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Annual Report 2024-2025

Pact for Impact Since 2023

Nurturing every child's potential, by
empowering schools where hope, dignity,
and learning grow together.





Founder's Message

Rooted in purpose

Driven by **compassion**.
Strengthened by **community**.
Focussed on **impact**.

It is with deep gratitude and pride that I present the PACT Foundation's Annual Report for 2024–2025.

What began as a heartfelt promise in 2023 – to give back to the soil that nurtured me – has, in just two years, grown into a powerful movement for change across Goa. PACT was born from a belief that progress must be inclusive, and that every child, no matter their background, deserves a learning environment that unlocks their full potential.

This past year, our journey has been nothing short of transformative. We have partnered with schools, colleges, government, and grassroots leaders to modernise infrastructure, uplift faculty, and nurture aspirations. Our flagship Happy School Project has redefined classrooms in over 20 educational institutions – not just through smart boards and fresh paint, but through renewed dignity and purpose in how children learn.

Each milestone we reached is a school transformed, a garden planted, a teacher empowered; and tells a story of community-led impact. We have seen firsthand how hope takes root when resources meet responsibility. PACT has remained grounded in action, not just ambition.

Personally, this journey has been a full circle. I grew up in Goa. I know what it means to rely on the kindness of teachers, the belief of mentors, and the strength of the community. Today, I carry those lessons with me – as the Founder and President of PACT, and as a son of this land.

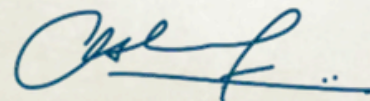
I want to thank every donor, partner, volunteer, and school leader who walked alongside us this year. You are not just contributors – you are co-creators of change. This report is a reflection of what we have built together and a preview of what lies ahead.

As we move into 2025–2026, we carry with us a renewed commitment:

To deepen our presence.
To elevate our outcomes.
To reach the unreachable.

To continue building a more inclusive tomorrow, one school, one child, one act of care at a time.

Let's work together to keep the promise alive.



Dr Ashwin Fernandes
Founder & President
PACT Foundation



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PACT Leadership



Dr Ashwin Fernandes

Founder

Dr Ashwin Fernandes is an international education leader, author, and changemaker. As Executive Director at QS Quacquarelli Symonds, he leads global university rankings across the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. A passionate advocate for equitable education, he is the Founder and President of PACT Foundation, which empowers young people and communities in Goa through impactful grassroots initiatives. Ashwin is also the author of **India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn** and **MODIALOGUE: Conversations for a Viksit Bharat**. Ashwin originally hails from Aldona village.



Amelia Ferrao

Co-Founder

Amelia Ferrao is the co-founder of PACT Foundation. She is driven by a passion for equity and systemic change, and works at the grassroots level to create safe spaces, promote inclusive education, and advocate for mental well-being. Amelia's leadership at PACT reflects her belief that sustainable change begins with empathy, dialogue, & action.

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Vision & Mission

Our Vision

At the heart of our vision lies a world where every child has equal access to education, where women are empowered with opportunity, and where the youth are equipped to shape a better tomorrow. We envision communities where education becomes a catalyst for progress, equity, and dignity, thereby breaking cycles of poverty and lighting paths of possibility.

Our Mission

To promote inclusive education, empower local communities, and drive sustainable development. We strive to democratise knowledge and provide equitable access to learning—especially for those from marginalised backgrounds. By bridging innovation, empathy, and grassroots action, we aim to create enduring, positive change.

Our Flagship Initiatives

Happy School Project: We believe that every child deserves a clean and safe learning environment. We addressed the critical issue of sanitation facilities in pivotal schools by installing modern toilets and improving overall sanitation infrastructure, transforming the educational experience for many. We also believe that technology is a powerful enabler of education. Through our Smart Classrooms initiative, we have equipped underserved schools with digital learning tools such as interactive smart boards, projectors, and educational content platforms.

Right to Education for All: Every child has the right to education, yet millions are deprived of this basic right. At PACT Foundation, we are committed to addressing this issue and ensuring that every child has access to quality education.

Pact's Impact

20+ Happy Schools across Goa: Revamped rural and semi-urban schools with better infrastructure, digital tools, mentoring, and community engagement—bringing joy back to learning spaces.

6,000+ Students impacted: From pre-school to college, our programs have supported over 6,000 learners through academic and personal development.

Our Values

01

Inclusivity and Equity

We believe every individual, regardless of background, should have the opportunity to succeed. This drives our focus on equal and quality education for every child and empowerment programmes for women and youth.

02

Innovation and Knowledge-Sharing

We are committed to innovative solutions and continuous learning. At the heart of our work is a live knowledge repository, where we curate cutting-edge research and insights globally & make them accessible. This spirit of innovation permeates our programmes – from introducing digital tools in classrooms to pioneering new training initiatives.

03

Accountability & Transparency

We hold ourselves to high standards of integrity. As a non-profit, we ensure that resources are used effectively to fulfill our mission. We remain accountable to our beneficiaries, donors, and partners, regularly evaluating our programmes and openly sharing our progress through reports like this one.

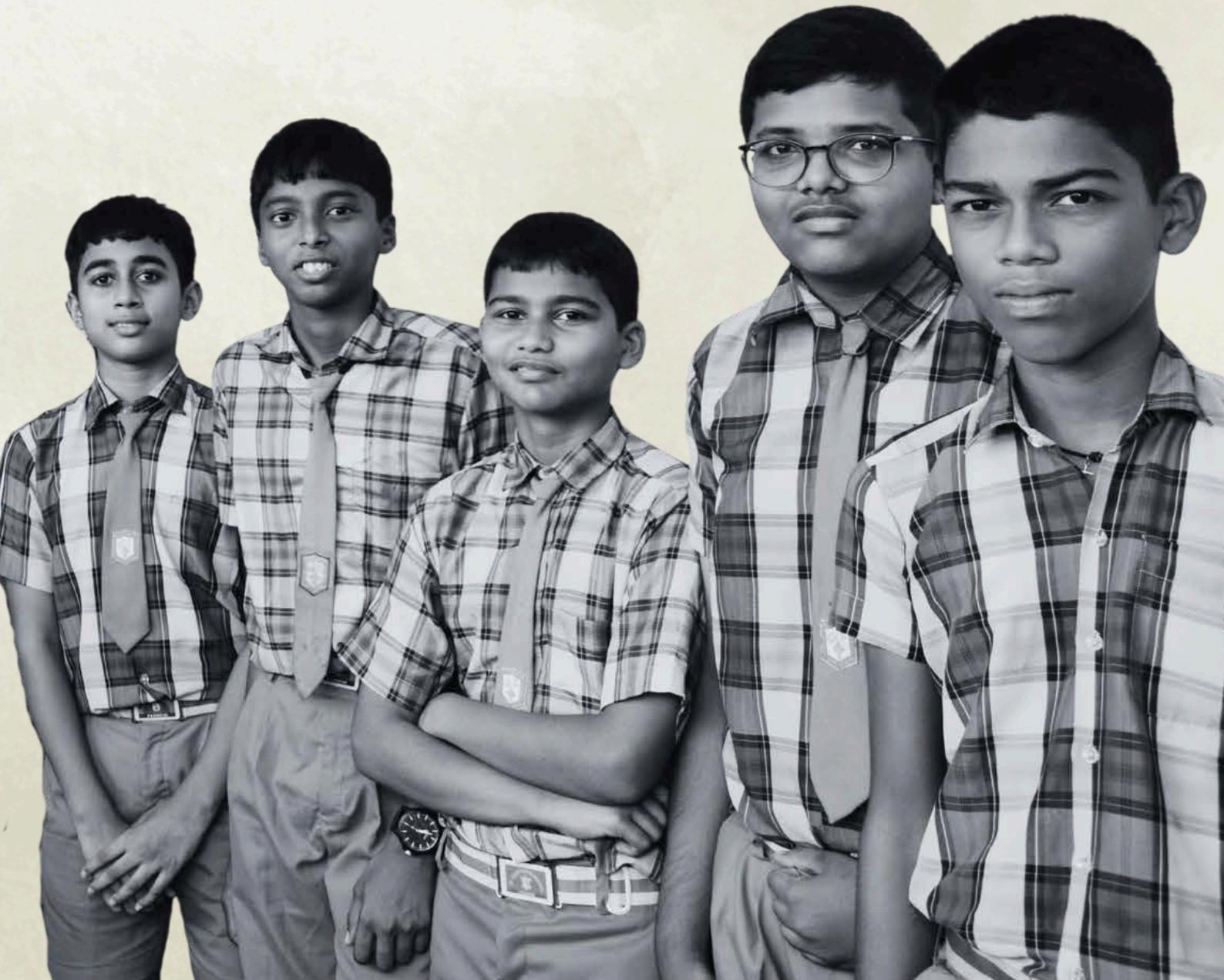


04 Collaboration and Partnership

We value the power of working together. PACT is a “dynamic knowledge-tank” that collaborates with government, industries, & other NGOs to shape policy & drive sustainable change. We foster cross-border collaboration & community partnerships, with the understanding that united efforts amplify impact.


05 Sustainability and Impact

We aim for sustainable transformation, not short-term fixes. Whether it's improving school infrastructure or building skills, our goal is to create solutions that have lasting benefits for communities & align with UN's SDGs (Quality Education & Reduced Inequalities). Every project is designed with the understanding that long-term impact in mind, emphasizing community ownership and environmental responsibility.



A Year in Review

2024-2025



The period 2024–2025 was a formative and impactful year for PACT Foundation. We scaled our initiatives across education and community development, reaching more people than ever before in our young organisation's history. Below are some of the key highlights and achievements of the year:

Education Mission Expanded


Education Initiatives Expanded: Under our flagship Happy School Project, PACT Foundation transformed the learning environments across several schools in Goa. Classrooms were equipped with smart boards and modernised infrastructure, and critical sanitation facilities were upgraded, directly benefiting students' health and dignity. Through these efforts, we have "lit up young minds with curiosity, hope, and opportunity" and aligned rural schools with the digital standards of the National Education Policy 2020.

By June 2025, the Happy School Project had reached a cumulative 20 schools since inception, impacting over 6,000 students and teachers with improved classrooms, libraries, playgrounds, and washrooms. Each upgraded school is now a model of inclusive, child-friendly education in its community.

Infrastructure and Innovation

We made investments not just in physical infrastructure, but also in innovative approaches to learning.

PACT's live knowledge repository continued to grow, with global best practices and research made accessible to our local educators. We hosted knowledge-sharing seminars (virtually and in-person) connecting educators in Goa with policy experts and changemakers from across India and abroad, reflecting our role as a think tank. These sessions sparked discussions on topics like educational technology, youth mental health, and sustainable community development, reinforcing PACT's identity as a platform for ideas and action.



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VIVEKANAND DNYAN MANDIR HIGH SCHOOL



Recognition and Partnerships

PACT Foundation's work started garnering public recognition and support this year. We were honored to receive a Letter of Appreciation from the Department of Education, Government of Goa, acknowledging our contribution to improving public school facilities under the Vidhya Sahaya initiative (a state-private partnership scheme).

Our collaboration with QS I-GAUGE (a school and university evaluation agency) led to a national-level student contest – PACT-Star – promoting innovation and higher education aspirations among students. These partnerships have extended our reach and resources, enabling us to leverage external expertise and funds for greater impact.

The achievements of 2024–2025 are a strong foundation for PACT Foundation's future. We have proven models that work, real success stories to share, and data to demonstrate our impact. Empowered by the support of the community and partners, PACT is poised to scale new heights in the coming years – ensuring that the change we spark today becomes the transformation of tomorrow.





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Impact Report

Government Primary School, Duler, Mapusa

About the School

The school is managed by the Department of Education, Government of Goa. The school consists of Grades from 1 to 4, and has co-educational teaching, along with an attached pre-primary section. Marathi & Urdu are the medium of instructions in this school.

Total Teachers: 5 | Total Students: 60

Project Brief

Government Primary School, Duler, Mapusa has become the first school in Goa to be transformed under the PACT Foundation's Happy School Project. The school was equipped with a newly constructed 6 ft stainless steel wash basin and handwashing area, encouraging better hygiene practices among students and supporting the overall well-being of the school community. This practical intervention focussed on health and cleanliness, creating a more supportive and child-friendly setting for early learners. The work also encompassed the provision of classroom benches, desks and library cupboards. This project marked the beginning of the Happy School movement by PACT Foundation and set the standard for similar interventions that followed across the state.



Message from the School



Mrs Shraddha Mhapsekar

Headmistress

The founder of PACT Foundation Dr Ashwin Fernandes came into contact with our GPS Duler school in the academic year 2023-24. Our school was upgraded with infrastructure facilities by providing us 25 benches and desks, 5 cupboards along with civil infrastructure of sink for the students. Our institution will always be grateful and acknowledge the support that PACT Foundation have shown upon our school.



Impact Report

Dr Ambedkar English High School Cunchelim, Mapusa

About the School

The school is a private co-educational school which is a government aided institution located in Cunchelim, Mapusa, just off the Colvale highway. Established in 2008, the school caters to students from Grades 5 to 10 and operates under the English medium of instruction. It plays a pivotal role in providing quality secondary education to students in the surrounding community. In June 2024, the school launched the pre-primary section.

Total Teachers: 13 | Total Students: 323

Project Brief

Dr Ambedkar English High School was also one of the first schools transformed under the PACT Foundation's Happy School Project. As part of the intervention, PACT undertook comprehensive classroom renovation, a new overhead water tank, and fully renovated the boys' and girls' toilets to ensure hygiene, safety, and dignity for students. The project has since turned the school into a model example of meaningful grassroots educational transformation.



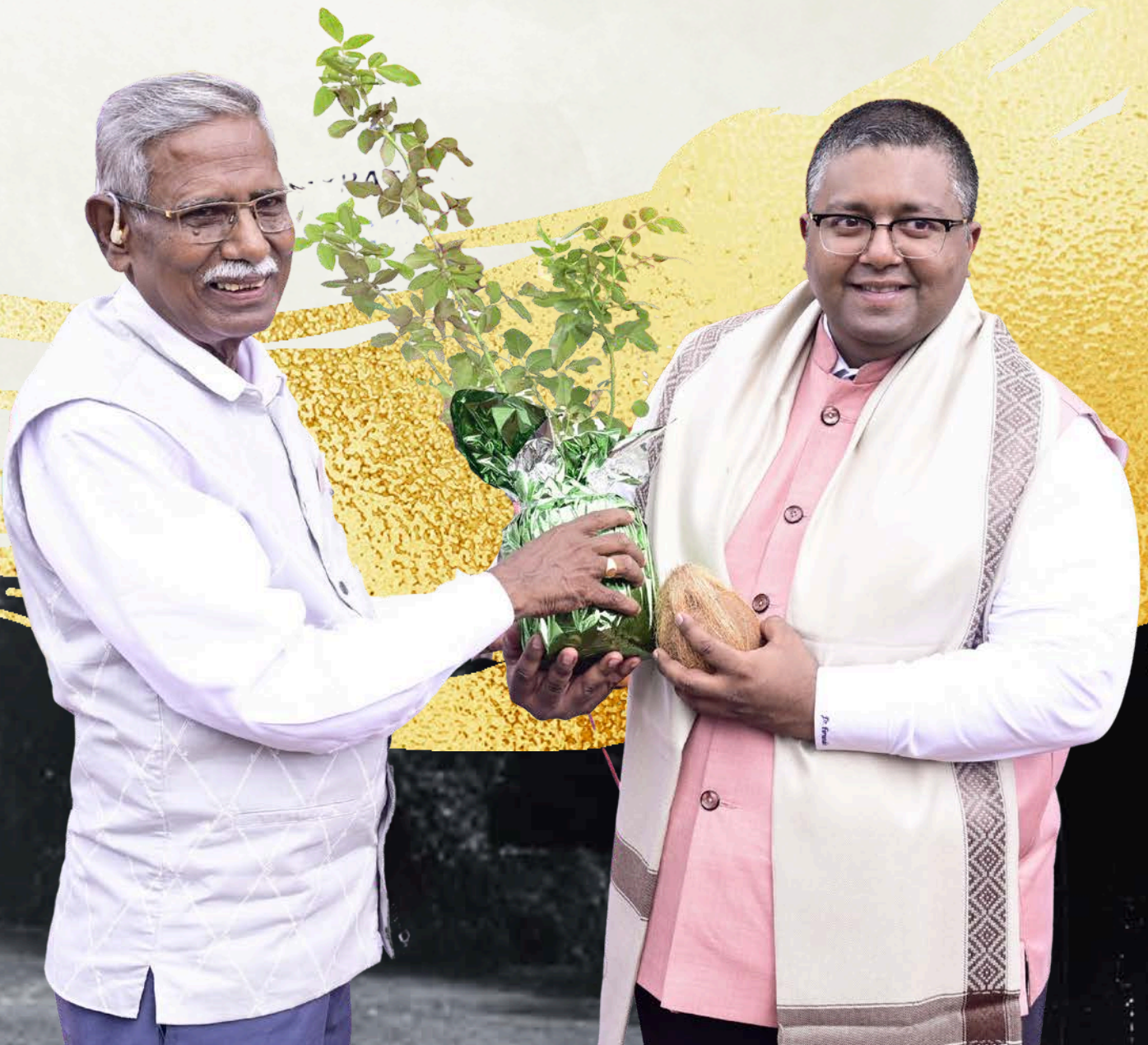
Message from the School



Mr N G Akhargekar

Manager

PACT Foundation is making a valuable contribution to the education sector in Goa. It is a fortunate thing for Dr Ambedkar English High School that they began their first project in our institution. After that, in a short period, they have provided support to many institutions. Their method of work is also transparent and should be emulated. They personally visit the school, understand the shortcomings and do the necessary work accordingly. They send the details of the work before starting, and until completion and they also keep an eye on quality. The work of Dr Ashwin, Mrs Amelia and their team will provide much needed facilities to schools & raise the standard of education in Goa. Our sincere gratitude and best wishes to PACT Foundation.



Impact Report

St Xavier's School Pirazona, Moira

About the School

St Xavier's School, located in Pirazona, Moira is a well-established institution under the management of the Diocesan Society of Education. As a Catholic co-educational school, it offers classes from primary to high school levels and is known for its values-based education and close integration with the local community. The school caters largely to children from rural and semi-urban backgrounds, offering affordable education and nurturing an inclusive learning environment. Over the years, St Xavier's has built a reputation for holistic development.

Total Teachers: 20 | Total Students: 580

Project Brief

PACT Foundation inaugurated a newly created smart classroom at St Xavier's School, as part of its Happy School Project. The classroom was transformed into a modern, technology-enabled learning space, complete with a digital smart board, upgraded furniture, and a rejuvenated learning environment. This intervention aimed to bridge the digital divide and bring students at the grassroots level closer to 21st-century learning methods.



Message from the School



Mrs Noreen Dias

Headmistress

We are very thankful to PACT Foundation for sponsoring a smart classroom with facilities of a smart board and Air conditioner too. Their support has greatly enhanced both the learning environment and overall comfort of our classrooms. The smart board is already fostering more interactive and engaging lessons, while the AC has made the space more conducive to focussed learning, especially during warmer days. We deeply appreciate your commitment to improving education and the well-being of our students. Dr Ashwin's contribution is making a real and lasting impact, and we are truly grateful. Thank you once again for your dedication, kindness, and support. God Bless!



Impact Report

Government Primary School Bamburda, Moira

About the School

Government Primary School, Bamburda, located in the picturesque village of Moira, is a small but vital educational institution that serves early learners from the surrounding community. As a co-educational school managed by the Department of Education, Government of Goa, it offers foundational education in a rural setting, with a focus on inclusivity and access. The school caters to a modest number of students, many of whom are from farming and low-income households. Despite its limited size, the school has been a cornerstone of the local community for decades. It provides a nurturing space where students receive academic instruction & important life values.

Total Teachers: 2 | Total Students: 16

Project Brief

PACT Foundation inaugurated a vibrant kitchen garden at the school as part of its Happy School Project and commitment to promoting holistic and sustainable learning. The garden was designed as an interactive outdoor classroom where children can learn about nature, nutrition, farming, and responsibility by growing and caring for vegetables and herbs themselves. Teachers have embraced the garden as a valuable teaching aid across subjects like science, language, and environmental studies. PACT Foundation also renovated & upgraded the school play area. This intervention reflects PACT's belief that education should be rooted in both knowledge and experience, and that even small rural schools deserve innovative spaces to help children thrive.



Message from the School



Mrs Nilima Pednekar

Headmistress

The kitchen garden established by PACT Foundation under its Happy School Project has brought a refreshing and meaningful change to our school environment. It has become a dynamic outdoor classroom where our students actively engage in learning about nature, nutrition, and sustainability through hands-on experience. The garden has not only enhanced lessons in science & environmental studies but also encouraged responsibility & teamwork among children. We are grateful to PACT for this thoughtful initiative. It is inspiring to see how such a simple idea can create such a lasting impact.



Impact Report

Government Primary School Kamarkhazan, Mapusa

About the School

Government Primary School, Kamarkhazan, Mapusa, is a small co-educational institution managed by the Department of Education, Govt. of Goa. It caters to young learners from the surrounding urban & semi-urban communities, many of whom belong to economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The school provides foundational education with a dedicated team of teachers, striving to create a nurturing & inclusive learning environment despite infrastructural constraints. As with many small Govt. schools, the school has served as a vital access point for early education, offering students a stepping stone toward lifelong learning.

Total Teachers: 4 | Total Students: 74

Project Brief

PACT Foundation undertook a comprehensive transformation of this School. The renovation included upgrading of toilet facilities, installation of a new water storage tank, provision of new benches & construction of a stage amphitheatre for school performances & cultural events - significantly improving the physical infrastructure & functionality of the premises. Additional enhancements included beautification of the garden area & repairs and reinforcement of the school's grill gates, creating a safer and more welcoming environment for students and staff alike. The inauguration of the renovated school coincided with Goa Liberation Day, celebrated with cultural performances & community participation. The project revitalised the school's appearance & reinforced its role as a vibrant centre of learning & community pride.



Message from the School



Mrs Snehal Mahalkar

Headmistress

We are deeply grateful to PACT Foundation for their timely support to our school, which enabled students to learn to grow veggies by themselves in their own garden, the toilet became safer to use, & the students now have a safe & healthy space to play due to the fencing. Our Kindergarten students were excited to sit on the new benches & do their school activities. The repairing of school gates as well as putting up a new gate gave safety to our students. Thank you, PACT Foundation, for your kindness and commitment to our school's development.



Impact Report

Government Primary and Middle School Karaswada, Mapusa

About the School

Government Primary and Middle School (GPMS), Karaswada, is a co-educational institution located in Mapusa. Managed by the Department of Education, Government of Goa, the school provides education from the primary level through the middle grades, serving children from nearby urban and semi-urban communities. It plays a pivotal role in delivering accessible and affordable education to students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. GPMS Karaswada is recognised for its active student body, committed teachers, and emphasis on both academic learning and co-curricular development.

Total Teachers: 14 | Total Students: 210

Project Brief

PACT Foundation inaugurated its Happy School Project at GPMS Karaswada, marking a milestone in the school's development journey. The initiative introduced a range of upgrades - the installation of a new computer lab, equipped with essential digital resources aimed at preparing students for a technology-driven future, & installation of safety grills & tiling repairs across the campus to improve student safety. Provision of a water purifier was made at the school. The launch was celebrated with a cultural programme, vibrant student performances, and a prize distribution ceremony. The upgrades have transformed the physical infrastructure of the school & reaffirmed its commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and forward-looking learning environment.



Message from the School



Mrs Sangeeta Umakant Vaigankar

Headmistress

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to PACT Foundation for their generous support. The provision of a computer lab for students has greatly assisted our teaching & learning outcomes of the students. Their efforts in repairing the hall tiles & installation of grills in the veranda has significantly improved student safety, & the provision of a water purifier has ensured access to clean and safe drinking water for all. We deeply appreciate the foundation's commitment to the betterment of our school infrastructure.



Impact Report

Government Primary School Verla, Parra

About the School

Government Primary School located in Verla, Parra, is a co-educational institution managed by the Department of Education, Government of Goa. The school serves early learners from Verla and surrounding areas, offering foundational education in a supportive and community-based setting. Despite its small size, the school plays an essential role in providing inclusive and accessible education to children from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. The school is known for its dedicated teaching staff and active student participation, creating a nurturing environment for both academic and co-curricular development.

Total Teachers: 4 | Total Students: 40

Project Brief

PACT Foundation implemented key infrastructure enhancements with a focus on creating a joyful & functional outdoor environment for the children. The project featured the renovation of the school's playground & provision of a new podium, offering students a dedicated space for assemblies, cultural events, & community celebrations. These upgrades were tailored to meet the school's specific needs and were celebrated by students, teachers, and local stakeholders. The revitalised playground provides a safe and lively space for physical activity and social interaction, while the podium has become a focal point for school gatherings and ceremonies.



Message from the School



Mrs Nishtha Bhandari

Headmistress

My heartfelt thanks to PACT FOUNDATION for renovating our school slide and providing our school children with a new swing and for a brand-new podium. Their vision and efforts have made a significant difference, enhancing our experience and productivity. We are grateful and appreciate their commitment to creating a better environment for everyone. God bless them!



Impact Report

St Xavier's Pre-Primary School, Pirazona, Moira

About the School

St Xavier's Pre-Primary School, located in Moira, is part of Parish of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church. The pre-primary section offers early childhood education in a nurturing, faith-based environment, supporting foundational learning and holistic development for children aged 3 to 6. With an emphasis on joyful learning, values, and community participation, the school plays a crucial role in shaping young minds in their formative years.

Total Teachers: 3 | Total Students: 40

Project Brief

Under the Happy School Project, PACT Foundation partnered with St Xavier's Pre-Primary School to develop its first dedicated playground, specifically designed to foster physical activity, creativity, & social interaction among early learners. This marked the very first playground project undertaken by the Foundation & set the standard for future interventions across Goa. The new playground provides a safe and vibrant environment where pre-primary children can play, explore, and grow through movement—an essential element of early childhood education. It has significantly enhanced the school's ability to support children's overall development, complementing the classroom experience with outdoor learning & joyful engagement.



Message from the School



Fr Alexandre Pereira

Manager

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to PACT Foundation for their generous efforts in building a beautiful park for our little children, creating a safe, joyful, and welcoming space, where children can play, learn, and grow together. It is a place where childhood memories will be made and friendships will blossom. Dr Ashwin's commitment to the well-being & happiness of our youngest members is truly appreciated. My thanks to PACT Foundation for repairing the school roof which solved the problem of monsoon leakage. God bless you all!



Impact Report

St Xavier's College, Mapusa

About the College

St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, is a premier HEI in Goa, administered by the Diocesan Society of Education. With a legacy of academic excellence, the college offers a wide range of undergrad & postgrad programmes across disciplines and places strong emphasis on holistic education, values, and social responsibility. Through its Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the college regularly organises capacity-building initiatives aimed at enhancing teaching standards & institutional quality. Recognising the rapidly evolving landscape of global education, St. Xavier's College remains committed to innovation, internationalisation, & professional development of faculty.

Total Teachers: 177 | Total Students: 2960

Project Brief

On the theme "Advancing Excellence in Higher Education: Innovation and Global Perspectives," a State-Level Faculty Development Programme (FDP) was co-organised by St Xavier's College, PACT Foundation, & O.P. Jindal Global University. Held in Panjim, the programme welcomed 150 faculty members from 15 institutions across Goa. The sessions featured distinguished speakers: Prof (Dr) C Raj Kumar, Prof Padmanabha Ramanujam, Amb. Mohan Kumar, Dr François Therin, and Dr Agueda Benito, who addressed key themes like AI in education, experiential learning, global collaboration, & research ecosystems. PACT Foundation played a vital role in conceptualising & delivering this programme. The sessions promoted a forward-looking approach to teaching & learning, equipping faculty with strategies to integrate technology, innovation, and global best practices into their classrooms.



Message from the College



Mrs Ursula Barreto

Offg. Principal

We had the privilege of collaborating with PACT for a Faculty Development Programme (FDP). It brought together distinguished academicians & our faculty members in meaningful dialogue & exchange of best practices. The interactive sessions fostered a spirit of inquiry and reflection, encouraging our faculty to adopt innovative pedagogical strategies and global perspectives. Under the visionary leadership of Dr Ashwin, the Foundation is surely sowing seeds of positive change in Goa. Dr Ashwin, an Alumnus of St. Xavier's College, has our best wishes in all his endeavours through his foundation.



Impact Report

Vivekanand Dnyan Mandir High School, Keri, Sattari

About the School

Vivekanand Dnyan Mandir High School, located in Keri, Sattari, is managed by the Swami Vivekanand Smruti Sangh's Education Society. The school serves students from primary grades and plays a crucial role in providing accessible and values-based education in this remote and underserved region of Goa. With a strong emphasis on academic growth and cultural heritage, the school caters to first-generation learners and families deeply rooted in the rural heartland of the state. The school has consistently delivered on its academic mission.

Total Teachers: 10 | Total Students: 274

Project Brief

PACT Foundation proudly launched its Happy School Project at Vivekanand Dnyan Mandir High School, introducing a set of transformative upgrades aimed at revitalising the school environment. The intervention included the installation of interactive smart boards, fresh painting of classrooms in vibrant colours, and refurbished benches, creating a more engaging, student-friendly atmosphere that supports dynamic teaching and interactive learning. The inauguration was attended by students, parents, & members of the school management. Cultural performances & a special Konkani song dedicated to PACT Foundation highlighted the excitement and gratitude of the school community. The event celebrated academic achievement, with Class 10 toppers being felicitated to reinforce the importance of striving for excellence.



Message from the School



Mr Gopinath V Gawas

Headmaster

We are deeply grateful to PACT Foundation for providing Smart Classrooms to our school. This initiative has significantly enhanced the quality of teaching and learning, making education more engaging and impactful for our students. The Smart Classrooms are also enabling us to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 more effectively. We extend our heartfelt thanks to PACT Foundation for their generous and visionary support.



Impact Report

St Thomas Higher Secondary School, Aldona

About the School

St Thomas Higher Secondary School, located in the serene village of Aldona, North Goa, is a well-regarded institution with a legacy of nurturing academic excellence, discipline, & community spirit. The school, managed by Fransalian Educational Society, has been a cornerstone of learning in Bardez region, empowering generations of students through value-based education & committed faculty leadership. It serves students at higher secondary level & is known for its academic rigour & vibrant co-curricular engagement. Among its notable alumni is Dr Ashwin Fernandes, who always acknowledged its role in shaping his journey. While the school has maintained a strong academic tradition, like many heritage institutions, it required digital and infrastructural upgrades to meet the expectations of 21st-century learning & provide students with future-ready tools & environments.

Total Teachers: 21 | Total Students: 397

Project Brief

PACT Foundation provided smart classrooms at the School, outfitting them with state-of-the-art smart boards, new benches, and refreshed interiors through painting and renovation. The initiative aimed to enhance the learning experience for students by integrating modern tech with an environment that fosters inspiration, creativity, & confidence. The project represents physical upgrades & symbolises a powerful return & reinvestment in community roots. For the students, these smart classrooms stand as a reminder that their dreams are supported, & that education can indeed be the bridge between humble beginnings and extraordinary futures.



Message from the School



Mrs Angelica Fernandes

Headmistress

We owe our deepest gratitude to the generous support of PACT Foundation for the remarkable transformation of our school's learning environment. For 2 academic years, the dream of introducing smart boards remained on hold due to pressing priorities. This year too, the goal seemed out of reach—until Dr Ashwin stepped in. Thanks to their generosity, our school now proudly houses three smart classrooms, 50 new desks and benches, and a refreshed, more dynamic infrastructure.

Since the inauguration, the impact has been remarkable. Classrooms are filled with renewed enthusiasm—teachers exploring new digital tools, and students engaging more actively, performing better, and feeling proud of their learning spaces. Most importantly, this gift has instilled in them a sense of gratitude and social responsibility—a reminder that education is both a privilege and a shared legacy. PACT Foundation has modernised our facilities & uplifted our educational vision. We are deeply grateful for this transformative support and remain inspired by your leadership, generosity, and commitment to meaningful change.



Impact Report

St Joseph High School, Pernem

About the School

St. Joseph High School, Pernem, is a co-educational institution located in the northernmost taluka of Goa. The school is owned and managed by the Diocesan Society of Education. As one of the prominent educational institutions in the region, it has served generations of students from Pernem and surrounding villages, offering value-based education rooted in discipline, community engagement, and academic excellence. With limited access to technology-enabled classrooms and recreational areas, students were in need of an enriched, modern learning environment to match the aspirations of a new generation.

Total Teachers: 20 | Total Students: 499

Project Brief

PACT Foundation unveiled one of its most ambitious Happy School Projects at St Joseph High School, Pernem—marking its first major initiative in Pernem Taluka. The project included the development of a full-scale children's playground, the first of its kind in the region, featuring safe, joyful amenities such as swings, slides, merry-go-rounds, and hoppers. This space now stands as a vibrant centre for play, physical activity, and social learning for younger students. Alongside the playground, smart classrooms were inaugurated, each outfitted with interactive smart boards and upgraded interiors, designed to foster digital literacy, creative thinking, and classroom engagement.



Message from the School



Mr Silvester Dsouza

Headmaster

On behalf of St Joseph High School, Pernem, I extend my deepest gratitude to PACT Foundation for its generous support and commitment towards the holistic development of our students. Your valuable contributions have brought about a remarkable transformation in our school campus – from the vibrant and joyful Children's Park for our primary students, to the upgraded interactive smart boards that are now enhancing classroom learning.

The newly painted interiors and improved infrastructure have not only beautified our spaces but have also created an enriched and inspiring learning environment that motivates both students and teachers alike. Your kindness has made a lasting impact, turning our vision into reality and giving our children the tools, space, and atmosphere to grow, learn, and thrive. You have not just donated resources – you have invested in futures. Thank you for being true partners in education and for believing in the potential of every child who walks through our gates.



Impact Report

New English School, Kundaim

About the School

New English School, Kundaim, is a secondary school located in Kundaim, in Ponda Taluka, Goa, and is managed by the Centro Educador Society. The school has served the educational needs of Kundaim and nearby villages for several decades, offering a curriculum that balances academic rigour with co-curricular growth. Known for its inclusive and disciplined environment, the school continues to play a key role in shaping the aspirations of young learners in the region. The institution is supported by a dedicated school leadership team and an active Parent-Teacher Association. Known for its emphasis on discipline, innovation, and student-centred learning, the school has consistently sought opportunities to enhance its teaching infrastructure and learning outcomes through strategic upgrades and community partnerships.

Total Teachers: 10 | Total Students: 170

Project Brief

PACT Foundation implemented its Happy School Project at New English School, Kundaim, with the inauguration of four smart classrooms. These classrooms were upgraded with interactive smart boards, comprehensive interior renovation, and fresh painting, transforming traditional spaces into vibrant, technology-enabled learning environments aligned with modern educational needs. The project was carried out in collaboration with the school management and the Centro Educador Society. It was celebrated by the school community, with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and PTA members. The upgraded infrastructure has significantly enriched the classroom experience and reflects the shared goal of the Foundation and the school to promote high-quality, future-ready education for all students.



Message from the School



Mrs Sweta Haldankar

Headmistress

We are deeply grateful to PACT Foundation for their generous support and commitment to education. Their sponsorship has brought meaningful change to our school, helping us create a more vibrant and resourceful learning environment. With their valuable contribution, our students now have better opportunities to explore, learn, and grow due to cutting edge technologies. Thank you, PACT Foundation, for believing in the power of education and standing with us in shaping brighter futures.



Impact Report

Assagao Union High School, Assagao

About the School

Assagao Union High School, located in Assagao, North Goa, is a non-profit educational institution managed by the Assagao Association. The school has a longstanding commitment to providing quality, affordable education to children from underserved communities in the region. Its inclusive ethos and community-based management have helped the institution play a vital role in shaping the academic journey of generations of students in this part of Goa. With a focus on academic excellence and value-based education, the school has consistently strived to improve its infrastructure and learning outcomes.

Total Teachers: 21 | Total Students: 568

Project Brief

As part of its growing Happy School Project, PACT Foundation implemented a significant infrastructure upgrade at Assagao Union High School in June 2025. The initiative included the installation of advanced smart boards and comprehensive classroom refurbishments, effectively transforming traditional classrooms into modern, tech-enabled learning environments that align with the goals of India's National Education Policy (NEP). The project was carried out in partnership with the Assagao Association and welcomed by the school's leadership, management, and parent community. These upgrades have empowered students with access to digital tools and more engaging pedagogy, enhancing their learning experience and confidence. The intervention underscores PACT Foundation's mission to foster inclusive, future-ready education by bridging gaps in infrastructure and providing opportunities to underserved schools across Goa.



Message from the School



Mr Shreedhar Naik

Headmaster

As part of the ongoing collaboration under the Happy School Project, members of PACT Foundation visited Assagao Union High School to review the progress of initiatives, engage with students and staff, and further strengthen the partnership between the school and the Foundation. A key highlight of the visit was the inauguration of two Smart Boards, generously donated by PACT Foundation. These Smart Boards are a significant addition to the school's digital learning infrastructure and is expected to greatly enhance classroom engagement and interactive teaching methodologies.

During the visit, the PACT team interacted with teachers and students, appreciating the visible improvements in infrastructure, classroom environment, and student participation from the Happy School Project. The project fostered a more joyful, inclusive, & enabling atmosphere—especially for students from marginalised communities. This generous help & the continued support from PACT Foundation reinforce the shared commitment to creating empowered, inclusive, & forward-looking educational spaces for all students.



Impact Report

St Clara's High School, Assonora

About the School

St. Clara's High School, located in Assonora, is a private co-educational institution managed by the Poor Sisters of Our Lady (PSOL), and aided by the government. The school is known for its values-based, holistic approach to education. With a legacy of nurturing academic excellence and character formation, it serves students from diverse backgrounds, offering a strong foundation in academics, discipline, and moral values. The school places equal emphasis on curricular and co-curricular development, guided by a dedicated leadership and teaching staff. It has consistently worked to provide a safe, inclusive, and motivating environment, equipping students with the tools and values needed to become responsible and compassionate citizens.

Total Teachers: 28 | Total Students: 863

Project Brief

PACT Foundation extended its Happy School Project to St. Clara's High School, Assonora, with the inauguration of newly upgraded smart classrooms. The initiative involved the installation of interactive smart boards and comprehensive classroom enhancements, including improved interiors and learning infrastructure. This upgrade transforms traditional classrooms into dynamic, tech-enabled spaces aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP), which promotes digital integration and student-centred learning. PACT foundation team was warmly welcomed by the school community, with enthusiastic participation from students and staff.



Message from the School



Sr Sunita Dalvi

Headmistress

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the generous support and invaluable contribution of PACT Foundation. The Smart Board panels & the complete painting of the classrooms has made a remarkable difference for our staff & students of 9th and 10th classes. PACT Foundation's commitment to infrastructure improvement reflects a deep sense of community care & social responsibility. The impact of their generosity will be felt every day in our classrooms. Thanks. God bless you for your kindness, dedication, & continued support in empowering education



Impact Report

Don Bosco Youth Welfare Centre , Verla, Parra

About the School

Don Bosco Youth Welfare Centre, Verla, operates under the aegis of the Salesians of Don Bosco, a global Catholic religious congregation known for its pioneering work in education and youth welfare. Rooted in the philosophy of St John Bosco, the Society's mission focuses on the holistic development of young people—especially the marginalised—through academic education, vocational training, and values-based formation. The Verla centre is one of many Don Bosco institutions across India committed to uplifting youth through a blend of technical education, character-building, and life skills development. It provides a nurturing, faith-rooted environment that empowers students with practical competencies and moral grounding to succeed in life and contribute positively to society.

Total Teachers: 12 | Total Students: 170

Project Brief

PACT Foundation, under its Happy School Project, inaugurated newly upgraded smart classrooms at the Don Bosco Youth Welfare Centre, Verla. These classrooms are equipped with interactive smart boards and renovated interiors, designed to enhance both theoretical and hands-on learning, especially in vocational streams such as computer education, life skills, and employability training. This strategic intervention supports Don Bosco's mission of skilling India's youth by integrating digital technology into daily pedagogy. The modern classrooms are expected to boost student engagement and readiness for the contemporary workforce.



Message from the School



Fr Savio Gomes

Director

We are grateful to the PACT Foundation for gifting us with two Smart Classroom Boards for our Std XII students. Our teachers have already started using them for their lectures. A great aid to creative and effective teaching



Impact Report

Government Primary School, Reis Magos

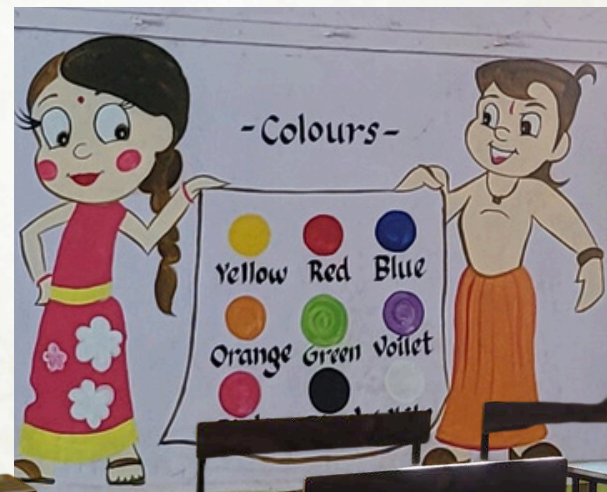
About the School

Government Primary School, Reis Magos, is a small, community-based school located in the coastal village of Reis Magos in North Goa. The school caters to young learners from the surrounding neighbourhood and plays a vital role in providing foundational education to children from modest backgrounds. Despite its limited size, the school fosters a close-knit environment focussed on holistic child development.

Total Teachers: 4 | Total Students: 49

Project Brief

As part of the Happy School Project, PACT Foundation supported Government Primary School, Reis Magos by upgrading basic infrastructure to enhance the learning experience. New student benches were provided ensuring better seating arrangements for the children. In addition, a cupboard was installed to support better storage and classroom organisation. To improve access to clean drinking water, a water filter was also installed. These upgrades were aimed at creating a more functional, safe, and student-friendly environment.



Message from the School



Mrs Prachi P Shirodkar

Asst. Teacher

I would like to sincerely thank PACT foundation for their generous donation of benches and cupboard to our school. These additions have significantly improved the learning environment in our classrooms. The new benches provide our students with comfortable seating, enhancing their focus and participation. The cupboard helps us to store educational materials in an organised manner. We truly appreciate their commitment to supporting education and bettering student facilities. This thoughtful contribution has made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful. Thank you for being a valued partner in our educational journey.



Impact Report

Government Primary & Middle School, Reis Magos

About the School

Located in the historic village of Reis Magos, the Government Primary & Middle School serves students from early grades through middle school, offering inclusive education to children from diverse and economically modest backgrounds. The school is known for its community-centred approach and commitment to nurturing foundational academic skills in a peaceful, rural setting.

Total Teachers: 4 | Total Students: 36

Project Brief

Under the Happy School Project, PACT Foundation implemented key infrastructure upgrades at Government Primary & Middle School, Reis Magos to create a more supportive and dignified learning environment. The intervention included the provision of new benches to improve classroom comfort, civil repairs such as tiling and window restorations, and the installation of a storage cupboard for better organisation. A podium was added to facilitate school events and student activities, while a water filter was installed to ensure access to clean drinking water. These enhancements have contributed significantly to improving both functionality and the day-to-day experience for students and teachers.



Message from the School



Mrs Shraddha Gawas

Headmistress

We are grateful to PACT Foundation for their generous support to our school. The provision of cupboards, benches, and a podium has greatly enhanced our school environment and classroom facilities. I am also extremely thankful for the timely repair of the water pipeline, taps, & water filter which ensured access to clean drinking water for our students. I want to highlight that the work was done with utmost care and dedication. PACT Foundation is really doing a great service to community. On behalf of all our staff and students, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the PACT Foundation.





Impact Report

Learning Enrichment Programme (ILEP)- Govt. Schools in Moira & Nachinola

In alignment with PACT Foundation's mission to enhance learning environments and provide holistic educational opportunities, the Learning Enrichment Programme (LEP) introduces a unique engagement model that brings seasoned educators into under-resourced schools. One such champion is Mrs Philippa D'souza, a retired senior teacher with decades of experience in early childhood and primary education.

Key Activities

Led by Ms Philippa, the programme involves:

- Storytelling sessions that foster imagination, listening skills, and language development
- Art and craft workshops to encourage self-expression, motor skills, and aesthetic appreciation
- Interactive games and role-plays that teach values, empathy, and social skills
- Reading support and remedial assistance for children needing extra attention

Implementation Model

- School Selection: Government and aided primary schools supported by PACT Foundation
- Frequency: Bi-weekly sessions per school
- Duration: 1–2 hours per visit, aligned with school schedules
- Methodology: Activity-based learning, storytelling circles, visual aids, and thematic art projects
- Resources Provided: Art supplies, reading materials, and session-specific kits sponsored by PACT Foundation.

Impact Goals

- Improved student engagement and classroom participation
- Build foundational language and communication skills
- Offered children a joyful, nurturing, and imaginative learning space
- Supported schools in delivering holistic education beyond the curriculum

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ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
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VISION
St. Xavier's High School
is a community where all
students have merit,
respect and encouragement
in learning to their
believe potentials.

MISSION
To provide high quality
education and instruction in
a safe, respectful and
nurturing environment that
builds a foundation for
life long learning.

Work-In-Progress

St Xavier's High School, Pirazona, Moira

As part of PACT Foundation's continued commitment to inclusive education, a Resource Room for Children With Special Needs (CWSN) is currently under development at St Xavier's School, Moira. This initiative aims to provide a nurturing, supportive, and equipped environment for students who require tailored learning approaches outside the conventional classroom model.

Project Vision

To create an accessible and inclusive space within the school where children with learning difficulties or developmental challenges can receive individualised support, attention, and empowerment to thrive academically and emotionally.

Key Features

Location: Ground floor of the school building to ensure accessibility for all

Flexible Curriculum Modules: Personalised learning plans and remedial support for children struggling in mainstream classes

Learning Aids: Specially designed educational tools and manipulatives to support cognitive and sensory learning

White Boards & Visual Timetables: For structured learning & routine familiarity

Trained Support Staff: Future plans include training school staff and involving special educators in programme delivery

Smart Classroom Setup: Interactive smart board and multimedia tools for differentiated instruction

Impact Goals

- Ensure equal learning opportunities for CWSN within mainstream schooling infrastructure
- Enhance student confidence and ability through adaptive learning
- Provide teachers with a dedicated space and tools for targeted interventions
- Model a replicable framework for inclusive education in Goa

The Resource Room at St. Xavier's, supported by PACT Foundation, is a pioneering step toward inclusive, empathetic education in rural and semi-urban Goa

Expected Completion: Q1 2026

Future Plans



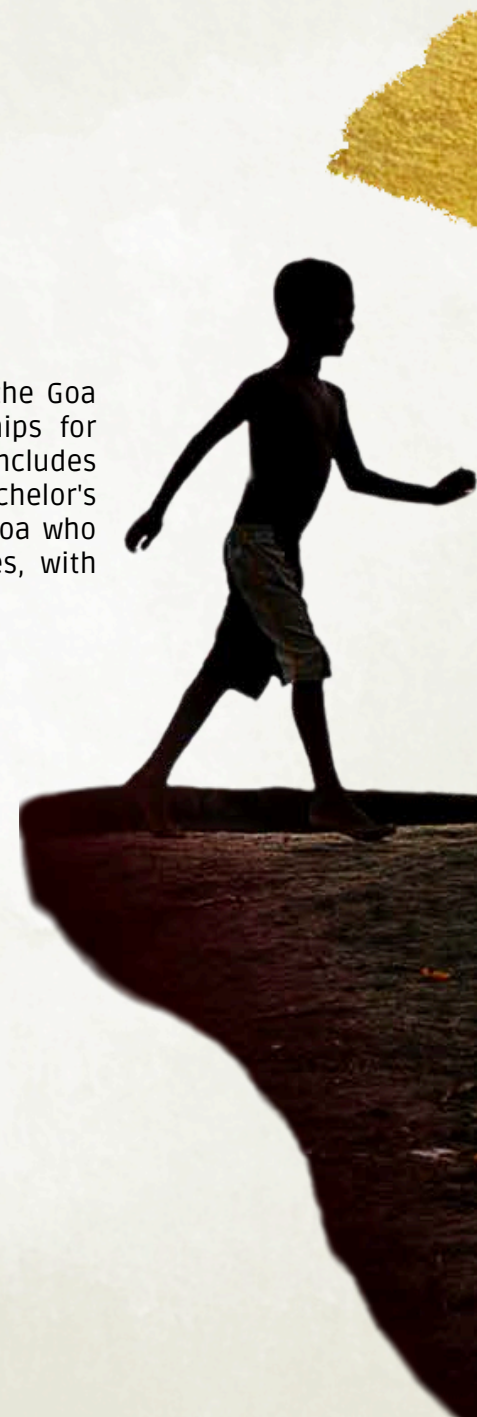
Goa Super 100 - Full Scholarship for Higher Education

To further bridge the gap in access to quality higher education, the Goa Super 100 programme by PACT Foundation offers full scholarships for undergrad degrees at select partner universities across India. This includes coverage of tuition & hostel fees for the entire duration of the bachelor's programme (typically four years). This is open to students from Goa who have completed their Class 12 & belong to marginalised families, with selection based on academic performance and demonstrated need.

The goal is to empower 100 learners to access world-class education, transform their futures, and emerge as changemakers for their communities. Applications will be accepted through an online portal launching April 2026, making the process transparent and accessible to all eligible students for June/July 2026 intake.

- Target Group: Students completing 12th & seeking admission into degree program.
- Eligibility:
 - Annual family income below ₹600,000
 - Scored a minimum of 85% in HSSC Board Exams.
- Scholarship Value: Covers full programme scholarship & hostel fees (excluding books, living and personal expenses)
- Universities: Across our partner universities across India.
- Number of Beneficiaries: 100+ students.

Further details will be available at www.pactfoundation.org





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How You Can Support the Future of Goa's Schools!

At PACT Foundation, we believe that every child deserves a joyful, safe, and dignified learning environment. You can be part of this mission by supporting our work in meaningful and impactful ways.

Digital Classroom

Support the transformation of traditional classrooms into smart, interactive learning spaces through the installation of digital panels, whiteboards, & modern teaching aids.

Play & Recreation

Help us build safe, child-friendly playgrounds and activity zones that support physical development, creativity, and joy among students.

Scholarship for Students

Enable bright, deserving students from marginalised communities to continue their education through our scholarship programmes at the secondary and higher education levels.



Infrastructure & Essentials

Contribute to the improvement of schools through better furniture, classroom storage, safe drinking water facilities, basic civil repairs, and beautification of learning spaces.

Volunteer & In-kind Support

- Share your time through storytelling, art, or classroom activities
- Donate educational resources, library books, or school supplies
- Engage with our mentorship, skills, or career awareness programmes

Partner with Us

Every gesture of support—big or small—creates ripples of change in a child's life. Let's build better schools, together.

Learn more at www.pactfoundation.org

Contact us: mission@pactfoundation.org





Our Partners & Supporters



Agraniya

Agraniya Educational & Social Welfare Society – A national NGO, also under the leadership of Dr Ashwin Fernandes, dedicated to educational knowledge sharing and community development, is partnering with PACT Foundation to further the joint mission of supporting Goa.



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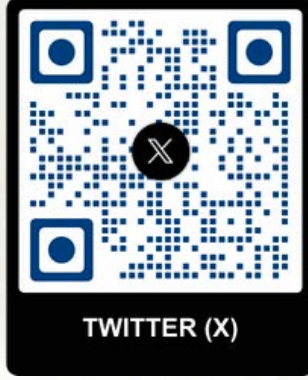
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