



Goa University Alumni Report (2022-2024)

Goa University has a dedicated directorate to look at student placement and alumni relations, DSPAR (DSPAR webpage). Goa University has its Alumni association registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 with Reg. No. 90/Goa/96, as Goa University Alumni Association. It also has an alumni association for its school named, Chemistry Department Faculty Alumni Association, CDFAA (CDFAA webpage) registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 with Reg. No. 491/Goa/2010. Goa University is organizing different alumni activities in its school/program. Following are some of the activities done at Goa University, including alumni meet, lecture by Alumni, awards functions, etc.

Report 1: School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

Alumni Interaction talk on “Gene-edited stem cells for disease modeling” held on 21st November 2022 at 10.30 am to 11.30 am

On November 21, 2022, the Department of Marine Biotechnology hosted an alumni interaction talk featuring Prof. Ramchandran Shaji, an alumnus of the M.Sc. Marine Biotechnology program. Currently affiliated with the Department of Haematology at Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore, Tamil Nadu, Prof. Shaji presented on the topic “Gene-Edited Stem Cells for Disease Modeling.”

The talk was attended by 55 participants, including M.Sc. students, Ph.D. research scholars, and faculty members. Prof. Shaji shared insights into the various rare diseases that his research team is investigating and discussed the innovative approaches his lab employs to develop disease models through gene editing of stem cells.

The session fostered an engaging atmosphere, allowing students to interact with Prof. Shaji and explore potential internship opportunities in his lab. Overall, the event served as an excellent platform for knowledge exchange and networking, inspiring students to pursue advancements in biotechnology and stem cell research.



Report 2: School of Chemical Sciences

10th Annual Get-together cum Home-coming of M.Sc. Chemistry Students of 1997-99 batch was organized on 26th January 2023 at School of Chemical Sciences Goa University, Goa from 2.00 to 5.30 pm.

This annual meet is organized every year for the students who have completed 25 years of their post-graduation. The function was conducted in hybrid form (physical and online mode) for the alumni who could not physically present for the event. Alumni of the 1997-99 batch Dr. Supriya Tilvi, Mrs. Vijaya Prabhu, Mrs. Sonali Chafadkar, Mrs. Sonali Naik, Mrs. Medha Prabhu, Mrs. Yogita Kamat, Mr. Harish Sawant, Mr. Prashant Pednekar, Ms. Resha Nayak, Mr. Sagar Desai. The aim of this annual event is to give an opportunity to these students to meet their teachers (who taught them 25 years back and some are now superannuated & interact with their classmates. This meet offers potential avenues for academic-industry collaboration and help students for the placement. The function started with a welcome note by the President of CDFAA, Prof. R. N. Shirsat followed by an address from Prof. V. M. S. Verenkar, Dean, SCS. Further, students of the 1997-1999 batch introduced themselves, followed by self-introduction of the Faculty, executive committee, life members of CDFAA and research students. Later, the session began with the lectures from our senior teachers for 5-10 min (superannuated teachers) to refresh their 25 year-old memories. The lectures were delivered by Prof. S. P. Kamat (Organic Chemistry), Prof. B. R. Srinivasan (Analytical Chemistry), Prof. K. S. Rane (Inorganic Chemistry), and Prof. J.B. Fernandes (Physical Chemistry). After lectures, alumni of the 1997-99 batch shared their sweet memories with the help of some photographs. To commemorate the annual meet, these alumni donated a cheque of Rs. 40000 /- to the CDFAA and SCS. They also presented a card as a token of appreciation to their teachers.



Report 3: School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies

"Alumni Meet" was organized in the seminar hall of Faculty Block B on February 10th, 2023 at 2.00 pm to celebrate Philosophy Day. (Discipline of Philosophy)

The Discipline of Philosophy of the School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies had organized an "Alumni Meet" in the seminar hall of Faculty Block B on February 10th, 2023 at 2.00 pm to celebrate Philosophy Day. The event featured a special talk by a distinguished guest speaker Mr Dattaprasad Bhonsle, a mechanical engineer and Zonal Coordinator of the Heartfulness Institute for Goa, to deliver a lecture on "Yoga for Health and Wellness". During the talk, the speaker emphasized the numerous benefits of yoga for both physical and mental health. He demonstrated various asanas that help improve flexibility, strength, balance, and posture. Additionally, the speaker highlighted the importance of incorporating yoga into one's daily routine to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and holistically promote overall well-being. After the talk, alumni engaged in an interactive session with current students to provide valuable insights into the practical aspects of the subject. This exchange of ideas inspired the next generation of students, enabling them to make informed career decisions and fostering a sense of community, network building, and lifelong learning. The event also included exciting competitions such as a logo design for the Goa Philosophical Association (GPA) and presentations to introduce philosophy to prospective students. The presentation session presented a unique opportunity for the younger generation to delve into and comprehend the relevance of philosophy in our daily lives. It also served as a platform for the students to showcase their skills and creativity. It played a pivotal role in promoting the study of philosophy among the younger generation and fostering a community of learners who are enthusiastic about the subject. The program witnessed the participation of the alumni, the students and teachers from Goa University and its affiliated colleges.



Report 4: Goa Business School

Alumni Interaction talk on “How to crack NET Exam and guidance on answering GPSC Exams” in Goa Business School on 3rd March 2023 at 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Ms. Mrunali and Ms. Sparsha shared their experiences with the students. The way they prepared for the NET exam. Since both of them have cracked the GPSC exam and are working in Government Colleges in Goa. They shared their experience of preparing and answering the GPSC exam. The do's and don'ts while answering the GPSC exam. They also highlighted the similarity between the NET exam and GPSC exam syllabus for the post of Asst. Prof in Commerce.

"Aim for the stars and you will land somewhere on the clouds" is what Ms. Mrunali motivated the students to aim for. The students had a doubt session and Ms. Mrunali and Ms. Sparsha addressed the concerns of all the students. The perseverance of Ms. Mrunali and Ms. Sparsha is truly commendable. They motivated the students to keep dreaming and to never give up on your dreams.



Report 5: Goa Business School

Discipline of Computer Science and Technology (DCST) organized Alumni meet in Goa Business School on 16th April 2023 at 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

The alumni meet served as a platform for the students and alumni of DCST to reconnect, share knowledge and to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions to the field of computer science. The objective of this alumni meet was to kickstart a discussion on the setup of an Alumni Association. In addition, sought their inputs on Infofest 2023 and suggestions on planning a grand Alumni meet later in the year.

The main objective of this meet is to establish a network with students, faculty members and alumni of DCST and to seek employment opportunities for students in the companies where the alumni are currently established. Also, alumni can help current students of DCST to provide internships and training. Alumni settled in various cities of India can help in hosting our students to their city during the study cum placement tour which is being organised by DCST every year, this also may lead to getting jobs in the reputed company.



Report 6: School of International & Area Studies

An online meeting was convened by the alumni of the School of International & Area Studies (SIAS) on 23rd April 2023 at 4.30 pm.

The meeting saw the participation of alumni from various parts of India and across the globe. This event provided an opportunity for former students, including both post-graduates and research scholars, to reconnect and share their experiences during their time at SIAS.

One of the key outcomes of the meeting was the formal establishment of the *Alumni Association of SIAS*, aimed at fostering stronger bonds between the school and its alumni network. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Dattesh Parulekar, Programme Director of MA International Studies. Prof. Aparajita Gangopadhyay, Dean of SIAS, was invited to the meeting and shared her introductory remarks, reflecting on the accomplishments of the school and its alumni. Following the introductory session, an engaging discussion took place.

It was also collectively resolved that the SIAS alumni group would hold an annual meeting to facilitate continued interaction and engagement between alumni and the school. The meeting concluded with a sense of unity and a shared commitment to the future development of SIAS and its alumni network.



Report 7: School of Physical and Applied Sciences

Alumni Interaction of Physics students of SPAS on 20th May 2023 at 12.00 pm

The Alumni Interaction event organized by the School of Physical and Applied Sciences aimed to bridge the gap between current physics students and alumni. This initiative provided a platform for students to gain insights into potential career paths and professional development in the field of physics. Approximately 25 alumni participated in the event, with a mix of in-person attendees and those joining via a Google Meet link. This hybrid format allowed for broader participation, accommodating outstation alumni and ensuring diverse perspectives. Students were able to establish connections with alumni, paving the way for future mentorship and guidance. Alumni provided valuable information about various career trajectories, including research, industry roles, and academi. The hybrid format encouraged participation from a wider audience, enhancing the overall experience. The Alumni Interaction event was a resounding success, effectively connecting current physics students with alumni and fostering meaningful discussions about career opportunities. The positive feedback received from both students and alumni indicates a strong desire for continued engagement and future events. This event successfully highlighted the importance of alumni relationships in enhancing the educational experience and preparing students for their future careers in physics.



Report 8: School of International & Area Studies

An online condolence meeting was convened to pay tributes to Prof. Aparajita Gangopadhyay, Dean of the School of International & Area Studies on 28/04/2023 at 4.30 pm.

Students, faculty members, and the alumni community remember her profoundly. To pay tributes, a remembrance meeting was held by alumni, students, and faculty members of the School of International & Area Studies. It was resolved that the alumni community will support every initiative directed towards remembering the works and carrying forward the legacy of Prof. Gangopadhyay. It was suggested that the School of International & Area Studies conceptualize an annual public lecture dedicated to the memory of Prof. Aparajita Gangopadhyay.



Report 9: School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

Biotechnology Seminar-Lecture Series held on 19th July 2023 by M.Sc Biotechnology Alumni Dr. Jitendra Thakur at 3.30 pm

On July 19, 2023, the Biotechnology Seminar-Lecture Series was held, featuring esteemed alumnus Dr. Jitendra Thakur. The seminar aimed to facilitate interaction between current students and alumni, providing insights into various career opportunities available after completing a postgraduate degree in biotechnology. Dr. Thakur shared his personal journey and experiences since graduating, emphasizing the importance of networking and mentorship in professional development. The seminar successfully provided students with valuable information about career opportunities in biotechnology, specifically regarding internships at prestigious institutions like ICGEB. The interaction fostered by Dr. Thakur's presentation inspired students to actively seek out and pursue professional experiences that align with their career goals.

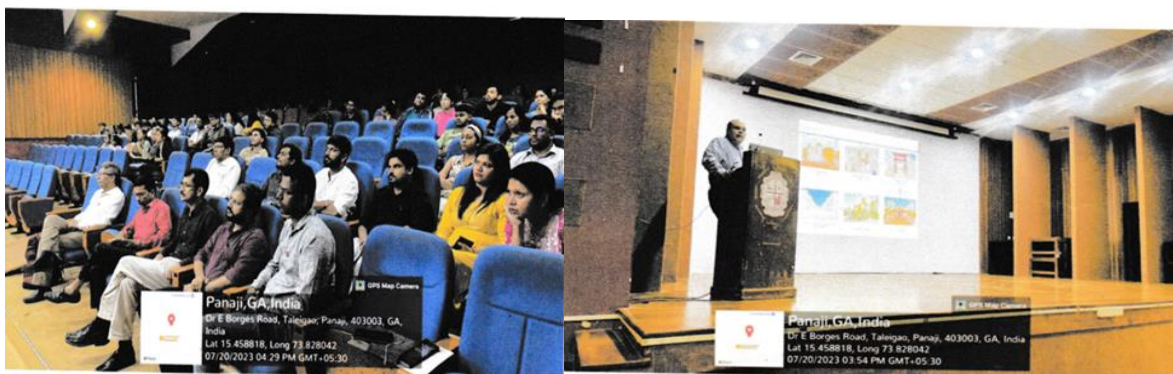


Report 10: School of Chemical Sciences

Interaction with alumni Dr. Manoj P. Samant at School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University on 20th July 2023 at 3.30 pm

The Seminar Committee of the School of Chemical Sciences at Goa University organized a seminar titled "Motivational Talk for Students" on 20th July 2023. The event was held at 3:30 PM in the Chemistry Auditorium, School of Chemical Sciences. The seminar began with a warm welcome from Dr. Kedar U. Narvekar, the Convener of the event. Dr. Bidhan A. Shinkre, Vice-Dean (Research) of the School, introduced the distinguished speaker, Dr. Manoj P. Samant. Dr. Samant, a Senior Medical Director at Ribon Therapeutics in the USA, is also an alumnus of the School of Chemical Sciences (formerly the Department of Chemistry) at Goa University.

In his talk, Dr. Samant began by reflecting on his time as an MSc student at the Department of Chemistry, sharing insights into how he entered the MSc program, the influence of faculty members, and his aspirations after completing his masters. He further elaborated on his PhD journey, discussing the research group he worked with and the projects he undertook during his doctoral studies. Dr. Samant also shared details of his postdoctoral work and the ongoing research at Ribon Therapeutics. He highlighted the significant advancements made in peptide synthesis and modification, particularly focusing on their applications in treating diabetic and cancer patients. The seminar included an engaging question-and-answer session, where both students and faculty members had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Samant. His responses were insightful and provided valuable perspectives on the topics discussed.



Report 11: Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature

Interaction with alumni Dr. Tanvi Bambolkar at Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University on 5th September 2023 at 3.00 pm

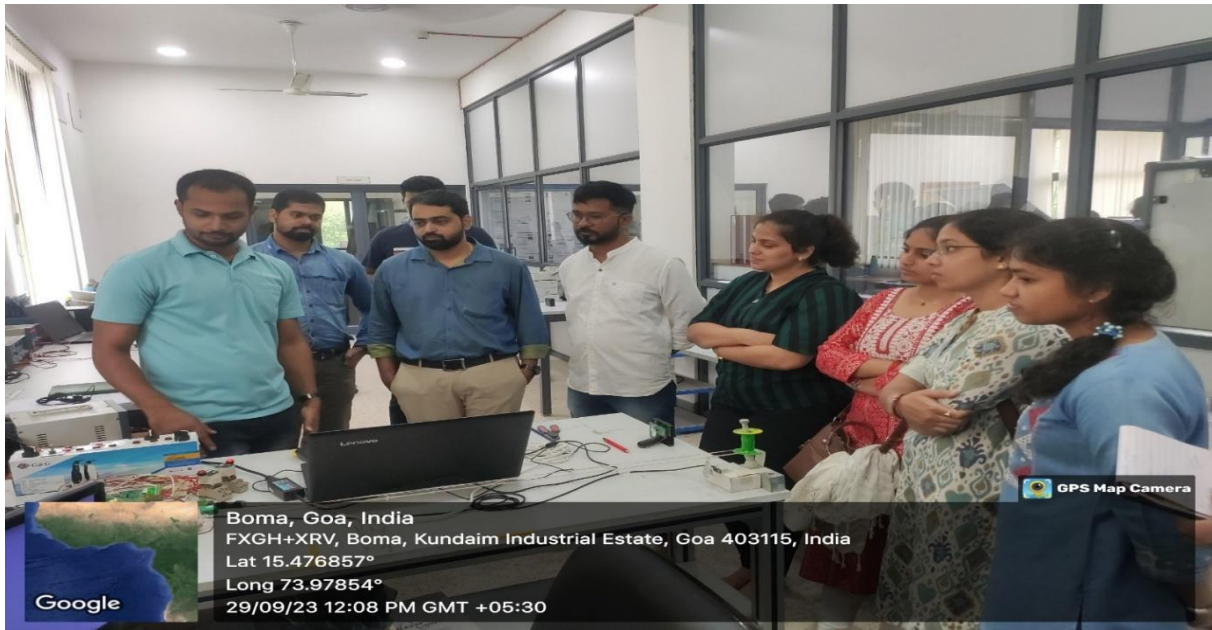
On September 5, 2023, the English Discipline of the Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature organized a workshop titled "Script to Stage," led by alumni Dr. Tanvi Bambolkar. This workshop aimed to provide students, particularly those in the MA-Part II Creative Writing course, with insights into theatrical performance and script adaptation. The workshop was attended by MA-Part II students who had chosen 'Creative Writing' as a Generic Elective Course, as well as other interested students from the school. Dr. Bambolkar, an experienced resource person, guided participants through essential aspects of theatre as an art form, including: The workshop was highly interactive, encouraging active participation from students. They engaged in group discussions, allowing them to share ideas and collaboratively explore their creative processes. This collaborative approach facilitated a deeper understanding of how to adapt stories or novels for the stage. By the end of the workshop, student-participants had acquired valuable skills and techniques essential for adapting narratives into performance. They were able to collaborate effectively in groups, culminating in a stage performance that showcased their newfound abilities. The final presentations were well received and appreciated by peers and faculty alike, highlighting the success of the workshop. The "Script to Stage" workshop proved to be an enriching experience for students, effectively bridging theory and practice in theatrical performance. Dr. Bambolkar's guidance and the interactive nature of the workshop fostered creativity and collaboration among participants. This workshop not only enhanced the participants' understanding of theatrical adaptation but also strengthened their connection with alumni, promoting a culture of learning and creativity within the Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature.



Report 12: School of Physical and Applied Sciences

Interaction with alumni of Electronics Programme placed at EME automation, Kundaim, Goa on 29th Sep 2023 at 3.00 pm

The MSc students got a chance to interact with Alumni of the Electronic programme, SPAS at EME automation. The students had the opportunity to gain insights into the domain expertise and work experience in the field of electronics design and manufacturing. The feedback of the students was very encouraging and had a fruitful dialogue with the alumni placed at EME automation



Report 13: Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature

Alumni Interaction of Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature on 12th October 2023 at 2.00 pm

An engaging alumni interaction event was held on October 12, 2023, in the serene arborical area near the Faculty B Canteen at Goa University. The event aimed to foster connections between alumni and current students through the art of poetry, showcasing the diverse talents within the university community. The event commenced with warm welcomes from the hosts, Ms. Lauren Fernandes and Mr. Sai Patil, who set an inviting tone for the gathering. Their enthusiasm helped create a friendly atmosphere, encouraging participation from all attendees. Prof. Anuradha Wagle, the Dean of the Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature, addressed the gathering. Her insightful remarks highlighted the importance of literature and poetry in personal and academic growth. She also recited a beautiful poem of her own, captivating the audience and setting the stage for the subsequent recitations. Participants took turns sharing their original poems, exploring a variety of themes, including: The event celebrated linguistic diversity, with poems recited in several languages, including Konkani, Hindi, Marathi, Persian, and French. Each recitation resonated deeply with the audience,

showcasing the profound significance of the themes presented. The interaction was not only a platform for performers but also an opportunity for the audience to appreciate and engage with the poetic creations. The atmosphere was filled with applause and encouragement, creating a sense of community among participants. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Ms. Nafisa Oliveira, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and attendees. The interaction successfully fostered connections between alumni and current students, enriching the university's cultural fabric through the shared love of poetry.



Report 14: School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

MSc. Marine Biotechnology Alumni Interaction held on 17th November 2023 at 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

The program commenced with Prof. Ghadi, Vice Dean of Academics at the School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Goa University, introducing the two distinguished alumni: Mr. Pradeep Verma. During their addresses, the alumni shared insightful reflections on their journeys since graduating from the MSc. Marine Biotechnology program in 2007. They candidly discussed the obstacles encountered throughout their careers, offering valuable advice on navigating competitive examinations and emphasizing the significance of perseverance. The objective of the program is to inspire the students by having successful ex-Marine Biotechnology students interact with them and share their journey.




Report 15: School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology


Alumni Interaction on Lecture on "How to be an entrepreneur in the field of Biotechnology" and "Engineering Heat Resilience in Rice: A Climate Change Counter measure" on 15th December 2023 at 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

The School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology hosted an informative Alumni Interaction event featuring two distinguished speakers from the M.Sc. Marine Biotechnology program Mr. Ajoy Shaw and Dr. Manu Agarwal. The session provided current students with valuable insights into entrepreneurship in biotechnology and innovative approaches to addressing climate change.

The Alumni Interaction event successfully connected current students with accomplished alumni, fostering a collaborative environment for learning and professional growth. The insights shared by Mr. Ajoy Shaw and Dr. Manu Agarwal not only enriched the students' understanding of the biotechnology field but also motivated them to think critically about their future careers. Overall, the event was a valuable addition to the academic calendar and contributed to strengthening the alumni-student network at Goa University.

School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology, Goa University
(Biotechnology Discipline)
ALUMNI INTERACTION
on 15th December 2023
Venue: Biotechnology Lecture hall


Mr. Ajoy Shaw
Director, Plateaux Vintners
M.Sc. Marine Biotechnology batch 1991 - 1993
Lecture on
"How to be an entrepreneur in the field of Biotechnology"
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.


Dr. Manu Agarwal
Professor, Department of Botany, University of Delhi
M.Sc. Marine Biotechnology batch 1993 - 1995
Lecture on
"Engineering Heat Resilience in Rice: A Climate Change Countermeasure"
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Report 16: School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

Alumni Interaction lecture on “Navigating your career post-graduation” held on 20th December 2023 at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm

The School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology organized a workshop on “Navigating your career post-graduation” on 20th December 2023. During her lecture, Dr. Salma enthusiastically engaged the entire audience while discussing her journey from a Marine Biotechnology student to her current position which involved a lot of hard work and critical and thoughtful thinking when it came to transitioning her career from one field to another. She briefly described her journey and discussed how it can be used as a compass instead of a map for the students to navigate their own careers individually. She emphasized on the importance of skill development to enter different professional fields.



Report 17: Goa University Annual Alumni Meet 2023

Goa University Annual Alumni Meet organized by DSPAR on 23rd December 2023 at 10.00 pm to 3.00 pm

The Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations (DSPAR) of Goa University organized Alumni Meet on Saturday, 23rd December 2023 at the University campus. The meet was attended by over 135 participants. Prof. Ravi Fernandes, Director and Head of Physical Chemistry Department, PTB, Germany and one of the illustrious alumni of the Goa University was the chief guest at the event that was held in the gracious presence of Prof. Bernard Rodrigues, officiating Vice-Chancellor of the university and Prof. Ramesh Pai, officiating Registrar. The alumni were able to get insights about the role played by the Goa University in shaping the educational scenario in the state of Goa, and its research contribution across disciplines while accentuating the attention of the audience on the future role and plans of the University and how alumni can contribute in the same.



Report 18: School of Chemical Sciences

The 11th Annual Get-together cum Homecoming of M.Sc. Chemistry Students of 1998-2000 batch was organized on 26th January 2024 at School of Chemical Sciences of Goa University, Goa from 2.00 to 5.30 pm.

The function was conducted in hybrid form (physical and online mode) for the alumni and life members of CDFAA who could not physically present for the event. Alumni of the 1998-2000 batch Dr. Roshan Porob, Mr. Vinay Manerikar, Mr. Vithal Korgaonkar, Mr. Vinayak Malik, Mr. Gourish Sail, Mrs. Manjita Raut Dessai, Mrs. Deepa Audi, Mrs. Sudiksha @ Roopa Naik, Mrs. Sunali Khobrekar/Pednekar and Mrs. Anuja Amonkar attended the meet. The function started with a welcome note by the President of CDFAA, Prof. S. N. Dhuri followed by an address from Prof. V. M. S. Verenkar, Dean, SCS. Further, students of the 1998-2000 batch introduced themselves, followed by self-introduction of the faculty, executive committee, life members of CDFAA and research students. Later, the session began with the lectures from our senior teachers for 5-10 min (superannuated teachers) to refresh their 25-year-old memories. The lectures were delivered by Prof. S. P. Kamat (Organic Chemistry), Prof. K. S. Rane (Inorganic Chemistry) (online mode), Prof. A. V. Salker (Analytical Chemistry) and Prof. J.B. Fernandes (Physical Chemistry). After lectures, alumni of the 1998-2000 batch shared their experiences and recalled sweet memories with the help of some photographs.



Report 19: School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies

"Alumni Meet" was organized by Discipline of Philosophy in the seminar hall of Faculty Block B on 31th July, 2024 at 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

The Philosophy Alumni Meet 2024 was organized by the Discipline of Philosophy of the School of Sanskrit Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS) in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations (DSPAR) in the Seminar Hall, faculty Block B of Goa University. The event welcomed approximately 71 participants, including alumni, faculty members, students, and research scholars. Dr. Prasad Ramesh Bhide, an esteemed Associate Professor and Head of Nāṭyaśāstra Anusandhan Kendram at Central Sanskrit University, served as the guest lecturer. His talk, "Ānandavardhana's Dhvanyāloka: Semiotic Analysis in Indian Knowledge Tradition," offered deep insights into the semiotic framework within classical Indian philosophy. Dr. Bhide's expertise is well-recognized, with significant contributions to Indian theatre tradition and Sanskrit lexicography. The session was enriched by a brief talk from Dr. Shefali Kale, an alumna of the department, who shared her reflections on her academic journey and the importance of philosophical inquiry fostered at Goa University. The alumni meet successfully strengthened the connection between former students and their alma mater, creating a vibrant community focused on networking and mentorship. It also provided valuable feedback to the department, which will aid in curriculum enhancement and foster future collaborations. Overall, the event marked a significant step towards building an engaged and supportive academic community.



Report 20: School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

Alumni Interaction talk on “cGMP and Rapid Microbiological Methods” held on 12th August 2024 at 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The Microbiology Programme, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations organised an expert session for M.Sc. Microbiology students. The resource person was Ms. Vatsala Sukthankar, a consultant for the pharmaceutical industry and alumna of Goa University’s Microbiology programme. The objective of the event was to provide students with valuable insights into the field of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and foster interest in industrial career paths. Ms. Sukthankar shared her expertise on the role of microbiologists in the pharmaceutical sector, emphasizing good manufacturing practices and other industry-relevant topics. Her presentation offered students an understanding of the professional landscape and practical knowledge applicable to careers in the pharmaceutical industry. An interactive Q&A session allowed both students and faculty to engage further with the subject.



Report 21: School of International & Area Studies

A talk on ‘Careers in Foreign Policy’ on the occasion of Indian Foreign Policy Day by Dr Dattesh Parulekar at 3.30 pm

On September 10, in observance of Indian Foreign Policy Day, the School of International & Area Studies (SIAS) organized a special talk on the theme ‘Careers in Foreign Policy’. The event garnered an overwhelming response from both students and alumni of SIAS, highlighting the growing interest in the field of foreign policy among the SIAS community.

The talk was delivered by Dr. Dattesh Parulekar, Programme Director of MA International Studies, who provided valuable insights into the diverse career opportunities within foreign policy and international relations. Throughout the talk, Dr. Parulekar explored various facets of foreign policy, offering students and alumni a comprehensive understanding of the subject.

The session was interactive, and the audience actively participated in a lively question-and-answer session that followed the talk, further deepening their engagement with the topic. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by faculty member Yugank Naik, who expressed gratitude to the speaker, attendees, and everyone involved in making the event a success.



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