



Goa University's MSW students and faculty from the DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies demonstrated a profound commitment to community engagement during Rural Camp 2025 in Cotigao, Canacona. Over a transformative 10-day period, the camp immersed participants in community service, participatory rural appraisal, social mapping, cultural exchange, and skill development.

Reflecting on the experience, Keval Naik, camp coordinator, stated, "The camp was an extraordinary 10-day immersive experience, where community service, participatory rural appraisal, social mapping, cultural exchange, and diverse skill-building activities came together to create a transformative journey and it instilled a profound sense of social responsibility."

The camp commenced with visits to key rural institutions, including the Community Health Centre in Canacona and the Cotigao Panchayat Office. An interactive workshop on women's and children's safety, led by Police Inspector Sudiksha Naik, further underscored the camp's multifaceted approach. "Roots & Realities: Understanding Tribal Life" workshop took students into tribal hamlets, where they explored the rich cultural traditions and socioeconomic challenges faced by the Velip, Gawda, and Kunbi communities, thereby deepening

## MSW students drive empowerment at Rural Camp 2025



vibrant community discussions on the need for online safety.

Environmental responsibility also featured prominently in the camp's agenda. In collaboration with the Canacona Municipal Council, students organized a community cleanliness drive titled "Clean, Green, Serene" and conducted a door-



to-door awareness campaign in Cotigao Panchayat.

These initiatives educated local households on the importance of waste segregation and sustainable disposal practices, demonstrating how collective action can lead to significant environmental improvements. Complementing these efforts were specialized workshops that enhanced practical skills: a two-day training on "Mastering Street Theatre for Social Change" empowered students with performance and advocacy techniques; a session on "Slither Safe: Workshop on Understanding Snake Safety" equipped participants with knowledge on snake behavior and first-aid measures; and the "Learn, Grow, Lead: Building Life Skills for Success" workshop honed critical communication, decision-making, and leadership skills. Additionally, the "Wild Wonders: Workshop on Understanding Wildlife & Ecology" deepened participants' understanding of conservation and the importance of human-wildlife coexistence.

The camp concluded with the "Reflect, Celebrate, Inspire" closing ceremony, a heartfelt event that brought together cultural performances and traditional folklore, including the vibrant "Polli Samelan - Gudulo" led by Sanjay Tawadkar.

## WORKSHOP ON INTERNET OF THINGS UP-SKILLING PROGRAM HELD



In a significant step toward enhancing skill-based training in Internet of Things (IoT) technology, the Directorate of Higher Education

(DHE), Government of Goa and Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem in collaboration with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bengaluru, successfully organized five-days hands-on workshop on 'Internet of Things (IoT): Technologies, Protocols & Applications-Up-Skilling program' along with a bootcamp training on IoT Device Programming from March 3 to March 7 at the Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem.

The workshop aimed at equipping Schedule Caste (SC)/Schedule Tribe (ST) students of Undergraduate (UG)/Postgraduate (PG)/Diploma level of Computer Science, Electronics, Physics and IT department across higher education institutions in Goa with fundamental understanding of IoT technology from basics of IoT system architecture, protocols, implementation to hands-on application development.

The workshop commenced with an inaugural session, graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Krishna Chippalkatti, Joint Director/Scientist E, C-DAC, Bengaluru, chief guest, Bhushan K Savolkar, Director, DHE, Government of Goa; Dr Pravina Kerkar, principal, Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem, Dr Kavita Asnani, Workshop Co-ordinator, DHE, Government of Goa and Prof Mehtab Bukhari, Vice Principal, Government College Quepem.

Featuring prominent experts such as Murugan, S Scientist-D, ACTS & BD, C-DAC Bangalore, and Suryansh Dahakare, Project Engineer, C-DAC Bangalore offered valuable insights into key topics such as IoT architecture and ecosystems, communication protocols and wireless technologies in IoT, sensor integration and data acquisition, end-to-end IoT solutions with real-time analytics, and applications. The workshop received enthusiastic participation from Undergraduate (UG)/Postgraduate (PG)/Diploma level students from Computer Science, Electronics, Physics and IT departments across HEIs in Goa.

## International Mother Tongue Day celebrated at Assumpta Convent HS, Sarzora



On the occasion of International Mother Tongue Day, Assumpta Convent High School, Sarzora, organized a Konkani skit competition for primary section to promote and preserve the rich linguistic and cultural heritage. The event aimed to encourage students to express themselves in Konkani and appreciate the beauty of their mother tongue. After the assembly, the competition was held in the school hall with enthusiastic participation from primary students.

The competition saw active participation with four teams, each presenting unique and

encouraging skits based on morals. The students showcased their creativity and skills, making the event lively and educational. The skits were judged by the two judges, Zeenia Kim Gracias, ex-student of the school and Piedade Fernandes, an ex-student's parent based on voice

modulation, expression, presentation and confidence. The judges also shared valuable insights on the significance of preserving our mother tongue and praised the efforts of the participants.

The winners were announced by the Headmistress Sr Jessy, with Class 4 secured the first place in senior category and Class 1 secured first place in junior category. Competition in charge and compere, teacher Vidhya gave vote of thanks and expressed her gratitude to all participants, judges, principal, parents, teachers and students for making the event a memorable one.

## Women's Day Special book session

A Women's Day special book session will be organised by That Book Store in collaboration with Women's Studies Programme, Goa University. It is open to all.  
**Venue:** Seminar Hall, Block B, Goa University  
**Date:** Every Saturday  
**Time:** 12 pm

## St Xavier's College Library for senior citizens

In a bid to promote lifelong learning and engagement among senior citizens, the Library of St Xavier's College, Mapusa, has announced special access hours exclusively for elderly patrons. Starting from March 2025, the library will remain open every Saturday. Senior citizens can make use of the library's extensive collection, including newspapers, periodicals, books, and bound volumes. The initiative aims to encourage intellectual stimulation and social interaction among elderly members of the community. For further details, email librarian@xavierscollegegoa.ac.in.

**Venue:** St Xavier's College, Mapusa  
**Date:** Every Saturday  
**Time:** 8.30 am to 4.30 pm

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### CERTIFICATE COURSE ON LIFE SKILLS 101 HELD



The 15-day Certificate Course "Life Skills 101: Crafting the Perfect Personality" concluded successfully. It equipped participants with essential life skills for personal and professional growth. The valedictory function was attended by the manager of the institution Sr Ishapriya, resource person Runa Menezes, Head of the Department of English, Dr Glenis Mendonca, Roxana Singh, course coordinator Ashwini Kumar and the 27 participants of the course.

The resource persons for the course were

Kanan Tandi and Runa Menezes, each an expert in her field. They conducted insightful sessions, ensuring an enriching learning experience. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ashwini, assistant professor from the Department of English, who expressed gratitude to the resource persons; Principal Dr Sr Maria Lizanne AC and the members of the Department of English. Special thanks were offered to Faye Pinto, resource persons, and the student participants for their enthusiastic involvement.

## INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY HS, DONA PAULA



The Investiture Ceremony of Our Lady of the Rosary High School, Dona Paula, was held and 18 Primary and 29 High School cabinet members were installed. The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp, a prayer service,

oath-taking, and an address by the Headmistress, Sr Antonieta Colaco. The Head Girl of the High School, Rebekah Mathew, shared her thoughts. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the Head Girl of the Primary section, Emma Dias.

## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER TONGUE DAY CELEBRATED AT PM SHRI KV INS MANDOVI



PM Shri KV INS Mandovi celebrated International Mother Tongue Day with great enthusiasm, marking the Silver Jubilee Year of International Mother Language Day. The event aimed to promote linguistic diversity, encourage the use of mother tongues, and celebrate India's rich cultural heritage.

The day commenced with a special assembly, anchored by Chandra Prabha (PRT), where a special presentation showcased India's diversity. Fifty students, dressed in traditional attire, represented different states of India, including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Goa, Karnataka, Bihar, Odisha, and Andhra

Pradesh. Each participant introduced their state in their mother tongue, with the audience repeating the phrases, fostering a deeper connection with regional languages.

Expanding beyond India, students also represented various countries such as Japan, Spain, Korea, France, and the United States, greeting the audience in different languages to highlight global linguistic diversity. Students also engaged in debates discussing the significance of preserving native languages in a globalized world. The Principal S B Nikum appreciated the students' efforts and encouraged them to cherish and promote India's linguistic richness.

## 9TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF INNOVATION

The Department of Chemistry, St Xavier's College, Mapusa, in collaboration with the Institution Innovation Council, hosted the 9th Festival of Innovation, a one day state level workshop for schools, HSS and colleges across Goa. The Principal Ursula Barreto welcomed the gathering consisting of 29 participating institutes with her impactful insights on nurturing the seeds of innovation. In the school



category, the first place was bagged by Rhyssa Judith De Souza and Diksha Baile of the Our Lady of The Rosary High School, Cujira, Bambolim. In the HSS category, the first place was secured by Saksham S Faldesai and Tanishka S Kolvekar from Shree Damodar HSS, Comba, Margao. In the college category, the first place was won by Siddhant Alornecar and Vedant Pai from Dnyanprassarak Mandals College and Research Center, Assagao.

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