



**Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's  
College of Commerce  
Bori, Ponda- Goa**

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Department of Library & Information Science

**National Librarians' Day  
2025-2026**

State-Level session on "Seeing Beyond Sight: Technology Empowering the Visually Impaired"

The Department of Library and Information Science is organising a State-Level Session on "Seeing Beyond Sight: Technology Empowering the Visually Impaired" on the occasion of National Librarians' Day on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in College campus.

Participant: -Staff & Students

The Department of Library at Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal's College of Commerce marked National Librarians' Day (August 9–12, 2025) with outreach activities designed to advance core educational skills. In collaboration with the Reader's Club and NDLI Club, the events emphasized knowledge building, communication proficiency, reading/writing enhancement, and concentration development. The celebrations began with a Pocket Diary Making Competition on August 9, where students creatively repurposed old notebooks into functional diaries.

On August 11, a state-level session titled "Seeing Beyond Sight: Technology Empowering the Visually Impaired" featured experts from the National Association for Blind, Goa – Shri Sajosh K.S., Miss Resha Vernekar, and Shri Madhav Sawant facilitated immersive training on assistive technologies. Students participated in hands-on training to experience challenges faced by the visually impaired and learned how assistive technologies enable independence. Principal Professor Achut Pednekar emphasized the session's goal of fostering empathy, adding, "While we are blessed with abundant resources and technology, we often fail to utilize them for meaningful progress. This demonstration reminds us of that technology, when harnessed correctly, can transform lives and build an inclusive society." He also lauded the library staff for their unwavering commitment. Librarian Mrs. Sonia Mukesh Desai underscored the library's mission: "Every activity we design from diary crafting to assistive tech workshops aims to elevate essential skills: deepening knowledge, refining communication, strengthening reading/writing abilities, and sharpening concentration. These are foundational to academic and personal growth.

Comperer: -Counselor Mrs. Florencia Souza

Vote of thanks: A vote of thanks was given by the Assistant Professor and Secretary of the Library Advisory Committee, Mrs. Gayatri Behare.

Mrs. Sonia Desai



# NDLI Certificate





Judges of Diary making competition

