

### St Xavier's College signs MoU



Prof Dr Ana Paula Laborinho and Dr (Fr) Walter de Sa exchanging the MoU after signing in the presence of Dr Rui Alberto Carvalho Baceira and Dr Delfim da Correia Silva.

**Mapusa:** St Xavier's College, Mapusa signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Camoes-Instituto da Cooperacao e da Lingua recently in the presence of Dr Rui Alberto Carvalho Baceira, the Consul General of Portugal in Goa, Dr Delfim da Correia Silva, director of Centro de Lingua Portuguesa and incharge of Department of Portuguese, Goa University, the faculty and students of the college.

The signatories were Dr (Fr) Walter de Sa, the principal of St Xavier's College and Prof Dr Ana Paula Laborinho, president of the Directive Council of Camoes. The MoU aims at promoting the Portuguese language and culture through academic and extra curricular activities.

Prof Dr Ana Paula expressed satisfaction at the collaboration with the college and observed that the Portuguese language is today spoken in the entire world and highlighted its importance specially from the economic perspective.

She further stated that signing the MoU with the college is an important milestone and hoped that the students would benefit from the same. She stressed on the language as a passport to the world and an important tool for the future.

The Consul General, Dr Baceira valued the collaboration that exists between the Portuguese Consulate and St Xavier's College. He appreciated the work done in preserving and promoting the Portuguese language and culture. He encouraged students to learn the Portuguese language which would hold them in good stead in their career.

Dr Delfim appreciated the interest shown by the principal, teachers and students of the college in the Portuguese language and culture. It was always his dream to make St Xavier's College an even bigger institution in promoting the Portuguese language, he added.

The programme was co-ordinated by Prof Isabel de Noronha. Nicole Maciel compered.