



# **GOA UNIVERSITY**

## **Department of Women's Studies**

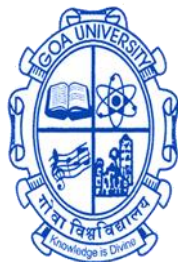
### **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2016-2017**

**Submitted to**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**

#### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| <b>1.1 Universities/ Colleges:</b>            | Goa University  |
| <b>1.2 Affiliated University, if College:</b> | NA  |
| <b>1.3 Department/Centre:</b>                 | <b>Department of Women's Studies</b>                        |
| <b>1.4 Address:</b>                           | Goa University,<br><br>Taleigao Plateau, Goa, India. 403206 |
| <b>1.5 Date of Establishment:</b>             | 1988  |
| <b>1.6 Name of Head of Dept/Director:</b>     | Professor Shaila Desouza                                    |



## Report of Women's Studies, Goa University (April 2016 – March 2017)

### A. STAFF

Full Time Teaching Faculty				
	Name	Qualification	Designation	Appointed on
1.	Dr. Shaila Desouza	PhD Social Science (TISS), MA Social Work (TISS)	Assistant Professor, In Charge	9 July 1992
Temporary Faculty				
1.	Dr. Mamta Kumari	PhD Women's Studies	Assistant Professor	7 July 2016 - 3 May 2017
2.	Ms. Kajal Rivankar	MA Social Work, NET/SET & Pursuing PhD in Women's Studies at Goa University.	Assistant Professor	7 July 2016 - 3 May 2017
Contributory Faculty				
1.	Adv. Albertina Almeida	B Com, LLB, LLM, PhD	Contributory Teacher	28 June 2016 To 19 Oct 2016
2.	Ms. Jagriti Shankar	B Com, B.Ed. D.C.A, Master in Gender & Development Studies	Contributory Teacher	23 Nov 2016 to 05 April 2017
NON Teaching Staff (UGC Tenure Post)				
1.	Ms. Rakhee M. Prabhukhanolkar	M. Phil Library Sciences	Professional Assistant	July 2014 to present

## B. STUDENTS

### Ph.D. Women's Studies Students enrolled

S.N	Name of Students	
1	Ms. Priyanka Velip	Shifting Cultivation in Goa: Livelihood and Rights of Women of the Velip Tribe
2	Ms. Mozinha Fernandes	Gauda Community: Culture and Imaging Goa
3	Ms. Kajal Rivankar	The Female Body and Sexuality: A Study of Young Girls, Customs, Practices and Interventions in Goa
4	Ms. Aida Dourado	The <i>Kudd</i> : Women, Identity and Migration from Goa
5	Ms. Sulochana Pednekar	Education, Gender, Sanitation and Public Policy in India

Of the five who have registered 2 of them are tribal students and one is an OBC student.

### M.A Women's Studies Students enrolled with Department in 2016

1.	A Sri Ramya Nageshwari
2.	Dimpal Malviya
3.	Fiona Rebello
4.	Sharmila Ghosh
5.	As'ad Shah
6.	Niky Yende

Total MA Women's Studies students enrolled is 14.

MA. Women's Studies Optional Courses draw large number of students from both the Faculty of Social Science as well as some of the subjects of the Faculty of Science.

Approximately 40 students are registered in each of the Optional Courses.

MA Women's Studies Courses June 2016 to October 2016 and  
November 2016 to April 2017

COMPULSORY COURSES

Sr. No.	Subject Code	Course Title	Number of Credits
1	WSC-101	Core Concepts in Women's Studies	4
2	WSC-102	Contemporary Feminist Thought	4
3	WSC-103	Mapping the Indian Women's Movement	4
4	WSC-105	Doing Feminist Research	4
5	WSC-106	Field Work Skills and Practice	4
6	WSC-107	Gender-Sensitive Interventions for Change	4
7	WSC-108	Gender, Development and the State	4
8	WSC-109	Gender and Marginality	4
9	WSC-110	Gender, Human Right and Law	4

OPTIONAL COURSES

Sr. No.	Subject Code	Course Title	Number of Credits
1	WSO-101	Critical Debates on Women's Health	4
2	WSO-106	Gender and Media	4
3	WSO-108	Gender, Environment and Ecology	4
4	WSO-109	Gender and Education	4

1	WSD -101	MA Dissertation	12
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## **Report on Some Activities Department of Women's Studies (April 2016-March 2017)**

Apart from the MA and PhD Programmes in Women's Studies, the Department of Women's Studies at Goa University is committed to the agenda of Women's Empowerment focusing on women's concerns in Goa and has had reasonable success in achieving its goals not only in the area of teaching and research but also extension and field action. Women's Studies has well established link both with the government as well as non-government agencies working for women at the State, National and International levels. At the state level it has offered expertise in the area of working with Women and Children to several government departments and programmes. It has also offered advisory, research and training assistance to NGOs, colleges, teachers and students on projects related to women. Some of the activities are listed below:

### **1) 22 July 2016: 'Purple Campaign' for Equality**

Students of M.A. launched a campaign called 'Purple Campaign' to create awareness about gender equality among college students of Goa. The form and structure of the campaign was conceptualized by M.A. Students. The campaign was held in Khandola College of Commerce and Arts and Ponda Education Society Ponda. Campaign included a film screening followed by discussion with college students. In the second part of the campaign poster competitions,



face painting competition and street play competitions were organized

based on the theme of the film. Over 100 college students participated in each college.



## **2) 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016: A Workshop on Right to Information**

This workshop was open to all M.A. students who wish to attend and was conducted by two RTI experts Ms. Sangeeta Naik and Ganpat Kutiker.

Through the workshop basic information about RTI was imparted to students. The experts explained to students the need and scope of RTI and its importance in Social Advancement.





Short film on Right to Information was shown during the discussion. Approx 50 students attended the workshop.



**3) 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016: Lecture on Environment by Goenchi Mati Movement**

A Special lecture was delivered by the two prominent environment activists of Goenchi Mati Movement: Ms. Joanne Pyres and Mr. Rahul Basu. The lecture focused on the issues related to Gender and Environment. Speakers explained to students how women's issues cannot be segregated from the issues of environment.

**4) 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016: Film Screening on Displacement**



A film titled 'Remembering Kurdi' was Screened. The purpose of the movie was to understand the social impact of displacement. This film based on the Selaulim Dam in South


Goa which required the submergence of the village of Kurdi was the focus of this film. The displaced people were rehabilitated by Government but continue to feel cultural and emotional connection with the place. The film was screened by the Filmmakers Saumya Nanda Sahi and Tanushree Das.

### 5) **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017: People's BRICS**

As part of Gender and Environment course, the students and course coordinator, Ms. Kajal Rivankar participated in People's BRICS Programme on topic on 'Corporatisation of Tourism-Impacts of Livelihoods, Displacement and community resources' organised by Centre for Responsible Tourism and Equations for People's BRICS at Caritas Holiday Home, Panjim .

### 6) **12<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Women's Agenda for BRICS**


Students of department attended a one-day seminar on 'Drawing Up Women's Agenda for BRICS'. The main focus of the programme was articulation of women's concerns by local, National and International Organizations. All the students of department participated actively in the programme.



**Bailancho Saad** cordially **Invites you** for it's

**Venue : Menezes Braganza Hall, Panaji**

**30th anniversary Celebration!**



**Girl Child Day with Our Lady of Rosary High School**  
**2.30pm to 3.30pm**  
*Tiatr and resolutions on issues affecting the girl child*

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**Bailancho Saad - Journey of 30 years**  
**3.30pm to 4.00pm**

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**Drawing up Women's Agenda for BRICS**  
**4.00pm to 6.00pm**  
*Articulation of women's concerns by local, national and international organizations  
with Peoples' forum for BRICS*

**12th October 2016**



**7) 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016: Special Lecture**

A special lecture was organized on Women's Participation in Goa's liberation Movement for Students of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. The lecture was delivered by a well-known Historian of Goa Mr. Prajal Sakhardande.

**8) 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017: Release of Resource Guide to Adolescents'**



A Resource Guide to Adolescents' book was released at the hands of Smt. Nila Mohanan (IAS), Collector and District Election Officer, North Goa on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the distinguished presence of Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice Chancellor, Goa University.

Sanghmitra Project is a Goa State Coalition for Adolescent Health and Rights with 7 Government Departments and 15 NGOs as Project Partners working for the age group of 10-19 years. This is a Project of Department of Women's Studies, Goa University and is funded by National Mission for Empowerment for Women, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The Sanghmitra Resource Book contains directory of all Organizations (Govt. & NGOs) working for adolescents in the State, adolescent schemes and services at Central and State Level, Posters for dissemination, compilation of poetry, slogans and articles based on adolescent health and rights.

As part of the release function and to aid the dissemination of the contents of the Resource Book a intercollegiate and higher secondary quiz competition based on the Resource Book.



*Prize winners and Organisers of the Intercollegiate and Higher Secondary School Quiz*

#### **9) 21<sup>st</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017: IAWS Conference**

All 6 M.A. Part-I students of the Department of Women's Studies accompanied by Dr. Mamta Kumari, and Dr. Albertina Almeida, both teacher of the department, participated in the National Conference on 'Women in changing world: Restructured Inequalities, Countercurrents and Site of Resistance' held in Madras University, Chennai organized by Indian Association of Women's Studies.

#### **10) 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017: Lecture on Data Collection**

Guest lecture by Kavita Raturi, a research Scholar from JNU. The lecture was based on the experiences from field during data collection. Speaker shared her experience of research work done on 'Women's participation in people's war in Nepal'.

### **11) 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017: Guest Lecture by HIV Patient**

Ms. Jyoti Dhawale, HIV activist from Mumbai had a session with Part-I students. She spoke about her journey of life living with HIV and being partially impaired. She spoke about her work with NACO, Government of India and Maharashtra and with international agencies working with the cause of removing stigma and silence attached with HIV. She discussed with students about her work with HIV patients.



Jyoti is a winner of prestigious Karamveer Chakra conferred by Government of India. She is in community advisory committee of the Well Project, Ambassador for Beydaar Society, International Steering Committee member of Prevention Access Campaign, Indian Ambassador for The Stigma Project and has been interviewed on many shows including Stree Shakti on Doordarshan.

### **12) 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017: Field trip to Vanarmari Community**

An academic field trip to Vanarmari Community, Nirankal, Dabal in Ponda Taluka on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was organized by the department. All the Students and teachers of the department were part of the visit. The field trip was aimed at developing among students an understanding of socio-economic and cultural status of the Vanarmari tribe. The trip was coordinated by a Ph.D. scholar of Department of Women's Studies Ms. Sulochana Pednekar and a well-known social activist of Goa Mr. Sachin Tendulkar. Students and teachers interacted with the people of

Vanarmari Community for more than three hours. The interaction was based on the various aspects of life of the community. One member of the community spoke about their journey through childhood to old age while addressing the students. He also talked about the vulnerabilities and difficulties faced by them nowadays. Women and children too participated actively in the discussion. In the discussion it was revealed that the recent incident of demolishing their huts by the people from the neighborhood villages actually benefitted them. After this incident the government started taking notice of them. Now they have water and solar facility at their place.



### **13) 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017: International Women's Day**

Department of Women's Studies, Goa University commemorated International Women's Day 2017 on the University Campus on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The event MEAR: 'Making Equality a Reality' was organized by the Women's Studies team with Breaking *Stereotypes* as the overall theme. A series of 12 different all Goa intercollegiate competition such as



Storytelling, Singing, Comic Art illustration, Photography, Short film Making, Street Play and Umbrella Painting etc. were held. The programme was inaugurated with a flash mob performed by all the organizing team (students, teachers and staff) of Department of Women's Studies followed by dance performance by MA students. After that the significance of 8<sup>th</sup> March and information about the department was given by the students.



#### **14) 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Legal Awareness Workshop for Anganwadi Teachers**

A two days workshop on Legal Awareness programme was organized by the Department. The workshop was funded by National Commission of Women, New Delhi.



The workshop aimed to spread legal awareness among Anganwadi teachers. Sixty Anganwadi Teachers attended the workshop from various ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) blocks. The dignitaries included Chief Guest Ms. Shilpa Shinde (Secretary, Women and Child Development, Goa), Honorable Guest Advocate Vidhya Arjun Shet Tanavade

(Chairperson, State Commission for Women, Goa), and Ms. Anisha Dawar (Delegate, National Commission for Women, Delhi).





Advocate Vidhya informed participants about the role of State Commission in the advancement of status of women. The resource persons included Advocate Caroline Colasso, Ms. Maria Angelica D'souza, Advocate Albertina Almeida, and Advocate Dola Tulkar.

In the course of two days, participants learned about the Indian Legal System, concept of basic rights and equality under law, Family and Property law, as well as Domestic Violence Act, and Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act. The resource persons kept the sessions active and interactive with various activities including presentations, skits and mock field exercises. The workshop also included a 'Swachh Bharat Mission' segment in which Ms. Kajal Rivankar, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, spoke to participants about the importance of cleanliness and keeping our surroundings clean. Dignitaries and participants took 'Swachh Pledge' to devote 100 days in a year for cleanliness. During the feedback session, participants appreciated the initiative of Women's Studies department for identifying the lack of legal awareness in communities, and demanded more such programmes in the future for every panchayats and ICDS blocks.

#### **15) 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Visit from Women's Studies, Coimbatore**

A delegation of 15 students and 2 teachers from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu visited the Department of Women's Studies, Goa University. An interaction session with students and teachers of both the universities was scheduled. Students of both the universities exchanged their ideas and experiences of studying Women's Studies. A Ph.D. Scholar of Bharathiar University shared her research work experiences.



### **Other Extension and Networking Activities**

- 1)** Ms. Kajal Rivankar, Assistant Professor of the Department was invited as guest speaker at Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao on the topic 'AIDS Awareness' through NSS programme on 27th January 2017. She enlightened the final year B.Com. students on 'HIV and AIDS prevalence in Goa and fighting against stigma attached to the same'.
- 2)** Ms. Kajal Rivankar, Assistant Professor of the Department presented her paper titled 'Menstrual Hygiene Management Practices: Dilemmas of Women's Empowerment and Environment' at National Conference on Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development' organised by Shree Mallikarjun College of Arts and Commerce, Canacona on 23rd-24th September 2016.
- 3)** Ms. Kajal Rivankar also presented a paper titled 'Female Body and Sexuality: A Study on Adolescent Girls, Customs, Practices and Interventions in Goa' for Seminar on Doctoral Research in Social Sciences organised by Faculty of Social

Sciences, Goa University on 22nd March 2017 at Goa University.

- 4) Dr. Mamta Kumari, Assistant Professor of the Department presented a research paper titled – ‘Women the Double Proxy: Gender, Caste and Decentralised Political Process’ Under the subtheme Caste: A Site of Inequality, Discrimination, Violence and Resistance in a 5 days National Seminar on ‘Women in changing world: restructured Inequalities, Countercurrents and Site of Resistance’ held in Madras University, Chennai organized by Indian Association of Women’s Studies on 21-24 January 2017.

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**1.Utilisation Certificate**

**Prof. Varun Sahni**  
**(Vice-Chancellor)**

**Date:**

**(Seal)**

**Prof. Shaila Desouza**  
**(Head, Dept. of Women’s Studies)**

**Date:**

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