Building**

Seminar, Workshop committee of college and Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) – Education Committee Goa Technology Association (GTA) organized Workshop on AI for Career Building on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to create awareness about Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies and to guide students regarding internships, startups, incubation, and job opportunities. Mr. Sai Rane, Founder – Neural Kissan, Mr. Vadiraj Inamdar, Software Developer – Hotel Hub Technology Pvt. Ltd., Prof. (Dr.) Vipul Mathur, Ex-Faculty, IIM Calcutta, IIM Bangalore Fellow, B.Tech, IIT Delhi were the resource persons. Asst. Prof. Sindura Malik, was the Faculty Coordinator for the programme. Total 33 students and 7 faculty members participated in the workshop.

#### **2. FDP on Entrepreneurship Training for staff.**

Faculty members Mrs. Sherin Shaikh and Mrs. Soniya Chodankar attended FDP on Entrepreneurship training at Ahmedabad, Gujarat in the month of January 2026. The programme was organized and sponsored by DHE, Govt. of Goa. Faculty members are expected to train the interested students in the field of Entrepreneurship.

### 3. Business Management Training

Our college in association with EDII, The World Bank Group and Govt. of Goa organized Business Management Training under Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance for the on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The sessions were conducted on the topics 'Leadership, Team Building and Communication Skills', 'Project Management' and 'Strategic Planning and Decision Making'.

#### **St. Joseph Vaz College**

1. The Department of Library conducted Google workspace for students on 04/02/2026

#### **St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa**

##### Value-Added Academic and Skill Development Courses

1. Careers in Food Technology: 05th January 2026, Department of Microbiology and
2. Biotechnology (in association with Carmel College, Nuvem).
3. Master The Mic Workshop: 7th January 2026, Public Speaking and Oratory Club, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
4. E-Commerce Workshop: 11th January 2026, St. Xavier's College (for TYBCA faculty).
5. Talk on GUART and Competitive Exams: 29th January 2026, Department of Microbiology, St. Xavier's College.
6. Session by College Counsellor: 22nd January 2026, College Counselling (for TYBA Philosophy students), St. Xavier's College.
7. Stress Management Session: 2nd February 2026, Post Graduate Department of Physical Chemistry, St. Xavier's College.
8. Techclipse 2026: 31st January 2026, Department of Bachelor of Computer Applications, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
9. Annual Book Exhibition 2026: 9th-10th February 2026, St. Xavier's College Library with IQAC.
10. The Big Book Swap: Pre-registration by 16th January 2026, Swap on 21st January 2026, St. Xavier's College Library.
11. Hands-on Training: Understanding Lab Instruments: 5th-6th February 2026, Post Graduate Department of Physical Chemistry, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
12. Bio wizards - Potential Unleashed: 9th February 2026, Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College.
13. Intercollegiate Event "PARADOX": 23rd February 2026, Department of Mathematics, St. Xavier's College.
14. Paper Presentation on 'SBI's Rupee Settlement Plan': 5th February 2026, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College.
15. Paper Presentation – 'India and HDI 2025': Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College.
16. Paper Presentation "Black Money and the Indian Economy": Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College.
17. Paper Presentation on "Cryptocurrency and the Indian Economy", Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College.
18. Compression Only Life Support organized by NSS Unit on 18th February 2026 Fire Drill organized by NSS

## Other Community Engagement Activities

### SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora-Goa.

1. The 7-Day NSS Special Camp commenced on 27/12/2025 to 02/01/2026. The NSS volunteers reported to the college the volunteers actively engaged in cleaning the camp premises and cooking activities, which promoted teamwork, discipline, and a sense of responsibility among the students.
2. On 12/01/ 2026, A workshop titled “AI for Career Building – Driving Professional Excellence through AI Innovation” was organized under Tech Manthan, an initiative by the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) – Education Committee and the Goa Technology Association (GTA), in association with Goa Multi-Faculty College. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among students about the growing significance of Artificial Intelligence and its impact on career building and professional excellence.
3. On 13/01/2026, Goa Multi-Faculty College organised an exposure visit to the Goa Legislative Assembly with the aim of providing students with practical exposure to legislative functioning. Upon arrival, students were briefed on assembly protocols and visitor guidelines. The participants were then allowed access to the visitor gallery, where they witnessed live legislative proceedings, including debates and discussions conducted by elected representatives. Students observed the role of the Hon'ble Speaker in maintaining legislative discipline, the structure of proceedings, and the functioning of democratic institutions in practice. This real-time exposure significantly enhanced their understanding of governance, law-making, and institutional accountability.
4. On 28/01/2026, The Department of Information Technology and Computer Applications organised an industry-interaction session on Internship Opportunities at Growth Gravy, a leading growth-hacking and digital marketing agency based in Panjim, Goa, establishing its presence for over ten years. Growth Gravy has built expertise in social media marketing, content creation, web development, influencer marketing, analytics, and performance marketing.
5. On 21/01/2026 SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College organized a Financial Literacy Session for girl students in the College Hall. The programme was conducted for the students of B.C.A., B.Com., and B.B.A., with the objective of creating awareness about financial planning, savings, and investment among young women.
6. On 13/02/2026, an Awareness Programme on Financial Literacy for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of Dharbandora Taluka was organised by SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora, in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India, Panaji Branch. The programme was held with the objective of creating awareness on financial literacy among rural women of Dharbandora Taluka.
7. On 20/02/2026, the Goa Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition titled “Goa Vidhan Sabha @ 60” was organised jointly by Goa Multi-Faculty College and the Goa Legislative Assembly to commemorate sixty years of the Goa Legislative Assembly. The event was held at the Goa Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa, and aimed to raise students' awareness of democratic values, legislative processes, and the importance of governance in a

democratic system. Students from 26 colleges across Goa participated enthusiastically in the competition.

#### **V.M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education,**

1. On 6th and 16th January, a Yoga workshop was conducted for a group of 45 senior citizens at VMSIHE.
2. On 13th January a workshop on various gardening related tips was held in Laban's farm for 45 senior citizens by VMSIHE along with Ameya Group an NGO.
3. On 3rd February a session on optimizing wellness by Ms. Wilma D'Silva was conducted for 40 senior citizens at VMSIHE. On 10th March 2026, 50 senior citizens attended a fitness workshop at VMSIHE.

#### **Rosary College of Commerce and Arts.**

##### 1. Visit to Nazareth Home

The NSS unit of the college, in collaboration with the St. Vincent de Paul Cell, organized a visit to Nazareth Home for the Aged, Navelim, on 29th January 2026 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The visit was conducted as part of the "Adopt a Senior Citizen Care Home Programme", an initiative aimed at fostering inter-generational bonding, promoting social inclusion, and encouraging sustained interaction between NSS volunteers and senior citizens. A total of 15 NSS volunteers visited the home, of which 13 were females and 2 were male. During the interaction, the volunteers spent quality time with the residents, engaging in warm and friendly conversations. They exchanged pleasantries, shared experiences and had heart-warming conversations. At the end of the interaction, the volunteers felt a sense of fulfilment for having brought smiles to the faces of the senior residents. The activity sensitised the students to the needs of the elderly and reinforced values such as empathy, respect, and social responsibility. The visit was coordinated by NSS Programme Officer Asst. Prof Maria Sancha Pereira and Asst. Prof. Kingel D'Sa.

##### 2. Session on Carcinogens in Food: World Cancer Day

The NSS Unit, in association with the Health Cell, organised an awareness talk on "Carcinogens in Food" on the occasion of World Cancer Day on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 12:00 pm in Class F-26. The session was conducted by Dr. Sunayana Sudhir Shet, a highly accomplished pathologist and healthcare professional, who served as the resource person for the programme. The talk was attended by 63 students, including 16 males and 47 females. The programme was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Dale Da Cruz and Asst. Prof. Cezel Fernandes.

##### 3. Visit to Nazareth Home

The NSS unit of the college, in collaboration with the St. Vincent de Paul Cell, organised a visit to Nazareth Home for the Aged, Navelim, on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The visit was conducted as part of the "Adopt a Senior Citizen Care Home Programme", an initiative aimed at fostering inter-generational bonding, promoting social inclusion, and encouraging sustained interaction between NSS volunteers and senior citizens. A total of 09 NSS volunteers visited the home, of which 8 were female. During the interaction, the

volunteers spent quality time with the residents, engaging in warm and friendly conversations. They exchanged pleasantries, shared experiences and had heart-warming conversations. At the end of the interaction, the volunteers felt a sense of fulfilment for having brought smiles to the senior residents' faces. The activity sensitised the students to the needs of the elderly and reinforced values such as empathy, respect, and social responsibility. The visit was coordinated by NSS Programme Officer Asst. Prof Maria Sancha Pereira and Asst. Prof. Kingel D'Sa.

### **Shree Mallikarjun and Shri Chetan Manju Desai College**

1. On 6th February 2026, a talk on “Freeing Wastewater from Emerging Pollutants” was conducted by the RDI and NSS Cell, with resource persons Dr. Hiremath and Ms. Divya Sawant, creating awareness about environmental sustainability.
2. On 6th February an E-Waste Collection Drive was organized in association with Poornam Eco vision Foundation, Pune, coordinated by Shri Anand Velip, encouraging responsible disposal of electronic waste.

### **Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women,**

1. The Department of Economics organised a beach cleaning drive in a ssociation with the Village Panchayat and the youth group of the Nuvem parish. A total of 30 students and 3 faculty participated in the same. The activity was organised on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January at Majorda beach.
2. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, The students from the Department of Psychology visited the Institute for Special Children managed by Gujrathi Samj , Margao. The visit commenced with a movement therapy session, where the TYBA students actively engaged the school children through guided movements using different beats and rhythms. This session aimed to promote physical coordination, emotional expression, and social interaction among the students.
3. The Department of Zoology in collaboration with Mission Rabies and Worldwide Veterinary Service organised a Pet clinic and Rabies awareness talk on campus on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026. A talk was delivered by Mr. Julius fernandes member of WVS on Rabies its symptoms , zoonosisa nd prevention methods. A stall was set up by Sava vet pet Products to provide free medicine and pet care samples to the pet owners. The pet clinic received a good response from the students and local pet owners.

### **Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar.**

Visit to Home for the Aged: The Students of the Mental Health club of the college visited Home for the Aged and individuals with mental health challenges at Bogmalo on 16<sup>th</sup> March. They organized games and singing activities with the inmates and brought smile on their faces. On the whole they spent a meaningful time with them. The aim was to cultivate empathy, social responsibility and community service attitude in students.

### **MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce**

As a part of Social Service and Community Development activity, 17 cadets conducted **beach cleaning activity** for Puneet Sagar Abhiyan at Bogmalo beach on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Before the beach cleaning they had a session on the theme: “Energy Efficiency is Energy Conservation, Importance of Circular Economy & Growing Needs

of Green Hydrogen” by a Marine biologist, Mr. Nester Fernandes. He also showed some marine life on the beach and explained their importance in maintaining the oxygen levels and temperatures of the planet.

### **CES’s Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science**

1. Substance Abuse & Online Safety.

Session on Substance Abuse, Online Safety & Cyberbullying, led by the community outreach cell at Shree Damodar Vidhyalaya English High School & Higher Secondary School of Science on 13th January, 2026. Enthusiastic students of FYBA volunteered namely Arnaaz Nasir Ali, Jiya Varadkar, Anushree Keny, Komal Keni, Raisa Dias, Ananya Raikar, Krishika Midha and Jeannete Baptista

2. Session on Substance Abuse, Online Safety & Cyberbullying, led by the community outreach cell at Loyola High School on 15th January, 2026. Enthusiastic students of FYBA volunteered namely Arnaaz Nasir Ali, Jiya Varadkar, Anushree Keny, Komal Keni, Raisa Dias, Ananya Raikar, Krishika Midha.

3. Session on Substance Abuse, Online Safety & Cyberbullying, led by the community outreach cell at R M Salgaocar Higher Secondary School on 22nd January, 2026. Enthusiastic students of FYBA volunteered namely Arnaaz Nasir Ali, Jiya Varadkar, Anushree Keny, Komal Keni, Raisa Dias, Ananya Raikar, Krishika Midha and Jeannete Baptista.

4. Session on Substance Abuse, Online Safety & Cyberbullying, led by the community outreach cell at Govt. High School, Paddi on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. Enthusiastic students of FYBA volunteered namely Arnaaz Nasir Ali, Jiya Varadkar, Anushree Keny, Komal Keni, Raisa Dias, Ananya Raikar, Krishika Midha and Jeannete Baptista.

5. Session on Substance Abuse, Online Safety & Cyberbullying, led by the community outreach cell at Govt. High School, Gaondongarion 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. Enthusiastic students of FYBA volunteered namely Arnaaz Nasir Ali, Jiya Varadkar, Anushree Keny, Komal Keni, Raisa Dias, Ananya Raikar, Krishika Midha and Jeannete Baptista.

6. NSS Community engagement activities

Blood donation camp: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026. 46 units of blood was donated by staff and Students.

Honest conversations, thoughtful questions, and a shared goal of creating safer, healthier spaces for young minds. The main aim was to raise awareness among higher secondary students about substance abuse, online safety, and interpersonal violence, helping them make informed, safe choices. The activity uses interactive sessions, real-life examples, and open discussions to build practical life skills, encourage responsible behaviour, and promote a supportive and safe school environment. The resource person for the same was Dr. Sachin Savio Moraes.

The session was well received by the students and teachers of the higher secondary and schools.

The event increases students’ awareness of real-life risks related to substance abuse and online safety. It builds practical coping skills and confidence to make safe, responsible choices. Students feel more comfortable seeking help and supporting peers when needed. Overall, it helps create a safer, more respectful and supportive school environment.

### **HPSM’s Ganpat Parsekar College of Education.**

1. The Department of Konkani, HPSM's Ganpat College of Education, Harmal, Goa, in collaboration with Goa Konkani Academy, organised a workshop cum guest lecture on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The session, held between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., in the smart classroom on GPCOE, began with a small inaugural function where guests

watered a plant, symbolising the nurturing of knowledge. Ms Hemal Chowgule, Department In-charge, welcomed the gathering, and Ramesh Ghadi, Vice President of Goa Konkani Academy, was also present.

The workshop featured two sessions on the topic "समिक्षा: संकल्पना, स्वरूप आनी शिक्षणीक उपयोजन" (Criticism: Concept, Format, and Educational Application). Dr. Hanumant Chopdekar, Vice Dean, Shenoj Goembaba School of Languages and Literature, Goa University, spoke on "समिक्षा: संकल्पना आनी स्वरूप" (Criticism: Concept and Format), while Ms. Sonali Chodankar from Holy Cross High School covered "शिक्षणीक उपयोजन" (Educational Application). The sessions provided valuable insights into criticism, enhancing students' critical thinking and analytical skills.

The interactive session included an activity where students critiqued a poem in multiple languages, including Hindi, Konkani, Marathi, and English. Students actively participated, and the session was highly engaging. The activity allowed students to apply theoretical knowledge, making the session fruitful. The workshop concluded at 2:00 p.m. with a vote of thanks by Ms. Anija Shirodkar, and the program was compered by Master Velbert Rodrigues. The event was a success, promoting critical thinking, creativity, and language skills among students, and fostering a deeper understanding of literature and criticism.

2. The Department of Konkani, HPSM's, Ganpat College of Education, Harmal, Goa, organized an interactive session cum guest lecture titled "लेखक विद्यार्थ्यांच्या भेटे" on 26 February 2026. The event was held in the Smart Classroom at GPCOE from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program featured Dr Prakash Parenkar, a renowned writer, as the guest of honour. Ms Anija Shirodkar introduced the session's theme, and Ms Yukti Velip gave a brief introduction of the guest. Department in charge, Ms Hemal Chowgule, was also present on the occasion. Dr. Parenkar shared his writing journey and described various places in Valpoi, his native place, inspiring the students. The interactive session included a guest lecture followed by a Q&A, during which students actively participated and sought clarification on various aspects of the writer's works. Students from various language departments attended the event, appreciating the opportunity to engage with the writer. The session provided valuable insights into the writer's journey and creative process, and students interacted with Dr. Parenkar, clarifying doubts and seeking guidance. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr Adwait Salgaonkar and was compered by Ms Natalia Fernandez. The event was a success, promoting departmental interaction and learning, and inspiring students to explore the world of literature.

### **DCT's S. S Dempo College of Commerce and Economics**

1. The NSS Unit of SS Dempo College (Autonomous) successfully conducted a specialised Five-Session Self-Defence Programme for all women, held from 30th January to 6th March 2026. The college extends its sincere appreciation to our students cum resource persons, Ms Princy Jecintho (M. Com) and Ms Dushanka Tara Khanna (TY B. Com), for their invaluable contribution as trainers and dedication to student safety. Despite their demanding academic schedules, the facilitators designed a systematic curriculum that transitioned from foundational awareness and posture to practical survival tactics. Students were trained in basic strikes and specific defensive manoeuvres against common threats, including wrist grabs, chokes, bear hugs, and ground attacks.
2. NSS Unit's 56 volunteers of SS Dempo College attended a programme organised by The Goa State Legal Services Authority, which concluded the first phase of its 30-day special awareness campaign on drug abuse

with a closing ceremony held at the Kala Academy auditorium in Panaji. Organised under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), the campaign was based on the theme "Drug Abuse - Drugs: A Menace to Society." The programme aimed to raise awareness of the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of prevention, rehabilitation, and collective responsibility. It highlighted the need for active participation from educational institutions, youth groups, and society to combat this growing menace. The closing ceremony was attended by distinguished dignitaries, including the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, the Goa Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant, judges of the Supreme Court and Bombay High Court, senior judicial officers, and officials of legal services authority

3. The Aapda Mitra Training Program, conducted for the students of SS Dempo College from 9th to 16th February 2026, marked a significant step in local disaster preparedness. Hosted at the Panaji Fire Station in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), this eight-day residential camp was designed to transform young students into "Disaster Friends" or community first responders. Throughout the training, participants moved beyond classroom theory to engage in rigorous, hands-on drills led by professional fire and rescue experts. The curriculum focused on life-saving skills essential for the golden hour of any calamity, including Basic Life Support (CPR), advanced First Aid, and techniques for controlling severe bleeding. Students also mastered Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, learning how to safely navigate debris, use specialised ropes, and execute flood rescue manoeuvres.
4. A sensitisation programme was organised on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026 to equip non-teaching and teaching staff with the knowledge and skills required to support Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) effectively in administrative and service-related functions. The sessions highlighted the importance of empathy and positive attitudes in day-to-day interactions with PwDs, with a focus on improving accessibility across facilities, including admissions, office services, and campus infrastructure. The Principal Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kamat emphasised the college's commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all. The resource persons included Mr Vishant Nagvekar, Mr Mahadev Sawant, Mr Prasad Joshi, and Ms Jamila Haaziq. Sign language interpretation was done by Mrs Josefina Fernandes. Special presence of Mr Mohsin Sayed, LDC at Sanjay School. Key outcomes for non-teaching staff include: improved understanding of the rights of PwDs and their practical implications in administrative processes; strengthened commitment to providing accessible and supportive services; and reinforcement of the institution's role in fostering inclusivity beyond the classroom.
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6. The NSS Unit of the college and the Red Ribbon Club organised an impactful HIV / Awareness session for students on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026. Educational videos such as Understanding HIV/AIDS and Living with HIV were screened in the college auditorium, helping students gain deeper insights into the condition and fostering empathy towards those affected. The initiative aimed to dispel myths, promote responsible attitudes, and strengthen awareness among the youth. The programme was coordinated by Assoc. Prof. (Dr.) Aruna Mesquita e Noronha, NSS Programme Officer & Faculty Member, Red Ribbon Club; and Asst. Prof. Kushal Kerkar - NSS Programme Officer In-Charge.
7. 13th January 2026: The NSS Unit of SS Dempo College organised an awareness programme on “Stray Dog Menace and Rabies” on 13 Jan 2026, led by Dr Murugan Appupillai, Director of Education, Mission Rabies – Worldwide Veterinary Service, Panjim. 167 Students, Staff Members and NSS Volunteers learned about rabies prevention, myths, and community responsibility, coordinated by Prof. Sangeeta Chakrabarty and Asst. Prof. Ms Prajakta Parab.
8. The Students’ Counselling and Mentoring Cell, along with the Anti-Ragging Committee, organised an Anti-Ragging Awareness Session from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for all IMCOM students, with a total of 64 students attending the programme. The session was delivered by Dr Michael Dias (Anti-Ragging Committee in charge) and Ms Rudhrakshi Mayekar (Counsellor). Students were guided on what constitutes ragging, including verbal and non-verbal teasing, psychological pressure, physical harassment, cyberbullying, and behaviour amounting to sexual harassment. Simple examples were shared to help students understand that even actions like mocking, making humiliating gestures, or making intimidating statements fall under the category of ragging. Additionally, the Anti-Ragging Awareness flyer has been displayed in each classroom to reinforce the message and ensure continuous awareness among students.
9. The IT Club of SS Dempo College (Autonomous), in collaboration with NSS and UBA Cell of the college, organised a community-based E-Waste Awareness Talk for the panch members of Cujira Village Panchayat. The session was conducted by Asst. Prof. Anjita Gaonkar, Department of IT and IT Club In charge. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about electronic waste, its environmental impact, and the importance of proper disposal and management.
10. 50 participants (15 B.S.C students of Govt. College & Research Centre, Pernem, 31 Dempo college students & 5 staff members). The Department of Physical Education & Sports of DCT’s SS Dempo college (Autonomous), in collaboration with SSA Government College & Research centre Pernem, under the MOU agreement, organised a workshop on Health-Related Fitness and Health Promotion for Students & staff on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the audio-visual room of DCT’s S.S Dempo college, Cujira Bambolim, Goa, from 11:30 am onwards.
11. The Students’ Council of SS Dempo College of Commerce and Economics organised a special screening and felicitation programme on 10 February 2026 at the College Auditorium. The programme featured the acclaimed Konkani short film *Acecao*, followed by an interactive session with its cast and crew. The initiative was undertaken to promote regional cinema, foster appreciation for the Konkani language and culture, and provide students with experiential exposure to the creative and technical dimensions of filmmaking. The activity aligned with the institution’s commitment to holistic education, value-based learning, and cultural engagement.
12. The Students Counselling and Mentoring Cell, the Centre for Equal Opportunities, and the Gender Champion

Cell, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dona Paula, organised an Organ Donation Awareness Talk for the students. Around 114 students attended the session. The welcome introduction was given by Emilia Carrasco from FYBBA, who warmly welcomed the speaker and the students. The session was followed by an informative talk by Mr Gabriel Pereira from the MOHAN Foundation. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he explained the meaning and importance of organ donation in saving lives. He clearly described the difference between coma and brain-stem death to avoid confusion. He also provided details about the organs and tissues that can be donated in cases of circulatory death and brain-stem death.

13. The BBA Department of Dempo College organised a talk under the initiative "Mulya Parvah" on 24 March 2025, focusing on the theme "Belongingness and Respectfulness". The session was specifically designed for SYBBA students to instil values of mutual respect and inclusivity, which are essential in both personal and professional settings. The resource person for the session was College Counsellor, Mr Wellington Fernandes. His expertise in counselling provided valuable insights into fostering a sense of belongingness and respect among peers, emphasising the importance of these values in building harmonious relationships. The counsellor discussed how the values of belongingness and responsibility increase confidence, reduce stress, and improve collaboration and teamwork, thus creating a more inclusive environment for everyone.

### **VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics**

#### 1. Slogan Writing Competition

On 16th January 2026, VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao-Goa, organised a Slogan Writing Competition (घोशणा लेखन सर्) on the theme "The Identity of Goa" (गोययच अस्मराय) to commemorate the 59th anniversary of the historic Opinion Poll. Conducted by the Konkani Department as an offstage event, the competition saw enthusiastic participation from students across various programmes, who submitted creative slogans reflecting Goa's identity and heritage.

The entries were evaluated on the basis of originality, creativity, clarity of message, and relevance to the theme.

#### 2. Rastra Jagruti Maha Abhiyaan (Great National Awakening Campaign)

On 25th February 2026, Geeta Parivaar, Goa Pradesh conducted its first activity of the Rashtra Jagruti Maha Abhiyaan at Damodar College Campus. The Programme Coordinator and the Resource Person were Mrs Varsha Prabhugaunkar, a Faculty member of the Hindi Department. The programme commenced with a warm welcome and introduction of the Resource Person by Rakshita Gadivadar.

Mrs Varsha Prabhugaunkar enlightened the students with Swami Vivekananda's impactful thoughts and shared insights into his inspirational life journey. She presented a slideshow highlighting the life, mission, and vision of Swami Vivekananda for Viksit Bharat and Viksit Yuva. The session was inspirational, motivating, educational, and engaging. She emphasised the importance of yoga and meditation in daily life and explained how lives can be transformed through higher knowledge. Apart from students, faculty members from various departments also participated in the programme. After the slideshow, a question-and-answer session was conducted to address students' queries.

#### 3. Consumer Awareness Reel Making Competition

The Consumer Welfare Cell, in association with the Department of Law, organised a Consumer Awareness Reel-Making Competition for undergraduate students across all programmes on the topic Consumer Rights

Awareness, with the theme “Smart Consumer, Strong Nation”, on 10th February 2026. The competition focused on promoting consumer rights and awareness through short, impactful video reels. Participants were required to create an original 30–60 second reel in vertical format (9:16 aspect ratio) suitable for social media platforms. The competition allowed participation either individually or in teams (a maximum of 2 participants per team). The entries were evaluated based on the following criteria: Creativity & Originality, Relevance to the Theme, Message Clarity and Visual Impact

#### 4. Poetry writing and recitation competition

The Literary Club of Cultural Council and Readers’ Club of the College successfully conducted an Intra-Collegiate Poetry Recitation Competition on February 9, 2026. The competition provided a high-profile platform for students to demonstrate their literary prowess. The event was designed to foster creative expression by allowing participants to present original compositions across a diverse range of themes and emotions.

The competition was executed under the strategic guidance of Asst. Prof. Abigale Rodrigues, supported by Student Coordinators Ms Mithali Raikar and Mr Harsh Mardolkar. The recital was compered by Ms Avani Desai (FY BCom) and officially inaugurated at 12:00 PM by Miss Samiksha Vengurlekar, Convenor, Cultural Council. In her opening address, Miss Vengurlekar emphasised that creative expression is a critical component of holistic student

development and academic enrichment. The Competition was divided into two rounds: Pre-submission and Recital. A total of 15 students submitted their poems. Eight participants qualified for the final round by meeting the initial submission deadline of 6th February 2026. Each orator was allotted a five-minute window to introduce and perform their original work.

#### 5. A Session on Empowered Youth for a Crime-Free India

The Internal Committee and Women’s Cell of the college organized an informative awareness session on “Empowered Youth for a Crime-Free India” on 20th March 2026 at 12:30 p.m. in Hall No. 2. The session, based on the theme “Empowering Youth Against Drugs,” aimed to create awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the role of youth in building a safe and responsible society. The resource person for the session was Ms Sunita Sawant, Superintendent of Police (SP), South Goa. She began the session by showing a short video clip on how people become addicted to drugs. She urged students to adopt the message “Say No to Drugs” and explained how substance abuse affects physical and mental health, family life, future prospects, and social reputation. During her address, Ms Sawant also explained the strict legal consequences of drug- related offences. She informed the students that even possession of drugs can result in severe punishment, including rigorous imprisonment and long-term social stigma. The session also raised awareness of the Manas Helpline (1933), a toll-free, confidential service under the Ministry of Home Affairs, through which individuals can report suspicious activities or seek help related to drugs and crime without revealing their identity. A key highlight of the session was the emphasis on youth empowerment as an essential step towards preventing crime.

#### 6. Self-Defence Training for Women

The NSS Unit, in association with the Women’s Cell, organised a Self-Defence Training Session for Women to promote awareness about personal safety and empower female students with practical self-protection skills. The session was conducted on the college campus from 9:30 a.m. onwards and witnessed enthusiastic participation

from female students. The training session was conducted by Ms Bharati Prasad, an alumna of the college and a Karate coach and trainer at the Karate Academy of Goa. During the three-hour session, Ms Bharati Prasad first spoke about the importance of self-awareness, confidence, and presence of mind in potentially unsafe situations. She emphasised that self-defence is not only about physical strength but also about alertness, quick decision-making, and the ability to react effectively.

The practical training included demonstrations and guided practice of basic as well as advanced self-defence techniques. Students were taught how to respond if someone attempts to grab, push, or restrain them. The trainer also demonstrated techniques for breaking free from holds, maintaining balance, and creating opportunities to escape from threatening situations. Participants actively engaged in the exercises and practised the techniques in pairs under the trainer's supervision.

#### 7. Blood Donation Camp

The Red Ribbon Club, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, NCC Army, and NCC Navy of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao, Goa, organised a Blood Donation Camp on 6th March 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Hall 1, 5th Floor. The primary objective of the camp was to raise awareness of the importance of blood donation, encourage voluntary participation, and save lives by ensuring the availability of blood for medical emergencies. A total of 32 volunteers actively participated in the camp and donated blood, reflecting their strong sense of social responsibility and willingness to support this noble cause

### **Goa College of Agriculture**

1. Climate change & sustainable technologies Vidnyan Dhara-2026: The IQAC Cell of Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa has organized session on Climate change & sustainable technologies Vidnyan Dhara-2026 on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The resource person for the programme was Mr Ganesh Chari. There were 93 participants for the session.
2. Ocean vs Climate Change: The IQAC Cell of Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa has organised a session on Ocean vs Climate Change on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The resource person for the programme was Er. Prasad Rangnekar. There were 43 participants for the session.
3. Cancer Awareness Programme: The Siddha Clinic Research Unit, Goa & Department of Physical Education & Sports of Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Farm, Old Goa, have organised a session on Cancer Awareness Programme on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The resource persons for the programme were Dr L. Santhosh Kumar & Dr. J. Jaya Sheeba of Siddha Clinic Research Unit, Goa. There were 46 participants for the session.

### **Nirmala Institute of Education.**

1. Report On Activities Conducted Under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho – Panaji, Goa on 6th August 2025

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Goa, organised a special initiative under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA). The programme aimed to create widespread awareness among youth and the general public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to encourage a drug-free lifestyle through cultural activities and community participation. As per the directions issued by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of

Goa, the Registrar of Goa University and the Principals of all Government and Aided Colleges were instructed to organise competitions based on the theme “Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan.” The competitions included: Essay Competition & Rangoli Competition. The participants expressed their understanding of the theme through insightful essays and creative rangoli designs. The competitions saw enthusiastic participation, reflecting the students’ awareness, creativity, and commitment to promoting a drug-free society.

## 2. Action Taken Report On Awareness Activities Regarding The Illegal Use of Precursors, Synthetic Chemicals, Clandestine Laboratories, And The Harmful Effects Of Narcotic Drugs

In accordance with the awareness campaign initiated by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, the college organised several activities to educate students and staff about the illegal use of precursors, synthetic chemicals, clandestine laboratories, and the harmful effects of narcotic drugs. The objective of these initiatives was to promote a drug-free lifestyle and encourage responsible, healthy living among youth.

### Activities Conducted:

- a) Posters carrying anti-drug messages were circulated through the official WhatsApp groups of students and faculty members to ensure wider digital outreach.
- b) Awareness posters were also displayed at prominent locations within the college campus for greater visibility
- c) An awareness session was conducted by Assistant Professor and Event Coordinator, Mr Subodh Haldankar. The session highlighted the concept of precursors, the dangers associated with the illegal use of precursors and synthetic chemicals, the functioning of clandestine laboratories, and the health, legal, and social consequences of narcotic drug abuse.

During this session, students were encouraged to remain vigilant and play an active role in preventing substance abuse in their communities. The programme helped enhance awareness and reinforce the importance of maintaining a drug-free environment.

## 3. Report on the Mass Pledge Activity held on 3rd October 2025

As part of the nationwide campaign marking the 5th Anniversary of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), initiated by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE), Government of India, Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho–Panaji, organised a Mass Pledge activity on campus. The pledge-taking ceremony was conducted in the college auditorium on 3rd October 2025, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The initiative aimed to create awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse, promote the NMBA helpline (14446), and strengthen the collective determination to build a healthier, safer, and drug-free society.

## 4. Preserving And Promoting Mental Wellbeing On 17th December 2025

Resource Person: Ms Prachi Khandeparkar (*Team Members: Mr John, Ms Sai Sudha, Mr Milton, Mr Shahab*)

Objective of the Programme: To create awareness about mental well-being among First Year B.Ed. students and enhance their understanding of youth mental health through connectedness, self-awareness, and strengths-based approaches.

A session titled “Preserving and Promoting Mental Wellbeing” for the First Year B.Ed. students. The programme

was conducted by representatives from Sangath and cities RISE, organisations dedicated to promoting youth well-being and strengthening connectedness among young people in India. A baseline questionnaire was distributed to assess students' perceptions and understanding of mental health. After a short tea break, the session continued with a discussion on youth mental health and the strengths-based approach, highlighting key capacities essential for personal well-being. Ms. Sai Sudha guided the students through an activity focused on identifying individual strengths through a questionnaire, helping them recognize and appreciate their personal abilities.

5. CONVERGE 3.0 – Shiksha Udyojak Sangam Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho–Panaji, Goa Friday, 19th February 2026

On 19th February 2026, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) hosted a series of enriching academic and co-curricular activities as part of CONVERGE 3.0 – Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, an Academia–Industry Summit organised by the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Goa. The day featured two inspiring guest lectures in the morning session, followed by an engaging Life Skills Hackathon in the afternoon.

The Morning Session: Guest Lectures

The morning session was held in the Main Hall and featured two distinguished entrepreneurs who shared their professional journeys and valuable insights with the students and faculty.

Session 1: Kitchen Gardening and Landscaping Speaker: Ms Liza Pinheiro, Proprietor - Fruits of Hard Work

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

During her session, Ms Pinheiro shared her inspiring journey of transforming her passion for gardening into a professional venture. She explained that she initially offered informal guidance to individuals seeking advice on plant care. Recognising the growing demand for structured agricultural consultation, she later established her venture “Fruits of Hard Work” as an agricultural consultancy.

She emphasised the importance of starting small, maintaining consistency, and converting one's passion into a sustainable profession. Her talk encouraged students to explore emerging opportunities in fields such as kitchen gardening and landscaping, while reinforcing the values of dedication, perseverance, and self-belief.

Session 2: Fashion Designing Speaker: Ms Lyan Fernandes Founder - Label Lyan Director - Dziners Bespoke Pvt. Ltd. Time: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The second session was delivered by Ms Lyan Fernandes, an entrepreneur in the fashion design industry. She candidly shared her personal and professional journey, explaining how her career path evolved differently from her initial plans. Instead of being discouraged by challenges, she chose to learn from her experiences and gained practical exposure while working in her family business.

With time and confidence, she launched her own brand, “Label Lyan,” and later became the Director of Dziners Bespoke Pvt. Ltd. She highlighted the importance of resilience, adaptability, and perseverance in the entrepreneurial journey. Her message resonated strongly with the participants, encouraging them to view setbacks as opportunities for growth and to pursue their goals with determination.

Both guest lectures were highly engaging and thought-provoking, offering students valuable insights into passion-driven careers and entrepreneurial development.

#### Afternoon Session: Life Skills Hackathon

The Life Skills Hackathon was organised as part of the Converge Innovation Hackathon 2026 under CONVERGE 3.0. The objective of the event was to equip future educators with essential life skills through innovation, collaboration, and solution-oriented thinking.

The session was hosted by Ms Glita Travasso, who welcomed the faculty members, judges, and participants and explained the competition's structure and objectives. A total of twenty groups, each comprising five members (Roll Nos. 1–100), presented innovative solutions to real-life academic and professional challenges faced by teacher trainees.

The presentations were evaluated based on problem understanding, creativity and innovation, practicality, teamwork, and communication skills. The competition was judged by Ms Viola Castelino, College Counsellor, whose expertise in student well-being enriched the evaluation, and by Ms Maclina Furtado, Faculty Member, who contributed valuable academic insights. Their constructive feedback greatly enhanced participants' learning experience.

The themes addressed several relevant issues, including Digital Overload, Stress Management, Active Listening, Goal Setting, Building Resilience, Time Management, Emotional Regulation, Ethical Decision-Making, Financial Literacy, Cross-Cultural Communication, and Responsible Digital Citizenship.

The events conducted on 19th February 2026 successfully reflected the vision of CONVERGE 3.0 by bridging academic learning with industry perspectives and real-world competencies. While the guest lectures highlighted the importance of passion, resilience, and entrepreneurship, the Life Skills Hackathon strengthened essential competencies, including emotional intelligence, adaptability, ethical awareness, and collaborative problem-solving. The programme concluded on a positive and inspiring note, with appreciation extended to all participants and organisers for their efforts in making the event a success. The initiative marked an important step toward nurturing competent, reflective, and future-ready educators prepared to meet the evolving demands of the teaching profession.

#### **Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce**

1. Organised Parampara 1.0 by the student council of Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
2. Organized two days workshop on Smart tools and Smart Services for the faculty members across Goa on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 by the Library department of Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce

#### **Narayan Zantye College of Commerce**

1. Medical Camp

The NSS Unit in association with the Community Health Centre (CHC), Bicholim and the Village Panchayat Karapur–Sarvan, organised a Free Medical Camp on 12th March 2026 at Sarvan Village, Bicholim. The camp was coordinated under the guidance of NSS Chief Programme Officer Dr. Ajita Morajker. The initiative aimed to provide basic healthcare services and promote health awareness among the local community. The Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rajendra Kumbharjuvekar, delivered the Welcome Address, highlighting the importance of community service and the role of NSS in serving society. Vice Principal Dr Rajesh Amonkar addressed the gathering. Mrs Divya Naik, the Sarpanch, also delivered a speech appreciating the efforts of the college and the NSS unit in organising the medical camp for the benefit of the villagers. Mrs Sulochana Chandroji, Extension Educator at PHC Bicholim, spoke about the importance of preventive healthcare and early diagnosis. During the camp, various free healthcare services were provided, including Orthopaedic consultation, General Physician consultation, Optician (Eye Check-up), Dental check-up, Uterus Cancer Screening, and Ayurvedic consultation. Qualified doctors and healthcare professionals examined the patients and provided medical advice. A total of 45 local residents benefited from the medical services provided during the program. NSS Programme Officer Dr Jhimli Adhikari was also present for the program along with NSS volunteers.

## 2. Parishram

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the Rotaract Club of Narayan Zantye College of Commerce organised Parishram 2.0, an event with sports and creative activities for special children. The program was graced by Chief Guest Mr Rosevett Valadares

## 3. Observation of National Consumers Day

In order to commemorate the Observation of National Consumers Day on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025, the Consumer Welfare Cell of the college organised a special program, “Consumer Awareness through Magic Show” by Magician Ram Naik and his fellow associate during its NSS Special Camp at Sal Village, Bicholim, Goa. 38 participants and faculty members attended the programme. Magician Ram, through the power of magic, highlighted several fraudulent practises followed by the sellers. He invited village children and actively involved them in the magic activities. The session was effectively conducted.

## 4. A session on Legal Metrology for the adopted village of Sarvan

In order to create consumer awareness amongst the general public, the consumer welfare cell of the college organised a Session on legal metrology for the villagers of Sarvan Village (adopted village of Zantye college for outreach and extension activities) on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 3 p.m. in the Library Hall, Sarvan, Bicholim, Goa. Mr Siddhesh Shirgaonkar, Legal Metrology Inspector, delivered an effective session on legal metrology through a PowerPoint presentation. The session was attended by 21 villagers and teaching and non-teaching staff members. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rajendra Kumbharjuvkar.

## 5. A session on the Consumer Protection Act 2019 for students

A session on the Consumer Protection Act 2019 was organised for the students of SYBCOM A on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026. Advocate Gina Korgaonkar was the resource person for the session. 35 students attended the session. The

session focused on the importance of consumer awareness in modern marketplaces, especially in the context of digital commerce, aggressive marketing, and evolving consumer laws in India. It aimed to educate students about their rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, empowering them to become informed and responsible buyers. Additionally, it addressed misleading advertisements, influencer accountability, and the role of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) in regulating deceptive marketing practices. The session concluded with the Principal's address.

### **St. Joseph Vaz College**

Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with Department of Microbiology and JCI, Vasco Goa organized a Blood Donation for staff and Students

### **St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa**

#### Educational Field Trips and Professional Exposure Activities

1. Srujansangam: 5th January 2026, Goa Marathi Academy (St. Xavier's College students participated).
2. Jaipur Literature Festival Visit: 15th-16th January 2026, Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
3. Institutional Visit to BITS Pilani: 24th January 2026, Post Graduate Department of Physical Chemistry, St. Xavier's College.
4. Experiential Field Trip to Hampi: 15th-18th January 2026, Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, St. Xavier's College.
5. Mediascope 10.0/Mediascope X: 10th January 2026, Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.
6. Vidnyan Dhara 2026: 9th January 2026, Goa State Higher Education Council (host: St. Xavier's College, Mapusa).
7. Literature Quiz 4.0: 24th January 2026 (preliminary), 28th January 2026 (finals), Literature Club/Department of English, St. Xavier's College.
8. Pride, Prejudice and Perspective Presentation: 21st January 2026, Department of English, St. Xavier's College.
9. Goa's Young Innovators (10th Annual Festival of Innovation): 13th February 2026, Department of Chemistry with Institution's Innovation Cell, St. Xavier's College.
10. WordsUp 7.0: 14th, 16th, and 17th February 2026, Department of English (Literature Club), St. Xavier's College.
11. Coffee Series on 'The Political Leadership Challenge': 2nd and 9th August 2025, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College.
12. Coffee Series on "Evolving Goan Identity": 14th and 22nd January 2026, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College

### **Vrundavan Institute of Nursing Education, Colvale – Goa**

1. A road traffic safety and awareness session was conducted on 24th January 2026 for BSc Nursing students (1st to 4th

year). The session covered road safety rules, traffic regulations, legal provisions, victim compensation, and responsible road behaviour. Resource person: Mr. Kalidas Paste, Head Constable, Traffic Police Cell, Mapusa, Goa.

2. A street play on sexual and reproductive health awareness was conducted on 12th February 2026 at North District Hospital, Mapusa, Goa under the supervision of Mrs. Stacey Mafi along with 7th semester BSc Nursing students.

### **SV's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Mapusa**

#### 1. A Blood Donation Camp

A Blood Donation Camp was organized by NSS unit in association with the Inner Wheel Club of Mapusa, Goa on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Seminar Hall from 9 PM onwards. The event aimed to encourage voluntary blood donation and raise awareness about its importance in saving lives. Many donors, including students, faculty, and staff, participated in the noble cause. In total 12 donors donated blood. Medical professionals from District hospital, North Goa ensured a safe and hygienic donation process. The camp was a great success, promoting the spirit of social responsibility and humanitarian service.

#### 2. Preloved Cloths collection drive

The NSS Unit of our college organised a *Pre-Loved (Old) Clothes Collection Drive* to support the underprivileged and promote social responsibility among students. The drive received a good response from students and staff, resulting in the collection of a substantial number of usable clothes.

NSS volunteers actively participated in collecting the clothes. All the collected items were donated to Jeevan Anand Sanstha who work for the destitutes. The activity helped inculcate values of empathy, sharing, and social service among the volunteers and successfully reflected the spirit of NSS.

#### 3. E-waste collection Drive

The NSS unit of the college successfully conducted an E-waste Collection Drive with the objective of creating awareness about the proper disposal of electronic waste. Students and staff actively participated by collecting unused and discarded electronic items such as mobile phones, chargers, cables, keyboards, and other electronic accessories. The collected e-waste was handed over to an authorized agency for safe and eco-friendly disposal. The drive helped promote environmental responsibility and highlighted the importance of reducing electronic pollution.

#### 4. Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan

A special state level programme under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was organized on 27th February 2026 to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free society. The rally commenced from Goa Business School and concluded at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, where a formal programme was organised. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, and Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Goa Shri. Subhash Phal Desai. NSS volunteers from various colleges across Goa actively participated in the rally, demonstrating strong commitment towards the national campaign

against substance abuse. A total of 32 NSS volunteers from our college enthusiastically took part in the rally. The programme successfully conveyed the message of building a healthier and drug-free India, reinforcing the objectives of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

#### 5. 150 years of the iconic song “Vande Mataram”

The NSS Unit proudly organized a singing event as informed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, to commemorate 150 years of the iconic song “Vande Mataram”, symbolizing our nation’s unity and patriotism. Students and volunteers enthusiastically participated in the group singing of the song, paying tribute to its historic and cultural significance. The song, a timeless symbol of India's unity, strength, and devotion to the Motherland, holds a place of equal honour with the National Anthem, as declared by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the First President of India, on 24th January 1950. The event aimed to instill a sense of national pride respect for India’s freedom movement, and appreciation for the timeless words of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.

#### **PES’s College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda**

As part of the practicum component of the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) curriculum, second-year students of P.E.S.’s College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda, actively engaged in various community service initiatives in the month of February 2026. These activities included volunteering at NGOs, assisting in old age homes, supporting animal welfare organizations, and participating in beach cleaning drives. This hands-on experience allows our students to foster social responsibility and community leadership