

## Learning different skills at Stellar - A Skill Spectrum 2.0

Holy Cross High School, Bastora successfully organised 'Stellar - A Skill Spectrum 2.0'. The event was meticulously planned and executed under the dynamic leadership of the school headmistress, Sr Wendy Sequeira. Sanjay N Diukar, Deputy Education Officer, North Educational Zone, Mapusa was the chief guest for the inaugural function. Pratima Sawaiverekar, vice president of the PTA, welcomed the gathering and a personalised handcrafted token was presented to the chief guest. Sr Wendy appreciated the unwavering efforts of the PTA and

thanked teacher Andrea Sequeira for being the pioneer of this event. Mohammad Rafi Bepari, president of the PTA proposed the vote of thanks.

The sixteen workshops were thoughtfully selected and scheduled by the team. The activities conducted were calligraphy by Gausiya M R Bepari, Craft of Kokedama by Dhaniksha Sawant, coconut palm weaving by Sabina Da Cunha, hair-styling by Priti Siddesh Phadke, computer repair by Angwyn Rodrigues, sports physiotherapy by Dr Christine De Souza, mehendi designing by Laxmi Salkar, candle making by Lisa Fernandes, digital



journalism by Naresh D'souza, First Aid by Sharal Fernandes, woollen crochet by Areena Fernandes, vegetable carving by Jayant Vagonkar, digital designing by

Valencio Araujo, jewellery making by Munira Ali, public speaking by Asim Ahmed Shaikh and party décor by Aadi Anil Korgaonkar. An inter-school Digital Poster Designing Competition was also conducted for which entries were accepted prior to the event. Swara Shinde of St Francis High School was adjudged the winner for the same.

The Parent Teacher Association played an instrumental role in organizing and coordinating all the workshops of this unique festival centred on nurturing skill-based learning. The PTA was supported by the faculty members Sr Shanti D' Costa and teachers Areena Fernandes and Andrea Sequeira. The workshops were well attended by students of eleven schools from the vicinity. Active participation was witnessed for all the workshops as participants had a hands-on experience.



## Project Competition 2025 organized by Government Polytechnic, Curchorem



Institutions Innovation Council, Government Polytechnic Curchorem (IIC-GPC) organised a state level Project Competition 2025 (SLPC'25) for the diploma students from Goa to Government Polytechnic Curchorem, Cacora to provide them with a platform to showcase their technical expertise and problem solving skills. The competition was open to diploma students from

all the polytechnic institutions across Goa, pursuing Diploma in Mechanical / Automobile / Shipbuilding, Electrical & Electronics / Electrical / Electronics / Electronics & Communication / Electronics & Instrumentation and Computer Engineering. A total of 32 teams with over 140 students participated in the competition.

'Automatic Robotic Arm' from the

Department of Electronics, Government Polytechnic, Panjim secured first place. Second place was awarded to 'Obstacle Sensing Electric Grass & Weed Cutter' from Department of Mechanical Engineering, Government Polytechnic, Curchorem and 'Gesture Vocalizer Smart Glove' from Department of Computer Engineering, Agnel Polytechnic Verna stood third. Yogesh Joshi, Durgaprasad Sainekar, Ryan Vaz and Apurv Mahambre were the judges for the competition.

'Excellence in Participation Award', a trophy for the Polytechnic Institution with the highest number of participating teams was awarded to Government Polytechnic, Panjim for their participation in the competition through 12 teams. Manisha Sajane, lecturer in Electronics Engg (Sel Grade), from Government Polytechnic, Panjim received 'Exemplary Mentorship Award', a trophy for the project guide of the students' project team securing first place at the competition.

### Open Day at St Xavier's College, Mapusa

St Xavier's College, Mapusa, will organise an Open Day for students who have completed their 12th standard, along with their parents. The event aims to provide insights into career opportunities and campus life for students seeking admission to professional undergraduate programs such as Mass Communication and Journalism, BBA, BCA, Biotechnology, and BBA Travel & Tourism, as well as regular BA, BCom, and BSc programs. Prospective students will have the opportunity to interact with faculty members, gather detailed information about courses, and clarify admission-related queries. Parents can also learn about fees, scholarships, and the overall academic environment.

Venue: Seminar Hall, St Xavier's College, Mapusa  
Date: April 1  
Time: 9 am to 2 pm

## Kampus Snippet

### FR AGNEL COLLEGE, PILAR ORGANIZES NATIONAL SEMINAR ON VIKSIT BHARAT



Fr Agnel College of Arts & Commerce, Pilar, in collaboration with the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI) and supported by the DIET&C, Government of Goa, hosted a two-day national seminar titled 'Viksit Bharat - The Skilling Mission for 2047'. The event saw the participation of 180 academicians, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and students. The seminar began with an inaugural session with chief guest Bhushan K Savaikar (DHE) and guest of honour Dr Sr Deepthi. Dr Vijay Borges delivered the keynote address. A memorial session honoured late Fr Inacio Almeida, for his pioneering contributions to organic farming. Miguel Braganza highlighted

Fr Almeida's innovative agricultural practices and community impact. Participants also visited the ICAR - CCARI in Old Goa to observe heliconia cultivation, nutmeg taffy production, sustainable dairy farming, and aquaculture innovations.

The second day featured technical sessions led by D S Prashant, who emphasized the startup ecosystem's role in India's economic growth. Paper presentations covered diverse topics, including Goa's economy, workforce adaptability, and sustainable investments. A panel discussion, moderated by Mangirish Salelkar, brought insights from industry experts on bridging skill gaps and fostering innovation.

### CELEBRATING MOTHERS AT ASSUMPTA CONVENT SCHOOL, SARZORA



The pre-primary section of Assumpta Convent High School in Sarzora, Chinchinim hosted a heart-warming Women's Day celebration, under the guidance of headmistress Sr M Jessy and the pre-primary teachers, Santana, Hazel and Zelita. The youngest learners showcased their appreciation for their mothers through various performances and activities. Parents were greeted with handmade cards crafted by their little ones. A prayer service was held, where the children led the audience in 'Our Father', a hymn, and a special gospel enactment of Wedding at Cana reminding everyone of the blessings of having loving mothers.

The song enactment 'Mami Maka Vegent Tujae Dhor' beautifully showcased the special bond between a mother and child, followed by a poem recital by KG II, a dance performance by KG II, and a creative fashion show where four students from each class walked the ramp. The KG I and Nursery

students then stole the show with their adorable dance performance. The program continued with a touching musical tribute, as all the pre-primary students came together to sing 'I Love You Mama', filling the hall with warmth and emotion.

Three parents from each class alongside Headmistress Sr Jessy, teacher representative Hazel and the dignitaries Leona Fernandes, Veena Cardozo and Sabita Mascarenhas joined in for the cake-cutting ceremony. Two games for parents were conducted, Bombarding the City and Passing the Parcel. The event also featured a special speech by Nelita Viegas, mother of Vilmosh from KG II, who shared her appreciation for the school's efforts in organizing such a meaningful celebration. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Elaine Sequeira, mother of Alison and Belson from Nursery, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to making the event a grand success.

### PROF CELINA NAZARETH AWARDED WITH BEST RESEARCH PAPER FOR PHARMACEUTICAL ANALYSIS

Prof Celina Nazareth, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Ponda Education Society's Rajaram and Tarabai Bandekar College of Pharmacy, Farmagudi, Ponda, has been bestowed with the prestigious Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA)-ACG World- SCITECH Best Research Paper Award for Pharmaceutical Analysis at the 63rd IDMA Annual Day celebrations held in Mumbai for her research article titled 'A Sensitive, Economical Bioanalytical LC-MS/MS Method For Simultaneous Analysis of Irbesartan And Hydrochlorothiazide' and co-authored by Sanelly Pereira and Dr Raman Batheja, VerGo Pharma Research Laboratories Pvt Ltd, Corlim.

Prof Celina Nazareth has the distinction of being the first woman professor in the history of pharmacy colleges in Goa. Having an illustrious teaching career of 27 years, she has been passionately serving the PES's Rajaram and Tarabai



Bandekar College of Pharmacy, Farmagudi, Ponda, making pharmacy education interesting and appealing to the students. She is a PhD guide of Goa University and member of Board of Studies in Faculty of Pharmacy, Goa University. She has been supported in her research activities by the Board of Management of Ponda Education Society.

## World Water Day celebrated by students of St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim

In celebration of World Water Day, the SY BSc students of St Joseph Vaz College Cortalim, embarked on an educational visit to the traditional kullagar managed by Purva Farm, Dabal, followed by a visit to a nearby dam on Codli River, as part of their Ecotourism Botany field trip. The visit was aimed at understanding the importance of water conservation, raising awareness about water resource management, and observing the current condition of the river.

The river holds historical significance for the Dabal-Codli



region as it supplies water to many kullagars and eco-farms that line

up on the banks of the river. "Our observations revealed several environmental concerns, including irresponsible waste dumping into the river by the adventure buffs and picnickers visiting the dam, and the management of mining pollution from nearby Codli mines does affect this natural treasure," said Natasha Nadaf, a SY BSc student.

The visit to the Codli River served as a reminder of the crucial role water plays in sustaining life. It is essential to take responsibility for preserving water resources and ensuring their cleanliness.

## Herald Gaming Console

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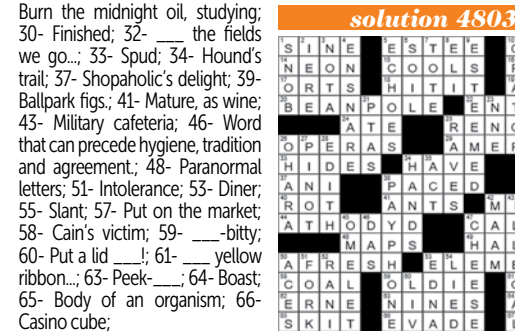
### crossword 4804

#### ACROSS

1- Mouth off; 5- Castle water pits; 10- The Beatles' 'Back in the...'; 14- Treater's words; 15- The cruelest month?; 16- Jazzy James; 17- Back part of the foot; 18- Lasso; 19- Half-mask; 20- Was in the red; 21- Sugar candy with gel interior; 23- Yokoi; 25- Snake-like fish; 26- Trade; 31- Mob scenes; 35- U-turn from SSW; 36- Merits; 38- Freedom from war; 40- Second letter of the Greek alphabet; 42- Lady of the house; 44- Numbered rds; 45- Freight; 47- Free-for-all; 49- Tolkien tree creature; 50- It's human; 52- Sweets; 54- Small batteries; 56- Pampering place; 57- Lightweight canvas; 62- Bar bills; 66- It's owed; 67- Ancient region on the Aegean; 68- River of Spain; 69- Belinda Carlisle's 'Should \_\_\_ You In?'; 70- Sales pitch; 71- Meander; 72- \_\_\_ May Clampett of 'The Beverly Hills'; 73- Dense element; 74- Indian exercise method;

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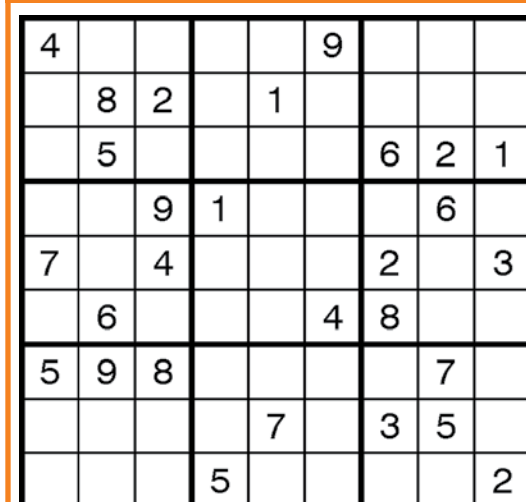
1- Manhattan neighborhood; 2- Freshly; 3- Captain Hook's sidekick; 4- Rarely; 5- Aromatic herb; 6- Mayberry lad; 7- Asia's \_\_\_ Sea; 8- Name; 9- Killer; 10- River to the Ubangi; 11- Greek portico; 12- Render speechless; 13- Music style performed by Dr Dre and Eminem; 22- Radar screen element; 24- Miss-named?; 26- 'Power Lunch' network; 27- \_\_\_ a time (singly); 28- Paris subway; 29-



#### solution 4803

SINE ESTEE OMAR  
NEON COOLS RAFT  
ORTS HIT IT ALAE  
BEANPOLE ENTERS  
ATE RENOTER  
OPERAS AMERCA  
HIDES HAVE NAB  
ANIS PACED ALL  
ROT ANTS MILNE  
ATHODYD CALLER  
MAPS HAL  
AFRESH ELEMENTS  
COAL OLDIE GEER  
ERNE NINES ASEA  
SKIT EVIDADE LTDS

### sudoku 4804



#### 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

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