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MESSAGE

It brings me immense joy and a profound sense of accomplishment to extend my warmest greetings to each one of you for the successful release of the June-August 2023 e-edition of the IQAC Newsletter.

This edition of our IQAC Newsletter serves as a testament to the continuous strides we are making towards academic excellence and overall institutional development.

IQAC has been the driving force behind our endeavors to ensure academic integrity, transparency, and continuous improvement. I take immense pride in the collective efforts of our dedicated faculty, diligent students, and supportive staff who have contributed to our journey of growth and innovation.

As we face the future's challenges and opportunities, I urge all members of our academic family to join in the different IQAC programs and activities. By working together, we can keep our institution at the forefront of academic excellence and make a meaningful impact on society.

A big thank you to Dr. Elizabeth Henriques and the IQAC team, as well as our faculty, students and non-teaching staff, for their dedicated efforts. Let's work together to shape the future of our institution and make a lasting impact on higher education.

Wishing you all a fruitful and inspiring academic quarter.

Warm regards,

*Prof. (Dr.) F.M. Nadaf
Officiating Principal*

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ORIENTATION SESSION ON DISCIPLINE SUBJECT ELECTIVE (07/06/2023)

On June 7, 2023, the Admission Committee organized an orientation session in Room No. 004 for S.Y.B.Com students. Headed by Dr. Maria Fatima De Souza, H.O. D of the Commerce department, the session focused on Discipline Specific Electives for T.Y.B. Com, covering Accounting, Cost and Management Accounting, and Business Management. Ms. Rupali Vijay Sangodkar coordinated the event, attended by 28 students, providing crucial guidance for their elective choices.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION (21/06/2023)



On June 21, 2023, the Commerce Department and the Sports Council of the College jointly observed International Yoga Day in the College Hall. Led by instructors from the Art of Living, the session included warm-up exercises, breathing exercises, asanas, and meditation. Dr. Maria Fatima De Souza, HOD of the Commerce Department, initiated the event, and Sports Director Aaron Pereira concluded with a vote of thanks. The session, attended by staff and 137 students, aimed to highlight the holistic benefits of yoga for the body, mind, and soul.

ONE DAY STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (04/07/2023)



A One Day State Level Workshop on Skill Enhancement Courses for Mathematics Faculty was organised on the 4th of July. Attended by faculty from 18 colleges, the event aimed to enhance teaching and learning in line with the NEP 2020 Mathematics syllabus for First Year Commerce students. Professor F.M. Nadaf, Deputy Director of Higher Education and Officiating Principal, praised the workshop's relevance, emphasizing the importance of skills in Higher Education post-pandemic. Moderated by Dr. B. C. Nair and Ms. Ana Falleiro, the workshop focused on curriculum development for uniformity. The workshop was co-ordinated by Mr. Miguel Martins, Associate Prof. of Mathematics.

INTER-CLASS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT (10/07/2023)

The Sports Council organized a vibrant Inter-Class Table Tennis Tournament on July 10, 2023, featuring 12 skilled participants. Jahid Shaikh emerged as the champion, showcasing dexterity and strategic gameplay, while Rheven Noronha secured the runner-up position. The event emphasized sportsmanship, healthy competition, and respect among players, celebrating athletic prowess. The Sports Council commended participants for their dedication, attributing the tournament's success to collaborative efforts. The event contributed significantly to holistic student experience, fostering unity and leaving participants with a sense of accomplishment and renewed enthusiasm for table tennis.



TALK ON "UNLEASHING AI: NAVIGATING THE SHIFTING LANDSCAPE OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT" (2/07/2023)



The Department of Economics organized a talk on AI, featuring Mr. Mohsin Shaikh, Founder of Haztech.in. Mr. Shaikh highlighted AI's role in decision-making, emphasizing the importance of data. He discussed AI's impact on the economy and sectors like healthcare. The event included a Q&A session, encouraging students to explore AI opportunities. Master Azam Xec proposed the Vote of Thanks. Sixty final year students were in attendance.

INTER-CLASS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT (13/07/2023)

The Sports Council organized a successful Inter-Class Badminton Tournament on July 13th



and 14th, 2023. The event, held at the college's Multipurpose Hall, featured 40 male and 3 female participants. Mehruz Shaikh and Anjali Iwale emerged as winners in the Men's and Women's sections, respectively, with Jahid Shaikh and Meshha Colaco securing runner-up positions. The tournament, marked by spirited competition, camaraderie, and respect, showcased the dedication of the Sports Council, faculty, and volunteers.

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TALK ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

(13/07/2023)

The Department of Economics organised a talk on 'Financial Literacy' on 13th July, 2023 for the students of F.Y.B.COM. The Resource Person for the Session was Mr. Vijayamurthy, Lead District Manager & Ms. Nupur Bhattacharya, SBI, South Goa. She highlighted the various financial products available to investors and threw light on the need for investor protection. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Bristi Biswas, a student of F.Y.B.COM-A. Ms. Farah Mendonca, Assistant Professor of Economics, co-ordinated the programme.



BOOTCAMP ON INNOVATION, PROTOTYPING AND STARTUPS (18/07/2023)



The Department of Economics of the College organized a BOOTCAMP ON INNOVATION, PROTOTYPING AND STARTUPS in collaboration with the Goa State Innovation Council (GSiNC) on the 18th of July 2023 in the college seminar hall. The bootcamp was organized for the final year students of the college. The basic objective of the bootcamp was to introduce the students with the concepts of innovation and creativity and also help them to understand the process behind becoming a tech-startup. The programme also aimed at familiarizing the students with the various schemes and facilities provided with the GSiNC to promote innovation. The Officiating Principal, Prof. (Dr.) F.M Nadaf welcomed the Resource Persons – Mr. Sushant Surlakar, Ms. Kanan Tandi and Mr. Shivraj Naik.

INTER-CLASS CHESS TOURNAMENT

(22/07/2023)



The Sports Council hosted a successful Inter-Class Chess Tournament on July 22, 2023. With nine enthusiastic participants showcasing strategic brilliance and sportsmanship, Akash Sahani emerged as the winner, followed by Subham Kumbhar in the runner-up position and Bhavesh Naik securing third place. The tournament emphasized fair play and healthy competition, commended all participants, and highlighted the intellectual prowess of the students. The success of the event was attributed to collaborative efforts, contributing to overall student development and fostering unity within the college community. The Inter-Class Chess Tournament of 2023 will be remembered as a significant event in the college's sports calendar.

MERI MATI MERA DESH PROGRAMME

(22/07/2023)

The NSS unit joined the "Meri Mati Mera Desh" initiative of the Indian Government. On July 22, 2023, they planted saplings at three Benaulim locations. The event included an inaugural function at Sisters of the Cross, highlighting the importance of tree planting. Saplings were planted at Benaulim Panchayat and Government Primary School Benaulim. Twenty NSS volunteers, led by Principal Dr. F.M. Nadaf, participated in this successful initiative, promoting the habit of tree planting.



VANMAHOTSAV CELEBRATED IN COLLEGE CAMPUS

(24/07/2023)



The NSS unit celebrated Vanmahotsav on July 24, 2023, by planting various saplings in the college campus. The program, starting at noon, involved students purchasing the saplings themselves. The Chief NSS Programme Officer emphasized the importance of tree planting and encouraged students to raise awareness in their communities. Assistant Professor Mr. Jonlenj Desa also participated by planting saplings. A total of 13 NSS volunteers enthusiastically took part, planting flowering, fruit-bearing, and medicinal plants at three locations within the campus.

WORKSHOP ON GUIDE TO FILING THE ONLINE INCOME TAX

(25/07/2023)

The Department of Library and Information Science organized a workshop on filing Online Income Tax Returns for Administrative Staff on July 25, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mr. Pravin V. Kamat guided nine participants through the steps, covering topics such as House Rent Allowance, Leave Travel Allowance, and various tax exemptions and deductions under Sections 80C, 80CCC, 80CCD, and 80D. The participants received hands-on training for online filing during the session.



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WORKSHOP ON GUIDE TO USE N-LIST (26/07/2023)



A workshop on guide to use N-LIST was organized on 26th July 2023 at 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. by the Department of Library and Information Science. A total 38 participants participated in the Workshop. The Resource Persons for the Workshop were Mr. Pravin V. Kamat and Ms. Bindiya M. Naik. The resource persons provided hands on training to use NLIST and participants were given activity to browse the books using NLIST.

A TALK ON VEDIC MATHEMATICS (26/07/2023)



A talk on Vedic Mathematics for F.Y.S.Y Commerce students was organised on 26/07/2023. The Principal, Prof. F. M. Nadaf, welcomed the Resource Person, Madam Roshan Kamat, a retired Mathematics and Science teacher with expertise in Vedic Mathematics. Prof. Nadaf commended the robust structure of Vedic Mathematics, highlighting its benefits in various computations. The event had 36 students and 2 faculty members in attendance. The students learned basic shortcut methods for simple computations.

4th ONLINE NATIONAL QUIZ (27/7/2023)

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The Department of Economics of the College invites Students to participate in the 4th Online National Quiz on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 launched by the IBDI in collaboration with mygov.in

REGISTRATION LINK
<https://forms.gle/WESFza5RuoY3lyz7>

CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE
<https://quiz.mygov.in/>
Or scan the QR Code

The Department of Economics of the College invited students to participate in the 4th online National Quiz on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 launched by the IBDI in collaboration with mygov.in.

A total of 106 students participated in the quiz and were awarded certificates. The Quiz was coordinated by Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques and Ms. Farah Mendonca, faculty of the dept. of Economics.

ORIENTATION SESSION ON "EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR EXAM PREPARATION" (29/07/2023)

An orientation session on "Effective Strategies for Examination Preparation" was conducted for T.Y.B. Com students on June 29, 2023, by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) F.M. Nadaf, and Examination Committee convener Ms. Rupali Vijay Sangodkar. The session aimed to guide students on successful examination strategies and the T.Y.B. Com examination scheme. Students were informed about, marks allocation, evaluation structure, examination timeline, eligibility criteria, condonation of marks, reevaluation process, and performance improvement.



ONE DAY STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON RTI (1/08/2023)



The Department of Mathematics organized a One-day State Level workshop on "Understanding Procedural Aspects in the Implementation of the RTI 2005" on August 1, 2023. Prof. F. M. Nadaf highlighted the importance of RTI for citizen monitoring in a democracy. Ms. Egna Cleetus IAS, Deputy Collector, emphasized the transformative nature of the RTI Act. Dr. Seema Fernandes, Asst. Director, GIPARD, clarified duties of PIOs and APIOs. The workshop, co-ordinated by Mr. Miguel A.B.P.C Martins, concluded with certificate distribution and thanks. A total of 26 participants attended the workshop.

FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION (1/08/2023)

The Student Council had organised various Competitions on the occasion of 'Friendship Day Celebration' for the students of the College on 1st August, 2023. These competitions gave students a platform to learn how to express their ideas and views in different ways. Students were encouraged to express their creative ideas in form of beautiful bookmarks, reels, photographs and friendship bands.



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INDIAN ORGAN DONATION DAY

(03/08/2023)



The NSS Unit celebrated Indian Organ Donation Day on August 3, 2023, in collaboration with NATTO, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The event, named "Angdaan Mahotsav," was aligned with Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, commemorating 75 years of Indian independence. Students took an Organ Donation pledge, and a Poster Competition on the theme "Organ Donation: There is Life after Death" was organized, with 33 participants. All posters were displayed in the college hall, and teachers actively spread awareness, dispelled myths, and motivated students to donate organs and tissues after death. The initiative aimed to instill the value of organ donation in students' lives.

SESSION ON "MEDITATION AND MENTAL HEALTH"

(03/08/2023)

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Culture collaborated with the Art of Living for a "Meditation and Mental Health" session on August 3, 2023, in the college seminar room. Facilitated by Shri Mahesh Kamat and Mrs. Roshan Kamat, the session covered warm-up exercises, breathing techniques, tips for staying calm, mental and emotional health orientation, and meditation. Attended by 40 staff members, the event ended with a vote of thanks by Assistant Professor Ms. Jovelle Furtado.



LEADERSHIP SKILL: EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS'

(4/08/2023)



The Student Council organized a leadership session for first-year students on August 4, 2023. Coordinated by Ms. Riva Ritinha Paes, the session aimed to instill leadership skills in students. The Officiating Principal, Prof. (Dr.) F. M. Nadaf, emphasized effective leadership's importance. Mr. Kishor Shah, Director of ideaz unlimited, served as the resource person, focusing on leadership fundamentals, technology, trust-building, and effective planning. The event, compered by Ms. Farah F. Mendonca, involved 120 students, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sahil Mandrekar, a student from F.Y.B.Com. The session provided valuable insights into leadership for the participating students.

COMPUTER COURSE "DIPLOMA IN MS OFFICE AND DTP"

(7/08/2023)

The SC/ST/OBC/Minority Cell collaborated with the Department of Library and Information Science and the Department of Computer Science for a 30-hour "Diploma in MS Office and DTP" course from 07/08/2023 to 24/08/2023. Conducted from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the IT Laboratory, the course covered Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PageMaker, Corel Draw, and Photoshop. Mr. William Vaz trained 11 participants, aiming to enhance their skills in these software applications.



TALK ON CYBER CRIME

(8/08/2023)



The College's Internal Committee organized a Cyber Crimes awareness program on August 8, 2023. PI Vidyandand Pawar discussed cyber stalking, identity theft, card frauds, phishing, and legal consequences of Cybercrimes. The Principal, Prof. F.M. Nadaf, opened the session, and Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques coordinated. Ms. Bindiya Naik proposed the Vote of Thanks. The program was appreciated by 212 students and faculty in attendance.

NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY

(10/08/2023)

As per the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India directives, National Deworming Day (NDD) was observed on 10th August 2023 at the college. Students in the age group of 19 years (F.Y.B.COM) were administered Albendazole tablets. Those who missed the dose on NDD received it on the Mop Up Day, which was on 17th August 2023. The tablets were provided by Margao Health Centre, Department of Health, along with necessary instructions and reporting formats. A total of 144 students (81 boys and 63 girls) received the dosage, and no adverse events were reported in the college.



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WORKSHOP ON "MENTORING AND MENTORING SKILLS" (10/08/2023)



A workshop on "Mentoring and Mentoring Skills" was held on 10th August 2023. Dr. Mahesh Pai, Principal of Goa College of Home Science, served as the resource person. Prof. Dr. F.M. Nadaf, the Officiating Principal, welcomed attendees, and Ms. Riva Paes introduced the speaker. Dr. Pai covered mentoring concepts and essential skills, emphasizing empathy, genuineness, congruence, and more. The session concluded with a motivational video. Mrs. Pooja G. Prabhudessai, College Counselor, proposed the vote of thanks.

LIBRARIAN'S DAY CELEBRATION (12/08/2023)

Librarian's Day was celebrated on 12th August 2023. To commemorate the occasion, a display of various books was organized from 12/08/2023 to 16/08/2023 to promote reading habits among students. The focus was on acquainting them with select books in categories such as Health, Cooking, Yoga, and Sports. A total of 79 library users explored the displayed books during this period.



CELEBRATION OF THE ANTI-RAGGING WEEK (12/08/2023 -18/08/2023)

The Anti-Ragging Cell conducted a series of events and activities during the Anti-Ragging Week from 12th to 18th August 2023. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the negative impacts of ragging and foster a safe campus environment.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (15/08/2023)

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated with the hoisting of the National Flag by Prof. (Dr.) F.M. Nadaf. Students delivered speeches on unity, diversity, and progress. Ms. Kanvisha Parsekar highlighted the link between environmental consciousness and national principles. Prof. Nadaf urged commitment to growth. A tribute was paid to the late Principal Prof. Gajanan Madival on the occasion. The programme was organised by the Sports Council of the college.



WORKSHOP ON TECHNIQUES OF GRAFTING, COMPOSTING & POT MIX (16/08/2023)

The Economics & Friends with Nature Club organized a workshop on grafting, composting, and pot mix techniques on August 16, 2023. Ms. Estella Pires, an experienced agriculturist, shared insights on propagation, grafting, root stock selection, composting methods, and soil management. The workshop, attended by 61 F.Y.B. Com students, aimed to enhance understanding of sustainable agriculture practices. Topics covered included air layering, epicotyl grafting, root stock selection, various composting methods, and soil management. The event, skillfully compered by Mr. Riyan Shaikh, received active participation from students, with a vote of thanks extended to Ms. Estella Pires by Mr. Abhigyan Roy of the F.Y. BCom.



RAKHI MAKING COMPETITION (18/08/2023)

The NSS Unit in collaboration with student Council organized Rakhi Making Competition on 18th August 2023 for the students on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Students had to make Rakhis by using materials like thread, stickers, pearls, lace, flowers, etc. Total 17 students participated in the competition. The Rakhis were judged by Ms. Vinita Khanolkar, Assistant Professor in Commerce and Ms. Pooja Prabhudessai, College Counsellor. The coordinators for the competition were Ms. Tanvi Keny, Chief NSS Programme Officer and Ms. Riva Paes, Convener, Student Council.



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CANTEEN DAY (21/08/2023)



The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Earn While You Learn committee, organized Canteen Day for S.Y.B. Com A and B divisions on August 21st and 25th, 2023, respectively. Each division's five groups set up stalls with unique strategies, attracting crowds and showcasing entrepreneurial skills. The initiative aimed to instill entrepreneurship qualities, resulting in profitable ventures for all groups. Dr. Maria Fatima De Souza and Mrs. Vinita V. Kandolkar coordinated the program, with Prof. (Dr.) F. M. Nadaf providing support as the Officiating Principal.

FELICITATION OF PROF. (DR.) FILIP RODRIGUES E MELO 24/08/2023

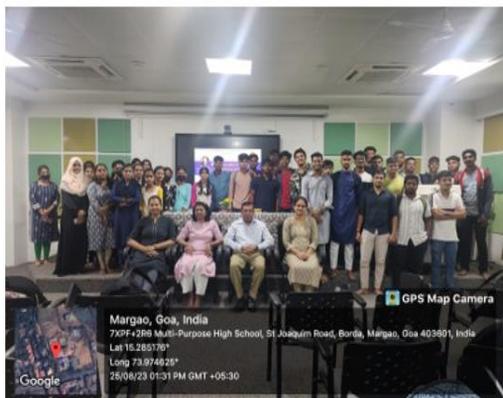
The Staff Welfare Committee organized a Felicitation Ceremony for former Principal Prof. (Dr.) Filipe Rodrigues e Melo at Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda,



on August 24, 2023. Officiating Principal Prof. F. M. Nadaf praised Prof. Filipe's contributions, and Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques shared personal anecdotes highlighting his positive impact. The event acknowledged the achievements under Prof. Filipe's leadership, including the College NAAC A Grade. Prof. Filipe expressed gratitude, and a token of appreciation was presented. Ms. Sifionna D'Mello compered, and Ms. Tanvi Keny delivered the vote of thanks, followed by lunch.

T.Y.B.COM PROJECT WORKSHOP (25/08/2023)

The Examination Committee and Commerce Department organized a "T.Y.B. Com Project Workshop" on August 25, 2023, with Prof. (Dr.) Helic Barreto from Rosary College of Commerce and Arts as the resource person. The workshop aimed to guide T.Y.B. Com students in various project aspects, including project title identification, literature survey, methodology, data analysis, and more. The session, attended by 64 students, included guidance on project marks allocation and viva voce responses. Ms. Sonali Gupta proposed the vote of thanks.



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION (31/08/2023)

The College celebrated National Sports Day with an engaging Sports Week, a collaborative effort by the Sports Council and NSS Cell. The week commenced with an Interclass Marathon Race at Colva Beach, followed by diverse sports activities for staff and students, including Football Shootout, Lemon Race, Tug of War, Plank Challenge, and Chess.



Principal Prof. (Dr.) F.M. Nadaf emphasized the importance of sports in fostering unity and overall well-being. The climax of the celebration was a thrilling Futsal Tournament at Camp Souza Futsal arena, featuring student and staff teams. The Sports Week, aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle and sportsmanship, was a result of the combined dedication of the organizers-Mr. Aaron Pereira, the College Director of Sports, his team, the participants, and the college administration.

CONGRATULATIONS, you did us proud!



Miss. Saloni Sharma of the S.Y.B. Com secured the Third Prize at the G-20 Essay Competition organised by the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University.



PRIZE WINNING ENTRY



Master Aditya Gurang of the F.Y.B. Com was awarded a Consolation Prize at the Inter-Collegiate Photography Competition on the theme “Marvelous Monsoon Creatures” organised by the Department of Zoology of the PES College, Ponda, under the auspices of the SURVIVAL NATURE CLUB and ZOOLOGY STUDY FORUM on World Nature Conservation Day



Master Anil Yadav of the F.Y.B Com won the Bronze Medal at the Goa University Weightlifting Championship for men held on 7th and 8th August 2023

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