

## Ph.D. Scholar from Goa University Wins Best Paper Presentation Award

Mr. Shritesh Mhapsekar, a Ph.D. scholar, was awarded the **Best Paper Presentation Award** for his research presentation titled *“Microplastic Pollution and Seasonal Risk Assessment in a Non-Industrial River System: Insights from the Valvanti River, Goa.”* He is pursuing his doctoral research under the guidance of **Dr. Niyati Kalangutkar**, Assistant Professor of Applied Geology, School of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences.

The award was conferred at the national conference on **“Green Business and Blue Revolution: Pathways to Environmental Sustainability”**, held on **12th and 13th December 2025** at **Karnatak University Post Graduate Centre, Kodibag, Karwar, Karnataka.**

This achievement reflects the quality of research being carried out at Goa University and underscores the institution’s commitment to addressing pressing environmental challenges through scientific inquiry and innovation.

