



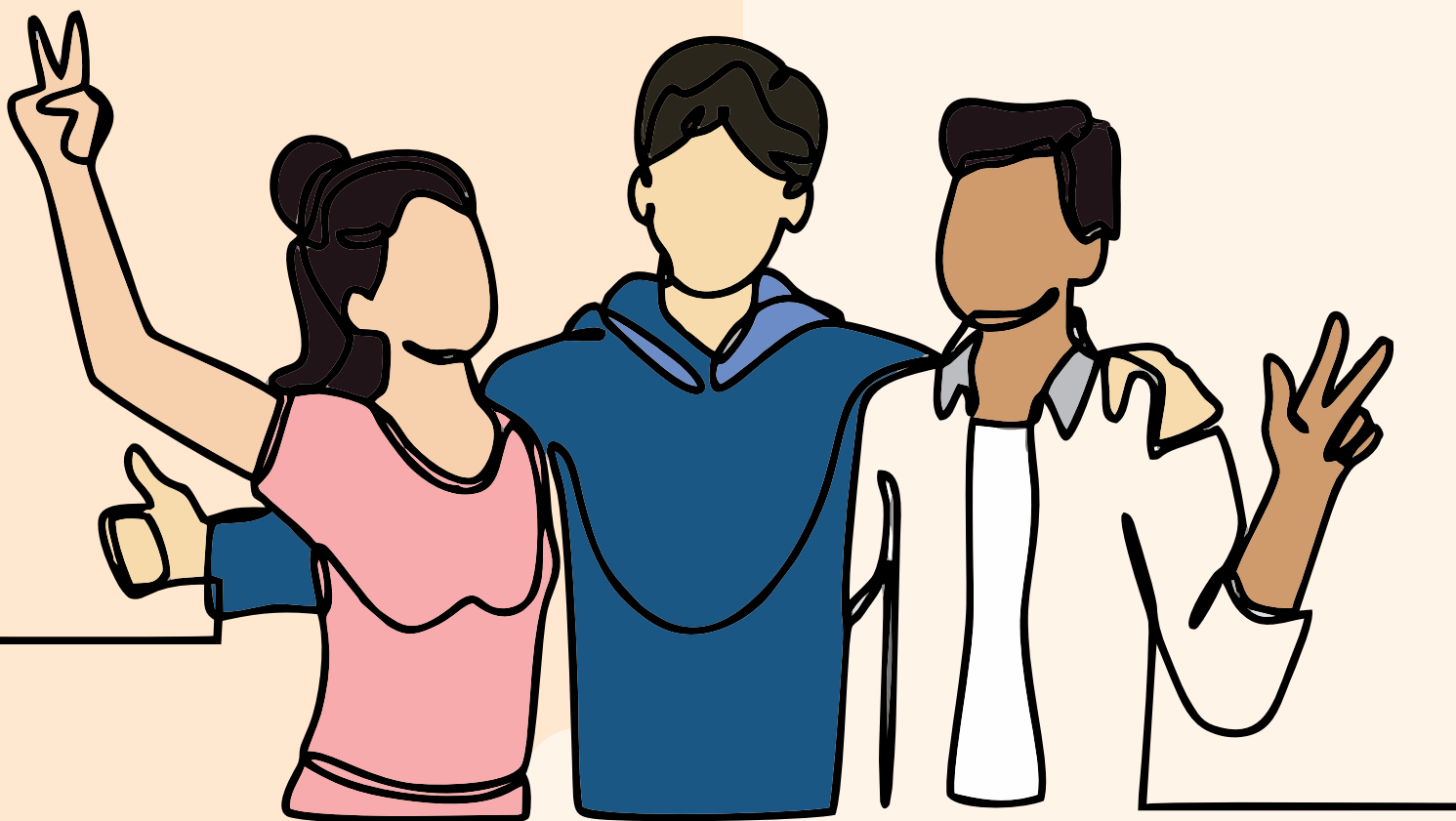
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Principal's Message

“Post–Grad Express” comes back strongly in its fifth edition! Congratulations to the faculty and students of the M.Com department for having braved the COVID storm and for having successfully overcome all the challenges that the pandemic posed.

With fervent hope that the worst is behind us, we look forward to building capacities in our students with strong academic foundations and exposure to industry linkages to make them confident and competent as they step out to make careers for themselves.

Congratulations to the editorial team of this newsletter for creatively compiling the milestones of the year that has gone by! Good wishes to the final year students who will join the ranks of our Alumni!

Best wishes to the department as they grow from strength to strength with the firm commitment of the Management and faculty to make their learning experience a richly rewarding one!

—Dr. Radhika Nayak

Coordinator's Message

The 5th Edition of the Post Grad Express proudly presents the initiatives and achievements of the Post Graduate Department of Commerce in the year 2021-22. The faculty and management are committed to offer students the most pertinent skills and value-added experiences to make them industry ready. The students graduate from the program as confident and resilient individuals ready for the challenges of the business world.

Congratulations to Ms Abhisha Naik the faculty editor of the newsletter for her meticulous compilation of the activities carried out in the department! The student editors Ms Sudepta Mallya and Ms Simran Chodankar also deserve a big shout out for brilliantly composing the newsletter.

—Namrata Wagle





Teacher editor's message

This Edition of the Post-Grad express is a special one as it documents the experiences of students that have done it all, may it be attending online classes and virtual workshops or winning and even organizing events in the physical mode. Congratulations to our students for their resilience and their 'never give up' attitude to doing things. I hope our students outperform themselves next year and our fresh alumni step out into the world with the same demeanor they have demonstrated throughout the year.

The Newsletter also showcases the initiatives undertaken by faculty to add value to students' learning. We have attempted to give our readers a glimpse of the fun and enriching year our students have had.

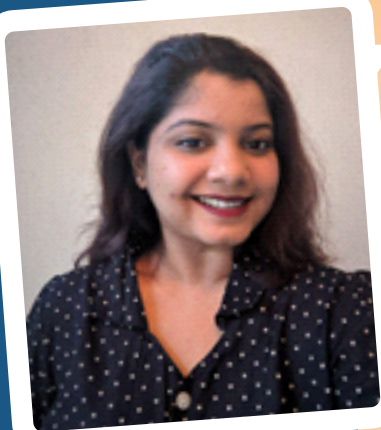
—Abhisha Naik



Student editors' message

It's a matter of great pride and privilege for us to be co-editors of the Post-grad Express 2022. A college magazine is an eloquent expression of the student development, their creativity and achievements throughout the academic year. COVID-19 pandemic left a long-lasting impact on the students, but we realize it only made us stronger and brought us closer as a community. Even a cursory glance at the contents of this year's magazine is enough to show how dempotes have been progressing by leaps and bounds not only in their academics but also in extra-curricular activities. To all the readers, we hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed writing it.

—Sudepta Mallya & Simran Chodankar





Faculties ' messages

The world is full of limitless possibilities and we at Dempo with an optimistic mindset, give our best to help you achieve the highest pinnacle of success. Our Masters of Commerce programme provides you a conducive teaching environment with experiential learning that doesn't only help you excel in academics but also contributes towards holistic development of every member of the department. The Post grad Express highlights some of the glimpses of the plethora of magnificent knowledge imparting ecosystem that we collectively created in 2021-22.

—Akshay Naik



Faculties ' messages

Congratulations to each one of you to have overcome a year that has been quite different and challenging for all of us. With this unique experience, I am sure that you are now quite capable to confidently confront all that life throws at you. Now as you are about to step out of college to face the world, I would want you all to dream big and work hard with utmost sincerity and dedication towards achieving your goal. Remember, success is the outcome of hard work and perseverance. So, think big, aim high and fly because sky is the limit! My best wishes to you all for your future endeavors.

— Sneha S.



Student development programs

Industry interactions

Industry Interaction with C.A. Rajesh Chheda

As a famous quote goes “It's easier to buy ten years early than one minute too late.” To raise awareness about the importance of Insurance, the Post Graduate Department and the Alumni Association of S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, in collaboration with the Goa Branch of ICAI organized a one day Industry Interaction with Alumnus, on the 26th of May 2022 from 11.30am to 12.30pm. The resource person for this event was C.A Rajesh Chheda. 67 students attended the interaction which was held in the AV room.

The objective of the workshop was to provide the students with an insight on insurance, types of insurance and to promote savings and investment culture among students.

The students were briefed about insurance plans beneficial for their age group and the importance and benefits of getting insured at a young age. The topics discussed were easy to understand as they were linked to real life situations thus laying a good foundation on insurance for the students. It laid a stepping stone for students who were doubtful about the investment market.

– Simran Bhirwandekar



Placement Seminar by Fifteen 73 Media

The Skill Centre and placement cell of S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and economics had organized a Placement Seminar on PR and Social Media Marketing by Fifteen73 Media for T. Y B. Com and M. Com Part II students by Aditi SK, Elricia Margaret Mascarenhas, and Jaya Kushwaha who are working in the PR and social media department of the company. 10 M.Com students were present for the seminar on 22nd April 2022.

The talk mainly focused on basics of PR and social media and its demand in the industry. They spoke about marketing in today's competitive era and it can be helpful for reaching a larger target audience. Light was shed on new areas in marketing like types of marketing techniques, paid promotion, client research, skills required to be a Social Media Marketer.



The speakers motivated the students to acquire basic marketing and social media skill set as it can be useful in everyday life. They also encouraged students who have an interest in social media and PR to send their CVs and connect with the company for more exposure. This fruitful session undoubtedly had the students curious about a future in social media marketing.

– Alvino Belem D'souza

Industry Interaction with Entrepreneur Reshma Sukhthankar

On 10th January 2022, the Post graduate department organised an industry interaction with Architect Reshma Sukhthankar, Woman Entrepreneur for M.com part II students. This interaction was conducted online on the Google meet platform. Mrs. Reshma Sukhthankar is the founder of La-Kood Limited Liability Partnership, a well-known company which specializes in manufacturing of furniture in Goa. She gave us an insight about her entrepreneurial journey and what problems she had to face during this journey. The students were inspired by her entrepreneurial journey. There was an interesting question and answer round between the students and the resource person in respect to entrepreneurship in today's business world.

– Ankita Naik

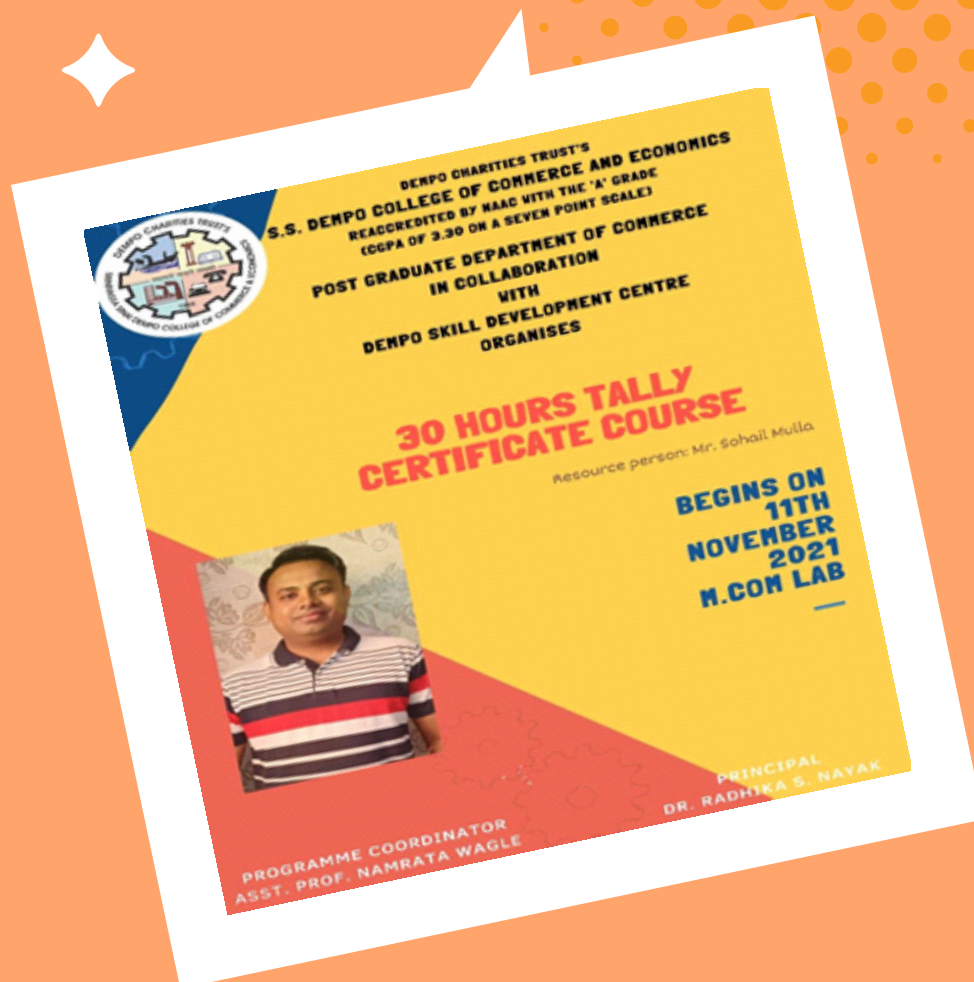


Value added courses

30 Hours Tally Certificate Course

The post graduate department of S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, in collaboration with Dempo Skill Development Centre had organized a tally certification course for the part II students of M.Com department. The course commenced on the 11th of November 2021 and ended on 18th December 2021. 47 students enthusiastically participated in this 30-hour certificate course. Mr. Sohail Mulla trained the students with an aim to empower them with the knowledge of tally ERP accounting module. The students were given hands-on training in the creation of the company, ledgers and groups, and posting voucher entries in tally ERP9 so as to create various accounting reports. A detailed discussion was held on the accounting information as to what groups and ledgers are. Students were taught about stock groups, stock items and how units of measures are created. They were made to practice the various entries for a particular company, the maintenance of group ledgers and inventory. It was a good learning session for the students. Entire course on tally ERP9 was very informative, interactive and knowledgeable.

- Simran Chodankar



30 Hours GST Certificate Course

The Post-Graduate Department of Commerce in collaboration with Dempo Skill Development Centre organized a GST Practitioner Certificate Course. CA Sonam Suraj Daivajna was the resource person who guided the students through the entire course. The course began on 5th March 2022 and ended on 12th March 2022, and was conducted on campus in offline mode. A total of 20 students from M.Com part II completed this 30 hours certificate course. With vast knowledge of the subject, CA Sonam Suraj Daivajna, provided us insight on various topics of GST. She started with the basic concepts of GST, tax hierarchy, taxes to be subsumed and not subsumed in GST, and the GST Compensation Act, 2017(Compensation Cess). The resource person explained everything eloquently and to make sure the students understood the concept well, an MCQ quiz was conducted after each session.

- Jovann D'Souza



30 Hours Certificate Course on Digital Marketing

Being online and being connected through the internet has transformed the way we buy things, the way our wants are influenced and our perception about the brand. Being readily online, at almost any time, is one of the reasons digital marketing has transformed how businesses promote and market their products and services. A digital marketing course was organized for the students of M.Com to provide in-depth knowledge about digital marketing. The resource person was ma'am Sneha Dessai. This one-week course commenced from 5th to 12th March 2022.

Some of the topics covered were market research, business planning, web design and development, digital marketing techniques, Google ads, Google analytics, Facebook ads and Facebook shop, Instagram shop, graphic design and video editing, and lead generation and business analysis. Students were taught to create their own website design which was really helpful. The course covered new and emerging dimensions of the digital world.

- Amey Ambre



Workshops

Workshop on Basics of Research for Project Paper/Dissertation

The department of Commerce had organised a workshop on "Basics of Research for Project Paper/Dissertation". The workshop was held from 24th to 27th November 2021 in the college auditorium and was attended by the students of T.Y. B.com and 17 students of M.Com. The core objective of this workshop was to equip the students with a set of skills to undertake research effectively and to turn completed research into publishable material of high quality in the form of project paper/dissertation.

The workshop was designed to offer practical guidelines and direct the students through all the stages of research, from identifying a research problem to the submission of the report. The workshop was conducted by Asst. Prof. Namrata Wagle, Asst. Prof. Akshay Naik, Asst. Prof. Abhisha Naik, Asst. Prof. Aakruthi Alarnkar and Asst. Prof. Amit Naik



By the end of program, the students developed conceptual clarity and practical knowledge to undertake quality research and to write good research papers.

– Crisilda Mascarenhas

Data Analysis using SPSS Software

Data analysis is important in research because it makes studying data a lot simpler and more accurate. For this purpose, a workshop on data analysis using SPSS software was organized by the Post Graduate Department of our college on 7th May 2022. The session was conducted in the M.Com lab for the students of M.Com part I and II by Dr. Kaustubh Kamat, Assistant Director of Higher Education.

The session briefed the students on the basics of conducting a research, introduction on the concepts of using primary and secondary data for study, significance and confidence levels, and inputs on how to enter the statistical data on SPSS software.

The 2nd session of the workshop was conducted on 14th May in the M.Com lab of the college. Students of both M.Com part I and II attended the session, which focused on the technical aspects of using the SPSS software. The resource person explained the importance of different



statistical tools available on the software and their significance in the research study. Independent sample T tests, regression, chi square, and ANOVA were the various tools the students got familiar with.

Both the sessions equipped the students with good knowledge and skillset to conduct data analysis appropriately to achieve efficient results.

– Rudraksh Sardesai

Data Analysis using EViews Software

No skill can be mastered without practice and to provide the students with hands-on experience for handling data analysis, a one-day workshop on EViews software was organized on 10th May 2022 from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the students of M.com part I and II. Dr Narayan Parab, Assistant Professor at Goa Business School, was the resource person for the workshop. 27 students attended the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to provide basic knowledge regarding E-Views software to the students and to train them in calculating formulas and equations using EViews Software.

The theoretical aspects of Data analysis were discussed in detail by the resource person. Use of various functions in EViews software to perform data analysis, along with various techniques of data analysis, was practiced for better understanding.



Overall, it was a very interactive session which concluded with a revision for the benefit of the students. The workshop was extremely helpful. Application of the ideologies in Research and tools to enhance our skills was the objective of the workshop program, which was duly achieved.

– K Anupama

Know the stock market: kickstart your investment

Studying and evaluating past and current data helps investors and traders to gain an edge in the markets to make informed decisions. A two-day state level workshop on “Know the stock market” was organized for the benefit of the students for kickstarting their investment the right way. The workshop was conducted on 10th and 11th December 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The resource person for the two-day session was Mr. Sudhanshu Bajaj who is the founder of Theta ventures, an Asset Management company. 120 students participated in this workshop.

The main purpose of the workshop was to provide the students with understanding of the basic concepts of stock market, fundamental and technical analysis, and accurate time in picking up the right stock. The students were elucidated on the role of market makers, the process of buying and selling shares as well as how compounding works. Mr Sudhanshu also shared his knowledge on mutual funds, the crucial role of shareholding pattern in the market and taught the students to read candlestick charts of companies.

– Suella Fernandes

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ABOUT COLLEGE
 S. S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics, Udupi, Karnataka, was established in 1982 by the Goa Education Society under the patronage of SRI. Dempo & Co., Udupi, a most highly respected institution for undergraduate studies.

ABOUT WORKSHOP
 The fundamental objective of the college is to provide advanced level courses, providing theory, knowledge, professional competence and practical skill, to enable the students to meet the challenges of the business world.

RESOURCE PERSON
Mr. Sudhanshu Bajaj
 Founder of Theta Ventures

EXPECTED OUTCOMES
 Participants will be able to understand the basic concepts of stock market, fundamental and technical analysis, and accurate time in picking up the right stock.

WORKSHOP FEES
 Registration fee is a 100 per Participant.
 Fee will be for post-workshop session.
 Fee includes refreshments, working lunch.
 * Fee of Participants 100 (One-time Fee - covered lunch).
 * Participants are required to be done at the time of registration.
 * Participants are given the QR code of the nearest member group to make the payment.

Workshop on resume writing and faceoff interview techniques

To create a favourable initial impression of yourself, a resume is an important tool for marketing yourself. To equip the students with resume writing skills, a session on resume writing and faceoff interview techniques was organised for M.com part II students on 22nd June 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The speaker for the day was ma'am Runa Menezes. The resource person showed us a resume layout to follow and gave out a few tips to make our resumes stand apart from the rest. Runa ma'am also guided us through the whole interview process step by step. She explained the need to be calm and poised before and during the interview. She stressed on how important it is to be confident and to believe in yourself while putting yourself out there. The students were in awe of Runa ma'am's creative way of engaging with the students, how brilliantly she motivated and geared everyone up to face an interview.



– Suella Fernandes

Workshop on Preparation of Feasibility Report

Abraham Lincoln quotes “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first hour sharpening the axe.” Business planning is the first step towards reaching your business goals and to apprise the student on its importance, a business plan workshop was organized on 17th November 2021, for the management students of M.Com part II. The workshop was conducted by ma'am Sonam Daivadnya who is a Chartered Accountant by profession and the workshop was held online on Google meet platform. 18 students attended this workshop. The resource person spoke in depth on various business plan related topics such as executive summary, financial plan, marketing plan, organizational plan etc. Towards the end of the session, students were given a task to create their own business plan and present it before the class. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn how to construct a proper framework for their business plan and get their doubts cleared by the resource person.



– Alfiya Shaikh

Experiential learning

A visit to Forum for Innovation Incubation Research and Entrepreneurship (FIIRE)

Start-up India is an initiative to facilitate budding entrepreneurs in the country. With all the buzz about start-ups and entrepreneurship, a one-day industrial visit was organised to the Forum for Innovation Incubation Research and Entrepreneurship at Fatorda - Margao, Goa on 16th May 2022 for the students to get acquainted with the start-up culture. A batch of students of 58 students from M.Com Part I and II, along with the M.Com faculty went for this industrial visit.

The visit mainly focused on raising awareness about start-ups in Goa, the working of FIIRE and different resources provided by them, as well as Goa State Innovation Council (GSInC) to aid an entrepreneur's idea. The event manager of FIIRE guided the students across their co-working space, conference rooms and the incubation workspace, while explaining about the flexible office terms, hygiene and safety, access to events and so on. This gave the students an exposure to an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The students were also shown the prototyping lab at FIIRE, where a presentation was conducted on entrepreneurship skills, solution provided for start-up problems such as networking opportunities, affordable workspace and resources, effective & efficient mentoring and start-up funding. A session by GSInC was also conducted, demonstrating the different services they provide like patents for potential business ideas and visual learning on 3D printing and technology.

It was a great experience for all the students. The bootstrapping spirit was essentially missing amongst the students. But after the inspiring session, the students were all geared and pumped up for exploring newer avenues of professional success.

– Sanjana Kavlekar



A visit to Jaipur

Theoretical knowledge can be imparted between four walls of the classroom, but along with-it practical knowledge is very crucial to understand how things actually work. To serve this purpose, the M.Com department organised a college tour to Jaipur-Rajasthan from 2nd July – 9th July 2022. The main aim of the study tour was to aid the students with basic knowledge of how certain industries function and the business processes involved. The tour emphasized experiential learning through which the students could explore various industries, cultures, practices and people.

Our college hired the services of Beyond Travel agency for providing a wonderful educational tour experience. Mr Elvis from Beyond Travel joined us for the tour. 29 enthusiastic students along with Asst. Prof. Akshay Naik and Asst. Prof. Abhisha Naik and tour guide Mr. Elvis were enroute for Jaipur. Mr Elvis introduced the guide from Jaipur who would be accompanying us throughout our tour, Mr Narzi. For our first industrial visit which was a paper factory called Salim Kagzi in Sanganer. It is one of the oldest generational family-owned paper business in Jaipur, which was established in 1964. We saw the process of how paper is made from waste products and turned into beautiful gift cards and envelopes, hand bags, notebooks, paper boxes etc. Our second industry visit was to Ram Gopal Blue pottery in Sanganer. We were welcomed by Mr Ram Gopal Saini who is the

owner of Ram Gopal Blue Pottery. Our group also visited the factory and the workshop of Channi Carpets and Textiles Pvt Ltd who are known for their Block print designs in Jaipur. We were shown some of the finest and most expensive hand-crafted carpets.

We went to Amer fort, Hawa Mahal, Nahargarh fort, Jal Mahal, City Palace, Jantar Mantar, Patrika Gate, Albert Hall Museum. Each of them majestic, beautiful and in a pristine condition. Mr Narzi spoke in depth about the history of each of the forts and palaces. The students specifically enjoyed the jeep ride to Nahargarh Fort, and were thrilled to witness a beautiful sunset from the top of a hill. The shopaholics got a great opportunity to shop at some of the best markets in Jaipur like Nehru Bazaar, Bapu Bazaar, Johari Bazaar, Chandpol bazaar etc. Everyone reached safely back in Goa on 9th July at Thivim railway station marking the end of our amazing tour. The trip was amazing and full of new experiences. The students will always remember this trip as a core memory from their college days. The vibrance of the city, the beautiful evenings and sunsets, the hospitality by the locals, the mouth-watering delicacies and the culture of Jaipur will always be remembered and cherished by the students.

-Sudeepta Mallya



M. Com. Champs

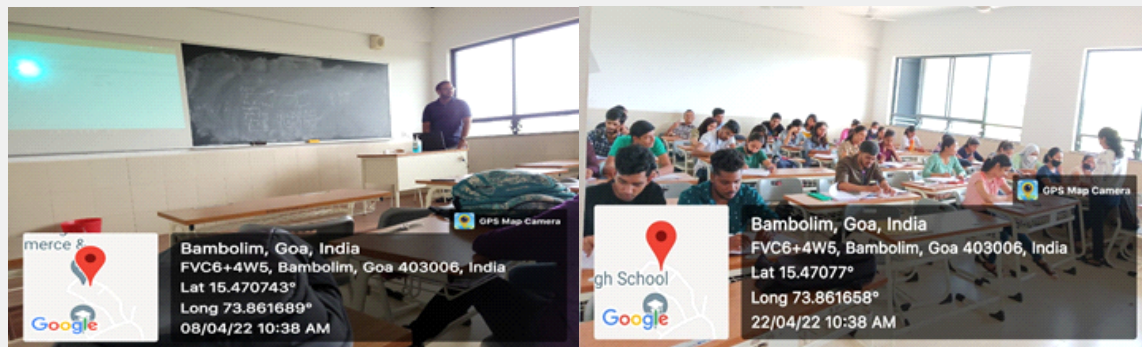
Student Achievements

Teaching assistants

Under the able guidance of our course coordinator Assistant Professor Namrata Wagle, the post graduate department selected three teaching assistants for the year 2020-21 to assist students with extra remedial course material and by designing innovative assignments for students.

The three teaching assistants nominated were:
Johann Da'silva from M.com part II, Sheena Remedios from M.com part I, Sudeepta Mallya from M.com part I

Teaching assistants at work



M.Com Orientation for T.Y B.Com students

The post graduate department of Commerce organised M.com orientation for T.Y. B.Com students on 26 March, 2022. The orientation was conducted by Devmanoj Medisetty and Sudeepta Mallya from M.com part I.



Students from M.Com part I and II participated in the Youth Voter Festival organised by the District Election Officer, Goa.



Sheena Remedios and Harita Bommakanti won the 3rd place in the quiz competition.



Sudepta Mallya won the 2nd place in the extempore speech competition.



M.com students secured the 1st place in "Sansodhan", an inter college event organised by M.E.S college of Arts and Commerce, Vasco.



M.com students bagged the first place in “Xtravaganza”, an inter collegiate event organised by Sant Sohirobanath AMBIYE College, Pernem.

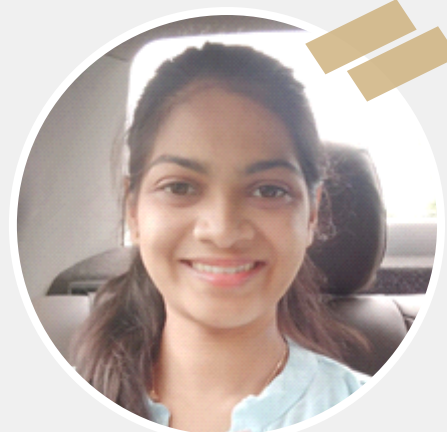


M.com students won runner-up for “Summer fest” an inter collegiate event organised by Rotoract Club, Mapusa.

Student toppers for the year 2020-21



Shreya Sardessai
ranked first in Accounting & Finance
for the year 2020-2021
with a CGPA of 9.25.



Sravani Korgaonkar
ranked first in Business Management
for the year 2020-21
with a CGPA of 8.88.



DevManoj Medisetty and Mayank Srivastav, from M.com part I secured the first place for participating in the Union Budget 2022-23 Presentation Competition.



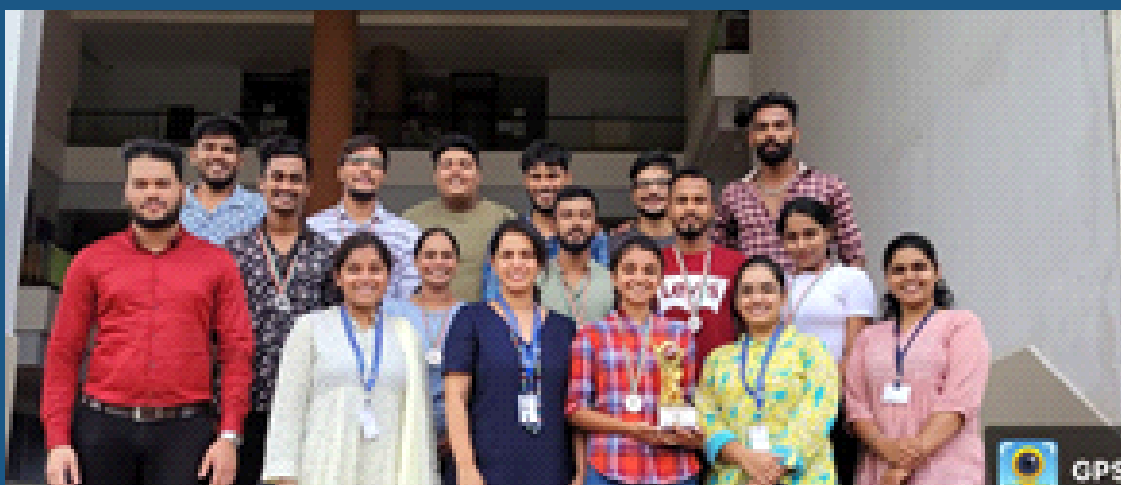
Mathew Waghat from M.com part I secured the third place at the Intercollegiate Chess Championship organised by Dnyanprassarak Mandal's college and Research Centre, Assagao and SV's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management studies, Mapusa.



Johann Da Silva published his very first book "The Incessant Debt Cycle" at the young age of 23, a book about stock market cycle.



Sheena Remedios presented a paper in a national seminar on 'The Changes and Challenges in the Indian Economy: The Post Pandemic Shift in the Service Sector' organised by DM's College and Research Centre in association with Vishwakarma College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Pune. She presented a paper titled "Ergonomics and productivity of employees working remotely (WFH) in Covid-19 pandemic"



M.com student won runner-up in the Inter-class Cricket Tournament organised by the college.

Farewell

Farewell 2022

On 28th June, 2022, the M.com part I students arranged a farewell party for the final year - part II students. With the theme of the party being "With new endings come new beginnings".

The party began with welcoming all the lovely seniors all elegantly dressed up to celebrate their day. All our beloved teachers gave heart-warming speeches and motivated us to step out of our comfort zones and be open to new experiences and opportunities. All the speeches by our faculty were eye opening. Johann DaSilva from Finance and Amey Ambre from Management addressed the crowd about all the good times and the amazing journey through college, which had everyone tearing up.

Number of interesting games were organised by the juniors and everyone had a blast participating in these games. The juniors also sang a lovely song summing up our college days. The amazing journey through the past 8 months of college in 2022 was portrayed through a beautiful short video made by the part I students. Followed by a delicious buffet lunch organised for us.

We got an opportunity to witness all the love and blessings showered on us by our friends and teachers. It was a memorable day and will be cherished forever.

- Harita Bommakanti

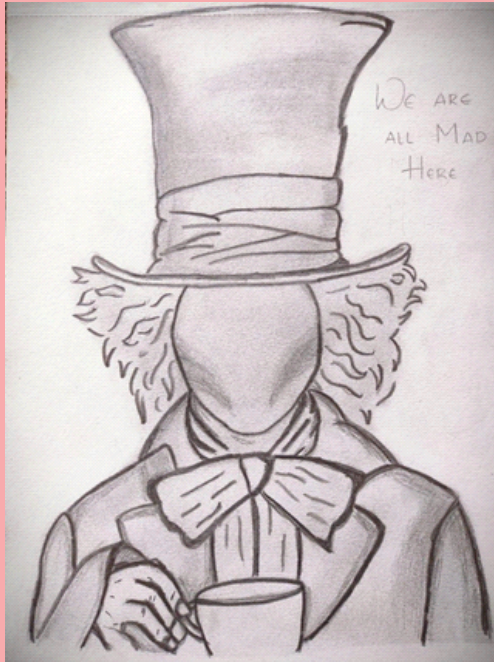


Campus Recruitment

Campus recruitment 2020-21

Student Name	Company details
Khemal Sunil Prabhu Shirodkar	ABVP Office
Chrislyn Grita Pereira	ARD FINANCIAL SERVICES
Hashlaine Serafina Fernandes	DoubleTree by Hilton
Durva chopdekar	Goa paints and allied products
Pratibha Sahani	Reliance nippon life insurance
Divina Pilgaonkar	Shardha Mandir High School
Rohit Dantye	TJSB Bank
Darwin Fernandes	Kilowatt and Creative Eye
Jyoti Mahanand Parab	Asolution Consultancy
Soham Kamat	Paytm

Student Corner



Rajal Sadanand Naik Chopdekar



Sanket Jalmi

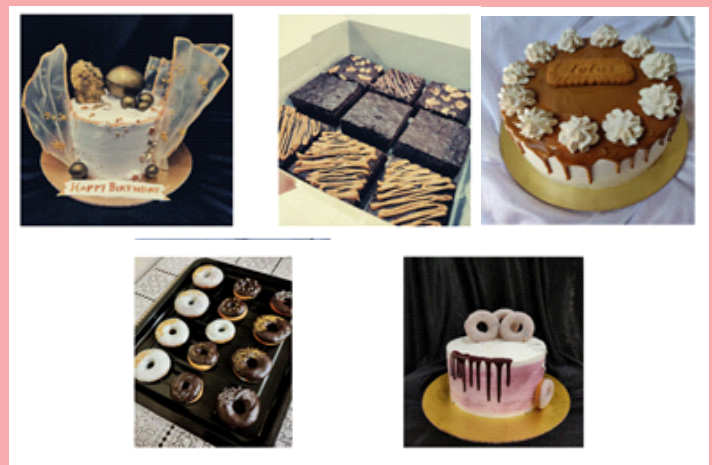


Umeshwar Gaundar



Rajal Sadanand Naik Chopdekar
– The Madhouse

For Rajal chopdekar, baking just started as a hobby. Being encouraged by her friends and family, she decided to pursue her interest in baking which has pushed her to be on her feet as a young entrepreneur today. She is baker enthusiast and the owner of "The madhouse".



Samidha Naik
– Messy Apron

With every challenge comes a new great opportunity. The pandemic although posed as a challenge, Samidha Naik saw this as an opportunity to start her entrepreneurial journey. She is the owner of Messy Apron, providing delicious home baked goodies.

प्रेम असते का चुकीचे?

प्रेमाला एक आस असते,
नाजूकष्या अपेक्षेची,
तर क्षणात कधी बनून जाते,
आभास त्या प्रेमाची.

धगधगत्या जीवाला थंडावते,
जशी प्रेमाची फुंकर,
तीच फुंकर कधी ठेवते,
वीझणारे निखारे तळपत.

प्रेम भरभरून देते,
जगण्याची आशा,
तर प्रेम कधी बनून जाते,
सर्वनाशाची दिशा.

क्षणात अपरंपार क्षणात गढूळ,
प्रेम हे एक बनून जाते कारण बदलाचे,
क्षणात खरे तर क्षणात खोटे,
म्हणूनच प्रेम असते का चुकीचे?

- Shveta Savaikar

Life after the pandemic

"It's too early to tell" Mao Zedong, when asked about his thoughts on the French revolution in 1971. Life after the covid-19 outbreak will never be the same. We are at the beginning of the end, waiting for a new beginning.

My personal story has been a difficult one to tell, I have behaved in the pandemic like a cat chasing a laser beam. I jumped on social distancing, masks, lockdowns and vaccinations. The pandemic emerged 2 years ago spreading fear and panic not only through our community but the entire world. Life changed drastically. Daily routines came to a halt. Not only do I fear for my own personal health, but for the health of my family and loved ones. During this difficult period of my life I have discovered a lot about myself. I've discovered that I am a strong man, much stronger than I realised. I've developed compassion and empathy for others who are struggling far worse than I am, followed by a desire to help others along their journey. The pandemic has changed my relationship with studies/education, people, what I do and how I think about it. It's gone for long enough now that it seems likely that at least some of these changes will be permanent. As much as I want to go back to the "before times" they're not really there anymore. Reflecting on how I was living before the pandemic, it seems a little crazy. I'm not sure I want to go back to the past exactly the way it was. The pandemic has forced me to reshape how I live and connect.

- Ekang Manoj Shirodkar



One Good: Knowledge

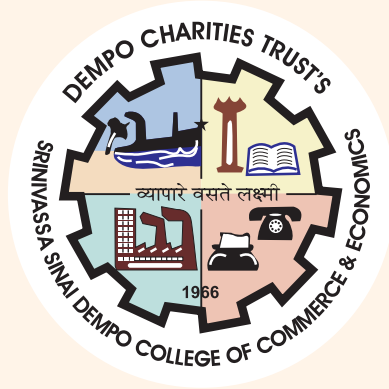
It's a universal fact, what we sow is what we grow eventually. Since, our journey of acquiring education began, we as knowledge seekers have been groomed and nurtured by our teachers. It was quite similar to the process of sowing a tender sapling then feeding it, nurturing it till it turns into a beautifully groomed tree. Each class, each school and each faculty that once taught me in those prestigious educational institutions have been a major source of inspiration and a pure booster of motivation for the curious kid inside me. As a dedicated student, seeking knowledge has always been an utter priority throughout the journey of acquiring wisdom mixed with kindness and a pinch of ethics, stimulated with pure knowledge. Sometimes, what we learn theoretically doesn't fulfil the desires of the commercial world. The appraisal of morale, calibre, confidence and the overall communication skills cannot be obtained via the bookish knowledge. Public speaking has always been my major bane. I have always been an introvert. Hence, communicating became a task and without proper communication it's hard to put forth the ideas and the opinions I possessed. Something was lacking in me as a student, and that is exactly what led me towards this prestigious institution.

I genuinely feel immense pride whenever designated as a Dempoite, or casually being acknowledged as an alumna of the S.S. Dempo college family. Initially, it was a bit difficult to grasp the entire Masters vibe. The new syllabus assigned to us has been quite of a challenge for both the students and the professors. The pandemic was also draining our mental as well physical health. Studying became difficult due to the lethargic state the body gained due to lack of the normal routine in our lives. This was the time when our mentors played a vital role in igniting enthusiasm within us.

The teaching sessions have always been amazing with our beloved professors. They always challenged us by assessing us with difficult study materials. They acknowledged our hidden potential our secret talents and pushed us towards the edge to bring out the best characteristics from within us to meet the requirements of the commercial atmosphere. The competitive spirit acted as the foremost ingredient to fuel our fire for seeking knowledge.

Along with providing high class study materials our department invited external dignitaries to provide us with some proficient data on our subjects. Throughout the course there was a smooth balance between theoretical and practical aspect of the assigned subjects. Finally, the challenges and the need to give our best has nurtured me into a confident young lady with bright and creative mind-set. I quote, "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance." - Socrates. As the meaning of this statement beams in the darkness of philosophy, I shall always focus on attaining knowledge throughout my life, remembering and appreciating the efforts of all those faculties who have been a crucial source of inspiration and growth for me as a curious learner and indeed a knowledge seeker.

- Alfiya Shaikh



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