

Don Bosco College, Panjim, holds the 15th edition of Meteora



Don Bosco College, Panjim, ignited a spirit of competition, creativity, and camaraderie with its flagship event, Meteora 2025. Now in its 15th edition, this much-anticipated intercollegiate festival was themed 'The World of Video Games and Pixels', and aptly titled 'Meteora Protocol XV: Power Up and Play'. The two-day extravaganza took place at the oratory in mid-April.

Day one was packed with action—from energetic on-stage performances to intense off-stage and sports competitions. Highlights included the Stumble Guys Showcase, the synchronized dance battle V-Sync for You, and mind-bending games like Among Us, College Feud, and the Splatoon Contest. Create a Character



showcased artistic flair, while The Good Mocktail, Great Mocktail brought in a refreshing twist. The sports events, including Dodge or Be Devoured and Squid Game 2.0, added adrenaline to the day.

Gamers clashed in Tic-Tac-Tekken, blending precision and strategy. The afternoon saw Pace Man's Powerwalk, a unique blend of endurance and style, followed by the electrifying Clash of Chords, where musicians battled in a dynamic musical showdown.

Day two opened with laughter, courtesy of Resident Comedian, and continued with the clever Guess Who's Hiring. Off-stage highlights included Takeshi's Front Lawn, Snakes and Ladders Remastered, Card.io, and Debate Within, engaging participants in strategy, luck, and critical thinking. The sports arena hosted fierce battles in God of War and the grueling endurance test, Man of Steel.

Afternoon highlights included the vibrant Lance Vance Dance, the thrilling Player X and Player V, and

the stunning New Skin Unlocked fashion show. Team Meteora's showcase featured creations by Prachi Shirodkar, Piyush Jadav, and Jacqueline D'Souza. Piano Tiles Remix added a musical spin, while Pokémon Go brought adventure to the festival grounds.

Meteora 2025 with a guest DJ performance by DJ Reonn, followed by the valedictory ceremony. Assistant professor Agnelo D'Souza delivered the vote of thanks.

The titles of Mr and Miss Meteora were awarded to Chanel Crizel and Razil Shaikh of St Xavier's College, Mapusa. The overall runners-up were Team Gambit from Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Miramar. Team Faze from St Xavier's College, Mapusa, were crowned the ultimate champions of Meteora 2025.

BITS Pilani, Goa, observes International Day of Immunology 2025



The Department of Biological Sciences at BITS Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus, in collaboration with the Immunology Society of India, observed the International Day of Immunology 2025 on April 29. Themed 'Brain and Immunity: Immunological Insights into Neurological Disorders', the event drew over 130 participants, including students, researchers, faculty members, and school groups.

Prof. Meenal Kowshik, dean of Administration, delivered the welcome address, which was followed by two scientific talks. Prof. Samit Chattopadhyay (BITS Pilani, Goa Campus) introduced

the fundamentals of the immune system, while Prof. Shripad Patil (NIMHANS) spoke on immune responses in brain

infections. A vibrant poster competition highlighted student creativity. The team from BITS Pilani secured first prize for their innovative poster titled 'Immune Heroes'. Additional prizes were awarded to students

from PES College, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, and Navy Children's School.

The event was convened by Prof. Malabika Biswas and organized by Prof. Sumit Biswas. It concluded with a valedictory session and award ceremony, presided over by Prof. Suman Kundu, Director of BITS Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus.



Swami Vivekanand College welcomes Achut Pednekar as new principal



Swami Vivekanand College recently appointed Prof. Achut Pednekar as its new full-time Principal. Prof. Achut brings with him a distinguished academic career spanning over 25 years, having served as a professor at Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre in Mapusa. Prior to that, he held the position of assistant professor

at Zantye College in Bicholim, further enriching his extensive experience in higher education. Prakash Prabhu, President of Swami Vivekanand Vidya Prasarak Mandal, said that Prof. Pednekar's comprehensive background in teaching and research is undoubtedly an asset that will greatly benefit both the faculty and students.

The Legend of Bebinca

The Museum of Christian Art, in collaboration with The Goan Kitchen, will organise an extraordinary culinary and cultural experience at the historic Convent of Santa Monica in Old Goa—the very place where, according to oral tradition, the beloved Goan dessert Bebinca was first created by a resourceful nun named Sr. Bebinia. In this immersive experience, participants will learn the intricate, step-by-step process of making Bebinca from chefs of The Goan Kitchen. Registration for the experience is required and will include a specially curated walk through the historic 17th century Convent of Santa Monica.

Venue: Convent of Santa Monica, Old Goa
Date: May 9
Time: 4.30 pm onwards



Book reading and activity session

The Dogears Bookshop in association with Lil' Arty Things will organise a book reading from 'The Oak Tree', by Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandoy, and later craft a tree using a toilet paper roll. The session is open for children over 4 years.

Venue: The Dogears Bookshop, Margao
Date: May 9
Time: 4.30 pm to 6 pm



Kampus Snippet

ST JOSEPH INSTITUTE, VASCO, ORGANISED GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION OF 1975 BATCH



The 1975 SSC batch of Chowgule Education Society's St Joseph Institute, Vasco, celebrated their golden jubilee reunion at Ravindra Bhavan, Baina. Over 60 former students gathered to relive school memories, even recreating a mock assembly. Ex-teachers Maria D'Costa, Joshi, and Kadam were felicitated and joined students in lighting the traditional lamp and cutting the anniversary cake. Despite being over 60, the alumni showed great enthusiasm during an entertainment program

featuring singing, poetry, musical performances, and a magic show. A lively quiz with spot prizes added to the fun. In an open forum, many shared heartfelt memories of school life and its lifelong impact. Alumni included professionals from diverse fields—doctors, lawyers, CAs, IT experts, and homemakers. Good wishes poured in from batchmates across the globe. Atul Jadhav welcomed the gathering, Prakash Sawant gave the vote of thanks, and the event was compered by Adelmo Fernandes.

PM SHRI GHS, MORPILRA, EMBARKS ON A NATURE TRIP TO QUEPEM



Students of PM SHRI GHS, Morpirla, visited Nirmal Nature Nest Camp site at Tilamol, Quepem on an exciting nature trip fully dedicated to the students and Nature Lovers. The field trip aimed to provide students with a unique opportunity to connect with nature, learn about the environment, and develop essential life skills. During the trip, the students explored and observed various plants and trees in the campus site. A special session

by James Fernandes was organised for the students. Students also enjoyed recreational time playing games. Students gained a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of conservation. The field trip was a resounding success, providing students with a memorable and enriching experience. The combination of learning and recreation made it a well-rounded and enjoyable experiential learning experience for all.

ROSARY COLLEGE ORGANISED FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON BIG DATA ANALYTICS



Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim, in collaboration with E&ICT Academy, IIT Guwahati, successfully organised a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Big Data Analytics bringing together 52 faculty members from across Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Delhi. The resource persons for the FDP were Dr. Anupama Namburu and Mukhesh Babu Yaddanapudi from JNU, Delhi. The FDP was coordinated by assistant professor Salman Khan.

Principal Prof. Helic M. Barretto emphasised the increasing importance of Big Data Analytics,

Sahil Sharma, coordinator at E&ICT Academy, IIT Guwahati, shared the academy's vision of bridging the gap between industry and academia through cutting-edge training initiatives and Dr. Anupama Namburu, associate professor at JNU and chief guest for the session, delivered an insightful address.

Prof. Gervasio Mendes, additional director, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa was the chief guest of the valedictory ceremony with dignitaries including Vice Principal Dr. Jeronimo D'Silva and Dr. Anupama.

Herald Gaming Console

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Wizard of id



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ACROSS

1- Concert venue; 6- Crooked; 10- Served perfectly; 14- Polynesian porch; 15- Black-and-white treat; 16- Dies ____; 17- Transpire; 18- Tale starter; 19- Prescribed amount; 20- Farm birds; 21- React; 23- Prior to, poetically; 25- Rainbow shape; 26- To Live and Die ____; 29- Lion's den; 32- Bald, golden, or harpy; 37- Tic-tac-toe win; 38- Disrespectful back talk; 39- Followed; 40- In spite of; 43- Chant; 44- Concludes; 45- Pass away, perish; 46- For ____ (cheap); 47- Hayworth or Moreno; 48- Cub Scout groups; 49- Grazing spot; 51- Health haven; 53- Inherited from a mother; 58- ____ a customer; 62- Clockmaker Thomas; 63- King of the Huns; 64- Less diluted; 65- Actress Sofer; 66- Visualized; 67- German submarine; 68- Pack away; 69- Nervous; 70- Nuisances;

DOWN

1- Sleep like ____; 2- Speed contest; 3- Suffix with exist; 4- Sickness at the stomach; 5- Broadcaster; 6- Lout; 7- Fish-eating eagle; 8- Drink of the Gods; 9- It's human; 10- Verdi heroine; 11- Gator's cousin; 12- Sunrise direction; 13- Actress Ruby; 22- Vast seas; 24- Overjoy; 26- Ancient region of Asia Minor; 27- High times; 28- Numbers

game; 30- Shade of blond;

31- Japanese immigrant; 33- Help; 34- Move effortlessly; 35- Bolshevik leader; 36- Peripheries; 38- Solitary; 39- Oral flourishes; 41- Took the gold; 42- Explosive initials; 47- Raved; 48- River in a Strauss waltz; 50- Wipe away; 52- Infield fly; 53- Run into; 54- ____ time (never); 55- Melt; 56- Shake ____ (hurry); 57- Full of streaks; 59- Greek love god; 60- Nipple; 61- Scraps; 62- SAT takers;

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

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