



## Goa University

**Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Committee**  
**Directorate of Student Placement & Alumni Relations (DSPAR)**  
in Collaboration with  
**Microbiology, School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology (SBSB)**  
**Report on “Converge 3.0: Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, the academia-industry summit organized by Goa University” Talk: Start Early, Start Smart: Student Entrepreneurship and Government Support**

<b>1. Title of the Event/Activity/program</b>	Start Early, Start Smart: Student Entrepreneurship and Government Support
<b>2. Date and Time</b>	17-02-2026 from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm
<b>3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)</b>	Physical (Offline)
<b>4. School/ Directorate/ Section</b>	Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Committee Directorate of Student Placement & Alumni Relations (DSPAR) in collaboration with Microbiology, School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology (SBSB)
<b>5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate/Research Institutes/Industries</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Goa State Higher Education Council &amp; the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa</li><li>2. Microbiology Discipline, School of Biological Sciences &amp; Biotechnology (SBSB)</li></ol>
<b>6. Detail of the Resource Persons (Brief biodata)</b>	Shri. Uddhav Vaze, Verification Officer, Startup & IT Promotion Cell (SITPC), Govt. of Goa.
<b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	7 faculty
<b>8. Number of Student attended / participated</b>	107 [56 Microbiology, 32 Botany, 18 Biotechnology & 1 Zoology]
<b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	one

<p><b>10. The objectives of the Program/ activity/ event</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students, encouraging them to start early and develop future-ready solutions aligned with national and state priorities.</li> <li>2. To integrate students with India’s and Goa’s startup ecosystems by connecting them to incubators, government policies, funding schemes, and mentorship networks.</li> <li>3. To build awareness about the Startup India framework and the Goa Startup Policy 2025, enabling informed participation in structured support systems.</li> <li>4. To equip young innovators with practical knowledge of the startup journey, including idea validation, compliance, funding access, &amp; business registration.</li> <li>5. To inspire impactful change by nurturing resilient, confident, and socially responsible changemakers committed to contributing to Goa’s sustainable economic growth</li> </ol>
<p><b>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A lecture on “Start Early, Start Smart: Student Entrepreneurship and Government Support” was organized by Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Committee under the Directorate of Student Placement &amp; Alumni Relations (DSPAR) in Collaboration with Microbiology, School of Biological Sciences &amp; Biotechnology (SBSB), Goa University on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Komal Salkar</b>, Assistant Professor of the Microbiology Discipline, SBSB, delivered the welcome address. The <b>Chief Guest, Shri Uddhav Vaze</b>, Verification Officer, Startup &amp; IT Promotion Cell (SITPC), Govt. of Goa, Government of Goa, was introduced by <b>Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar</b>, Assistant Professor of Microbiology, SBSB, and a member of the TIP, DSPAR.</li> <li>➤ A total of 115 participants attended the event, including 07 faculty members and 107 students. The student participants represented a range of disciplines, with 56 from Microbiology, 32 from Botany, 18 from Biotechnology and 1 from Zoology.</li> <li>➤ Shri Uddhav Vaze delivered an insightful talk highlighted the growing opportunities for young innovators in India’s expanding economy. It began with an overview of India’s positive economic outlook and its emergence as a global startup hub. A startup was defined in line with the Startup India initiative, emphasizing innovation, scalability, &amp; problem-solving.</li> <li>➤ The session explored India’s dynamic startup ecosystem, including incubators, funding bodies, and policy support, followed by a focused discussion on the startup environment in Goa. Local initiatives, infrastructure, and institutional support available to student entrepreneurs were highlighted.</li> <li>➤ Common fears among students, such as fear of failure, financial risk, and lack of experience, were addressed, encouraging resilience and early action. The speaker outlined the startup journey from idea validation and market research to funding, scaling, and compliance.</li> <li>➤ Special attention was given to the Goa Startup Policy 2025, which offers incentives and structured support. Additionally, 12 government schemes designed to provide financial aid, mentorship, and market access were discussed. The session concluded with practical guidance on how to register a startup and access available benefits.</li> <li>➤ The student’s interest was well reflected during their interactive session with the resource person of the event, Shri. Uddhav Vaze.</li> <li>➤ The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Komal Salkar and token of appreciation to the resource person by Dr. Milind Naik, Programme Director of Microbiology.</li> </ul>

<p><b>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gained clear understanding of the startup concept, aligned with innovation, scalability, and problem-solving under national initiatives supporting entrepreneurship.</li> <li>2. Developed insight into India’s strong economic outlook &amp; its emergence as a leading global startup and innovation hub.</li> <li>3. Increased awareness of India’s startup ecosystem, including incubators, funding agencies, mentorship networks, &amp; policy support mechanisms.</li> <li>4. Understood the structure &amp; opportunities within Goa’s startup ecosystem, local infrastructure, institutional backing, &amp; state support.</li> <li>5. Built confidence to overcome common fears such as failure, financial risk, and lack of experience through resilience &amp; early action.</li> <li>6. Learned the complete startup journey from idea validation and market research to funding, scaling, compliance, and growth.</li> <li>7. Gained knowledge about the Goa Startup Policy 2025 and its incentives, subsidies, and structured support for entrepreneurs.</li> <li>8. Understood the 12 government schemes and the step-by-step process for registering a startup and accessing benefits.</li> </ol>
<p><b>13. Enclosures with report</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brochure</li> <li>2. Geo-tag photos</li> <li>3. Attendance of the participants</li> <li>4. Letter of Invitation</li> <li>5. Letter of Appreciation</li> </ol>

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**CONVERGE 3.0**  
Shiksha Udyojak Sangam

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"Innovate, Integrate, Impact: Building Goa's future ready changemakers"

Academia-Industry Summit  
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&

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**START EARLY, START SMART: STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

**SHRI. UDDHAV VAZE**  
VERIFICATION OFFICER,  
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17TH FEBRUARY 2026  
11:15 AM TO 12:15 PM

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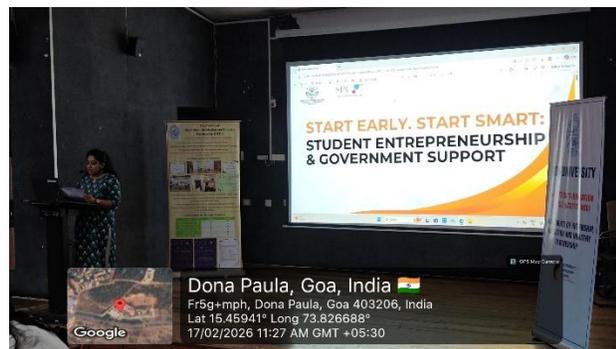
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Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar, Session Co-ordinator  
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**Brochure**



**Programme Schedule**



**Introduction to the Session by the Ms. Komal Salkar, Assistant Professor, Microbiology & Coordinator**



**Introduction to the Resource Person by Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar, Coordinator & TIP Member**



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**Participants interacting with resource person**



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**Dr. Lata Gawade, clearing her doubts pertaining to startup policies**



**Dr. Milind Naik, Programme Director Microbiology offering Token of Appreciation to the Resource Person Shri. Uddhav Vaze**



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Converge 3.0 Shiksha Udyojak Sangam: Academic - Industry Summit

Name of the School: Microbiology Discipline, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology (SBSB)

Topic: Start Early, Start Smart: Student Entrepreneurship and Government Support

Name & Designation of Resource Person: Mr. Uddhav Vaze, Verification Officer, Start-up Information Technology Promotion Cell (SITPC), Government of Goa

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Time: 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Sr. No.	Name of the Participant	Student/Faculty	Class	Signature
1	Uddhav Vaze			
2	Dr. Uddhav Vaze	Faculty	SBSB	
3	Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar	Faculty	SBSB	
4	Dr. Tripti Asatkar	Faculty	SBSB	
5	Dr. Rupali Bhandari	Faculty	SBSB	
6	Dr. Lata Gawade	Faculty	SBSB	
7	Dr. Lakshmy Chavga	Faculty	SBSB	
8	Vaishali Dhobe	Student	MSc Part 2	
9	Siyanda Rodrigues	Student	MSc Part 1	
10	Janice Fernandes	Student	MSc Part 1	
11	Saika M. Manojkar	Student	MSc part 1	
12	Sonu Kumar	Student	MSc Biotec	
13	Krushika Rane	Student	MSc Part 2	
14	Sumanya Khan	Student	MSc part 2	
15	Arya e. Choudhary	Student	MSc Part 1	
16	Tejasi Sangedkar	Student	MSc Part I	
17	Shruti Madgaonkar	" "	MSc PART 1	
18	Manushi Nalkekar	" "	" "	
19	Shweta Kulkarni	Student	MSc Part 1	

Dr. Narayan Parab  
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Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar  
 Name and Signature of  
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23	Eksha C. Gaonkar	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
24	Amita P. Gaonkar	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
25	Frantla Fernandes	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
26	Murad Baccar	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
27	Shanika Paroo	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
28	Seloni Tani	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
29	Shweta Naik	"	MSc Part I	[Signature]
30	Kelly Dias	Student	MSc Part II	[Signature]
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35	Kamal Phadke	Student	MSc Part II	[Signature]
36	Chiara Rodriguez	Student	MSc Part II	[Signature]
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44	Sana Polje	Student	MSc Part I	[Signature]
45	Sayal Mandlik	Student	MSc Part I	[Signature]
46	Indranya Boman	Student	MSc Part I	[Signature]
47	Vedant Vankar	Student	MSc Part I	[Signature]
48	Shiksha Kulkarni	Student	MSc Part I	[Signature]
49	Shiraj Tamkar	Student	MSc Botany II	[Signature]
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51	Arushka Naik	Student	MSc Botany II	[Signature]
52	Adon. J. Naik	Student	MSc Botany II	[Signature]
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57	Ashu & Sharna Kulkarni	Student	MSc Marine Biotech II	
58	Helen Kulkarni	Student	PhD Biotech	
59	Poochula Kulkarni	Student	PhD Biotech	
60	Veda Manojkar	Student	PhD Biotech	
61	Yashwanth Kulkarni	Student	MSc Biotech	
62	Manasi Nalvokar	Student	MSc Botany	
63	Aarati Padmakar	Student	MSc Botany	
64	Ahanksha H. Khoskar	Student	MSc Microbiology	
65	Charvati Anil Naik	Student	MSc Microbiology	
66	Siya Naik	Student	MSc Biotechnology	
67	Prashila Chari	Student	MSc Biotechnology	
68	Savi Naik	Student	MSc Biotechnology	
69	Mousumi Patwar	Student	MSc Botany	
70	Ranjana Shirodkar	Student	MSc Botany	
71	Ruchi R. Patil	Student	MSc Botany	
72	Ashwika Lathkar	Student	M.Sc Botany	
73	Widesha Patil	Student	M.Sc Botany	
74	Alina Fernandes	Student	M.Sc Botany	
75	Hs. Kamal Kulkarni	Faculty	Microbiology	
76	Swathi Nandekar	Student	Microbiology	
77	Surya Naik	Student	Microbiology	
78	Sushil Datta	Student	Microbiology	
79	Shradha Phadke	Student	Microbiology	
80	Anurag Kamal	Student	Microbiology	
81	Tajal Naik	PhD Student	Microbiology	
82	Prajakta P. Somantkar	PhD Student	Microbiology	
83	Laura J. Coelho	PhD Student	Microbiology	
84	Maitan S. Chaudhary	JRF	Microbiology	
85	Aishwarya Prabhu	Faculty	Microbiology	
86	Madhavi Naik	PhD Student	Microbiology	

  
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90	Sarthika Bora	student	Botany	Sarthika
91	Mohini Jaisankar	Student	Botany	Mohini
92	Glacys Nandana	"	Microbiology	Glacys
93	Shruti Kothare	"	"	Shruti
94	Siddhant Phansom	Student	Biotechnology	Siddhant
95	Anurag Shankh	Student	"	Anurag
96	Neeta Padmanab	student	"	Neeta
97	Neha Sharma	Student	Botany (Part II)	Neha
98	Pradya Dichekkan	student	Botany (Part II)	Pradya
99	Mustafa Lakshman	Student	Botany (Part I)	Mustafa
100	Ravanan Kora	Student	Botany (Part I)	Ravanan
101	Raj Nayak	Student	Botany (Part I)	Raj
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103	Prathat Gaonkar	Student	Botany	Prathat
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105	Niyati Kulkarni	Student	Botany	Niyati
106	Lakshmi Parvati	Student	Botany	Lakshmi
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To,

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Government of Goa

LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Shri. Uddhav Vaze,

Warm greetings from Goa University.

Goa University, in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education and the Goa State Higher Education Council, Government of Goa, is organizing Converge 3.0 under the theme: "Innovate, Integrate, Impact: Building Goa's Future-Ready Changemakers."

It is with great pride and admiration that we extend this invitation to you to deliver a guest lecture as career counselling for our students related to the start-up ecosystem, training opportunities, skill development, career readiness, entrepreneurship, and placement avenues.

Your entrepreneurial achievements and dedication to fostering innovation serve as an inspiration to many of our students who aspire to build meaningful careers in the world of startups and business. We believe that your real-world experiences and practical insights will help them better understand the startup ecosystem, encourage innovative thinking, and guide them as they make important academic and career decisions.

We would be honored to host you for this guest lecture on "Start Early, Start Smart: Student Entrepreneurship and Government Support" at 11:15 am, at Goa University. The session will focus on career pathways in startups and entrepreneurship, essential skill development, and practical advice for students interested in turning ideas into viable businesses, exploring innovative career options, and contributing to the startup ecosystem.

We look forward to welcoming you to Goa University and to an enriching session for our students.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

  
Sr. Prof. S. Krishnan  
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Shri. Uddhav Vaze,

Warm greetings from Goa University.

On behalf of Goa University, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for delivering the insightful guest lecture titled "Start Early, Start Smart: Student Entrepreneurship and Government Support" at Goa University.

It was with great pride and admiration that we invited you, a distinguished professional from the startup ecosystem, to speak to our students. Your presence and the experiences you shared were truly inspiring.

Your entrepreneurial journey and dedication to fostering innovation left a strong impression on our students. Many of them expressed how the session broadened their understanding of startup culture, government support systems, and the diverse opportunities available in the entrepreneurial space. The clarity with which you discussed skill development, early-stage decision-making, and practical aspects of building a startup was especially impactful.

We are grateful for the time and effort you devoted to interacting with our students and for contributing to their academic and professional growth. It was a privilege to host you, and we sincerely hope to collaborate with you again in the future.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

  
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