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The Nature Club of MES college of Arts and Commerce was inaugurated on the 10th July 2018. On the occasion of the inaugural function a documentary film “Saxtticho Kodd: The Granary of Salcete” by Vince Costa was screened. Curtorim, located on the banks of the Zuari in Salcete the South of Goa, is a village that has had a strong agrarian heritage and is synonymous with the vast production of rice. The documentary focuses on how this traditional occupation is affected by shifts in attitude, labor shortages, GMO’s and unpredictable weather, only to name a few. The film won in the short documentary category at the Asia Independent film festival in 2018. This documentary was screened as part of the Kasturi Lecture series. Kasturi is a lecture discussion series held in memory of late Dr. Kasturi Dessai. This series is held by the Foundation for Environment Research and Conservation (FERC) in collaboration with MES College. These lectures touch on various topics of significance and concern to Goans by proving to be a platform for open discussions, knowledge exchange and sharing. On the occasion of the Inaugural function Parag Rangnekar and Shraddha Rangnekar, founder members of FERC were felicitated at the hands of Dr. N. M. Jambagi for their contribution towards environmental research and sustainable tourism practices. A new species of wasp recently identified from the forests of Western Ghats *Kudakrumia rangnekari* was named after Parag Rangnekar while Shraddha was awarded the ‘Empower Award’ as the ‘ Best Social Entrepreneurs of 2019’ for responsible tourism initiative.



The speaker for the day Mr. Vince Costa with the attendees of the talk