

**Goa Science Centre & Planetarium  
Miramar, Panaji, Goa.**

**Events organised in the month of July 2024**

**1. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Innovation Hub**

The Centre celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Innovation Hub by organizing following program from 29.06.2024 to 1.07.2024

- **Robotics Workshop**

A robotics workshop was organized for the Innovation Hub members on 29.06.2024. The workshop was conducted by the team members of Curious Minds, Goa. During the workshop members learnt basic construction of 4 different models using kits provided by Curious Minds. In total 25 members participated in the workshop.

- **Innovation Fair**

An innovation fair was organized on 30.06.2024. During the fair the Innovation Hub members displayed projects they did throughout the year. In total 14 members participated.

- **Popular Science Lecture**

A popular science lecture on the topic Innovation for Young Minds was organized for school students on 1.07.2024. The lecture was delivered by Shri Sudip Faldessai, Project Officer, Goa State Innovation Council, Fatorda, Margao. In total 153 students and teachers attended the lecture.

- **Valediction and Prize Distribution.**

The valediction and prize distribution was organized on 1.07.2024. The winners of the innovation fair were awarded prizes on this occasion. Shri Sudip Faldessai, Project Officer, Goa State Innovation Council, Fatorda, Margao, Shri Tapas Maharana, Curator 'D', Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai and Shri Vilas Chaudhari, Project Coordinator, Goa Science Centre were the dignitaries on the dais. In total around 157 students, teachers & Parents attended the program.

**2. World Population Day**

The Centre observed the World Population Day In collaboration with State Family Welfare Bureau, Directorate of Health Services, Goa by organizing the following Program:

- **Essay Writing Competition**

An essay writing competition was organized for the Higher Secondary school students on 09.07.2024. The topic for writing the essay was 'rising population a threat to the environment'. In total 87 students participated in the competition.

- **Elocution Contest**

An elocution contest was organized for the students of class VIII<sup>th</sup> to X<sup>th</sup> on 10.07.2024. The topic for delivering the speech was 'India becoming the most populous country: a boon or bane'. In total 44 students participated.

- **Popular Science Lecture**

A popular science lecture on the topic 'healthy timing & spacing of pregnancies for wellbeing of mother & child' was organized on 16.07.2024. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Rajendra Borkar, Medical Superintendent, South Goa District hospital, Margao. In total around 148 students & health workers were present.

- **Valediction and Prize Distribution.**

The valediction and prize distribution was organized on 16.07.2024. During this event winners of the various competitions were awarded prizes and the various

healthcare workers were felicitated. Dr. Shayeen Sayyed, Deputy Director, Medical, Directorate of Health Services, Goa was the chief guest of the function. Dr. Rajendra Borkar, Medical Superintendent, South Goa District hospital, Margao, Dr. Uttam Dessai, Chief Medical Officer, State Family Welfare Bureau, Directorate of Health Services, Goa and Shri Vilas Chaudhari, Project Coordinator, Goa Science Centre were the other dignitaries on the dais. In total around 156 students & health workers were present.

### **3. Mega Painting & Poster Designing Competition**

The Centre organized a mega painting & poster designing contest on 18.07.2024 for the high school students. The competition was sponsored by Goa State Biodiversity Board, Goa. The painting competition was organized for the students of class Vth to VIIIth on the topics 'say no to plastic'. The poster designing competition was organized for the students of class VIIIth to Xth on the topics 'protect wildlife & preserve biodiversity'. In total 315 students participated in the competition.

### **4. Popular Science Lecture on Marine Awareness**

The Centre organized a popular science lecture on marine awareness on 19.07.2024 for the school students. The lecture was delivered by Shri Venkatesh Charloo, Founder Coastal Impact, Goa. During the lecture students were made aware of the effect of plastic pollution on marine life and solutions were highlighted to combat the problem. In total 96 students and teachers were present.

### **5. Moon Landing Day Celebration**

The 55<sup>th</sup> moon landing Day was celebrated on 20.07.2024 by organizing the following Programs:

- **Popular Science Lecture**

A popular science lecture on the topic 'moon landing & lunar science' was organized for the school students. The lecture was delivered by Shri Gaurav Dhumatkar, Secretary, Association of Friends of Astronomy, Goa. In total around 193 students and teachers attended the lecture.

- **Spot Quiz**

A spot quiz on Moon was organized for the school students. In total 175 students participated.

### **6. Outreach activity**

As an outreach activity a lecture was delivered to the students of Sunshine Worldwide School, Old Goa on 25.07.2024. The topic for the lecture was 'advancement in space technology & the people involved'. In total 56 students and teachers attended.

### **7. Mobile science exhibition**

The Centre organized mobile science exhibition in the Pernem taluka wherein the bus visited 10 schools in the month of July. Apart from science exhibition various other programs such as science demonstration and science film show were organized in the schools. Till date 2945 students, teachers and general public visited the exhibition.