



GOVERNMENT COLLEGE BORDA, MARGAO-GOA
(AUTONOMOUS)



IQAC QUARTERLY

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OUR VISION

We intend to be a leading Institution in providing quality education and equal opportunities to heterogeneous student community from diverse backgrounds.

OUR MISSION

To offer holistic and interactive academic environment to the students from diverse backgrounds, enabling them to develop academic, interpersonal and technological skills and empower them to achieve their highest potential for adapting to the competitive global society.

From the Principal's Desk....



It gives me immense pleasure to present the fourth issue of our college's IQAC quarterly e-newsletter, a vibrant reflection of the energy, enthusiasm, and excellence that defines our institution. As we bring this academic year to a close, it is heartening to see the wide spectrum of academic, co-curricular, and extension activities that have taken place on our campus.

This newsletter stands as a testimony to the dedication of our faculty, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our administrative staff. From seminars and workshops to student-led initiatives, competitions, and community outreach programmes, every event has contributed to enriching the teaching-learning environment of our college.

I would like to appreciate the IQAC for their consistent efforts in documenting and disseminating the many achievements and activities of the college. These records not only capture the milestones of the past quarter but also motivate us to strive for greater heights in the coming days.

As we look ahead, let us continue working together with a shared vision to enhance the academic and holistic development of our students, build institutional capacity, and create a campus culture that is inclusive, innovative, and future-ready.

Warm regards,
Prof.(Dr.) F.M.Nadaf
Principal

1st March 2025

TALK

“We Stand Together: Fostering Unity and Inclusivity in Educational Institutions”

On the occasion of **Zero Discrimination Day**, the Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College, organized a talk on the theme **"We Stand Together: Fostering Unity and Inclusivity in Educational Institutions."** The talk aimed to highlight the importance of fostering a culture of inclusivity and unity, addressing challenges related to discrimination and promoting equality for all.



The informative session was delivered by Mr. Peter Borges, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Goa University, who shared insights on how educational institutions can play a pivotal role in creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for students, irrespective of their background, gender, race, or social status. Mrs. Vinita Bhandari, Assistant Professor of Commerce co-ordinated the programme.



Students in attendance

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3rd March 2025
WORKSHOP

“ABC Portal: Hands on Training for Academic Institutions”

A workshop on “ABC Portal Hands On Training For Academic Institutions” was organised to familiarize participants with the features and functionalities of the NAD Portal, specifically tailored for academic institutions. Shri Abishek Deb, State Coordinator for Academic Bank of Credit, and Shri Pradip Kumar, State Coordinator (Goa) and all open boards for Academic Bank of Credit under Digital India were the Resource Persons for the Workshop.



The Principal Prof.(Dr.) F.M Nadaf welcoming the Resource Persons



Faculty in attendance

The session was very informative as the participants gained valuable insights about NAD, Digi locker, ABC and APARD ID in line with the objectives of the workshop. A Q & A Session followed.

Ms. Rupali Sangodkar, Assistant Professor of Commerce co-ordinated the Workshop.

4th March 2025 WORKSHOP

“Conflict Resolution Through Negotiation: Principles and Practice”

A Workshop on “Conflict Resolution Through Negotiation: Principles and Practice” was



organized for first-year B. Com and B.Sc. students to equip them with essential negotiation skills for conflict resolution. The workshop was led by esteemed Resource Persons Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad and Dr. B.S. Patil of the V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, who provided valuable insights into negotiation techniques, principles of effective communication, and

strategies for resolving disputes amicably. The interactive session included real-life case studies and role-playing exercises, simulations enabling students to engage in practical learning.



Participants at the Workshop

Students actively participated in discussions and Q&A sessions, demonstrating keen interest in applying negotiation skills in personal and professional settings.

Our students, Ruksana Baykod compered the programme, while Miss Ishwari Faldessai delivered the Vote of Thanks

Assistant Professor of Law, Ms. Prajakta Lolayekar co-ordinated the programme.

6th March 2025
GUEST LECTURE

"The Art of Confidence, Corporate Communication, and Dressing"

The Department of Commerce organized a guest lecture titled **"The Art of Confidence, Corporate Communication, and Dressing,"** which was delivered by Ms. Freda Amorin, a renowned Life Coach. The lecture was attended by 68 students from F.Y. B. Com and B.Sc. and aimed to enhance their confidence, professional communication, and presentation skills.

Ms. Amorin engaged the students in an interactive and insightful session, covering various aspects of self-confidence, corporate communication, and personal grooming. She emphasized the importance of a firm and professional handshake as a sign of confidence and respect. She also spoke about personal hygiene and grooming, stressing that maintaining a neat appearance contributes to a positive first impression.



The programme was coordinated by Ms. Anisha D'Souza, Assistant Professor of Commerce, and Dr. Monica Patil, Assistant Professor of English.

"Confidence is the silent language of success, spoken fluently through polished etiquette and professional attire. How you carry yourself, behave, and dress is not just a reflection of who you are—but a preview of the excellence you bring."

10th March 2025

CONVERGE 2.0 Shiksha Udyojak Sangam

The Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, and the Goa State Higher Education Council, in collaboration with the Training, Internship, and Placement Cell and the IIC of Government College, Borda (Autonomous), successfully organized the second edition of **CONVERGE 2.0** under the central theme, **"Skill-Up, Scale-Up, Succeed: Empowering the Workforce of Tomorrow."** The primary objective of this initiative was to foster collaboration between academia and industry, addressing skill gaps and enhancing employability among students.

The event was graced by Ms. Ekta Agarwal, CEO and Founder of S.S. Technologies, as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included Mr. Damodar Pai Patnekar, Co-founder and CEO of Bodhami, and Ms. Sneha Menon, Chartered Accountant.



CONVERGE 2.0 witnessed four technical sessions and an educative and participative Panel Discussion. Prof. Amey Kerkar, Rev.(Dr.) Ivon Almeida, Dr. Gaurang Patkar, and Mr. Sushil Tripathi, representative, Test Prep Institute *Apna Formula* led the technical sessions. The panel comprised of Mr. Damodar Pai Patnekar, Co-founder & CEO of Bodhami Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Sumukh Kamat, Manager – Project at CommScope, Mr. Kapil Dhawan, Head of Development and Chief Technology Officer and Director of Remote Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Rev. (Dr.) Ivon Almeida, an expert in holistic well-being with vast experience in Yoga, NLP, Reiki, Pranik Healing, and Naturopathy and Prof. Niyan Marchon, from GSCERT, DHE-Goa, deliberated on the theme **"How can Students go from Ordinary to Extra-ordinary."**



Student participants at the Technical Sessions

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10th March 2025

**Session on
Project Viva-Voce preparation**

The T.Y.B.Com Project Preparatory Internal Viva-Voce was addressed by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) F. M. Nadaf, who guided students on how to prepare for their viva-voce. He advised them on presenting their research confidently and answering questions effectively. He also encouraged students to develop their projects into research papers, highlighting the importance of research in academics and careers.



The programme was co-ordinated by Ms. Lily Endro, Assistant Prof. of Commerce and Project In-charge.

15th March 2024

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON OUTCOME BASED
EDUCATION**

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college organized a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on **Outcome-Based Education (OBE)** for the teaching faculty on the 15th



of March 2025, 12.00 Noon onwards. The session was conducted by Mr. Alroy Mascarenhas, Assistant Professor of Commerce. This FDP was a follow-up to the Workshop on OBE that was conducted in February where Prof. Jacob Mendes was the resource person. The session aimed to provide faculty members with an in-depth understanding of the process of

recording and assessing learning outcomes using a program developed by the resource person.

The Programme was co-ordinated by Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques, the IQAC Director.

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20th March 2025
MEET THE ENTREPRENEUR- LECTURE SERIES IX

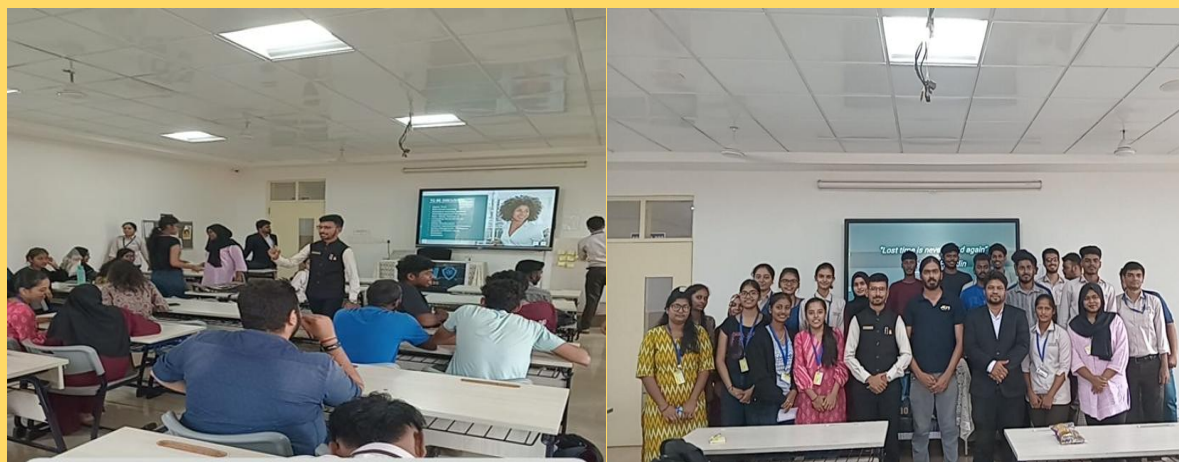


The Department of Economics of the Government College, Borda (Autonomous) successfully organized the IXth session of the **Meet the Entrepreneur** series, aimed at inspiring and equipping students with entrepreneurial insights. The session featured Mr. Namdev Naik, Programme Coordinator at FiiRE (Forum for Innovation Incubation Research and Entrepreneurship), as the resource person. The programme for S.Y.BCom

students was organised under the aegis of the MoU with FiiRE. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques and Ms. Vembly Colaco, Faculty of the Department of Economics.

March 26th 2025
SESSION ON STUDY SKILLS

The Skill Development and Monitoring Cell of the College, in association with JCI Margao, organized a **Session on Study Skills**. The session aimed to equip students with effective learning techniques and modern methods of studying. The Resource Persons for the programme were Jc. Adv. Sunil Loran and Mr. Vasant Pednekar, Assistant Professor at M.E.S. Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce. Students were introduced effective note-taking techniques, including the Cornell Method, Mind Mapping, Study Tree and various digital learning resources, including e-books, online platforms, academic journals, and collaboration tools, which can aid in expanding knowledge.



Study Skills: A Learning Experience

Ms. Riva Paes, the in-charge of the Skill Development Cell, co-ordinated the programme.

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29th March 2025
ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

Outstanding academic performance and extracurricular achievements of students of the college were acknowledged and honoured at the **Annual Prize Distribution Function**. The Chief Guest for the function was Dr. G. Shrinivas, the Head of the IGNOU Regional Centre. In his report the Principal Prof.(Dr.) F.M Nadaf notable achievements of staff and students and novel initiatives implemented in the college. Rank holders were honoured.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE		
Best Cultural Student of the Year	<i>Male</i>	Mr. Abhigyan Roy
	<i>Female</i>	Ms. Firdaus Banu Sayyed
Best Sports Person of the Year	<i>Male</i>	Mr. Anil Yadav
	<i>Female</i>	Ms. Sayali Salvi
Best NSS Volunteer of the Year	<i>Male</i>	Mr. Prabhudas Soni
	<i>Female</i>	Ms. Soumya Patil
Best Outgoing Student	<i>Male</i>	Mr. Santosh Vishwakarma
	<i>Female</i>	Ms. Prema Subash Pawar
Best Class for the Academic Year (Rolling Trophy)	S.Y.B.Com 'A'	



Mesmerising Dances, thought provoking skits and a spectacular fashion show by the Geoinformatics students made the function memorable. On the occasion, Dr. Sachin, Instructor in the Department of Sports and Physical Education was also felicitated for being awarded a Ph. D.

The Annual Prize Distribution function was organised by the Student Council led by Ms. Riva Paes who co-ordinated the programme.

4th April 2025
EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP

The Department of Environmental Studies organized an enriching **One-Day Field Trip** for FY B. Com and B.Sc. students to Mollem Biodiversity Park and Satpal Arboretum in Mollem Goa.

The objective was to connect students with nature and promote awareness of biodiversity and conservation practices. A total of 86 students, accompanied by 12 teaching and non-teaching staff, participated in this educational experience. At the Mollem Biodiversity Park, situated in the heart of Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, students experienced a rich variety of flora.



They observed endemic and endangered plant and insect species, medicinal herbs. The visit highlighted the role of biodiversity parks in ex-situ conservation, climate regulation, and ecosystem preservation.

The group later visited the Satpal Arboretum, a government-managed botanical area featuring both native and exotic trees. Students explored thematic sections such as the Swasthya Van, which connects trees to human health, and the Rashi Nakshatra Van, which associates specific trees with zodiac signs and birth stars. They also toured the cactus house and engaged in birdwatching and pollinator observation activities. Guided by knowledgeable faculty and a local forest expert, students gained valuable insights into Goa's forest ecosystems and the importance of ecological balance. The field trip was both informative and inspiring, reinforcing classroom learning through direct experience in nature.



Mr. Ojas Mahale, Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences co-ordinated the Field Trip.

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7th April 2025
CAMPUS RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Placement Cell in association with the Department of Commerce organized a **Campus Recruitment Drive**. The event aimed to provide final-year students with an opportunity to begin their professional journeys with reputed companies. A total of four companies - Gozoop Group, Performance Matrix, Amaron and Talak Constructions participated in the drive. These companies had various vacancies in the areas of Sales and Marketing, Accounts, Operations, Front Office etc.

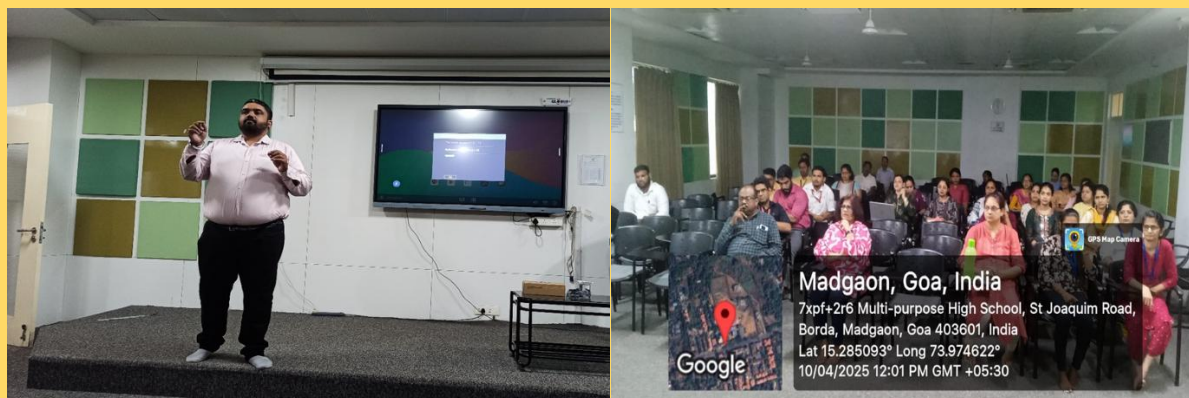


A total of 38 students participated in the Campus Recruitment Drive. The drive was coordinated by Dr. Maria Fatima De Souza- Convenor of the Placement cell along with Assistant Professor Mr. Jonlen DeSa.

"Opportunities don't happen. You create them."
- Chris Grosser -

10th April
ICT TRAINING CUM ORIENTATION

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college organized an **ICT Training cum Orientation Programme** for the staff of the college. The session was part of the institution's ongoing efforts to integrate technology into the teaching-learning process and promote the use of ICT tools in academic and administrative work. Shri. Rahul Joshi and Shri. Mangesh Kharche, Senior Manager, BENQ were the Resource Persons.



The Resource Person addressing the faculty

Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques, the IQAC Director co-ordinated the training session.

11th April 2025
FAREWELL

The Student Council organized a heartfelt **Farewell** for the T.Y.B.Com students. The event began with a welcome song by First Year B.Com students, followed by fun games in which the outgoing batch participated enthusiastically. Final-year students then shared fond memories and expressed gratitude for their college journey. A special video montage highlighting their three years evoked emotional responses, making the farewell truly memorable.



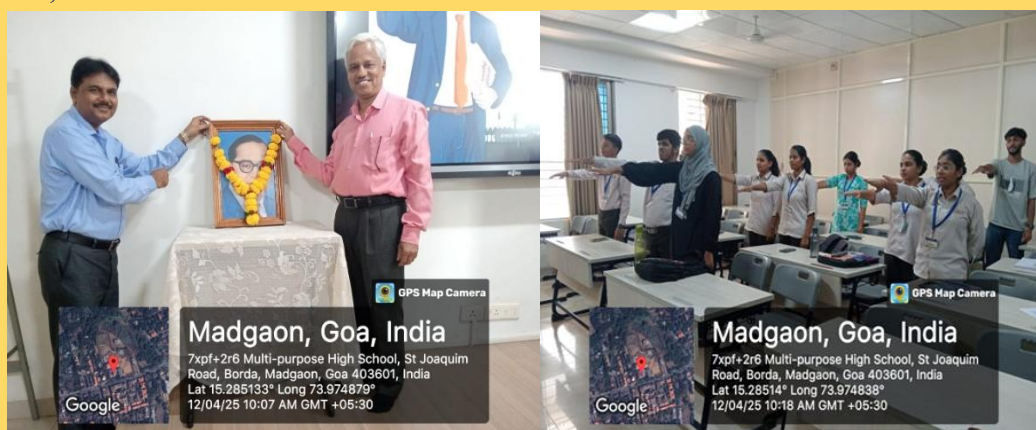
Fare thee well!!!!

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Sweetu Kumar, the General Secretary of the Student Council.

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12th April 2025
B.R.AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATION

The NSS Unit of the college organized a programme to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Principal, Dr. F. M. Nadaf, spoke about Dr. Ambedkar's role as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and his lifelong efforts towards equality and social reform. NSS Volunteers delivered impactful speeches reflecting on Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on democracy, justice, and empowerment of the marginalised. The programme concluded with the Pledge on the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, reinforcing the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity among the attendees. Ms. Tanvi Keni, the NSS In-Charge co-ordinated the programme. Present on the occasion was Professor, Dean, K.V.Gangadharan, NIIT, Surathkal, Karnataka.



17th April 2025
ESSENTIAL SERVICES DRIVE

The NSS Unit as an extension activity organised an “Essential Commodity Drive.” The staff and students of the college participated in the drive by donating various commodities, including toiletry articles (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes), non-perishable food items (rice, aata, millets, tea powder, pulses), and a range of biscuits and cookies which were distributed to the inmates of Stepping Stones Shelter (EI Shaddai Charitable Trust), Margao. The co-ordinators for the Essential Commodity Drive were Mrs. Tanvi Keny, and Mr. Jonlen Desa, Assistant Professors of Commerce.



7th May 2025
ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The Student Council of the college organised **Achievement Recognition Ceremony** to commend the outstanding achievements of the T.Y.B.Com students, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. Prof. Malapati K. Janathanam, Chairperson, Goa State Research Foundation was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Celebrating the Journey, embracing the future

The ceremony was characterized by a series of impactful speeches by both students and faculty making it a momentous occasion for all attendees. The highlight of the ceremony was the distribution of certificates to the deserving T.Y. students, a symbolic gesture acknowledging their hard work and dedication. The college magazine was also released at the hands of the Chief Guest.



Release of the College Magazine

Ms. Riva Paes, Assistant Professor of Commerce seamlessly co-ordinated the programme.

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MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING (MoUs)

The College successfully inked two MoUs with reputed institutions to promote skill development and enhance employability among students. These partnerships mark a significant step towards equipping our learners with practical knowledge and industry-relevant skills for a brighter future.



MoU inked with Manipal Institute of Education



MoU inked with the Goa Samagra Shiksha to undertake a comprehensive Social Audit for the Academic Year 2024-2025

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Trailblazers beyond the classroom



Master Abhigyan Roy of S.Y.B.Com, a member of the college team participating at Macromania and inter-collegiate Competition organised by the Department of Economics, Damodar College, Margao on 15th March 2025 won the First Prize at the Extempore Competition.



Abhigyan Roy of the S.Y.B.Com secured the Second Place at the State Level Youth Parliament held at Porvorim on 28th March 2025 organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa.



Lavish Assolkar of the S.Y.B.Com was awarded a prize for 'Interesting Character' at the 2nd edition of the All-Goa Model Youth Gram Sabha Competition for Institutions of Higher Education organised by GIPARD in March 2025



Abhigyan Roy of the S.Y.B.Com received the Youth Parliamentarian Momento for representing Goa in the National Youth Parliament Competition at the hands of Ms. Raksha Khadse, Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India on the 3rd of April 2025



Our College team represented by Mehek Sayyed (T.Y.B.Com) and Riyan Sayyed (S.Y.B.Com) won the "The Next Unicorn" – a Business Plan Presentation Competition organized by the Department of Commerce, in association with the Institution's Innovation Council of Goa Vidyaprasarak Mandal's Gopal Govind Poy Raiturcar College of Commerce and Economics, Farmagudi, Ponda-Goa, on 4th April 2025.

SIGNING OFF WITH APPRECIATION

As another academic year draws to a close, the IQAC of the college remains committed to its mandate of thorough documentation by compiling and recording all activities conducted throughout the year. The Quarterly IQAC e-Newsletter is a reflection of this ongoing effort.

This publication would not have been possible without the diverse range of initiatives undertaken by the various committees and staff members of the college. We sincerely thank all staff for their cooperation in submitting timely reports and facilitating the compilation process.

Special appreciation is extended to Ms. Lily Endro (Faculty Member), Ms. Nayana Shanbhag (Head Clerk), and Mr. Amrush Naik (Librarian Grade II), the first two being members of the IQAC, for their dedicated support in bringing out the IQAC E-Newsletters. To the Principal of the college, Prof.(Dr.) F.M.Nadaf, our gratitude for his continued encouragement and backing.

We look forward to carrying this good work into the coming academic year.

With warm regards,
Dr. Elizabeth J. Henriques
IQAC Director

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