



Goa University

Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

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Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Navelim

Report on Public Lecture

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi (Padma Shree) on Topic: Language and Environment
2. Date and Time	20 th January 2025 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	12
8. Number of Student attended / participated	99
9. No. of external students/ faculty/ other participants	Nil
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore Language-Environment Connection – Highlight the link between linguistic diversity and ecological conservation.• Promote Indigenous Knowledge –

	<p>Emphasize the role of native languages in preserving environmental wisdom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage Interdisciplinary Learning – Bridge linguistics, ecology, and cultural studies for holistic understanding.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	<p>The Directorate of Visiting Research Professors Programme (VRPP) under the Kavivarya Bakibab alias B.B. Borkar in Comparative Literature, Goa University and Rosary College of Commerce and Arts hosted a distinguished public lecture by Padma Shri Prof. Anvita Abbi on 20th January 2025.</p> <p>The lecture, titled "Language and Environment," explored the intricate relationship between linguistic diversity and ecological conservation was delivered to an audience comprising scholars, students and faculty.</p> <p>The programme commenced with a ceremonial welcome led by the Principal, Prof. Helic M. Barretto, whose opening remarks emphasized the significance of multidisciplinary dialogues in today's academic landscape. Dr. Prakash Parienkar, Director of the VRPP, provided a visionary address, setting the stage for the day's proceedings.</p> <p>The introduction of the guest speaker was masterfully handled by Assoc. Prof. Audrey Fernandes, who highlighted Prof. Abbi's prolific contributions to linguistics and her pivotal work on endangered languages. A graceful floral felicitation further added a touch of elegance to the proceedings.</p>

	<p>In her lecture, Prof. Abbi eloquently illuminated the symbiotic relationship between language and environment, arguing that linguistic diversity is often a mirror of ecological diversity. She emphasized the crucial role of indigenous languages in safeguarding traditional ecological knowledge, calling attention to the urgent need for preservation efforts. The audience was captivated by her incisive analysis and the passion with which she spoke about preserving cultural and environmental legacies.</p> <p>A robust Q&A session followed, where Prof. Abbi engaged with questions from the audience, offering nuanced perspectives and actionable insights. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Denis Vaz, acknowledging Prof. Abbi's inspiring presence. The proceedings were compered by Asst. Prof. Sasha Pereira, whose poise and professionalism ensured a seamless flow.</p>
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Language-Environment Link – Highlighted how linguistic diversity reflects ecological diversity and the need for preservation. • Indigenous Knowledge Recognition – Emphasized the role of native languages in preserving traditional ecological wisdom. • Interdisciplinary Learning – Connected linguistics, environmental studies, and cultural heritage, encouraging research.
13. Enclosures with report	Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

Bio Data

Prof. Anvita Abbi

A Ph. D. from Cornell University, N.Y., USA, Anvita Abbi is a rigorous researcher, a highly respected teacher and guide, a successful administrator, and a distinguished academic from Jawaharlal Nehru University where she taught for four decades. Maintaining the noblest traditions of academia, she combines her scholarship with effortless humility and kindness. She is undoubtedly one of the world's most distinguished researchers on minority languages. In the case of the vast Indian sub-continent, she may be the only one who has conducted first-hand field research on all the six families of languages spoken here. She identified a new language family of India, i.e., the Great Andamanese. Her research was corroborated by population genetics. The Government of India recognized her pioneering work in the form of bestowing upon her the Padma Shri in 2013. Her *Manual of Linguistic Fieldwork and the Structures of Indian Languages* (Lincom Europa, Germany, 2001) is a prominent reference book consulted the world over by linguists working on the languages of South Asia.

She was awarded one of the most prestigious linguistics awards by the Linguistic Society of America USA the Kenneth Hale Award (2015) for her outstanding lifetime contributions to the documentation and description of languages of India, with a particular note of her extraordinary contributions to the documentation of the Great Andamanese language, a moribund language that is a key isolate in understanding the peopling of Asia and Oceania.

It is because of her undeniable stature in the field that she has been invited as a Visiting professor and researcher at prestigious institutes in the USA, Germany, UK, Canada, and Australia. She has immense experience in field linguistics, language documentation, and analysis of ethno-linguistic aspects of language use. Her wide experience of working on tribal languages of Jharkhand, Northeast, and Andaman and Nicobar makes her a truly rare linguist. Her experience of working with minorities and tribals has motivated her to write extensively on language and education policy. She served as the UNESCO expert on language issues. At present, she serves on the Expert Committee of the UNESCO World Atlas of Languages and is an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada in addition to holding the B. B. Borkar Chair for Comparative Literature in Goa University.

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PUBLIC LECTURE BY

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VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSOR UNDER B.B.BORKAR CHAIR PROFESSOR IN
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, GOA UNIVERSITY



MONDAY 
20th January 2025

START FROM 
11.00 AM to 12.30 PM

**Rosary College of
Commerce & Arts,
Navelim** 

**TOPIC: LANGUAGE AND
ENVIRONMENT**

LECTURE COORDINATOR:
DR. DENIS VAZ, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF
KONKANI, ROSARY COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ARTS, NAVELIM

PROF. HELIC M. BARRETTO
PRINCIPAL, ROSARY COLLEGE OF COMMERCE &
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DIRECTOR, VRPP

Attendance Sheet



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Sr. No	Name of the Faculty	Signature
1	fravina Rebelo	
2	Asha Gaonkar	
3	Sasha S. Pereira (BBA)	
4	Sansico Dias	
5	Assoc. Prof. Audrey Fernandez	
6	Dr. Rita Braganza	
7	Alison Dias e Quadros	
8	Vivita Veliz	
9	Varsha Prabhu Ganekar	
10	Pritya C. e Viegas	
11	Ms. Anay Gonsalves	
12	Asst. Prof. Archana Kumar	



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1	Mungalin Sayed	TYBA	B	
2	Termina furtado	TYBA	A	
3	Rachel Jams	TYBA	B	
4	Termina furtado	TYBA ^{Konk}	B	

Sr. No	Name of the Student	Class	Division	Signature
5	Wishel T. Miranda	TYBA-Honk	B	Wishel
6	Marylyn Gomes	TYBA-KONK	A	Marylyn
7	Rizma Peixoto	TYBA-KONK	A	Peixoto
8	Sapna Bind	SYBA-Hist	B	Bind
9	Raina F. Fernandes	SYBA-Hist	B	R Fernandes
10	Khusli Keekar	SYBA-Hist	A	Khusli
11	Razia R. Hatlewar	SYBA-Hist	B	Razia
12	Asipammath Sunaina	SYBA-History	B	Asipammath
13	Sania Aigronkar	SYBA-KONK	B	Sania
14	Sania Shaikh	SYBA-KONK	B	Sania
15	Jeremia	SYBA-Hist	B	Jeremia
16	Gauri Shelar	SYBA-Hist	B	Gauri
17	Leann G. Crasto	SYBA-Hist	B	G Crasto
18	Isabel Pires	TYBA-Hist	B	Isabel
19	Jessica Da Silva	TYBA-Hist	B	Jessica
20	Anasha Barbosa	TYBA Hist	B	Anasha
21	Nigella Vaz	TYBA Hist	B	Nigella
22	Sachi Usgaonkar	TYBA	B	Sachi
23	Shubali Aoudkar	TYBA	A	Shubali
24	Michelle Fernandes	TYBA	B	Michelle
25	Meena Simoes	TYBA	B	Meena
26	Alula Barnes	TYBA	B	Alula
27	Shameena Karadagi	TYBA	A	Shameena
28	Shreyal Vora	TYBA	A	Shreyal
29	Miguel Mendes	TYBA	A	M. Mendes
30	Latima Balambid	TYBA	A	Latima
31	Jingul Fernandes	TYBA	B	Jingul
32	Vinika Chawanke	TYBA	A	Vinika
33	Fareen Sayed	TYBA	A	Fareen
34	Gesilda Rodrigues	TYBA	A	Gesilda
35	Joyce Afonso	SYBA	B	Joyce
36	Velisca D'Silva	SYBA	B	Velisca
37	Sanjana Kiturkar	SYBA	B	Sanjana
38	Shannon Pearl Coutinho	TYBA	A	Shannon

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39	Felosha Swizel Dias	TYBA	A	<i>Felosha</i>
40	Riti Carvalho	TYBA	A	<i>Riti</i>
41	Mehnaz Naregal	TYBA	A	<i>Mehnaz</i>
42	Alita A. Zambodkar	TYBA	A	<i>Zambodkar</i>
43	Arunika Coutinho	TYBA	B	<i>Coutinho</i>
44	Neomi Pereira	TYBA	A	<i>Pereira</i>
45	Roshani Shankar Pagi	TYBA	A	<i>Pagi</i>
46	Prachi Toraskar	SYBA	B	<i>Prachi</i>
47	Rezima Gomes	SYBA	A	<i>Gomes</i>
48	Prachi Raut	SYBA	B	<i>Raut</i>
49	Sabirga K	SYBA	A	<i>Sabirga</i>
50	Supriya Shinde	SYBA	B	<i>Shinde</i>
51	Misbah Shaikh	SYBA	B	<i>Shaikh</i>
52	Tisha Shaik	F.Y.B.A	A	<i>Shaik</i>
53	Dooio Mendes	F.Y. BA	A	<i>Mendes</i>
54	Nikzia Vaz	F.Y.BA	A	<i>Vaz</i>
55	Adelle Pereira	F.Y.BA	A	<i>Pereira</i>
56	Rohan Mulani	F.Y.BA	A	<i>Mulani</i>
57	Gayatri Fat Duxani	F.Y.BA	A	<i>Duxani</i>
58	LEVI BROLYN DA SILVA	F.Y.BA	A	<i>Brolyn</i>
59	Silviya Travasso	SYBA	A	<i>Travasso</i>
60	Blessia Fernandes	SYBA	B	<i>Fernandes</i>
61	Renashka Fernandes	SYBA	B	<i>Fernandes</i>
62	Crystal Fernandes	SYBA	B	<i>Fernandes</i>
63	Jeffy Ribello	F.Y.BA	B	<i>Ribello</i>
64	Glory Correia	SYBA	B	<i>Correia</i>
65	Vienny Pereira	SYBA	B	<i>Pereira</i>
66	Roshan Jamuni	SYBA	B	<i>Jamuni</i>
67	Sania Silva	SYBA	A	<i>Silva</i>
68	Paithusha Pereira	SYBA	A	<i>Pereira</i>
69	Aberi Fernandes	SYBA	A	<i>Fernandes</i>
70	Jeff Dias	SYBA	A	<i>Dias</i>
71	Alex Figueiredo	SYBA	A	<i>Figueiredo</i>
72	EDWIN KALSOLKAR	SYBA	A	<i>Kalsolkar</i>

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73	Yelery Braganca	SYBA	B	Braganca
74	Nesini Fernandes	SYBA (B)	B	Fernandes
75	Venessa Fernandes	SYBA	B	Fernandes
76	Deepshikha Dessai	SYBA	B	Dessai
77	Belita Rodrigues	SYBA	B	Rodrigues
78	Joyetta da Silva	SYBA	B	da Silva
79	Ashwini Vaz	SYBA	B	Vaz
80	Sonia Barreto	SYBA	B	Barreto
81	Ruella Dias	SYBA	B	Dias
82	Samantha Paul	SYBA	B A	Paul
83	Cherisa Simoes	SYBA	B	Simoes
84	Kishor Chaudhary	SYBA	B	Chaudhary
85	Olivia Carvalho	SYBA	A	Carvalho
86	Dragila Costa	SYBA	A	Costa
87	Anisha Vals	SYBA	A	Vals
88	Ashon Mascarenhas	SYBA	B	Mascarenhas
89	Violet Fernandes	TYBA	B	Fernandes

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90	Amenda Cunha	TYBA	B	Cunha
91	Ashwin Gomes	TYBA	A	Gomes
92	Saniha Fernandes	TYBA	A	Fernandes
93	Frangilla Rebelo	TYBA	B	Rebelo
94	Rancy Fernandes	TYBA	B	Fernandes
95	Pratisha Sangaonkar	TYBA	A	Sangaonkar
96	Kayden Fernandes	SYBA	A	KFernandes
97	Vasche Meneses	SYBA	A	Meneses
98	Maxson Fernandes	TYBA	B	Fernandes
99	Arnold Oliveira	TYBA	BA	Oliveira
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Signature:

Name of coordinator: Dr. Denis Vaz

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Date: 20th January, 2025

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