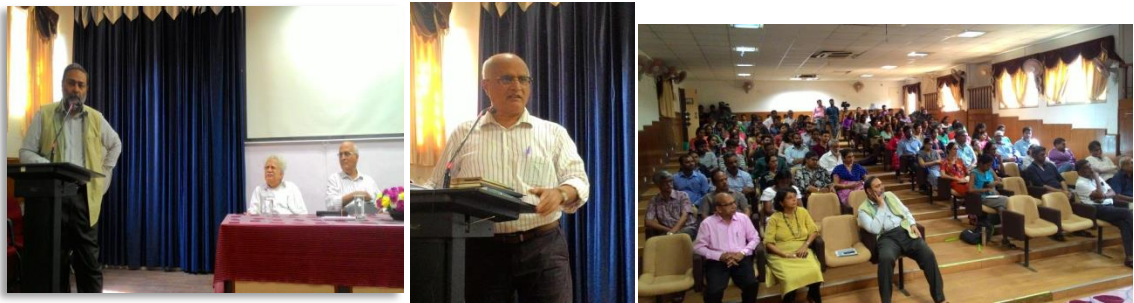Programmes Undertaken under Prof. Peter R. DeSouza's first month as a D.D Kosambi VRPP Chair Professor (November-December 2019)

1. **VRPP Special Lecture** on : *Decolonizing the Mind in the Post Colonial World : T.B. Cunha and Beyond* on 21st November 2019 at 11.30 a.m. at the Seminar Hall Arts Faculty. The Lecture was chaired by Prof. Majid Siddiqi, formerly with Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and was attended by Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice Chancellor ,Goa University along with senior Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty , students and members of the public.

2. **Mentoring Sessions with young faculty and research scholars of Goa University**: Prof. Peter de Souza had four group sessions with research scholars and young faculty members from across Goa University discussing collective research projects on a) State and Politics in Goa b) Tribal Studies Group c) ICSSR-IMPRESS Proposal on State and Democracy in India d) Proposed Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Social Sciences on '*Changing India'*.

3. **Planning sessions on 3 Study Weeks** to be curated under the D D Kosambi Chair relating to Goa Studies a) Philosophy and Religion b) Tribal Studies and c) Heritage. The study weeks are to be designed as one week residential workshops where around 15-20 young scholars and researchers from Goa and outside will discuss and plan research themes based on intensive lectures and interactions with senior resource-persons. These workshops would be of multidisciplinary in nature and would aim at capacity building among young researchers.

4. **Miscellaneous:** In addition to the above, Prof. Peter de Souza had individual interactions with a large number of research students and young faculty through appointments fixed thrice a week during the first month of his tenure. A concept note on his project on '*Luso Indians'* has already been circulated. Prof. de Souza would remain connected with the coordinators of various programmes for the follow up on the progress of the same. He may be contacted at **peter@csds.in**