



Goa University
School of Chemical Sciences

**Report on One-day Symposium “CHEM SCHOLAR’S
CONNECT 2026” for Chemistry/Biochemistry Research
Students**

The Chemistry Department Faculty and Alumni Association (CDFAA), in association with the School of Chemical Sciences (SCS), Goa University, organized the first episode of “CHEM SCHOLAR’S CONNECT 2026” an annual symposium for Chemistry/Biochemistry Ph.D. students registered under Goa University. The event was held on Monday, 6th April 2026.

The symposium was aimed to provide an excellent opportunity for Ph.D. students in Chemistry who have completed six to eight semesters or have just submitted their synopsis or thesis to present the major part of their research work. It also served as a valuable platform for participants to showcase their research and interact with fellow researchers. Additionally, M.Sc. students were benefited from the symposium by gaining insights into current research trends and outputs in the field of Chemistry, which may motivate them to pursue research in the future.

The Chief Guest, Prof. S. G. Tilve (Retired Professor HAG, School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University), inaugurated the event and delivered the keynote address. The symposium comprised seven oral presentations delivered by research scholars from the School of Chemical Sciences and the College Research Cluster.

Around 40 research scholars from the School of Chemical Sciences, 4 research students from College Research Cluster, along with around 75 M.Sc. students from the School of Chemical Sciences and 21 faculty members attended the symposium. Two judges, Prof. Mainak Banerjee (BITS Pilani, Goa) and Dr. Kiran Vankayala (BITS Pilani, Goa), were invited to evaluate the oral presentations. Prizes were awarded for the top three oral presentations.

The following were the prize winners of the oral presentation of the CHEM SCHOLAR'S CONNECT 2026 symposium organized by CDFAA:


Prize	Name of Student	Name of the Institution
1	Ms. Asmita Sandesh Naik Gaonkar	Goa University
2	Ms. Arti K. Naik	Government College – Khandola
3 (Shared between)	Ms. Siddhi K. Salgaonkar	Goa University
	Mr. Leo Francisco Blaise D'Souza	Goa University


The CHEM SCHOLAR'S CONNECT 2026 symposium was successfully conducted, for the first time achieving its objective of providing a dynamic platform for research scholars to present and discuss their work. The event facilitated meaningful academic interaction among Ph.D. scholars, faculty members, and M.Sc. students. Participants benefited from constructive feedback provided by the expert judges, which will aid in improving the quality of their research. M.Sc. students gained valuable exposure to current research trends and methodologies in Chemistry, encouraging greater interest in pursuing research careers. The overall participation and engagement reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of the academic community toward research excellence.

Attached herewith

1. Brochure,
2. Banner of symposium,
3. Flyer of symposium
4. Technical programme,
5. Geo-tag photos
6. Attendance


24/4/2026
Dr. Rohan Keshav Kunkalekar
Convener


24/04/26.
Prof. V. S. Nadkarni
President, CDFAA


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Monday, 6th April, 2026
Chemistry Auditorium,
School of Chemical Sciences,
Goa-University, Goa

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CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- Research students who have completed a minimum of 4.5 years after their Ph.D. registration and/or are planning to submit their synopsis/ or have already submitted it, are eligible to apply. Students who have defended their Viva Voce examination before 1st April 2026 are not eligible. All other chemistry research students are welcome to attend the event as participants.
- As this is the first edition of the symposium, participation will be limited to research students from Goa University and the College Research Cluster
- The time allotted for each oral presentation is 15 min. (presentation) + 5 min. (discussion). Presentations should be made using Microsoft office Power Point only.
- Oral presentations will be evaluated by external judges, and prizes will be awarded to the three best oral presentations. Certificates will be issued to all the participants.
- A maximum of 12 participants will be selected for oral presentations.
- The symposium fee is Rs. 200/- for faculty members (Ph.D. Guides) and Rs. 100/- for Ph.D. students. The amount may be paid in cash, by cheque, or by Demand Draft (preferably drawn on SBI) in the name of "Chemistry Department Faculty & Alumni Association" on the day of the symposium.
- Research students wishing to register for oral presentations may do so by completing the Google form (link provided below). The deadline for submission is 25th March 2026, 4:00 PM. A hard copy of the completed form, duly signed by the guide, must be submitted to the President, CDFAA by 27th March 2026.

Google form Link for Oral Presentation:

<https://forms.gle/kw3M5UFoLzUJtmoD9>

- Faculty members (Ph.D. Guides) and research students willing to participate in the symposium must register by completing the Google form (link provided below).

On-spot registration will not be entertained.

Google form Link for Participation:

<https://forms.gle/6wMp5cxf9t46yg4u7>

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CHIEF GUEST
Prof. (HAG) Santosh G. Tilve
SCS, Goa University



JURY MEMBER
Prof. Mainak Banerjee
BITS, Goa Campus



JURY MEMBER
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OUR RESEARCH STUDENT PRESENTERS



Ms. Siddhi K. Salgaonkar
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Mr. Pritesh P. Khobrekar
Organic Chemistry, SCS



Ms. Asmita S. Naik Gaonkar
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Ms. Arti K. Naik
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Mr. Leo F. B. D'Souza
Organic Chemistry, SCS



Ms. Wilma Fernandes
Physical Chemistry, DMC



Mr. Nitesh G. Venji
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- REGISTRATION @ 9.30 AM
- ORAL PRESENTATION COMPETITION
- BEST THREE ORAL PRESENTATION AWARDS

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED !!!

For details, Contact: Dr. Rohan K. Kunkalekar (Convener, CSC- 2026)

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

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TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
9.30 – 10.00 am	Registration	Auditorium, SCS
10.00 – 10.30 am	Inauguration Chief Guest: Prof. Santosh G. Tilve Senior Professor in Organic Chemistry School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University	Auditorium, SCS
10.30 – 11.15 am	Key Note Address by Chief Guest BASIC RESEARCH: WHERE CUROSITY MEETS RETURN ON INSIGHT	Auditorium, SCS
11.15 – 11.30 am	Tea Break	Open space, SCS
11.30 am – 1.10 pm	Oral Presentations 1. Siddhi K. Salgaonkar 2. Pritesh Prakash Khobrekar 3. Arti K. Naik 4. Nitesh Gurunath Venji	Auditorium, SCS
1.10 – 2.00 pm	Lunch	Open space, SCS
2.00 to 3.00 pm	Oral Presentations 5. Leo Francisco Blaise DSouza 6. Wilma Fernandes 7. Asmita Sandesh Naik Gaonkar	Auditorium, SCS
3.00 – 3.15 pm	Tea break	Open space, SCS
3.15 – 4.00 pm	Concluding remarks	Auditorium, SCS

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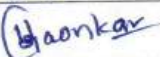





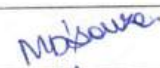

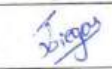
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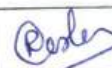

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8	V Swapna	—
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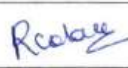

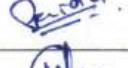


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9	VIGNESH R NAIDU	
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

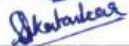
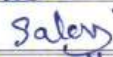
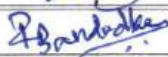
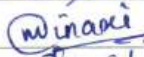

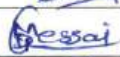

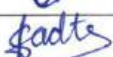



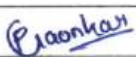



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11	Shrutika Sanjay Fadte	
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16	Siya Tari	—
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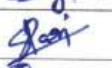
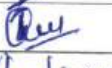
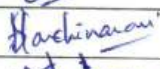
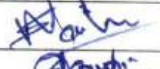
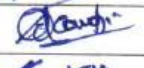


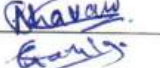
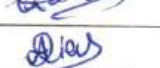
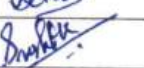
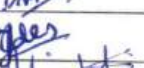
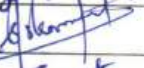





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9	Pranjal M Gawde	
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11	Shawari Borkar	
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11. Aniket Manchekar



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12. Aniket S. Naik



13. Brijesh B. Vaigankar

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14. Deepak - B. Welp



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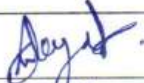

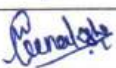


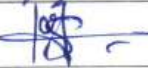


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7	Sunil S. Naik	
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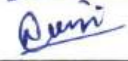



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








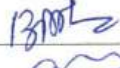





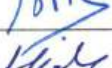
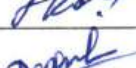


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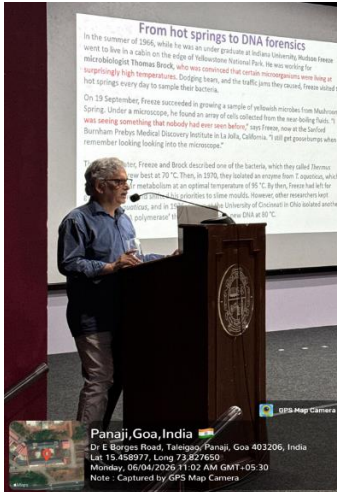
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