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## Condolence

Goa University condoles the sad and sudden demise of Mrs. Tanuja Volvoikar on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

## Centre of Excellence in Marine Microbiology

Goa University enters a new era with the establishment of the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Marine Microbiology funded by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India. The CoE is granted in the recognition of excellent performance of Ocean Science and Technology Cell (OSTC) established at Goa University in 1998, now renamed as Ocean and Atmospheric Science and Technology Cell (OASTC). CoE will work in addition to the activities of OASTC. The support for CoE is for 6 years with initial grant of Rs. 1.26 crore for a period of 2 years to establish Central Facility for research in the Marine Microbiology. The amount is specifically allotted for equipments (Rs. 1 crore) and for manpower consumables, contingencies etc. (Rs. 26 lakhs).



Dr. P.S. Goel and Prof. P. S. Zacharias at the inauguration of the centre

The centre was inaugurated by Padmashri Shri P.S. Goel, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences in the distinguished presence of Dr. S. Shetye, Director NIO; Dr. R. Ravindra, Director NCAOR; Director INCOINS; Vice Chancellor and Registrar of Goa University, Deans, Heads of the Departments, Faculty of Goa University and staff and students of Department of Microbiology. The Secretary in his informal speech mentioned that DOD had a vision of strengthening the universities for research and this is the first CoE under the new scheme, the performance of this CoE will help in establishing future centres in the universities.

The CoE will also organize training programmes and workshops for middle level researchers in the field of Marine Microbiology. In future it is proposed to set up a repository for extremophilic microorganisms and Archaea at this centre.



Prof. P. S. Zacharias addressing the gathering

## Political Science Student selected for National Fellowship



Mr. Mukund Narvekar

Mr. Mukund Narvekar, who recently completed his M.A. in Political Science has been awarded the Rajiv Gandhi National Research Fellowship for higher research by the University Grants Commission. The award carries a monthly stipend and annual contingency for a period of five years. Mukund had earlier been selected through a written examination and interview for M.Phil at the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies at University of Pune. He proposes to work on the theme of 'Regional Security in South Asia' for his research.

## NET Workshop

The CCGELC conducted at Goa University a full day workshop for the UGC-NET examinations held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2006. Students from different faculties attended the workshop. Sessions were conducted to essentially prepare the students to efficiently deal with approaching and Solving Quantitative and Mathematical Problems of Paper I of the NET examinations.

## Lecture on Maritime Security

Department of Political Science in association with the American Centre, Mumbai, organized a lecture on 'Recent Trends in Maritime Security of Indian Ocean' by Prof. Don Berlin recently. Prof. Berlin, of Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies, Honolulu, who has extensively worked on issues relating to maritime security, pointed out that definite maritime security structure in the region was still evolving with established powers often competing with or co-opting the emerging powers.

Although India is gradually developing closer maritime cooperation with China and they are emerging as partners on the economic front, they might be competing politically on the Eurasian land mass he asserted. While underlining that non littoral state countries such as Iran, Russia were also developing, land based capabilities to offset the US maritime alliance with India, Australia, China was also developing allies along the Indian Ocean route to secure its access to West Asia.



Prof. Don Berlin

Dr. Aureliano Fernandes, Head of the Department chaired the session. Dr. Rahul Tripathi, Lecturer welcomed and introduced Prof. Berlin, while Dr. Alaknanda Shringare proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Shilpa Shet Narvenkar, Documentation Assistant presented a memento to Prof Berlin. Ruth Bennett, Deputy Director, American Centre and Mr. Janardhanan, programme officer were also present among students, faculty and some members of the public.

### Project Sanctioned

Research Project entitled 'Bio-optical Properties of Coastal Waters off West Coast for Modelling Illumination and Retrieval of Ocean Colour Components through OCM on board IRS-P4' has been sanctioned for Rs.46,85,400/- for duration of three years by Ministry of Defence Naval Research Board, Directorate of Naval R & D under the guidance of Dr. H. B. Menon, Department of Marine Science.

### Appointment

During the leave period of Dr. M. M. Sangodkar, from 21-12-2006 to 31-12-2006, Prof. A. V. Afonso, Head, Department of Philosophy officiated as Registrar in addition to his normal duties.

### Library- New Arrivals

Sr. No.	Acn. No.	Author	Title
1.	110915	Beck, Ronald M.	Catalytic air pollution control
2.	110917	Kappe, Oliver C.	Microwaves in organic and medicinal chemistry
3.	110922	Kingery, W.D. & others	Introductions to ceramics 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed
4.	110924	Amonker, Suresh	Rosal Konkani dyneshwari
5.	110931	Shenoy, S.	Antarnad
6.	110939	Bhirud, Pramila	Mee bahinai
7.	110955	Myers, Glenford J.	The art of software testing
8.	110959	Gabrick, Kurt A.	J2EE and XML development
9.	110966	Adatia, Rahim & others	Professional EJB
10.	110977	Paryekar, Prakash	Davarne
11.	110992	Bhave, Bhushan	Matoli
12.	111003	Holzner, Steve	Eclipse cookbook
13.	111015	Brittain, Jason	Tomcat – the definitive guide
14.	111019	Neiderst, Jennifer	Web design in a nutshell
15.	111023	Roman, Steve	Writing excel macros with VBA
16.	111034	Black, Uyles	Computer networks
17.	111039	Stallings, William	Data and computer communications
18.	111047	Haefel, Richard Monson	Enterprise Javabeans
19.	111054	Heywood, Ian & others	An introduction to geographical information systems
20.	111064	Lamport, Leslie	Latex – a document preparation system
21.	111073	Eckel, Bruce	Thinking in C++
22.	111081	Cornish, Paul	The conflict in Iraq 2003
23.	111086	Zavos, John & others	Hindu nationalism and Indian politics
24.	111089	Gombrich, G.H.	A little history of the world
25.	111092	Burnell, Peter & Randall,	V.Politics in the developing world
26.	111098	Sharma, Arvind	Hinduism and human rights
27.	111103	Jones, Owen Bennett	Pakistan : Eye of the storm
28.	111108	Parekh, Bhiku	Rethinking multiculturalism