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MESSAGE

Dear Students,

It is with immense pleasure that I extend my warm greetings to each one of you. As we navigate the academic landscape, I am excited to share the array of events and activities that took place in our college from September to November 2023. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the events and activities. Your enthusiasm and dedication have truly made a positive impact on the fabric of our college life.

I take this opportunity to convey that today marks a significant milestone in the history of our College. It gives me great pleasure to officially announce, via this newsletter, that our students will now be known as proud GCCeians, inscribing this day in golden letters within the annals of our institution's legacy.

Embracing the spirit of being proud GCCeians is not just a tagline; it's a guiding principle, a motto that shapes our journey through life. As we adopt this identity into our everyday existence, we commit ourselves to a set of values and ideals that define not only our academic identity but also our character and actions.

Being a proud GCCeian means taking pride in our educational journey, cherishing the learning experiences that mould us into individuals ready to face the challenges of the world. It signifies a commitment to academic excellence, curiosity, and a thirst for knowledge that extends beyond the confines of the classroom.

Moreover, the identity of being proud GCCeians transcends academia. It's about fostering a sense of community and unity, supporting our fellow students and colleagues on their individual paths. Together, we form a collective force, driven by shared values of respect, collaboration, and a commitment to making a positive impact on our surroundings.

In adopting this identity, we pledge to uphold integrity and ethical conduct in all aspects of our lives. It's a call to be responsible citizens, not just academically, but in our interactions with society and the environment. As proud GCCeians, we understand the importance of contributing positively to the communities we are part of, bringing about meaningful change.

This identity challenges us to set high standards for ourselves, to be ambitious in our goals, and to persevere in the face of challenges. It's a reminder that we are not just students passing through a phase, but individuals with the potential to shape the future.

Let the identity of proud GCCeians guide us in our pursuit of excellence, inspire us to be compassionate leaders, and remind us of the rich tapestry of experiences that make up our educational journey. Together, let's live this identity and embody the values that make us not just graduates of GCCe but proud GCCeians throughout our lives.

Best wishes,

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

Logo Designing Competition

The Equal Opportunity Committee, in collaboration with the Library Committee, recently organized a Logo design competition at our college, drawing participation from 10 enthusiastic students. Mr. Alroy Mascarehnas and Ms. Jovelle Furtado, Assistant Professors of Commerce, judged the competition. H. Wasim Akram from SYBCOM B secured the first place, Aafrah Shaikh from SYBCOM A claimed the second spot, and Prema Pawar, also from SYBCOM A, earned the third position. The competition showcased the students' creativity and dedication, making it a successful and engaging event for everyone involved.

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Gender Equality-Break the Bias

The Gender Champions Cell organized a Poster and Rangoli competition on September 2, 2023, with the theme "Gender Equality- Break the Bias." Ms. Saloni Vaghurmekar and Mr. Ramesh Bagi led the event under Ms. Rupali Vijay Sangodkar's guidance. Prema Pawar, Tazeen Neknal, and Lalita Ganchi secured top positions in the Poster Competition, while Sayali Salvi and Soumya Patil, Sneha Kamble and Kusum Prasad, and Rohini Madar and Sakshi Adel won the Rangoli Competition. With 11 participants in the Poster Competition and 18 students forming 9 teams in the Rangoli Competition, the events successfully promoted awareness about gender equality.

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Teachers Day Celebration

The College Students' Council celebrated Teacher's Day on September 5th, 2023, in the beautifully decorated Multipurpose Hall. The event started at noon with the lighting of a lamp and included speeches by council members and the college Officiating Principal, Dr. F. M. Nadaf, who highlighted the crucial role of teachers. Students showcased their talents through speeches, dances, and acting. The programme concluded with students expressing gratitude to teachers through cards and flowers. The day ended with a cake-cutting ceremony in the staff room, attended by council and staff members.

Talk On Fundamental Rights and Duties

The Equal Opportunity and Code of Conduct Committees organized an informative talk on "Fundamental Rights and Duties" for First Year B.Com students. Advocate Prajakta Lolayekar served as the resource person, detailing various rights and duties. Mrs. Vinita V. Kandolkar, Assistant Professor and Convenor of both committees, efficiently organized the program, providing students with valuable insights into their civic responsibilities.



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Essential Commodities Drive

The NSS unit held an essential commodity drive on 7th September 2023. The staff and students of the College participated in the drive by donating various commodities like toiletry articles (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush), non-perishable food items like rice, atta, millets, tea powder, pulses and various kind of biscuits etc. which were handed over to inmates of Provederia Old Age Home and also donated to the needy children of the surrounding Vicinity.

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Consumer Literacy Day

On Consumer Literacy Day (8th September, 2023), the College's Consumer Welfare Cell organized various competitions. Winners included Rohan DaCosta, Lalita Ghanchi, Sweetu Kumar, Mahek Sayyed for Elocution; Sayali Salavi & Soumya Patil, Prema Pawar, Aafrah A Shaikh, Tazeen Abdul Neknal, Saloni Kote for Chart Paper Making; Manisha Arya, Mavil Shaikh, Shoba Sharma, Mansi Sarkar, Samuel D'Costa, Saloni Sharma for Slogan Writing; and Ms. Nandini Hallithi, Ms. Saloni Sharma, and Mr. Samuel D'Costa for Essay Writing. The competitions highlighted consumer awareness and rights.

Slogan Writing Competition

The Slogan Writing Competition, organized jointly by the Equal Opportunity Committee and Library Committee, focused on promoting messages of equality among the students of our college. Sixteen participants engaged in the competition, where Dr. Maria Fatima De Souza, Associate Professor and Head of the Commerce Department, and Mrs. Pooja Prabhudessai, College Counsellor, served as judges. Among the winners from SY.B. Com A, Aafrah Shaikh secured the first place, followed by Chetna Dewasi in the second position, and Lalita Ghanchi in the third position. The competition successfully conveyed messages of equality and inclusivity.

Youth Skill Day

The Counseling & Wellness Centre, Student Council, and Electoral Literacy Club jointly organized a Youth Skill Day on September 14th, 2023. The event featured on-stage activities like skits, stand-up comedy, skipping, dance, and one-act plays. Off-stage activities included mehendi, bookmark making, drawing, bottle painting, gardening, and photography. The event provided students with a diverse platform to showcase their talents, fostering holistic development and creative expression.

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National Level Business Ideathon

On September 14, 2023, the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Research, Development & Innovation Council and Earn While You Learn Committee, organized a National Level Business Ideathon. The Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, Goa, securing the first place with a cash prize of Rs. 3,000/-, followed by M.E.S. Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, Goa in second place with a cash prize of Rs. 2,000/-, and Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Bicholim, Goa securing the third place with a cash prize of Rs. 1,000/-.

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Seminar on Investor Awareness

The Department of Economics, organized a Student Seminar on "Investor Awareness" on the 14th of September for the students of TY. B. Com, 11.00 am onwards.

The Resource Person for the Workshop was Dr. Celso Fernandes, A dental surgeon by Profession, a Financial Doctor by Passion, founder of the Nave Marg Foundation and a social worker. The Seminar was organised in association with Ambition Learning Solutions, a Mumbai based training company with domain expertise in Banking and Financial Services that has been conducting Investor Awareness Programs on behalf of Mutual Fund Companies, Bombay Stock Exchange, National Stock Exchange, NSDL and SEBI and is amongst the only 11 companies in India who have been allowed to conduct Investment Awareness programs on behalf of SEBI.

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Exhibition cum Sale: "Living Sustainably with Nature"

The Department of Economics organized an Exhibition cum Sale on the theme of "Living Sustainably with Nature." This event was a collaborative effort by all the students of F.Y.B.COM and aimed to promote sustainable living practices and environmentally friendly products. The exhibition was inaugurated in the presence of esteemed guest, Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, Honourable Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly, and our College Principal, Prof. Dr. F.M. Nadaf.

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Student Council Inaugural Ceremony

The Students' Council Inaugural function was held on September 15th, 2023, with Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, Hon. Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly, as the Chief Guest. In his keynote address, he emphasized the broader role of student leaders beyond campus activities, urging societal concern. Shri. Tawadkar also stressed the importance of skill development to meet job market demands, providing valuable insights for the attending students.



Swachhta Pledge Taking event

Following the guidelines from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi, the NSS unit of our college, organized the Swachhta Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign. The unit conducted Swachhta Pledge taking events on September 15 and October 1, 2023, in the college campus. A total of 50 students participated, pledging to devote 100 hours collectively for cleanliness initiatives as part of the campaign. This initiative aligns with the national drive for a cleaner and healthier environment.



15/09/2023



Poster Making Competition

The Equal Opportunity and Library Committees organized a Poster Making Competition on "Equality and Discrimination". The event aimed to raise awareness about societal discrimination, and the winning entries were from SYBCOM A (Prema Pawar & Aafrah Shaikh - FIRST), TYBCOM (Shobha Sharma - SECOND), and SYBCOM A (Tazeen Neknal - THIRD). The competition effectively addressed the theme and engaged students creatively.



16/09/2023



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Effective Presentation Skills

The Department of English organized a session on the topic, 'Effective Presentation Skills' on the 16th of September 2023. The session aimed at providing in-depth knowledge to the students to learn the different skills required to give effective presentations. The resource person for the session was Ms. Siana D'Mello, Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Gogol Margao Goa.



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Cloth Bag Making Workshop

The NSS unit conducted cloth Bag Making Workshop on 16th September 2023 in the Seminar Hall for the college students in order to create a single use plastic awareness among the students. The Resource Person for the workshop was Mrs. Vinita Kandolkar, Assistant Professor of Commerce. Total 50 NSS Volunteers participated in cloth bags distribution. This also created awareness among the public on no use of plastic bags and how to make an efficient use of cloth bags for the multiple times.



One Hour of Shramdaan for Swachhata

The NSS unit conducted a massive cleanliness drive in the college campus under "One Hour of Shramdaan for Swachhata". The Principal, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, apprentices along with the students participated in the cleanliness drive.



01/10/2023



Swatchhata Hi Seva Campaign

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 2023, the NSS Unit of our college organized a short programme in the seminar hall followed by a massive cleanliness drive in and around the college campus and surrounding areas. The programme commenced at 9:30 am in the college seminar hall. The Principal of the college Dr. F. M. Nadaf garlanded the portraits of Mahatma Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastri. Students and faculty members participated in the programme.



02/10/2023



Anemia Camp

The NSS Unit of the College, in collaboration with the Urban Health Centre, Margao, conducted an Anemia Camp on October 4th, 2023, for women aged 19-49. Over 50 female students and women staff checked their Haemoglobin levels, and those with deficiencies were provided iron tablets. An awareness talk on Anemia by Dr. Pratista Kunkolienkar followed in the Seminar Hall for F.Y.B. Com students and staff, emphasizing preventive healthcare and supporting the Anemia Mukta Bharat campaign.

04/10/2023



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Internship with FiiRE

The Department of Economics organized a Seminar on “Internships with FiiRE-Forum for Innovation, Incubation Research, and Entrepreneurship” for students of SY.B.Com on the 4th of October between 12.00 noon and 1.00 p.m. in the college Seminar Hall.



Mr. Kiraan Mehta, the Head, of Incubation and Innovation, and Mr. Arush Xavier Martins-Manager-Marketing and Communications shared the exciting opportunities for internships available at FiiRE, Goa.



Exhibition and Market Day

The Department of Commerce organized "Exhibit and Market Day" with the theme "Innovate: Unleashing Student Startups." First Year B.Com students showcased their practical work, displaying handmade products from decor items to earrings. The event, held on October 5, 2023, highlighted students' innovative spirit and application of skills learned in the 'Innovation and Startup' course, emphasizing their potential in the business world. The exhibition was a testament to the dedication and innovative culture at our college.

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Road Safety and Traffic Management Awareness

Consumer Welfare Cell, in collaboration with GOACAN, organized a "Road Safety & Traffic Management" session on October 12th, 2023. Mr. Roland Martins highlighted collective responsibility, accident statistics, and causes like reckless driving. Practical tips included avoiding distractions, using seat belts, and reporting hazards. He demonstrated identifying real/fake helmets and recognizing traffic signs. The session stressed community involvement, collaboration, and responsible driving.



Mental Health is Universal Human Right

The Counseling & Wellness Centre in collaboration with Student Council and Oorja Training and Research Academy organized One Day District Level seminar on 12th October, 2023 from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm. There were 40 participants from various schools and Higher Secondary's of South Goa. The resource persons for the same were Dr. Sneha Bhagwat, President Goa Council of Ayurvedic and Allied System of Medicine, Govt of Goa and Ms. Nirmala Rebello, Mental Health Professional.

12/10/2023



Freshers Party

The Fresher Party was hosted in our college on October 14th, 2023. The event featured cultural performances, a lively fresher's fashion show, and a Mr. and Ms. Fresher contest. Attendees enjoyed delicious refreshments and a jam session by DJ Navin. Closing remarks highlighted ongoing support for freshers and the importance of unity within the college community.

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A.D. Shroff Memorial Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition

The Department of Economics and the Student Council of our college organized the 57th A.D. Shroff Memorial Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition in association with the Forum of Free Enterprise Mumbai on the 14th of October 2023. A total of 16 participants representing sixteen different colleges across the state of Goa participated in the competition. The students were given an opportunity to speak on any one of the following topics:

- Is the Indian Rupee ready to emerge as a Global Reserve Currency and what steps should the government take to achieve this goal?
- Is the Indian Economy on track to becoming a \$ 5 trillion economy by 2025?
- Is unemployment a bigger problem than underemployment? Recent Steps to Skill India.

Miss.Prachiti Raikar of the Dempe College, Miramar bagged the First Prize of Rs. 2500/-. Miss. Shrutika Morajkar a student of DMC College, Mapusa was awarded the Second Prize of Rs. 1,500/- and Jinu Ponnachan of V.M Salgaocar College of Law bagged the Third Prize of Rs. 1000/-

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PRIZE WINNERS



20/10/2023

Orientation of Skill-Based Courses

Our college collaborated with ITI Margao for an orientation on skill-based courses under the Chief Minister's Kaushalya Path Scheme (CMKPS). The Principal emphasized the collaboration's importance, and Mr. Rajesh Lolayekar from the Directorate of Skill Development highlighted the CMKPS initiative. The orientation covered the curriculum, career pathways, and opportunities.



workshop on Guide to Fill the Post Matric Scholarship

The Department of Library and Information science, organized a workshop on October 30, 2023, to guide F.Y.B.COM students in filling out the Post Matric Scholarship Form on the National Portal for Students. Led by Mr. Pravin V. Kamat and Bindiya M. Naik.

30/10/2023



Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Dr. Maria Fatima D'Souza, Associate Professor Administered the Pledge on National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) in honor late Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the occasion of his Birth Anniversary

31/10/2023



09/11/2023



Professional Development Programme

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College organized a Professional Development Programme for the Non-teaching staff of the college on the 9th of November 2023 on the theme of "Investment Options for Salaried Staff". The basic objective of the programme was to enhance the financial literacy and investment knowledge of the participants. The resource person for the programme was Ms. Manalee Vernekar, the founder of Financial Wisdom, a financial services firm based in Goa.



MoU between Our College and Haztech Innovation LLP, Margao

16/11/2023

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) played a key role in the college's strategic partnership with Haztech Innovation LLP, a tech startup in Margao, Goa. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on November 16, 2023, opens avenues for student engagement, including service learning, internships, and industry sessions. Haztech Innovation specializes in AI, Robotics, Web APPS, and Mobile APPS. The collaboration aims to enhance students' employability skills, offering practical experiences and insights into emerging technologies for a holistic education.



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MOU between FIIRE and Our college

On November 16, 2023, our college signed an MoU with FiiRE, a Technology Business Incubator supported by the Indian Government's Department of Science & Technology. FiiRE fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, and this collaboration aims to bridge the academia-industry gap. The MoU, facilitated by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college, signifies a significant step towards promoting innovation, incubation, research, and entrepreneurship.



MOU With GIPARD

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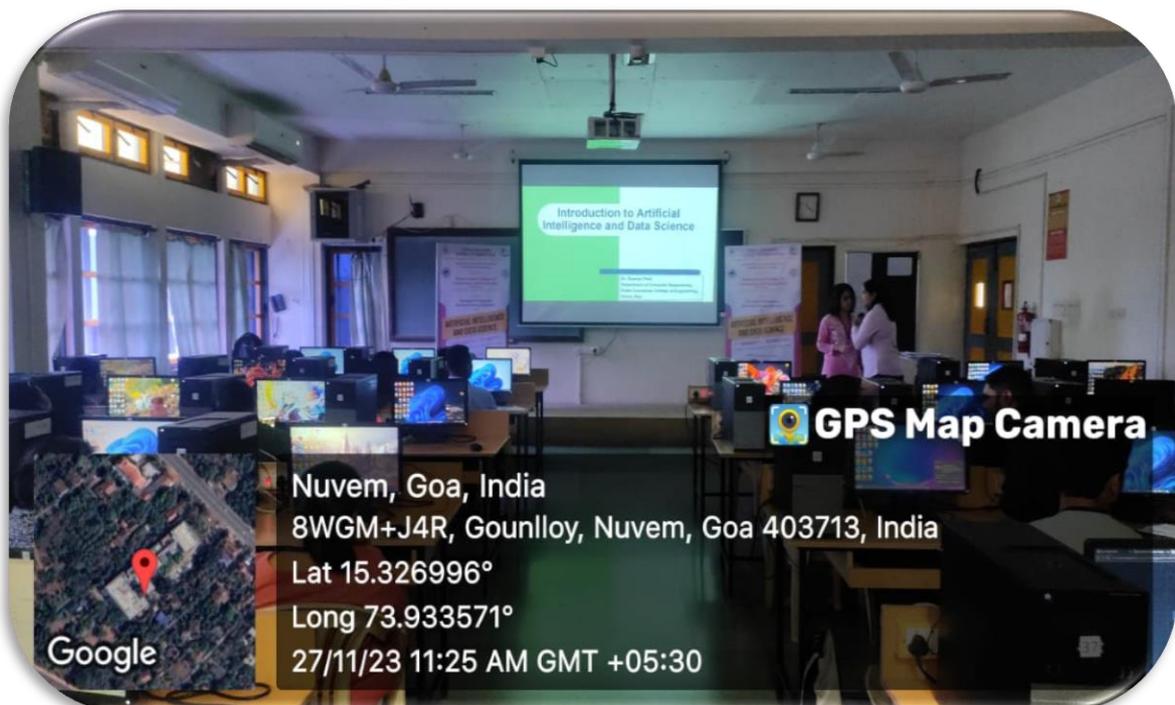
The College renewed its MOU with GIPARD (Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development). The MOU with GIPARD facilitates organisation of capacity building programmes and extension activities.



Short term training programme

A One-Week ISTE-Approved Short Term Training Programme on Artificial Intelligence and Data Science was organised by the Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna in association with the Government College of Commerce and Economics, Borda between 27th November to 1st December 2023. Participants received hands-on training on emerging technologies from experienced AI experts and Data Scientists from IIT Goa, BITS Goa, Persistent Systems, Precisely, Creative Capsule, and PCCE Goa. Forty-Six faculty members drawn from various educational institutions in the state actively participated in the STTP.

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KUDOS TO OUR COLLEGE ACHIEVERS



Master Mohammad Azam Xec of T.Y.B.Com was awarded the first prize in the online quiz organized by the DCT's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Masters of Tourism and Travel Management in Collaboration with Dempo Explorers Yuva Tourism Club on the theme Tourism and Green Investments



Master Abhigyan Roy secured third place in the story writing competition at the 20th State Youth Festival 2023-2024 organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs Campal, Panaji- Goa



Master Laxman Gad secured first place in the Handicraft competition at the 20th State Youth Festival 2023-2024 organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs Campal, Panaji- Goa

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