

Goa University Women's Hostel and the Men's Hostel Report on EXPLORING THE COSMIC CANVAS: A Sky Gazing Activity

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	EXPLORING THE COSMIC CANVAS: A Sky Gazing Activity
2. Date and Time	7 th January 2025, 6.30 pm.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Women's Hostel & Men's Hostel
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	-
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	09 (including 2 Wardens, of the Women's Hostel and Men's Hostel).
8. Number of Student attended / participated	Women's Hostel:50 Men's Hostel:27
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	23
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The objective of this Programme was to inculcate in the participants an appreciation of astronomy, as a scientific field; and a sense of curiosity about our galaxy; and (2) learn to identify celestial objects in the sky.

11. Description of the Program/activity/event	A sky gazing activity was conducted by the Women's Hostel, in association with the Men's Hostel, Goa University, on 7 th January 2025, 6.30 pm onwards, on the grounds outside the International Guest House. Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai, Assistant Professor in the School of Physical and Applied Sciences, and an astronomy enthusiast, was the resource person. Dr. Reshma Dessai, showed the participants the moon, Saturn, Jupiter and the Orion nebula, through the telescope, and also explained the characteristic features of these celestial bodies.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	As a result of the programme, the participants increased their awareness of astronomy. They viewed the moon, Saturn, Jupiter and the Orion nebula, through the telescope, and also understood the salient features of these celestial bodies.
13. Enclosures with report	Brochure, Notice, Geo-tag photos, Attendance of students/faculty/external participants, Bio Data of resource person (if applicable), Any other information.

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Prof. Nilesh Borde Chief Warden, Men's Hostel and Chairperson, Hostel Management Committee

Seal of the School/Directorate/University

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Name of Coordinators with designation:

Dr. Priya M. D'Costa Chief Warden, Women's Hostel

Ms. Maya Naik Warden, Women's Hostel

Mr. Abhinay Pai Warden, Men's Hostel







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EXPLORING THE COSMIC CANVAS: A Sky Gazing Activity



Resource Person: Dr. Reshma Raut Desai Assistant Professor and Astronomy Enthusiast, School of Physical and Applied Sciences, Goa University.

Venue: International Guest House ground, Goa University. Date: 7th January 2025; Timing: 6.30 pm.

Programme Co-ordinators: Dr. Priya M. D'Costa (Chief Warden) & Mrs. Maya Naik (Warden), Women's Hostel; Mr. Abhinay Pai (Warden), Men's Hostel.



Fig. 1. Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai, resource person, setting up her telescope.



Fig. 2. Dr. Priya D'Costa, Chief Warden, Women's Hostel, introducing the resource person.



Fig. 3. Dr. Reshma Dessai explaining to the audience about the celestial objects in the sky.



Fig. 4. The moon viewed through the telescope.

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Annexure A: Brief Biodata of Dr. Reshma Raut Dessai

Reshma Raut Dessai is an Assistant Professor at the School of Physical and Applied Sciences Goa University and a Visiting Associate of Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune. Her research interests broadly lie in the study of porous materials, glass, Neutron scattering and Xray astronomy. She has presented her research at various National and International Conferences and Symposia which also includes invited speeches at World Congress on smart materials held at Japan in 2018 and at Bangkok in 2017 as well as at AOCNS, Sydney Australia.

Dr. Reshma has been awarded best Amateur Astronomer Award in recognition of her commitment towards popularization of Astronomy and conducting workshops on Reflector Telescope making. She is also a recipient of "Inspiration to youth award" in 2014. She has delivered more than 200 popular talks in Astronomy and conducted sky observation. Presently, two students are perusing PhD Under her guidance at Goa University.