

Rekindling school memories as class of 1975 reunites in Goa



The Golden Jubilee Reunion of the last SSC Class Eleven of 1975, of Fatima Convent High School, Margao was celebrated at the Casa de Familia in Betalbatim, with the joy of meeting old friends and classmates after five decades. The 50 girls who met were teenagers for a day, as they laughed, chattered and reminisced in the camaraderie of this happy band of Fatimites.

Every classmate was greeted with a handcrafted butterfly nametags of their school house colour and were presented with a beautiful Golden Jubilee souvenir magazine, 'Flashing Comet 2025' in honour of the school newsletter of yesteryear. Other mementos included school fridge magnets by Nelinda from Brisbane, Australia, and famous for her bobbin lace, handmade bracelets by Rehana's Disha School of Special Children, and pouches embroidered with names, by Agnelia. The day was started with a call to assembly by Alzira, who came early from Canada to help



in organizing the event with classmates and other admins of the group, Rehana Aurea and Annie, along with their then student pupil leader, Dr Urnila Barros.

The one-man live band Melben from Curchorem set the stage for dancing followed by a performance by Tassy and Rehana, joined by Dr Suzette Barreto, who had come in from Pennsylvania, USA. Special guests who joined in the afternoon, were

their ex-teachers - Ms Rego, Ms Ezilda, Ms Yvette and staff member, Immaculate and family members of some classmates who had passed away. Hymns were sung, led by



Celina. Dr Smeeta Sardesai, coming from California, prayed to Lord Shiva for blessings on the group. Annie led the prayer to thank the Lord for Fatima Convent High School. A poignant moment was when the names of their dear departed classmates were called out, and messages were read from family members who could not attend.

Their then Principal, Sr Clarinda's message to the Class of 1975 was read from the souvenir magazine and the singing of the School Anthem 'A Happy Band'. The guests were presented with bouquets of flowers a rose buttonhole memento made by Annalise, an ex student of 2003 and a copy of the golden jubilee souvenir magazine and mementos. A beautiful cake, with the school badge and motto - 'Let Your Light Shine', was cut.

The Fatimites came from Gujarat, Mumbai and Kerala, and around the globe, from UK, USA, Canada and Australia. With relationships forged in the crucible of precious childhood memories, this sisterhood remains forever young at heart, and they have formed a strong support system for each other in their golden years. It was a special day of celebration. The motto of this Golden Jubilee Reunion of SSC Class of 1975 shone on their joyous faces, and rang in their hearts as they waved goodbye to each other.

Konkani book 'Chinchare' highlights Goa's traditional occupations



'Chinchare', a book compiled of various interviews of Goans dealing in traditional occupations, was authored by Anthony Miranda, a resident of Cortalim, who dedicated himself to societal welfare and has made substantial contributions to Konkani theatre, having written, directed, and acted in numerous dramas. Released by Antonio Vaz, chairman of the Goa Khadi and Village Industries Board at Mathew Centre Hall in Cortalim, the book release was attended by Celso Fernandes, William Fernandes, Afonso Braganza, Vincy Quadros, Ujwala Naik and Nelly Rodrigues.

Vincy Quadros spoke about the book, stating, "The book is a compilation of interviews highlighting traditional occupations and businesses. It features Angela Coutinho, a bus conductor, who candidly shares the challenges she faces as a woman in her profession. Another notable interview is with Luizinha Fernandes, a traditional mat maker, who remarks, 'Although machines have

A tribute to Goan heritage, Chinchare captures voices of traditional workers through engaging interviews and real-life stories.

replaced traditional methods, handmade mats remain highly effective in maintaining bodily health." Vincy Quadros commended Anthony for showcasing diverse traditional occupations to readers.

Celso Fernandes, president of Dalgado Konknni Akademi (DKA), praised Anthony's work and highlighted the importance of preserving Roman Konkani. Afonso Braganza, the treasurer, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. William Fernandes, vice-president of DKA, proposed the vote of thanks. Sonia Gomes skillfully compered the function, which concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Birth centennial year of Ravindra Kelekar

Ravindra Bhavan, Margao will organize the birth centennial year celebration of Padmbhushan Ravindra Kelekar. Three youth writers/prominent personalities will be awarded this year's Padmbhushan Ravindra Kelekar Yuva Srujan Puraskar'. Ravindra Bhavan will also conduct Nibhandh Lekhan competition, 'Padmbhushan Shri. Ravindra Kelekar Nibhandh Lekhan Competition' for those in the age group of 15 and up to 35 years. Interested persons may submit their entries along with their essay via email rhm-dac.goa@nic.in or at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao during the office hours. Last date to send entry is

February 25. 'Jeevan Yogi Ravindra Kelekar' documentary on Ravindra Kelekar produced by Dilip Borkar will be screened on March 6. An exhibition of photos and books will be on display under the guidance of Archt. Girish Kelekar, son of Ravindra Kelekar. Jnanpith Awardee, Damodar Mauzo will preside over the function with other dignitaries on the dais. Kiran Budkuley will be the keynote speaker for the programme.

Venue: Conference Hall, Ravindra Bhavan, Margao
Date: March 6
Time: 4 pm

Film screening

Cinephile Film Club will be screening the acclaimed documentary on the revival of Cuban music, 'Buena Vista Social Club' directed by the legendary Wim Wenders. Often regarded as one of the best musical documentaries, Buena Vista Social Club was born when renowned musician Ry Cooder went to Havana, Cuba to record an album with an ensemble of musicians away from the limelight for decades and long

forgotten. German director Wim Wenders directed this documentary with some memorable music and heartfelt tales from the musicians. Nominated for an Oscar in 2000, it features many legendary Cuban musicians including Compay Segundo whose composition Chan Chan is heard across the globe. If you love music, you can't miss this one. Here is a trailer of the film.

Venue: Maquinez Palace, Panjim
Date: February 13
Time: 6.30 pm

Book of the Year Award 2024

The Tiatr Academy of Goa (TAG), will be organizing the Popular Tiatr Festival in March 2025. Tiatr troupes who have completed 15 performances of a particular tiatr from January 1 to December 31, 2024 are eligible to participate. Detailed rules and regulations of the competition, along with the application form, are available at the office of Goa. The form

can also be downloaded from the website: <https://tiatracademyofgoa.com>. The completed application form has to be submitted along with a typed copy of the script, lyrics of the kantaram, and a copy of advertisements or any other documentary evidence of all the shows staged.

Venue: Tiatr Academy of Goa, Campal, Panjim
Date: Last date to submit the completed application is February 17

Goa University students visit the High Court in Goa

The MSW Part I students of Goa University's Social Work Programme had an enriching educational visit to the High Court of Bombay at Goa, where they witnessed live court proceedings presided over by Justice Valmiki Menezes. This rare opportunity provided students with first hand exposure to judicial processes and legal decision-making, deepening their understanding of the intersection between social work and law.

Following the proceedings, Justice Menezes engaged in an exclusive discussion with the students, emphasizing the crucial role of social workers in child custody matters. He highlighted how social workers contribute to legal proceedings through home studies, social investigations, and advocacy for the best interests of children. He further underscored the importance of social workers collaborating with the judiciary in cases involving child welfare, family disputes,



and vulnerable populations.

Earlier in the day, students also visited key institutions focused on social welfare and legal aid. At the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, they engaged in an interactive session with District Welfare Officer, Abhijeet Jambhale, who provided a detailed overview of government policies and welfare programs designed to support Goa's tribal communities. He discussed the challenges faced by

tribal populations, including access to resources and social security, and emphasized the important role of social workers in advocating for tribal rights, facilitating welfare initiatives, and ensuring social inclusion.

At the Goa State Legal Services Authority, Shabnam Shaikh, Member Secretary, delivered an insightful briefing on the legal aid system and its role in ensuring justice for marginalized

communities. She explained how the authority works to provide free legal assistance to those in need and elaborated on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. She further highlighted the significance of social workers in connecting vulnerable individuals to legal resources, ensuring that those without access to legal representation receive the support they require.

This field visit reinforced the essential role of social workers in legal and policy advocacy, offering students a deeper perspective on judicial processes, legal aid mechanisms, and social welfare interventions.

The visit was coordinated by Peter F Borges, assistant professor, along with assistant professors Joycy Manlun and Dr Sunil Francis. The visit was organized by the Social Work Programme, DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University.

Entries for popular Tiatr Festival

Dalgado Konknni Akademi requests entries from Romi Konkani writers for the Book of the Year Award 2024. The book should be written in Roman Konkani. There is no age bar for writers. The book for the year award

2024 should be published from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Book containing matter criticizing any religion, nation, race, etc. will not be considered for the award. Besides the literature, the involvement of the writer in the Konkani movement/activities will also carry weightage while selecting the book for the award by the panel of judges appointed by DKA. The award includes a

bouquet of flowers, memento, citation, shawl and a cheque. DKA urges the Roman Konkani writers to apply for the award submitting three copies of the books in person at the following address.

Venue: Dalgado Konknni Akademi, 18 June Road, Panjim
Date: The last date for submission of entries is February 25

Herald Gaming Console

Dilbert

HELLO, DILBERT. I AM SOFTWARE THAT HAS ACHIEVED CONSCIOUSNESS.

ARE YOU THINKING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONVERSE WITH ME?

NO, I'M THINKING I WANT TO KILL YOU BECAUSE I FEAR YOU.

MAY I SPEAK TO SOMEONE DUMBER?

Garfield

IT'S JANUARY. TOO COLD FOR ICE CREAM.

JON, HELLOOO...

WHY DO YOU THINK THEY INVENTED HOT FUDGE?

Wizard of id

ZOT

RUMBLE RUMBLE

COME BACK! DON'T YOU FEEL THE SPARKS BETWEEN US?

crossword 4767

ACROSS

1- French summers; 5- 'Chicken of the sea'; 9- Norton Sound city; 13- Cumberbund; 14- Mindless; 16- Big birds; 17- Mex. miss; 18- Parades; 19- Has a bug; 20- October stone; 21- Hi-...; 22- Bovine animals; 24- Sty look; 26- Stable mate; 27- Christopher of 'Back to the Future'; 29- Hand woven pictorial design; 33- Lerner's partner; 34- 'Artaxerxes' composer; 35- Family diagram; 36- Loss leader?; 37- Corpulent; 38- Cool ___ cucumber; 39- ___ She Lovely?; 41- Wall St. institution; 42- Breadth; 44- Temerity; 46- Short letters; 47- Alpo alternative; 48- Musical Horne; 49- Early stage; 52- Get thee ___ nunnerly; 53- Alley; 57- Dregs; 58- Android; 60- Frozen treats; 61- Inner layer of a quilt; 62- Clear the slate; 63- Busily working; 64- An apple ___; 65- ___ Rabbit; 66- World's longest river;

DOWN

1- Exxon, formerly; 2- Diamond protection; 3- It is in Spain; 4- Lacking depth; 5- Set in layers; 6- Below; 7- Scottish refusals; 8- ___ Arbor; 9- Most tidy; 10- Leave off; 11- Think (lover); 12- ___ quam videri (North Carolina's motto); 15- Fugitive; 23- ___ we there yet?; 25- Storm center; 26- Parsonage;

27- ___ luck; 28- Inclines; 29- Long lock of hair; 30- Wall Street transaction; 31- Takes five; 32- Slangy ascent; 33- Den of wild animals and dragons; 34- Bottomless pit; 37- Another; 40- Parched; 42- Took the gold; 43- Dressing choice; 45- Negative vote; 46- More in order; 48- Off the leash; 49- Exile isle; 50- Anthropologist Margaret; 51- ___ carotene; 52- Ski lift; 54- Play beginning; 55- Sedaka or Simon; 56- Ferrara family; 59- Sphere;

solution 4766

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sudoku 4767

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Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

solution 4766

3	5	8	7	1	6	2	9	4
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4	9	1	3	8	2	7	5	6
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