

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF NATURE CLUB AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CELL 2021-22**

The Nature club and Resource Management Cell was involved in carrying out the following activities for the academic year 2021-22.

### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

The first Kasturi activity of the new academic year was a panel discussion on the live topic of “Managing Waste – Challenges & Opportunities”. It was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 04 pm through the online platform of Google Meet. The panel consisted of a mix representation of government, policy and advocacy, private sector and hands on practitioners and influencers. For the discussion FERC has partnered with MES, United Nations Development Programme, Goa Waste Management Association and the Mineral Foundation of Goa.

#### **Panellist**

- Mr. Rohan Ghadi, Goa Waste Management Corporation;
- Mr. Srikrishna Balchandran, United Nations Development Programme;
- Mr. Clinton Vaz, Waste Management Association of Goa;
- Ms. Sarita Sudhakaran, Waste Less Project;
- Mr. Debartha Banerjee, Sampur(e)arth Env. Sol.Pvt. Ltd;
- Ms. Abhinav Apte, Track Change

Officiating Principal Dr. Meenakshi Bawa welcomed the participants of the panel discussion and Sri Parag Rangnekar moderated the discussion. The talk was attended by staff and students of the college as well as general public from Vasco.

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Panel discussion with:

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Topic:

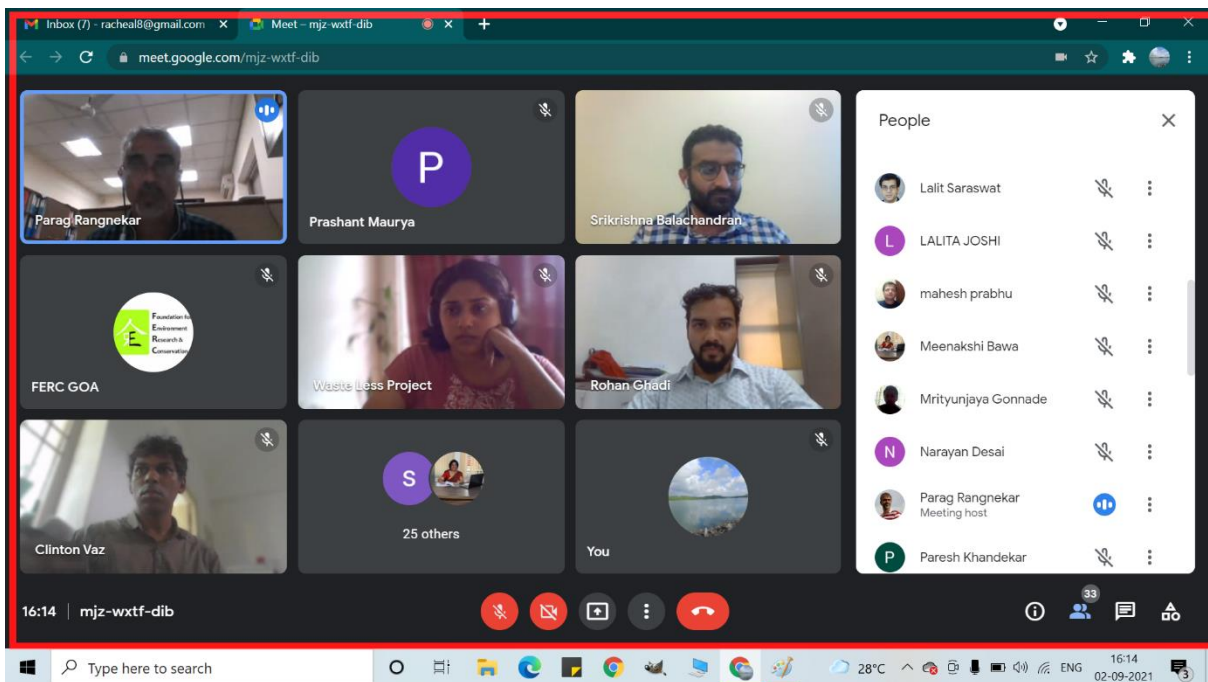
## Managing Waste – Challenges and Opportunities



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## Kasturi Lecture-1

The first lecture of the Kasturi series for the academic year 2021-22 was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The resource person for the talk was Ms. Assavri Kulkarni who is a Visual Artist, Photographer and Heritage Food Chef. She spoke on the topic “Preserving our Food Heritage: Bringing Art, Health and Seasons together”. The speaker discussed about various traditional food items and recipes which are slowly vanishing from our kitchens. She discussed how one can source food locally and how one should try incorporating seasonal foods into the diet.

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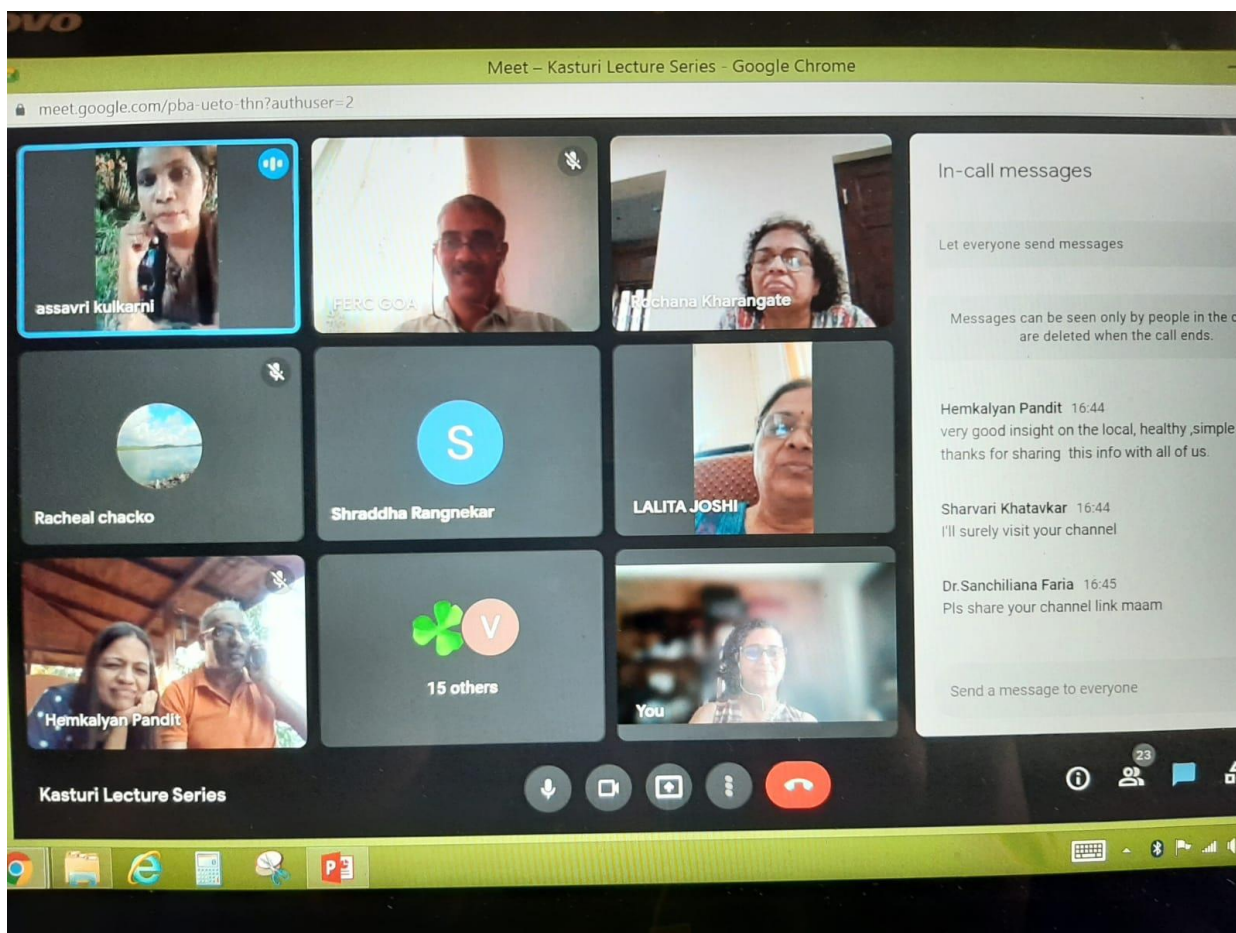


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<https://meet.google.com/pba-ueto-thn>



## **Kasturi Lecture-2**

The lecture on **Conscious Consumerism** is the second lecture of the Kasturi series for the academic year 2021-22. The lecture was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and the resource person was Mr. Parag Rangnekar, Founder Member, FERC. The resource person spoke on the topic 'Conscious Consumerism'. The resource person mentioned how wasteful consumerism is one of the major by-products of modern life. most of the modern products end up generating a large amount of waste. This generated waste often never ends up being disposed in a proper manner and as a result often ends up contaminating the water bodies as well being an eye sore in waste dumps. The resource person stressed upon methods through which each individual can take up measures to ensure less waste is generated.



### Kasturi Lecture-3

The third lecture of the Kasturi lecture series for the academic year 2021-22 was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The resource person for the lecture was Mr. Benhail Antao a wildlife rescuer and conservationist. Mr. Benhail Antao, along with his wife Louise, is a wedding planner by profession and a wildlife rescuer and educator by passion. Based in Margao, he has been working closely with the Forest Department for over a decade helping the department with animal rescue, especially snakes.

Mr. Benhail Antao spoke on the topic “Cohabiting with wildlife”. In his lecture, he discussed how development around us is playing havoc with the lives of organisms around us. He also stressed on the fact that we human beings have to learn to cohabit peacefully with the fauna around us. His talk dealt with his rescue work with snakes and other wild organisms. Through his talk he also tried to raise awareness on the most common venomous and non-venomous snakes found locally. He also stressed on the dos and don'ts in the event of a snake bite. He also busted common myths associated with snakes. The talk concluded by showing real snakes to the audience and interacting with the speaker.





### **Student Participation in Competitions**

1. Rahi Ramesh Naik of B. Com. Semester I and Shishir Juwarkar of B.C.A. Semester III participated in the Biodiversity Week competitions held by Goa Forest Department. Rahi Ramesh Naik won the consolation prize for Essay Competition.
2. Nidhi Parsekar from B.Com. Semester I participated in a state level essay competition conducted by the Sanjeevan Society for Youth Development, Ponda-Goa.

### **Poster Competition on 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle'**

The Nature Club of M.E.S. College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar organized a poster competition titled 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' for the students of B.A/B.COM/B.B.A/B.C.A & M.Com and the posters were submitted on 4th January 2022. Fifteen students enthusiastically participated for the competition. The judges of the competition were Asst. Prof. Dr. Rohita Kamat, Asst. Prof. Mamta Kavlekar and Ms. Swiszel Fernandes. The competition was judged

bases of creativity, relevance to the theme and over all presentation. There were fifteen entries from the students of the college. The names of the prize winners are as follows:

Ms. Trupti Manerkar	M.COM PART 1	First
Ms. Nidhi Narayan Parsekar	B.COM SEM I	Second
Ms. Nikita Lakhani	F.Y.B.B.A (GEN)	Third

### **Vermicompost**

The Nature Club and Resource Management Cell oversaw the harvesting of the next batch of vermicompost. The compost is packed into bags of 1/2/5 kg and then will be sold to the staff and community at a rate Rs.25 per kg.

### **Aerobic Composting**

The Nature Club and Resource Management Cell has started with a batch of Aerobic Composting using Dry leaves from the campus, cow dung and vegetable and fruit waste brought by faculty members on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

### **E-Waste and Plastic Collection Drive**

An e-waste and plastic collection drive for the students and faculty of the college. The things that were collected included electronics, appliances, chargers, batteries, PET bottles and plastic cans. This activity was carried out on 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The students and faculty members participated actively in this activity. The collected material was hand over to members of the e-waste and Plastic container drive which was held in Vasco for which the college received a certificate of appreciation from the organisers.







**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
 This is to Certify that e-waste received for recycling from

MES COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE ZUARI NAGAR GOA  
 has been safely disposed at our registered facility in an environment friendly manner.

Certificate No.	GEMS/CD/21/22/07
Date	16/03/2022
Date of Material Receipt	16/03/2022
Weight (Nos/Kgs)	N.A
Customer Ref. No.	0832-2555772

*Soham Prabhu* 

**For Global E Waste Management System**

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**Registration Date: 15th December 2016**

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### Photography Competition on “Vasco Through My Lens”

The Nature Club & Resource Management Cell in association with the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies on the occasion of World Environment Day organized a photography competition on the topic ‘Vasco Through My Lens’. It was a submission-based competition. The competition required the participants to submit a photograph related to the environment heritage and landscape of areas in and around Vasco. Five entries were submitted. The entries were judged on originality, overall impact and artistic merit. Ignatius Fernandes of SYBA bagged the first place, Sahil Korgaonkar of FYBCOM was placed second and Valusha Nirawdkar of TYBCOM was placed third.



### **Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education Activity**

The World Environment Day is celebrated every day on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This year it is being celebrated with the theme 'Only One Earth!'. As part of this the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) had asked for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to encourage and rehabilitate the environment. This could be done through a list of activities proposed by them. Th activities were as follows

1. Build up! Outdoor classrooms and healthy open places on Campus
2. Greening and Greenery Rating
3. Reinforcing Greenery on Campus
4. Zero Waste Championship
5. Our Green Decisions - Show case your campus video.
6. Report on activities if designed on the theme or sustainability.

The college has chosen to undertake the activity "Our Green Decisions - Show case your campus video" to display the green initiatives and practices on campus of M. E. S. College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar Goa.

## Tree Plantation Drive

The Nature Club & Resource Management Cell of the College carried out a Tree Plantation Drive on the occasion of World Environment Day. This drive was conducted in association with Forest Department, South Goa. The drive was carried out at the hands of Principal, Dr. Manasvi M. Kamat in the Open Area Behind Principal's Office. Around 25 varieties of trees were planted.





Assoc. Prof. Rochana Kharangate  
Chairperson  
Nature Club and Resource Management Cell

Dr. Manasvi M. Kamat  
Principal