



**GOA UNIVERSITY**

**Department of Women's Studies**

**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2017-2018**

**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>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 2017 – March 2018)

### A. STAFF

Full Time Teaching Faculty				
	Name	Qualification	Designation	Appointed on
1.	Prof. Shaila Desouza	PhD Social Science (TISS), MA Social Work (TISS)	Professor, Head	9 July 1992
Temporary Faculty				
1.	Dr. Mamta Kumari	PhD Women's Studies	Assistant Professor	03 July 2017- 30 April 2018
2.	Ms. Kajal Rivankar	MA Social Work, NET/SET & Pursuing PhD in Women's Studies at Goa University.	Assistant Professor	03 July 2017- 30 April 2018
3.	Ms. Sulochana Pednekar	MA Economics, MPS (Master of Population Studies NET & Pursuing PhD in Women's Studies at Goa University.	Assistant Professor	03 July 2017- 30 April 2018
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 2017

1.	Chodankar Kavita Sanyog
2.	Gaikwad Susparsha Vikramsingh
3.	Gaonkar Ramita Rama
4.	Naik Suchita Subash
5.	Parsekar Kiran Rajaram
6.	Velip Suchitra Ulhas

Total MA Women's Studies students enrolled is **12**.

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 **155** students are registered in each of the Optional Courses.

**MA Women's Studies Courses June 2017 to October 2017 and November 2017 to April 2018**

**COMPULSORY COURSES**

Sr. No.	Subject Code	Course Title	Number of Credits
1	WSC-104	Gender Issues in Goa	04
2	WSC-108	Gender, Development and the State	04
3	WSC-101	Core Concepts in Women's Studies	04
4	WSC-102	Contemporary Feminist Thought	04
5	WSC-104	Gender Issues in Goa	04
6	WSC-108	Gender, Development and the State	04
7	WSC-107	Gender Sensitive Interventions for Change	04
8	WSC-103	Mapping the Indian Women's Movement	04
9	WSC-105	Doing Feminist Research	04
10	WSC-106	Field work skills and Practice	04
11	WSC-109	Gender and Marginality	04

**OPTIONAL COURSES**

Sr. No.	Subject Code	Course Title	Number of Credits
1	WSO-101	Critical Debates on Women's Health	04
2	WSO-107	Demography, Labour, Work and Gender	04
3	WSO-110	Women and Violence	04
4	WSO-109	Gender and Education	04

1	WSD -101	MA Dissertation	08
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## **Department of Women's Studies Activities (April 2017-March 2018)**

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 in the area of teaching, research 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. We have attempted a chronological photo listing of the activities as below:

### **1.) 13 September 2017: 'Purple Campaign'**

The Department of Women's Studies, Goa University and Women Development Cell of Zantye College conducted 'Purple Campaign' Programme at Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Bicholim, Goa on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The main objective of the programme was Gender Sensitization and to create awareness among students about basic Consumer Rights and Human Rights.



Through the Purple campaign Informed the students about basic consumer rights and Human Rights. In both the sessions students were informed on how to take measures to protect their rights and redressal system in the case of violations of their rights.

There were a number of spot prizes, activities and competitions conducted as a part of the purple campaign like face painting, poster competition Social Advertisement Competition and Quiz Competition.

## 2.) 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 :TALK ON 'ISSUES OF TRANSGENDER IN GOA'

Talk on 'Issues of transgender in Goa' was conducted for Part 1 and Part 2 students of Women's Studies Department for WSC 104: Gender Issues in Goa Core paper was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 by Diana Dias who is founder of Wajood NGO. Wajood is the first and the only organization working for transgenders in Goa.



Diana spoke about Transgender, types in them, their cultural practices and various gharanas which are there in India and their structure. She also talked about statistics and presence of transgender in Goa.

She also narrated her life story: her childhood experiences of abuse, school and college experiences, experiences of living on street, her work with government bodies and NGOs.

## 3.) 28 September 2017: 'Purple Campaign'

The Department of Women's Studies, Goa University and Equal Opportunity Cell of S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Bambolim conducted



'Purple Campaign' at S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Bambolim Programme on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The main objective of the programme was to create awareness about Gender Equality and to sensitize the students and create awareness about the Gender Stereotypes present

in the society. This was followed by Screening of a Film, "I am Nirbhaya" and discussion. There were a number of spot prizes, activities and competitions conducted as a part of the purple campaign.

The Games on breaking Gender stereotypes were played and discussions were held in the groups and each group summarized the discussion and what they learnt through the games. And Social Advertisement Competition was organized on the



theme 'Gender Equality' and Photo Competition more than 180 students participated and made the campaign successful.

#### **4.) 08 December 2017: Launch of Goa State Resource Centre for Women and Pre- Marital Counselling Programme.**

The State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) and the Pre-marital Counseling Programmes that will be conducted through the SRCW were launched at Goa



University on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The event was coordinated by the Department of Women's Studies, Goa University who organized for a screening of short films and documentaries for the first hour which were followed by a discussion session

with the audience present. This was followed by the formal inaugural event which was presided over by the Honorable Governor, Goa and the respected Chancellor, Goa University, Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha. The other dignitaries on the dais included Prof.

Varun Sahni ,  
Vice  
Chancellor,  
Goa  
University,  
and Prof.  
Shaila  
Desouza,  
Head,  
Department  
of Women's  
Studies.  
Ms. Gayatri



Konkar, a counselor spoke on the need for Pre-marital counseling. And this was followed by an informal interaction with the audience present. The session was very interactive and informative. In his speech Prof. Sahni emphasized that this very initiative will bring in the women's perspectives in family and marriage institutions. He said that it was the need of our times to redefine old existing social institutions (marriage and family in this case) in the light of the ideal model of a 'Gender just' society. In her key note address, the Honorable Governor stressed the need for Pre-marriage counseling programmes. She said that, though it is not compulsory for

everyone to get married, for each and every member of the society, we cannot deny the importance of family. She also said we can also not deny the fact that marriage is considered a sacred institution in India and most of us are bound to accept it. Hence it becomes very important to sensitize both partners about the responsibilities to each other and to the family. Over 350 students and many faculty members from various teaching departments of the University participated to make it a success.

#### 5.) 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017: TOT program

Ms. Niky Yende, M.A Student of Women's Studies represented India in TOT program organised by Y-PEER Asia Pacific on topic **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**, held from 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Organised by Y-PEER and Youth Leads, at Bangkok Thailand. She went through Human Touch NGO which is one of our fieldwork placements Organisation.



#### 6.) 18 -22 December 2017: Orientation Programme

Mr. As'ad Shah and Ms. Kiran Parsekar, M.A Student of Women's Studies Participated in an **Orientation Programme on Labour & Employment Issues organised by** held from 18/12/ 2017 to 22/12/2017, organised by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, at V.V.G.N.I Campus.





### **7.) 18-19 December 2017 : Field Trip to Keri, Canacona**

The proposed field visit was organized to provide opportunities to students to interact and understand the lifestyle, livelihood and culture of the tribal women in Keri village in Canacona, Goa. Resource Person Devidas Gaonkar introduced the team to villagers and Team interacted with locals in the village to understand their lifestyle.



### **8.) 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Daring Debate**

Goa edition of Daring Debates in partnership with Goa University was conducted by Department of Women's Studies, Goa University on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Goa edition of Daring Debates was on the topic – Is Empowering Women a Dilemma for Men? It was conducted as a part of Difficult Dialogue 2018. The winners from this competition would take part in the Final Debate on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 during the



Difficult Dialogue 2018 schedule from 9<sup>th</sup> Feb to 11<sup>th</sup> Feb'2018. Total 18 colleges participated in the event. Each college sent two Participants to take part in the event. The participants spoke for and against the motion. The programme concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony

### 9.) 9-11 Feb. 2018: Difficult Dialogue

The Department of Women's Studies has been actively involved as an academic partner in this session of



Difficult Dialogues in 2018 on Gender Equality and ran the Goa Chapter of Daring Debates. Goa University hosted a panel session on Trafficking and Vulnerability And panel 2 on Women, Law, Justice and Society.

### 10.) 08 March 2018: International Women's Day

Department of Women's Studies, Goa University commemorated International





Women's Day 2018 in the University Campus on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The event was organized by the Women's studies team with the name *MEAR: 'Making Equality a Reality'* with the overall theme was Breaking Stereotypes. It was an all Goa intercollegiate competition in which various colleges of Goa participated to make the event successful.



The event constituted of 12 different competitions such as Art illustration, Photography, Street Play etc.

### **11.) 8 March 2018: One Billion Rising Event**

On the eve of International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Department of



Women's Studies, Goa University organized 'PARADE FOR SOLIDARITY' – to participate and show their support on the theme 'SOLIDARITY AGAINST INJUSTICE'.

The students from 14 colleges participated in the Parade. In total there were more than 100 students who took part in the event. Students shouted slogans, used placards, and songs towards Gender inequality.

The students from various colleges gathered at the venue and parade started at 9.30 a.m. in the Goa University Campus. Organizing Team i.e. Students and faculty members of Department of Women's studies led the Parade followed by colleges that took part in the parade from all over Goa.

### **12.) 09 March 2018: One Day State Seminar on 'Youth's Intervention for a Gender Just Society'**

Department of Women's Studies, Goa University hosted a full day State Seminar titled '**Youth's Participation for a gender Just Society**' on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Seminar Hall, Faculty Block B. The purpose of the seminar was to provide a platform to the young teachers, research Scholars, students, activists, corporate personnel, state representatives, representatives of Non Government Organisations within the university system wherein they could exchange their ideas regarding social transformation from gender perspectives.





The Seminar was divided into four sessions in which all the paper presenters presented their ideas on the various given subthemes which are as follows:

- 1) Youth against caste oppressions
- 2) Youth for Nation Building
- 3) Youth for rights of Minorities
- 4) Students politics and Social change
- 5) Youth for redefining knowledge and education system
- 6) Youth against communal divide
- 7) Youth and Social Media: from trolls to activists
- 8) Menstruation Matters: Youth against menstrual taboos
- 9) Youth for right to live with dignity
- 10) Breaking gender Stereotype.

### **13.) 09 March 2018: Legal Awareness Programme (Workshop) for Anganwadi Teachers in Goa**

One days workshop on Legal Awareness programme was organized by the Department. The workshop was funded by Goa University. The workshop aimed to spread legal awareness among Anganwadi teachers. 30 Anganwadi Teachers attended the workshop from various ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) blocks. Advocate Albertina Almeida informed participants about the role of State Commission in the advancement of status of women.





In the workshop 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)

#### **14.) 13 Jan2018 : Gender Champions**

A Full day Gender Sensitization workshop for the Gender Champions of Various Colleges affiliated to Goa University was organized by the Department of Women's Studies in Collaboration with DCT's S.S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics on 11 January 2018. The objective of the workshop the basic understanding of the gender issues among the Gender Champions so that they can contribute to making their College campus more gender sensitive.



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

**1. Prof. Shaila Desouza** attended the Orientation cum Workshop on Management of Diversity and Equity in Universities and Colleges organized by the National University of Educational Planning and Administration held from 10 July to 14 July 2017 in NUEPA, New Delhi. The programme aimed to 1) help participants get a deeper understanding about the social context of diversity and imperatives for equity; 2) to generate awareness about issues of diversity and equity management in institutions of higher learning; 3) to energize the Equal Opportunity Cells; 4) to understand hurdles and to discuss best practices. On her return, Prof. Desouza has

submitted a proposal for a School of Diversity, Equity and Social Responsibility to the Vice Chancellor, Goa University.

**2. Prof. Shaila Desouza** was invited to be a Visiting Fellow by the South Asia Program and the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University Ithaca, New York, USA, for the period from 3 to 20 September 2017. During the visit she discussed research collaborations and gave a public lecture on the Socio- Economic Impact of Tourism on Goa's Development that was attended by faculty and students of the South Asia Program, Tata-Cornell Initiative in Agriculture and Nutrition and Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University.

**3. Prof. Shaila Desouza** as spoke to B.Ed. (Junior and Senior) students on "Issues relating to women" at the Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho, Panajion 20 June 2017.

**4. Prof. Shaila Desouza** paper titled Fielding one's own: Prospects and dilemmas in researching women's collective organizing from within was published in *Knowing the Social World: Perspectives and Possibilities*, Ed. by: N. Jayaram. Indian Institute of Advanced Study and Orient BlackSwan, Hyderabad.2017; 345-358.)

**5. Prof. Shaila Desouza** conducted two sessions at each of the UGC Orientation Courses (97<sup>th</sup> and 98<sup>th</sup> Programme) held on 6 July 2017 and 16 November 2017 held from 10am to 1pm at the Human Resource Development Centre, Goa University.

**6. Ms. Sulochana Pednekar** (Deputation) The programme was organized by Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities, Mumbai (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India) in collaboration with Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Goa. The main objective was to sensitize the college teachers and faculties about Disabilities Act 2016 and various schemes provided for higher education for the Speech and Hearing Impaired was discussed, held on 15 November 2017.

**7. 07 June 2017: Special Lecture by Prof. R. Aida Hernandez Castillo, Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology, Mexico City and Prof. Francisca James Hernandez Pima Community College, Downtown Campus, Tucson, Arizona**

Special Lecture on Possibilities of Inter-University Collaborations - A Special Lecture was delivered

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**9. 18 August 2017: Special Lecture by Ramni Ranjan Sethi**

Special Lecture on Caste based Prostitution - A Special Lecture was delivered by the Eminent Scholar and social Activist Mr. Ramani Ranjan Sethi. The lecture was focused on the caste-based Prostitution with reference to Bedia Community of Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Ramani talked about the socio-economic and cultural status of the community in explicit way. It was also discussed that how this practice of prostitution is benefiting them economically at the same time this practice has lead their social exclusion from mainstream society. It was also discussed that despite of their social exclusion from mainstream society to a great extent it is not possible this community to leave this profession and get indulge into another profession as this will bring about the financial crisis to them.

The session was very interactive. Students were very keen to know more about Bedia community. There were many questions asked during the lecture. All the queries were answered beautifully.

**10. 12 October 2018: Special Lecture by Prof. N. Jayaram, National Law School, Bangalore**

Ph.D. Inputs for 5 Ph.D. Scholars.

**11. 26 March 2018: Special Lecture by Dr. Dr Prajal Sakardande, Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar- Panaji.**

Special Lecture on Women in Goa's Freedom Struggle by Historian.

### ***Conference presentations***

- Gaikwad, S. Education: A key to Women's empowerment. *Nat. Conf. on Women Empowerment and Rural Development*, 15-16 Mar 2018. Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore.
  - Pednekar S. Eco-Tourism for sustaining tourist destinations: Case study from Goa and Velas Maharashtra, India. *Int. Tourism Conf. on Sustaining Tourist Destinations: Implications for Developing Countries*, 3-5 Nov 2017. The International Centre Goa, Donapaula, Goa.
  - Pednekar S. Gender Empowerment and Right to Education Act in Goa, India. *Nat. Conf. on Women Empowerment and Rural Development*, 15-16 Mar 2018. Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, Karnataka.
  - Velip, S.; Gaonkar, R. Sustainable methods of cultivation used by tribal communities in Goa. *Nat. Conf. on Women Empowerment and Rural Development*, 15-16 Mar 2018. Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore.
  - Kumari, Mamta. 'Reimagining Empowerment and Marginality: A Critical Analysis of Political Participation of Women in Goa' in National Conference on *State Politics in India: Perspective from the Western Region* organized by ICSSR and Department of Political Science, Goa University, 21st November 2017, Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar.
  - Kumari, Mamta. 'Narratives within Numbers: Women, Crime and Judicial System' in a workshop on *Carceral Logics and Social Justice: A dialogue between practicers, scholars and activist*, 15- 16 March 2018 organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, sponsored by Tokyo Foundation, Japan.
- Lectures on other occasions*
- Desouza, S. Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act. *97th and 98th Orientation Programme*, 6 Jul 2017. UGC-HRDC, Goa University.
  - Desouza, S. Issues Relating to Women. 20 Jul 2017. Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho, Panaji.
  - Desouza, S. Socio-economic impacts of tourism. *Visiting Fellow to the South Asia Program at Cornell University, Ithaca New York*, 3-20 Sep 2017. Tata-Cornell Initiative in Agriculture and Nutrition and the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University.

## Research publications:

### *Book Chapters*

- Desouza, S. Fielding one's own: Prospects and dilemmas in researching women's collective organizing from within. *Knowing the Social World: Perspectives and Possibilities*, Ed. by: N. Jayaram. Indian Institute of Advanced Study and Orient BlackSwan, Hyderabad. 2017; 345-358.

### *Articles in conference proceedings*

- Pednekar, S. Eco-tourism and institutions: Comparison of turtle sites in Goa and Maharashtra. 9. *Biennial Conf. of Indian Society for Ecological Economics*. Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Thrissur. 8-10 Nov 2017. 2017; 615

## Documents :

### 1.Utilisation Certificate

Prof. Varun Sahni  
(Vice-Chancellor)

Date:

(Seal)

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

Date:

(Seal)