

Swiss sojourn: A culinary and cultural expedition



Under the expert guidance of Prof Irfan Mirza, and accompanied by Chef Sebastian Breitinger and Dr Semele Sardesai, a select group of 16 students of VM Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education, Manora-Raia, embarked on a b10-day educational and cultural tour of Switzerland and neighbouring regions. The tour was an immersive journey through vineyards, culinary institutes, historic cities and mountain towns.

The group, which included students Aaron Misquita, Alysia DeSouza, Dillon D'Silva, Endrea Fernandes, Fiona Rangel, Harsh Bhilare, Kay D'Souza, Lakshaya Deenan, Natasha Hede, Salome Da Costa, Samuel Maben, Shrey Valaulicar, Shreya Keshkamat, Suellen Martins, and Suhani Khatkar, departed Goa and touched down in Zurich and were driven into Alsace, France, crossing four countries in under 24 hours.

Day two featured wine tastings in Alsace, beginning at Schillinger Renck, where students learnt traditional methods of wine production. Later at Cattin Winery, the group observed large-scale operations and sampled a flight of expertly paired wines, including Crémant d'Alsace and Gewürztraminer with Munster cheese.

Day three began with a tour of Feldschlösschen Brewery in Rheinfelden, Switzerland. Guided by Roger, the visit offered insight into both heritage and sustainability in brewing. From there, the group headed to Montreux, arriving in the rain but in high spirits. The evening was highlighted by a heartfelt visit to friends from last year's trip in Caux, culminating in a musical performance by their host, Roxanne.



At César Ritz Colleges in Le Bouveret, Day four offered a deep dive into hospitality education. The group toured state-of-the-art kitchen facilities, viewed the prestigious Anton Mosimann collection, and dined in the campus cafeteria. The day ended with a sunset picnic hosted by Mrs Marga Cretton, complete with homemade pâté and good cheer.

Day five took students to Broc for a visit to Maison Cailler Chocolate Factory, followed by cheese tasting at La Maison du Gruyère. After a traditional alpine lunch, they toured Château de Gruyères and travelled to Interlaken, stopping mid-journey for an impromptu snowball fight.

Lauterbrunnen's roaring waterfalls and Gstaad's alpine charm defined Day six, while Day seven brought a deep cultural experience in

Bern. Students visited BearPark, explored Swiss governance at the Parliament, and spent time relaxing by Interlaken's lakeside.

On Day eight, the group journeyed through the Gotthard Pass to Locarno, stopping for Italian fare at K America Restaurant. Day nine included a scenic trip to Lake Como, complete with city walks, gelato, shopping, and an unfortunate injury to one student who had to rest back at the hostel.

The penultimate day offered time in Lucerne—highlighted by a visit to Läderach Chocolatier and a walk across the historic Chapel Bridge—followed by an afternoon tour of Zurich. The final day saw a reflective goodbye in Doha airport, with students sharing their most cherished memories before returning home to Goa, enriched by knowledge, culture and camaraderie.

Visual arts programme

Sunaparanta Goa Centre for the Arts will open its visual arts programme Pencil to Portfolio for young adults in the age group of 13 to 18 years. The 24-session curriculum developed by senior artist Rajendra Usapkar and supported by a team of dedicated and accomplished artists, Leticia Alvares, Vijay Bhandare, Swapnesh Vaigankar and Siddharth Gosavi, is focused on illustrating individual talent and strengthening the artistic practice of the students. The hands-on art sessions will explore line, shape, space, form, texture, composition, perspective as well as various approaches to art-making.

The programme will culminate in a final showcase, providing students with the experience of assembling their artwork alongside their peers and sharing it with family and friends.

Venue: Sunaparanta Goa Centre for the Arts, Attinho, Panjim
Date: Every Saturday beginning June 2025
Time: 3 pm to 6 pm

All Goa inter higher secondary/college/university level tiatr competition

Tiatr Academy of Goa under the scheme 'Tiatr Competition for Educational Institutions at Higher Secondary/College/University level' appeals to the Educational Institutions to avail the benefit of the scheme by staging the tiatr with 100% participation of students. 10 Institutions will be given an opportunity to participate in staging of Tiatr with financial support. The Tiatr should be presented in the traditional format.

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will be selected to participate, each receiving financial support for staging their production. Participating institutions are required to present the tiatr in the traditional format, preserving the cultural essence of this Goan theatrical art form.

Detailed rules and regulations, along with the application form, are available at the Tiatr Academy of Goa office, Campal Trade Centre, Campal, Panjim. The application form may also be downloaded from the official website: <https://tiatracademyofgoa.com>. The deadline to submit completed application forms is July 2 during office hours. A typed copy of the script and the typed copy of the songs (kantaram) must be submitted to the Academy three days before the scheduled performance date.

Kampus Snippet

EID CELEBRATION UNITES COMMUNITY AT ALDONA



The Eid programme held at St Thomas Boys' High School, Aldona, was a resounding success, bringing the community together in a celebration of faith, learning, and unity. An engaging presentation on the history of Eid offered a deeper appreciation of the significance of this joyous occasion, while the uplifting action prayer song brought the audience to their feet, filling their hearts with spiritual joy. An educational video on 'The Five Pillars of

Islam' provided valuable insights into the core principles of the Islamic faith. A heart-warming skit on 'Family Eid Celebration' beautifully portrayed the importance of familial and community bonds during the festival. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing heartfelt gratitude to all contributors. It was a truly memorable experience that fostered unity, understanding, and a strong sense of belonging.

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL INSTALLS NEW STUDENT LEADERS



Holy Cross Primary School, Siolim, recently entrusted new student office bearers with their responsibilities. The investiture ceremony took place in the presence of Sr Tina Cardozo, Superior of Holy Cross Convent Siolim, alongside parents, teachers, and fellow students. The newly appointed student leaders took an oath guided by the year's theme, 'Lead with Pride, Serve with Compassion'. A special prayer was recited by the ten student leaders, affirming their commitment to serve with sincerity and

compassion. They further conveyed their aspirations through the motivational song, 'We Can Achieve'. Sr Dolly Fernandes congratulated the young leaders. A few parents shared emotional reflections on witnessing their children take on leadership roles. Cristiano Fernandes, one of the office bearers, expressed his gratitude. With a capable team of student leaders in place, Holy Cross Primary School looks forward to a meaningful and productive academic year.

VM SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW ACCREDITED WITH 'A' GRADE BY NAAC



VM Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCL), Panjim, has been awarded an 'A' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a CGPA of 3.2 on a seven point scale. The accreditation is valid for five years. Dr Shaber Ali G, principal, VM Salgaocar College of Law, Panjim said, "We are pleased to receive this recognition from NAAC. It reflects the sustained efforts of

our management, IQAC, faculty, staff, and students in pursuing academic excellence and maintaining the highest quality of legal education. This milestone strengthens our resolve to continue improving and serving the nation effectively." Dr B S Patil, IQAC Coordinator said, "This achievement reflects the hard work and commitment of everyone at the college. It was truly a team effort."

Herald Gaming Console

Dilbert



Garfield



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ACROSS

1- Blacken; 5- Me too; 10- Back; 14- Household; 15- Museum piece; 16- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 17- Iowa college town; 18- Strong adhesive; 19- Facts and figures; 20- Likeness of a person; 22- Customary; 23- One of the Simpsons; 24- Suffix with concession; 26- Extraterrestrial; 29- Aromatic bark; 33- Chinese menu phrase; 34- Continental cash; 35- Compass point opposite WSW; 36- Mardi ___; 37- Change; 38- This can be guilty or not guilty; 39- Fall behind; 40- Private Pyle; 41- Now you ___; 42- Brief joke; 44- Pad user; 45- State firmly; 46- Dissenter; 48- Thick; 51- Icing; 55- Gardner and others; 56- Children's refrain; 58- New thought; 59- Actress Moore; 60- The devil; 61- Ancient Greek coin; 62- Gen. Robt. ___; 63- Group of students; 64- State bird of Hawaii;

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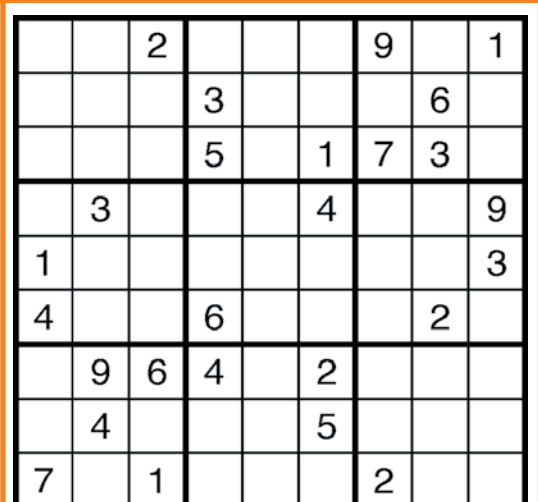
1- Bloke; 2- ___ sapiens; 3- From the U.S.; 4- Uneasy; 5- Bailiwick; 6- Early photo color; 7- Thanks ___; 8- Blend; 9- Frosty; 10- It had a part in the Bible; 11- Jacob's twin; 12- 'The Thin Man' dog; 13- Authentic; 21- Circular band; 22- Coffee dispensers; 24- Broadcaster; 25- Are you ___ out?; 26- ___ Saxon;



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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

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