



**MURGAON EDUCATION SOCIETY'S VASANT JOSHI COLLEGE OF ARTS &  
COMMERCE**

Zuarinagar, Goa – 403726

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 – 2025**  
**REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF**  
**THE INDIC CLUB**

**1) Report of Sadbhavana Diwas/Harmony Day**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Venue: Prin. M.S. Kamat Seminar Hall**

The Indic Club of the college organized Sadbhavana diwas or harmony day on **20<sup>th</sup> August 2024** in Prin. M.S. Kamat seminar hall at 12.45 p.m. The event coordinator Dr. Ashish M Joshi in his opening remarks said that Sadbhavana Diwas is important because it emphasizes the significance of world peace, national unity, and interpersonal harmony. It also honours Late Shri. Rajiv Gandhi ex-Prime minister of the country about his vision of a modern and inclusive India. He further said that the aim of organizing Sadbhavana Diwas, which is also known as Harmony Day, is to promote peace, harmony, and national integration among various stakeholders in the society. The main aim of observing harmony day is to establish and promote peace and understanding among people. It also to foster inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society.

In her welcome principal Dr. Manasvi M. Kamat said that observing sadbhavana diwas or harmony day dedicated to promoting peace, harmony, and goodwill among all citizens of India. It commemorates Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary. She further said that the theme for 2024 is "Unity in Diversity: Embracing Our Differences," focusing on fostering understanding and

cooperation among India's diverse population. Further she Administered the for the staff and students who attended the programme.

Interreligious prayers were recited by the members of the staff to commemorate the sadbhavana diwas to have peace, harmony and universal brotherhood. A two minutes silence was observed for world peace and understanding

The resource person for the programme Shri. Dattaprasad Shirgurkar, assistant professor, department of Political Science said that communal harmony in India refers to the peaceful coexistence and mutual respect among people from different religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. India is a diverse country with various communities, and promoting harmony among them is essential for national integration and social cohesion.

He further referred to some key aspects of communal harmony in India like Respect for diversity: Recognizing and valuing the differences among communities. Interfaith dialogue: Encouraging open communication and understanding among people from different faiths. Cultural exchange: Sharing and learning from each other's customs, traditions, and practices. Social inclusion: Ensuring equal opportunities and participation for all communities. Education and awareness: Promoting tolerance, empathy, and understanding through education and awareness programs. Community engagement: Encouraging collaborative initiatives and social service projects among communities. Government initiatives: Implementing policies and programs to promote communal harmony and address conflicts.

Examples of communal harmony in India include: Interfaith festivals and celebrations, Community-based initiatives for social causes, Youth-led programs for social cohesion, Art and cultural events promoting diversity, Dialogue forums for conflict resolution.

Challenges to communal harmony in India include: Social and economic inequalities, Political and religious extremism, Misinformation and stereotypes, Communal conflicts and riots

Overall, communal harmony is crucial for India's social fabric and development. It requires collective efforts from individuals, communities, and the government to promote understanding, respect, and peaceful coexistence.

A total of 47 number attended this programme, which included faculty and students – Males – 14 and Females 33). The programme concluded at 1.45 p.m. with vote of thanks to the chair proposed by the chairperson of Indic Club Dr. Sonal Thakker.



(Principal Dr. Manasvi M Kamat addressing staff, resource person Shri. Dattaprasad Shirgurkar, chairperson of Indic Club Dr. Sonal Thakker and students on Sadbhavana Diwas)



(Principal, Staff and students attending the Sadbhavana Diwas programme on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024)

**(Dr. Ashish M Joshi)**  
**Program Coordinator**

**(Dr. Sonal Thakker)**  
**Chairperson, Indic Club**

**(Dr. Manasvi M. Kamat)**  
**Principal**

## **2) Navratri: The festival of devotion, dance, and divine energy**

- **Date:** 04/10/2024
- **Time:** 11:35 am to 12.35 pm
- **Venue:** Room No 18
- **Beneficiaries:** Students and faculty members
- **No. of female:** 17
- **No. of male:** 14
- **No. of participants:** 31

### **Navratri: The festival of devotion, dance, and divine energy**

The Indic Club organized a session on Navratri, the festival of devotion, dance, and divine energy on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 in room no 18 to sensitize the students about the various aspects of Navratri celebrations.

The resource persons for the session were Dr. Ashish Joshi, Associate Professor in Commerce, Dr. Sonal Thakker, Associate Professor in Sociology, and Mr. Dattaprasad Shirgurkar, Assistant Professor in Political Science.

The gathering was welcomed by the chairperson of the Indic Club Dr. Sonal Thakker in which she stressed the importance of Navratri in Indian society.

In the session, Dr. Joshi explained the concept of Navratri and its significance. He also explained why it is celebrated and the nature of celebration in various parts of India. Dr. Thakker explained how Navratri is celebrated beyond India and its social significance. She explained how Navratri ensured women's empowerment. Mr. Shirgurkar touched upon the various aspects of Navratri celebrations in Goa. This included the importance of Makharotsav, palanquin, tarangotsav, and chariot in Goan temples.

The chairperson of the Indic club Chairperson Dr. Sonal Thakker proposed the formal vote of thanks. The session was also attended by Mr. Satyawand Naik, Assistant Professor in Konkani and a member of the Indic club. The Principal of the college Prof. Manasvi Kamat appreciated the session organised by the Indic club.





**Dr. Sonal Thakker**  
 (Chairperson, Indic Club)

**Prof. Manasvi M. Kamat**  
 (Professor and Principal)