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The Art Of Balance: Thrive In Culture And Excel In Academics

Balancing cultural activities and academic studies in college is crucial for a integrated educational experience. While classes provide essential knowledge and skills, cultural activities enrich a student's life in various ways.

First, they stimulate creativity and self-expression, promoting personal growth.

Second, exposure to diverse cultures enhances empathy and global awareness.

Third, Participating in cultural activities enhances originality, teamwork, and communication skills and also cultivates a sense of belonging and unity among students, fostering a vibrant campus culture.

Simultaneously, rigorous academic studies provide the foundation for future success.

They equip students with essential knowledge and critical thinking abilities necessary for their chosen careers.

However, it's vital to strike a balance.

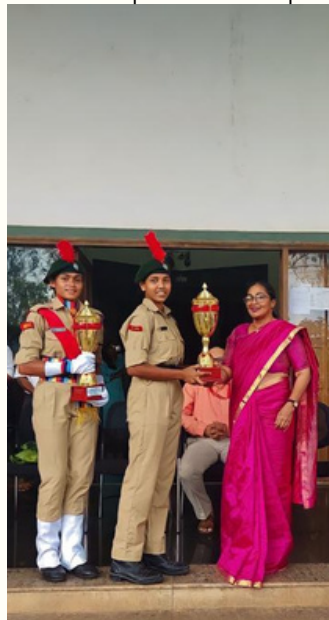
Excess in cultural pursuits may hinder academic performance. Conversely, excessive focus on studies can lead to being weary. The key is moderation, recognizing that both aspects contribute to a well-rounded, fulfilling college journey.

As students we must ensure that we do not prioritize cultural activities but be in a mind set to balance it out and excel academically but also grow into culturally aware, confident individuals poised for success in an increasingly diverse world.

Anoushka Diniz
TYBA

Independence Day Observed at Government College, Quepem.

Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce-Quepem, celebrated Independence Day on 15th August in a grand and memorable way. Faculty members and students of the college gathered together in large numbers to witness the flag hoisting ceremony and to commemorate this freedom that we are blessed with today after years of struggle and hardships. Dr. Deepa Prajith, HoD of English at GCQ was the Chief Guest for the day. Several NCC Cadets and sports persons were felicitated for their work during the course of the celebrations. Geography Department of the college gave 675 seedballs of various plants to the students and faculty members in an amazing effort to promote tree planting. Here are some glimpses of the celebration.



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COVER STORY

Take a Look Around!

Esha Velip: SYBA

The path for students from Quepem court bus stop to college is quite a long one. Sometimes it's boring and other times our friends make it joyful for us. But the good thing is, we have our ways to fight against this boredom. Nature is an excellent observatory! Our college is in the midst of Nature, 'TAKE A LOOK AROUND' and enjoy yourself, with amazing unique flowers, fruits, trees, insects and fill your basket of knowledge! Here are some of the flowers, plants which you can observe on your way from bus stop till college

Crepe - Ginger

Cheilocostus speciosus or Crepe Ginger is a native herb that can grow to 3 m in height. It has beautiful inflorescence and lush vegetation. Its leaves are oblong to lance-shaped, arranged spirally along the reddish slender stems. The flowering spike is dark red, round, each flower is white, funnel shaped with a yellow centre emerge from between the bracts. The flowers look like crepe paper - thus is the common name of crepe ginger. After the flowers fade away, the beautiful red cone-shaped bracts remain. Interestingly what we see, the large crepy white object is not the petal, but the stamen of the flower - the three true petals, of each flower are inconspicuous, and are almost hidden by the bell shaped stamen.

Crepe Ginger also has got many uses in Ayurveda, where the rhizome has been used to treat fever, rash, asthma, bronchitis, and intestinal worms. It is mentioned in the *Kama Sutra* as an ingredient in a cosmetic.



Leea Indica

Leea indica is an erect shrub to small tree, often with several stems. It belongs to family Vitaceae . It usually grows from 2 - 10 metres tall, with stems around 19cm in diameter. Plants are frequently stilt-rooted. It bears small seeds, round in shape and are often eaten by bulbul.

Leea indica can be used in Food and in medicines as well. Leaves and tender shoots are cooked as vegetables. Its flowers are very small and greenish white in color.

Acacia Auriculiformis

Acacia auriculiformis is an evergreen tree. The trunk of this tree is crooked and the bark vertically fissured. Roots are shallow and spreading. It has dense foliage with an open, spreading crown. We can also observe it's arranged in an inflorescence of dense rigid spikes.

These are some of the common trees , which we see around a lot. They were also grown as an initiative of afforestation. Since this is an alien species to India, it became invasive for the native species, later government also took some measures to help with this problem.



Celosia Flamingo

The inflorescence consists of dense terminal spikes, *Celosia Flamingo* is from family Amaranthaceae that we grow in our gardens for production of its showy, edible, variegated leaves and beautiful flower spikes. The celosia flower is already quite dry in nature, lasting a long time on the plant and even longer in a vase, therefore sometimes it's also grown as an ornamental in gardens. The flowers can range from pink, red to yellow in nature. In India , these flowers are very common. People also treat them as weeds in garden.

Canteen Day at MCom Department

On 26th August 2023 canteen day was held in the PG department of commerce. It is an event which is organised every year on Saturdays. Here group of students mostly 10 students come together and prepare snacks, lunch and do some entertaining activities. If on one Saturday group of 10 students do the preparation then on next Saturday other 10 group of students will be doing the preparations.

Menu for this canteen day was sweet corn masala, pani puri, and main course was veg platter and non veg platter and as for the drinks it was lime soda and kokam sharbat also various games were organized like housie and ball in the cup etc.

Group reached in the campus at 8.30 in the morning, all the items which were brought by the group were kept in the M.Com part 2 class after that they started arranging the staff room for their use once the staffroom was arranged all the items brought by them was kept in the staff room. Two induction machines were brought by them to fry pakoras and chicken.

Snacks counter was started around 10.30 am. All the staff from UG department was present, all the Mcom faculty, students, apprentice, and also the guest for CEO series Mr Yogesh Mantri who is Head of Finance Department of Siemens India ltd was present. Around 1:30 pm lunch counter was started all the student had food they also enjoyed the games which were organized.

Canteen day was a resounding success bringing together the PG department of commerce. The event not only showcased the culinary prowess of our students but also highlighted the importance of unity and responsible practices.

Report by Supravi Naik
M Com Part II



International year of Millets, 2023 Talk on 'Ragi Cultivation Practices'

The Department of Botany in view of International year of Millets, 2023, organized a talk on 'Ragi Cultivation Practices' on 30th June 2023. The talk was delivered by Dr. Dhillan Velip, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Govt. College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem-Goa. Professor Mehtab Bukhari, Head of Botany Department addressed the students and introduced the guest speaker. Dr. Dhillan Velip briefed the students about different varieties of millets and spoke about cultivation practices of Ragi. He also highlighted on the preparation of several value-added products and the use of ragi straw for dairy production. The nutritional and health benefits of Ragi were also discussed by him. Dr. Dhillan also informed students about various promotional activities of Ragi crop in Goa. The Co-ordinator of the programme, Dr. Sankrita Gaonkar compered the event and proposed the vote of thanks.



Research Methodology Workshop for Sociology Students

The Department of Sociology of Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem - Goa organized a workshop on research methodology on August 17, 2023, in the conference room of the college for the undergraduate BA Sociology students. The resource person for the session was Ms. Pratiksha Shirodkar, Assistant Professor in Methodology of Teaching Science from Nirmal Institute of Education, Altinho Panjim - Goa. The session was conducted with the objective to introduce the participants to the basic concepts of research methodology. The workshop was also designed to give the students the skills they need to conduct rigorous and ethical research. The workshop covered a wide range of topics related to research methodology such as introduction to research methodology, research problem and hypothesis, literature review, research design, sampling, data collection, data analysis and report writing.



A Session on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

The Department of Sociology of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem Goa, under the guidance of Prof. Joydeep Bhattacharjee and leadership of Department Incharge Assistant Professor Ms. Sayali Gaunkar, organised a Guest Lecture on the topic 'Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' on 06 September 2023 in the college Auditorium.

The lecture was delivered by Mr. Swadesh Rajendra Dessai, Police Sub-inspector (PSI) Canacona Police station .

Mr. Swadesh Dessai spoke on crucial steps in raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of combating illicit drug trafficking in our society. Mr. Dessai's expertise and knowledge in this field had a positive impact on the students and the community as a whole. Mr. Swadesh Dessai spoke on NDS Act, how students fall prey to drugs abuse and what are the measure to come out of drug abuse and finally he spoke about different rehabilitation centres in Goa.



GCQ VERSE-The Poetry Corner

Are we truly Independent ?

Be polite to those who are not contrite
Be kind to those who are spite.
Be humble to those, you despise
Appreciate those who gave you goodbyes.

After all we are one human race,
Despite of every different faith.

Keep no room for impurity,
As long as we have our community.
We shall all love our country,
It's unity and it's variety.
If we reach for each others hands,
In unity we stand.



If the blood that runs in our veins is the same red within,
Then why differentiate based on the colour of skin?
Our ability to reach unity in diversity
Will be the beauty and test of our society.

Despite of every different face,
We are still ONE human race.

Today, we are all independent
But do we really understand
the meaning of this sentence?

~Dale Louis

A Bittersweet Celebration!

The Staff Welfare Committee of the College organized a felicitation program for Prof. Rajay Pawar, HoD of Konkani Department to congratulate him on his new journey as the Principal of Goa College of Theatre Arts. Everyone gathered was happy for Prof. Rajay and a tad bit sad as well. His department members and colleagues expressed their thoughts and wished him all the best for this new venture!



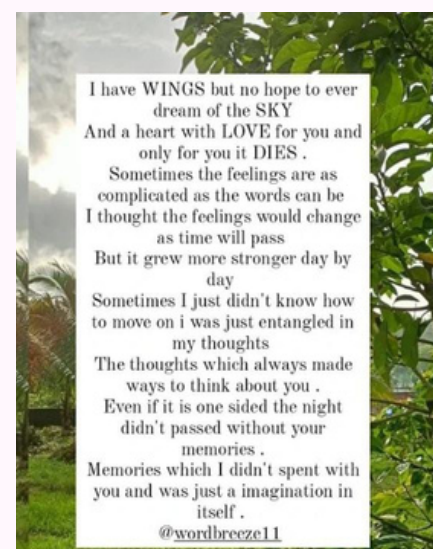
The Fab Faculty

- Neeta Mujumdar, Associate Professor of Mathematics presented her paper at National Seminar on Recent Trends in Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science organised by Government Bilasa Girls PG College (Autonomous) Bilaspur Chhattisgarh
- Title of the paper was Mathematical Modelling of Diabetes Mellitus in blood .



Ms Neeta Mujumdar Presenting her paper

- .Mr. Kiran Prakash Naik published his paper titled, 'A Review of Tropical Cyclones and their Impacts on Indian Coast (2010 to 2019)' in **UGC CARE LIST Journal**, 'Annals of the National Association of Geographers, India', Volume 43 (1), Page No .19 – 36, ISSN 0970-972X.



- .Mr. Kiran Prakash Naik and Ms. Dixita Shinde published paper titled, 'An Analysis of the Upsurge in COVID-19 Related Biomedical Waste and its Challenges in the Select Covid Hospitals of Goa, India', in Interdisciplinary Peer Reviewed Refereed National Research Journal, 'The Konkani Geographer', Impact Factor (IIFS) 6.625, Vol. No. 30 (2023), ISSN No. 2277-4858.



Students Participation at G-20 ‘University Connect’ lecture series at BITS Pilani Goa campus

The G20 University Connect program seeks to engage with University students in the context of India’s G20 presidency. BITS Pilani Goa campus hosted the 69th G20 University Connect event during India’s G-20 presidency.

This G-20 University Connect event saw a large participation of young college students from more than a dozen colleges across Goa, and two universities besides BITS Pilani. From our college a group of seven T.Y.B.Sc Botany students along with a Botany faculty Dr. Dhilian Velip participated in the G20 University Connect lectures series summit on the theme ‘Climate Change and India’s G-20 Presidency’ at BITS Pilani, Goa Campus. The speakers for the event were Dr. Seshadri Chari, Board of Governors, RIS, New Delhi; Prof. Venkata Rao, VC, IULER, Goa; Prof. Savita Kerkar, Dean, Goa University; and Prof. Suman Kundu, Director, BITS Pilani Goa Campus. The speakers stressed on the need for precautionary measures to overcome climate change disasters and also shared their research expertise and experiences with the participants. Students also received an opportunity to interact with the speakers. As part of this interaction, students asked questions and the questions were patiently answered by the dignitaries.

Further, as part of the student engagement program, an interactive quiz competition was conducted by Prof. Rajiv Kumar Chaturvedi, Associate Professor, BITS Pilani Goa, and Dr. Ramesh Kumar MR, Former Chief Scientist, NIO. A total of thirty students were adjudged winners of this quiz competition and were felicitated by the dignitaries with a memento and a certificate. The G20 University Connect event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Suman Kundu, Director of BITS Pilani Goa campus.

Overall the students got an opportunity to understand how climate change will affect disasters and posing new challenges to disaster risk management in Goa and how the response to these can be improved using a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plan. The event was a good exposure for the students in creating awareness on sustainable resource use and its management

Exploring Wildlife Conservation at Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary and Zoo

On 15th August 2023, First Year B.Sc. Zoology Major students from Government College of Arts, Commerce, and Science in Quepem Goa embarked on an exciting field trip. The goal was to learn about animals and nature care through two different approaches: natural habitats and safe enclosures.

A group of 20 students, accompanied by faculty members Ms. Sheena Paul and Dr. Sandesh Gawas, visited the Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary and Zoo, known for its role in animal care and only Zoo in the state of Goa.

The trip allowed observation of remarkable animals such as White Spotted Deers and the impressive Malabar Giant Squirrel. Colourful butterfly species like Tamil Yeoman, Common Crow, Plains Cupid, Common Palmfly, Blue Mormon, and Common Mormon were also sighted.

At the zoo, various animals that are no longer commonly found in the wild were kept. The Zoo collection included Wild Boars, Mugger Crocodiles, the vibrant Rose Ringed Parakeets, Indian Terrapins, Indian Pythons and venomous Russell Vipers and Indian Cobras. Smaller snake species like Trinket Snakes and Sand Boas were also present. Other inhabitants encompassed Indian Bisons, Leopards, Sloth Bears, Golden Jackals, Indian Palm Civets, Porcupines, and the captivating Peacocks.

A notable insight was the Zoo's contribution to the Indian Bison breeding initiative, aimed at increasing the population of this rare species through careful planning coordinated by the Indian Government.

The visit to the butterfly garden offered a unique experience, showcasing the transformation from eggs to caterpillars and ultimately to vibrant butterflies.

In conclusion, the field trip to Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary and Zoo was an enlightening experience. It facilitated an understanding of animal care in both natural settings and controlled environments. The close encounters with these diverse creatures emphasized the importance of their preservation.



Achievements and Activities of the Physical Education Department



HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Winners at Cross Country Race (Men) organised by Goa University.
2. Winners at Cross Country Race (Women) organised by Goa University.
3. Siya Naik bagged 2nd place for Inter Collegiate Cross Country Race (Women) organised by Goa University.
4. Milfort Peixoto bagged 2nd place for Inter Collegiate Cross Country Race (Men) organised by Goa University.
5. Ankita Gaonkar bagged 3rd place for Inter Collegiate Cross Country Race (Women) organised by Goa University.
6. Parasharam Ghadi bagged 3rd place for Inter Collegiate Cross Country Race (Men) organised by Goa University.
7. Manthan Sawant Dessai Bagged Bronze Medal in the 83kg weight category in Power Lifting Championship (Men) organised by Goa University.
8. Shreeharsha Sawant Bagged Silver Medal in the 67kg Weight Category in Weight Lifting Championship (Men) organised by Goa University.

INTRAMURAL COMPETITION AUGUST 2023-24

- 9th August 2023 : Inter Class Tennikoit Tournament (Men & Women)
12th August 2023 : Inauguration of Newly renovated Gymkhana in the hands of Honourable MP of South Goa, Shri. Francisco Sardinha.
22nd -24th August 2023 : Inter Class Football Tournament (Men & Women)

EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES 2023-24

- 4th August 2023 : Inter Collegiate Swimming Championship (Men) organised by Goa University.
7th August 2023 : Inter Collegiate Weight Lifting Championship (Men) organised by Goa University.
9th to 11th August 2023: Inter Collegiate Power Lifting Championship (Men) organised by Goa University.
19th August 2023 : Inter Collegiate Cross Country Race (M&W) organised by Goa University.



GCQ GYM!



The Physical Education Department of the college inaugurated the college gym this August with great pride and pomp! it is yet another feather of achievement in the Director of Physical Education, Dr. Rajan Mathew's cap! the gym was inaugurated by MP, Francisco Sardinha. Local MLA Mr Alton Acosta was also present.



One-Day State Level Seminar on "Gains from Grains"

The Government College of Art, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, hosted a one-day state-level seminar on the intriguing and relevant topic "Gains from Grains" on August 30, 2023. The seminar aimed to delve into various facets of grains, their impact on human health, and the broader significance of their consumption in today's world. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, students, and esteemed resource persons from various domains. The seminar was attended by six participants from the Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem which included Dr Sandesh Gawas (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology) along with five students of FYBSc Zoology major. Students of our college also participated in the competition under the guidance of Ms. Suvani Gomes (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology).

The seminar commenced with an enlightening session by Ms. Varsha Naik, Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Nutrition and Dietetics at Goa College of Home Science, Campal, Panaji. Her session highlighted the importance of minor grains in fostering a promising human gut microflora, shedding light on the lesser-known yet vital role these grains play in enhancing gut health.

Mr. Chandrakant Kambli, Senior Scientific Officer (Food) at the Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration, Bambolim, Goa, conducted an insightful session on the detection of adulterants in food grains. His presentation underscored the significance of ensuring food safety and purity by identifying and combatting adulteration in our food supply.

The afternoon session commenced with a two-part program. Firstly, a competition in the Zoology Lab was judged, allowing students to showcase their knowledge and creativity.

A dual presentation was delivered by resource persons from the Government Polytechnic, Panaji. Smt. Maria Vanessa P. L. Pacheco, In Charge HOD of the Department of Food Technology, and Ms. Poorna Dilip Salelkar, Lecturer in the same department, shared insights into the crucial aspects of packaging and labelling of food items, emphasizing the role these factors play in ensuring consumer awareness and safety. The seminar concluded with a session discussing the "Rebuild India Trust" by Mr. Abhay Bhamaikar. The "Gains from Grains" seminar proved to be an informative and thought-provoking platform for participants to understand the multifaceted importance of grains in various aspects of human life. The diverse range of topics covered throughout the day provided attendees with valuable insights, contributing to their academic and practical understanding of the subject matter. The College's efforts in organizing such events are commendable and greatly contribute to the enrichment of both faculty members and students.

Kavyadhara: Welcoming Shraavan Through Poetry

Department of Marathi of the college organized Kavyadhara : A Poetry Recitation event on the theme of Shraavan for the students and faculty members of the college. A number of students recited poems written by distinguished Marathi writers and some faculty members recited their own renditions as well. Ms. Chitra Kshirsagar was the Chief Guest for the event. It was an eventful program that provided scope to many Marathi literature lovers to delve into the beauty of Marathi poetry.



युवा पिढी ही राष्ट्राची संपत्ती!



Independence Day Paved the Way for a Green Initiative: Seed Ball Distribution on Campus

The Department of Geography of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem - Goa, organised the "Seed Balls: Throw & Grow" activity as an initiative towards making the green environment. The objectives of this activity were to involve students in seeds balls preparation and create awareness about better environment in an innovative manner. On 10th August 2023, 60 students of F.Y.B.A undergoing the Environmental Studies course were guided by Mr. Kiran Prakash Naik, Assistant Professor of Geography to make 675 Seed Balls of diverse fruit bearing species such as Custard Apple, Kokum, Chikoo, Jackfruit, Tamarind, Papaya, Bahada, Lemon, Cashew, Java Plum and so on. The Seed Balls were made by mixing soil, compost, water and seeds. After making the seed balls, they were kept to dry for 48 hours. Students then made 675 cups from jackfruit leaves in which the seed balls were packed and labelled.



On 15th August, Independence Day, Seed balls were distributed to all the college staff, students, NCC cadets, NSS volunteers and general public. The activity was successfully carried out and was appreciated by all present.

Desh Ki Rasoi: A Beautiful Display of Our Cuisine

The Student Welfare Council of the college organized a cooking event for the students of the college on 28th August, 2023 where in they could display a variety of traditional and nutritious food items.



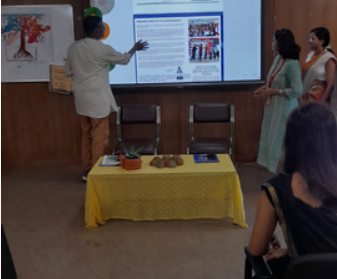
Marathi Wallpaper to Celebrate Independence Day!

Students of the Marathi Department created a beautiful wallpaper on the theme of "Freedom of India" on the occasion of Independence Day. They titled it "Yuva Pratibimb" (a reflection of young minds) and wrote beautiful poems as well as essays in the same. They also left post its for other college students and faculty members to write their thoughts on freedom.



Department of English Celebrated India Day!

The Department of English at Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem organised India Day on 12th August, 2023 to promote the love for Indian Literature amongst BA students of literature. FY, SY and TY students participated in the same with great enthusiasm. Dr. Brian Mendonca of Carmel College, Nuvem was the Chief Guest for the day. The first issue of GCQ Times, college newsletter was also released at his hands. He raised various pertinent questions with respect to promoting Indian Literature and developing good reading skills. He also stressed on the importance of translation. He performed some songs with his guitar and the students joined along and sang with him. An open mic session was also organised wherein students presented poems, performed a skit and had a costume parade, dressed up as various characters from their favorite literary works by Indian authors.



SYBA Students Battle it Out in a Debate

SYBA CC English students of the college had an inter-class debate competition on 11th August on the topic "Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education is Making Students Lethargic". Two teams of six participants each were chosen to represent their class and they battled it out fiercely. Team A that was supporting the topic won the debate. The debate was coordinated by Dr. Tanvi Kamat Bambolkar and Ms. Gauravi Khaunte.



Translation Workshop Organised by Department of English



Department of English of the college organised a translation workshop for the students of SY and TY BA as translation is a component of their syllabus. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Sneha Sabnis, Junior Translator at the Directorate of Official Languages and Asst. Prof. Subhash Kamalkar from DM's College and Research Centre. Students were provided with much needed inputs and were given reliable pointers to improve their translation skills.

Enriching Field Trip for Bcom Students

Department of Commerce organised a field trip on 23rd August 2023 for students of S.Y.B.COM, SEMESTER III in subject Retail Management. Total 59 students of S.Y.B.COM. attended the field trip.

Students were taken to Mall De Goa Porvorim, Pantaloons Margao and Vishal Mega Mart Margao.

Students were told to observe the assortment, merchandise, layout of the stores. The aim of the field trip was to give insights on different retail formats and store layout and design. Students were accompanied by Ms. Harshala Malvankar and Ms. Cajeta Fernandes from Department of Commerce.



Floral Rangoli Competition

As a part of "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" an initiative of Meri Maati, Mera Desh Government of India, Department of Commerce organised a FLORAL RANGOLI COMPETITION on the theme Meri Maati, Mera Desh on 29th August 2023 for the students of Government College Quepem. 9 teams (2 students per team) participated. The winners are as follows:

1st prize: Mr.Krupesh Gaonkar & Ms. Shivani Gaondogrikar (M.A. part Konkani).

2nd prize: Ms.Inika Bukkam & Ms. Sanjana (S.Y.B.SC).

3rd prize: Ms.Jyoti Patil & Ms Monica Naidu (S.Y.B.COM)

The programme was arranged and coordinated by Ms. Cajeta Fernandes and Ms. Harshala Malvankar of Depa

Personality Development Workshop for TY students

The Teaching, Learning and Education Technology Cell of the College organised a day long workshop for all TY students of the college on "Personality Development and Communication Skills on 31st August, 2023. The workshop was conducted by Associate Prof. Karuna Satardekar and Mr. Sachin Kurtikar. They engaged the students in lively activities that helped nurture confidence in the students. Around 150 students attended the workshop.



The Mcom Section of the College was Abuzz with a Variety of Activities for the Month....Come Take a Look!



The PG Department of Commerce at Government College of Arts, Science, and Commerce, Quepem, organized various events in the month of August 2023 with great enthusiasm. The month commenced with the celebration of World Commerce Day on 7th August 2023, which fostered a unique blend of Commerce and Creativity. The event showcased two engaging competitions: Face painting and Product creation, packaging, and Logo design. Esteemed ex-student judges lent their expertise to the event. Notable among them were Mr. Akshay Naik, Assistant Professor at GVM GGPR College, Ms. Pratiksha Gurav, Assistant Professor at Rosary College, and Mr. Ashish Salvi, a teacher at VRDA Gauncar Higher Secondary School. A total of 38 students participated in the celebration, immersing themselves in the world of creativity.

On Wednesday, 9th August 2023, the Department organized an insightful session on "GST - Theory and Practice." The session was conducted by CA Vaibhav Bale from Bale and Bale Chartered Accountant firm. CA Vaibhav Bale explained the fundamental concepts of GST, its applicability, and practical implementation. The session covered various aspects of transactions and the mechanism of GST setoff, enriched with practical examples.

To inspire the entrepreneurial spirit among the students, a talk was organized on 21st August 2023, in the M.Com seminar hall for the M.Com students. The resource persons for the day were Mr. Shailendra Veluskar and Mrs. Suchita Malkarnekar. The first session was led by Mr. Shailendra Veluskar, who shared how his entrepreneurial journey began and offered insights into realizing one's dream of becoming an entrepreneur. The second session was chaired by Mrs. Suchita Malkarnekar, who shared her educational journey until she started her own businesses, named Tanvi Collections and Prachi Creations. The day was enriched by these two entrepreneurs, whose insights helped the audience gain knowledge about entrepreneurship.

On 26th August 2023, the Department organized two events: a CEO series and a canteen day. The day started with the CEO Series on Industry Readiness, a remarkable initiative undertaken by the PG Department of Commerce to provide its students with invaluable insights into the corporate world and enhance their preparedness for entering the industry. Mr. Yogesh Mantri, Head of the Finance Department at Siemens India Ltd., was the guest speaker for the day. He spoke about various key areas, including awareness, law, communication, and the readiness to adapt. The CEO Series left students with invaluable takeaways, such as an understanding of current industry trends, the importance of continuous learning, recognition of the significance of soft skills for professional growth, and an appreciation for the synergy between academic learning and practical industry demands.

The month concluded with the celebration of the beautiful festival, Rakshabandhan - the thread of love, on 30th August 2023. A Various competitions were organized, such as the Rakhi making competition, Best Sibling competition, and Thali Making competition. The event was celebrated with full enthusiasm and zeal, leaving behind many beautiful memories to be cherished in the future.

RDC Starts Research Coffee Series and Journal Club

Research Development Cell of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce began the Research Coffee series and Departmental Journal Club from 26th August 2023. In its first session, Principal Prof. Joydeep Bhattacharjee welcomed the faculty members and students gathered.

In the coffee series Ms Sujata Dabolkar, Assitant Professor of Botany presented her work about Microbial Community in BIF from Iron Ore Mining Belt of Goa. The presentation was followed by questions and feedback from the audience.

This was followed by a session in departmental journal club initiated by Dr Prajyoti Gauns Dessai who spoke about process of publishing her work in SCOPUS indexed journal.

The presenters were given a memento at the hands of Principal and RDC Director Prof Mehtaab Bukhari. The programme was coordinated and compered by Dr Tanvi Bambolkar, member of RDC.

