



DCT's Dhempe College of Arts & Science

Miramar, Panaji, Goa

Report of the talk on ‘Relativity’ held on 17th October 2025

Department of Physics organised talk on ‘**Relativity**’ on 17th October 2025 by

Objective

- The main objective of the talk was to understand the basic ideas of Relativity and Gravitation, and how Einstein developed the Special and General Theories of Relativity to explain concepts like time dilation, bending of light, and the motion of planets.
- The talk aimed to help students connect scientific observations with the theories that changed our understanding of space, time, and gravity.

Participants: 20 students + 5 Faculty = 25

Proceedings:

The Department of Physics under DBT Star College organized an informative and inspiring talk on ‘Relativity’, delivered by Dr. Santosh Kumar Das and Dr. Satyabrata Mahapatra, faculty from IIT Goa. The session focused on the transition from the Special Theory of Relativity to the General Theory of Relativity and its importance in modern physics. Dr. Das began by explaining the Twin Paradox, which shows how time slows down for a person traveling at very high speed. He illustrated how one twin, after traveling in a fast-moving spaceship, would be younger than the twin who stayed on Earth. This simple example helped in understanding the concept of time dilation. He then discussed why Einstein proposed the Special Theory of Relativity. Classical Newtonian mechanics could not explain the constancy of the speed of light, as observed in the Michelson–Morley experiment. Dr. Das also explained the limitations of the Special Theory of Relativity, which cannot deal with accelerated motion or the effect of gravity.

Dr. Satyabrata Mahapatra spoke on Equivalence principle and general theory of relativity. Einstein extended his Special Theory of Relativity, which dealt with uniform motion, to include accelerated motion and gravitational fields. Dr. Mahapatra explained how this theory could explain phenomena that Newton’s laws could not — such as the precession of Mercury’s orbit, and the bending of light around massive objects. The talk gave students a clear idea of how modern physics evolved from classical ideas and how Einstein’s insights changed our understanding of the universe. The session ended with an interactive discussion where students asked interesting questions about black holes, gravitational waves, and the curvature of space-time.

The event was graced by Prof. P. S. Ramu Murthy, Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Physics, Dr. Swati Pawar, who coordinated the event along with faculty members Dr. Miskil Naik, Ms. Siddhi Parsekar, and Dr. Kapil Salkar.

Outcome

The talk enabled students to gain a deeper understanding of Einstein’s ideas on relativity, especially the Equivalence Principle and its role in the General Theory of Relativity.



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Event: Seminar on 'Theory of Relativity'
Date/day: 17/10/2025, Friday
Venue: SV Hall
Attendees:

a) No. of Students: 20
b) No. of Faculty: 4

Time: 11 am - 1:00 pm

Signatures:

Sr.No	Roll No.	Name of the Student /Faculty	Class	Subject	Sign.
1	2406170	Shreelalita - G. Bhatmagioli	SYBSC	Minor- Math Physics	
2	2406166	Agnelia R. Fernandes	SYBSC	Minor- Math Physics	
3	2406187	Shreya Pednekar	SYBSC	Minor- CS Physics	
4.	2406111	Fusilita Phape	SYBSC	2nd Physics	
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6.	2302055	Prachi Chopdekar	TY BSC	Physics	Prachi
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8	2302136	Sumukh Y. Kanet	II	"	S.K.
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10	2302149	Omkar Dhuri	II	"	Omkar
11	2302069	Gayatri Sataolekar	II	"	Gayatri
12	2506239	Shaunak Chauhan	TYBSC	Chemistry	Shaunak
13	2406154	Harsh Ghande	SYBSC	Physics	Harsh
14	2406110	Sunesh S. Groverkar	SYBSC	Physics	Sunesh
15	2406171	Shreeniwas Lotlikar	SYBSC	Physics	Shreeniwas
16	2302146	Abhishek Verma	TYBSC	Physics	Abhishek
17	2302152	Renu Raj	II	"	Renu
18	2302070	Harish	II	"	Harish
19	2302190	Rishab Sawant	II	"	Rishab
20	2406172	SHRUTI PANCHAL	SYBSC	PHYSICS	Shruti
21		Dr. Kapil Balkar	Faculty	"	Dr. Kapil
22		Mr. Siddhi Parsekar	Faculty	"	Siddhi
23		Miskil Narkar	Faculty	"	Miskil
24		Dr. Swati Pawar	Faculty	"	Dr. Swati
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