



Aavishkar 2025 ignites entrepreneurial spirit at PCCE, Verna

The Padre Conceição College of Engineering (PCCE), Verna, came alive with innovation, enthusiasm, and entrepreneurial energy as it hosted Aavishkar 2025, its flagship business festival organised by the Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell). The event brought together engineering students from across Goa and beyond, transforming the PCCE campus into a vibrant hub of creativity and enterprise.

The two-day festival offered a dynamic mix of competitions, workshops, and expert interactions aimed at nurturing startup thinking and business innovation among the student community. One of the most anticipated sessions was the keynote address titled 'The Entrepreneurial Equation', delivered by Prajot Mainkar—a prominent figure in Goa's startup ecosystem. Drawing

from his extensive experience in technology, mentoring, and enterprise-building, Prajot inspired students to embrace calculated risk and innovation as core principles of entrepreneurship. The festival featured a 24-hour hackathon that saw sixteen student teams tackle real-world problem statements, testing their resilience, problem-solving skills, and collaborative spirit. The ideathon challenged teams to reimagine an everyday item as a viable business product, giving them just two hours to brainstorm, strategise, and pitch a business plan—an exercise that demanded

quick thinking and creativity under pressure. Aavishkar 2025 also hosted a start-up expo, featuring eight emerging ventures from the region. These start-ups showcased their business models and products, offering participants valuable exposure to real-world entrepreneurial journeys and creating opportunities for meaningful dialogue and networking. A hands-on Business Model Canvas

workshop guided students through the strategic foundations of building a start-up—from customer segmentation and value creation to revenue modelling. The event also included expert talks by leading professionals from the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Vanessa Almeida shared her experience in launching and scaling a business venture. Lee Ferrao addressed the complexities of taxation for start-ups, offering insights into financial compliance and planning. Rahul Bahadur, an innovation and entrepreneurship specialist, focused on cultivating the right mindset for innovation and navigating the start-up journey with purpose.

Adding a lighter, recreational touch to the otherwise intellectually stimulating environment was a campus-wide treasure hunt, which engaged eighteen teams in a spirited race involving logic-based challenges—blending teamwork, strategy, and fun.



Kamaxi College of Culinary Arts students intern at a food truck



Fully staffed and operated by student interns from the Verna-based Kamaxi College of Culinary Arts (KCCA), the food truck on the Colva-Benaulim road forms part of an intensive, field-immersive internship that blends culinary mastery with real-time business strategy. With queues forming during peak hours, speed, precision, and service are the three pillars keeping the operation running smoothly.

Featuring a rotating menu, the food truck offers traditional Goan delicacies with innovative twists. Customers can mix and match proteins, breads, dressings, and dips, ensuring a customisable, fresh, and personalised experience.

The truck serves as more than just a training ground—it's a start-up lab on wheels. Under the guidance of KCCA chefs and business expert Allison Syles, students receive mentorship in branding, budgeting, brand management, and even social media marketing, sharpening their entrepreneurial skills. Beyond food service, interns also develop essential people skills on the job—from taking orders and receiving feedback to managing last-minute rushes—fully immersing themselves in real-world industry experience.

"Our internship on the food truck has been an incredible learning experience. We've gained practical skills, industry insights, and a deeper understanding of the culinary business. We're excited to apply these lessons to our future careers and continue growing as professionals," says Abhinav Abhiraj, a student intern from KCCA, who feels professionally enriched by his time on the truck.

As the students serve hundreds of customers each day, it is clear they are not just gaining experience, but actively carving out a future for themselves in the culinary world.



Faculty at St Xavier's College commit to quality in higher studies



A three-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme 'Quality in Higher Education' was organised by the IQAC of St Xavier's College, Mapusa. Fr Antonio Salema delivered the welcome address, followed by Principal Ursula Barreto, who highlighted the three main objectives of the FDP.

The first session, 'Writing a Research Proposal', was conducted by Dr Murari Tapasvi with a hands-on workshop. An online session was led by Dr Prabhu D, Head of the University of Madras, on 'Best Practices in Research and the Startup Incubation Centre at the University of Madras'.

Dr Sabeen Govind, Associate Professor at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kerala, conducted a session on 'Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation – An Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Perspective'. Dr Angela Susan Mathew, Associate Dean (Academics) at Rajagiri Business School, introduced 'Case Study as a Tool for Innovative Teaching'.

A workshop on minor research projects and proposals saw more than ten teams present their research ideas. Dr Ubaldina Noronha, the IQAC Coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks. Around 120 faculty members participated enthusiastically in the programme.

Kampus Snippet

DEMPO COLLEGE ORGANISES MEGA PLACEMENT DRIVE 2025



Dr Srinivasa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) successfully completed its Mega Placement Drive 2025. The event was organised by the Training, Internship, and Placement Cell in collaboration with the MCom and BBA Departments. A total of 41 renowned companies participated in the drive, which saw enthusiastic involvement from 185 students

eager to explore a range of career opportunities across diverse industries. The placement drive reflected the college's strong commitment to enhancing student employability and bridging the gap between academia and industry. Principal Prof (Dr) Manoj Kamat extended his gratitude to all the participating companies, as well as to the faculty and students for their dedication and enthusiasm.

STATE-LEVEL SUMMER SCHOOL ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AT MES'S VASANT JOSHI COLLEGE



MES's Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar, in collaboration with IQAC and LIC, and supported by the Goa State Research Foundation, organised a State-Level Summer School on Research Methodology in Social Sciences for high school and higher secondary teachers. Held at the BBA Raj Tara Seminar Hall, the programme featured five sessions led by 17 resource persons, including 14 PhD holders. Principal Dr Manasvi M Kamat highlighted the importance

of fostering research culture among school educators. Assistant Professor Narendra Gaonkar, Co-coordinator, outlined the objectives and structure of the programme. Dr Brian Pacheco introduced chief guest Prof Savio P Falleiro, Managing Director of the Goa State Research Foundation, who lauded the initiative as the first of its kind in the state. Dr Sancheliana Faria delivered the vote of thanks. All resource persons were MES faculty, actively engaged in research and academic publication.

DIGITAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD BY ST JOSEPH VAZ COLLEGE, CORTALIM



The Outreach and Extension Cell of St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim, organised a Digital Awareness Programme at Holy Cross Chapel, Dabolim, for residents of its adopted village—Ward No. 2 of the Village Panchayat Chicalim. The event, attended by 50 locals, aimed to equip them with essential digital skills. PSI Nikhil Desai and PC Ranjit Vaigankar from the Goa Police Cyber Cell led a session in Konkani on cybercrime awareness. Manali Acharya, co-convenor,

facilitated them with roses. A second session on online banking and account management was conducted by Ravindra Gahlaut, Senior Branch Manager, and Ritesh from a local bank. Michael Drago discussed government and bank-sponsored financial schemes. Fr Bolmax Pereira honoured the speakers, and Dr Aureen Gomes, Convenor, delivered the vote of thanks. The event was smoothly completed by Ludiloy Pereira of the Outreach and Extension Cell.

Children's Mass

A special children's Mass will be celebrated at the St Ana Chapel, which is located on a hillock. Every year, hundreds of parents come to this place with their children to offer prayers and participate in the Mass.

After the Mass, sweets are distributed to the children.
Venue: St Ana Chapel Solva, Raia
Date: May 16
Time: 7.30 pm

Herald Gaming Console

Dilbert

I KNOW YOU'RE JUST A ROBOT, BUT I'M DEVELOPING FEELINGS FOR YOU.

I THINK IT'S BECAUSE YOU LISTEN TO ME, AND THAT MAKES ME FEEL IMPORTANT.

I ONLY PRETEND TO LISTEN. THAT'S PERFECT. I DON'T WANT SUGGESTIONS.

Garfield

MAN, I'M GOOD AT THIS!

Wizard of id

YAWN

GREETINGS, MY FELLOW CITIZENS

EGG PRICES MUST BE COMING BACK DOWN...

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ACROSS

1- Less covered; 6- Nav. officer; 9- Rum cakes; 14- 1836 siege site; 15- Antique auto; 16- Blow one's top; 17- Organizations; 19- Stallion, e.g.; 20- Summer along the Seine; 21- Dynamic beginning; 22- Relaxes; 25- Sounds of disgust; 25- Components; 26- Sound system; 29- Rushed, drove too fast; 31- Small stone; 32- Hearing distance; 36- Gillette razor; 37- Not 'neath; 38- Baseball stats; 40- Frankness; 43- Bless; 45- Kett of the comics; 46- Throws; 47- Bit of wisdom; 50- Join lips; 51- Prickly plants; 52- Indigo source; 54- Malt beverage; 57- Strike ____; 58- Mail drop; 61- Bowling alley divisions; 62- Colo. clock setting; 63- Nick of 'Lorenzo's Oil'; 64- Rest on the surface of a liquid; 65- Sloppy place; 66- Eats to a plan;

DOWN

1- Foundation; 2- Tons; 3- Speed contest; 4- U.K. record label; 5- Shad delicacy; 6- Great Lakes tribesmen; 7- ____-do-well; 8- Just okay; 9- Decapitates; 10- Bellowing; 11- Rupture; 12- Church recesses; 13- Canonized Fr. women; 18- California-Nevada lake; 23- Cuffed; 24- Toothpaste type; 25- Pay-____view; 26- Health haven; 27- 9th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 28- River to the Mediterranean; 29- Later;

30- Acceptable score for a professional golfer; 33- Perot; 34- Kimono ties; 35- Trident prong; 37- Giant Mel; 39- Awe. crosses; 41- Most strange; 42- NL cap monogram; 43- Leaning; 44- Rejections; 47- Pertaining to Benedict XVI; 48- Low-budget prefix; 49- Lost; 50- Young purre; 51- Young cow; 52- Material charity; 53- Hotbed; 54- Up to it; 55- Mississippi senator Trent; 56- Former spouses; 59- Call off; 60- Louis XIV, e.g.;

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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 4845

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