

**Goa University**

***Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme***

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***Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem***

***Report on Public Lecture***

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi (Padma Shree) on Topic: <b>Adivasi Creation Tales : An Inquiry Into our Beginnings</b>
2. Date and Time	25 <sup>th</sup> 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	38
8. Number of Student attended / participated	35
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	04
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	To understand the status and background of tribal communities in different parts of India.  To study their culture, traditions and customs as reflected in tribal folk literature.  To understand the status and social position of tribal

	<p>communities by exploring the existence and origins of them through folk literature.</p> <p>To provide a new direction and new avenues for scholars of tribal literature, sociological scholars and anthropological researchers.</p> <p>To give the researcher a new perspective on the contribution of tribal communities to the global socio-cultural formation and the traditions of their settlement by relating them to today's changing times.</p>
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	<p>The event commenced with a public lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi, who addressed the audience on the topic "<b>Adivasi Creation Tales: An Inquiry Into our Beginnings</b>". Prof. Anvita Abbi, a renowned linguist and researcher, captivated the audience with her profound insights into Adivasi creation myths and their cultural significance. She emphasised the importance of oral traditions in preserving indigenous knowledge and highlighted the deep-rooted connections between language, folklore, and identity.</p> <p>Her discussion covered various tribal creation stories from across India, illustrating how these narratives shape community beliefs, societal structures, and environmental perspectives. She also drew parallels between different tribal traditions, showcasing their similarities and unique attributes. The lecture was highly engaging, with Prof. Abbi with vivid examples and historical references to bring the stories to life.</p> <p>The session was attended by 74 participants, including faculty members, research scholars, students from various disciplines and external participants. The interactive Q&amp;A session that followed saw enthusiastic participation, with attendees posing insightful questions about the documentation, preservation, and contemporary relevance of Adivasi myths. Prof. Abbi provided thought-provoking responses, emphasising the role of academia in safeguarding indigenous narratives.</p> <p>The session commenced with the compere, Ms. Snigdha Naik, inviting Prof. Joydeep Bhattacharjee, the officiating principal of the Government College of Arts, Science &amp; Commerce, Quepem, delivered the formal welcome address. The lecture was coordinated by Mr. Sushant Naik, and Prof. Mehtab Bukhari, the</p>

	<p>convenor of the Tribal Development Committee (TDC). Dr. Prakash S. Parienkar, Director of VRPP, delivered the opening remarks, expressing gratitude to Prof. Abbi accepted to conduct sessions not just at Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce Quepem, but at six different colleges throughout the week. He spoke about the Visiting Research Professors Programme initiative at Goa University, outlining its objectives and significance in fostering academic excellence and research. He also acknowledged the contributions of the organising committee for their efforts in successfully hosting the event. Following this, Prof. Mehtab Bukhari provided an overview of the various activities conducted under the Tribal Development Committee (TDC) at Government College, Quepem, highlighting their impact and importance.</p> <p>Mr. Sushant Naik delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the resource person and the Director of VRPP, Goa University. He acknowledged contributions of the organisers in making the lecture a resounding success. The event reinforced the importance of preserving indigenous knowledge systems and provided a platform for meaningful academic discussions.</p>
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>The public lecture in several key benefits for the participants. In the field of research, many students are researching tribal literature. In the field of research, many students are researching tribal literature. The lecture helped them understand how important this folk literature is to them as they explore the existence of the tribal community through this folk literature. These tribal folktales will greatly help scholars studying and researching anthropology in tracing their origins and determining the period of their residence. Sociological scholars will benefit greatly from tribal folklore in studying their social, cultural, their food culture, and traditional occupational culture. The lecture will also greatly help in the study of tribal folk literature to explore their linguistic traditions and conduct sociolinguistic studies.</p>
13. Enclosures with report	<p>Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.</p>



## **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.

## Poster





**Directorate of Visiting Research Professors Programme**  
**KAVIVARYA BAKIBAB ALIAS B.B. BORKAR CHAIR IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**  
**AND**  
**GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE, QUEPEM**


**PRESENTS**  
**PUBLIC LECTURE BY**


**PROF. ANVITA ABBI (PADMA SHRI)**

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

**Saturday**  
25th January, 2025

**Start At**  
11.00 AM TO 12.30 PM

**Conference Room,**  
**Governernt College,**  
**Quepem**





**TOPIC: ADIVASI CREATION TALES:**  
**AN INQUIRY INTO OUR**  
**BEGINNINGS**

**LECTURE COORDINATOR: SUSHANT NAIK**  
**CONVENOR, TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (TDC)**  
**GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE, QUEPEM**

**PROF. (DR.) JOYDEEP BHATTACHARJEE (OFFICIATING)**  
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## Attendance sheet

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**Public Lecture on : Adivasi Creation Tales: An Inquiry into our Beginnings**  
**By: Prof. Anvita Abbi (Padma Shri)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**College Conference Room**

Sr. No	Name of the Student	Department	Signature
01	Jayant Velip.	M.A Konkani	<i>Jayant</i>
02	Krupesh Gaonkar	M.A. Konkani	<i>Krupesh</i>
03	Anish Gaonkar	M.A. Konkani	<i>Anish</i>
04	ROCHELLE GONINHO	MA KONKANI	<i>Rochelle</i>
05	Shruti Gaonkar	M.A KONKANI	<i>Gaonkar</i>
06	Venesha fernandes	SYBA	<i>Venesha</i>
07	Lizel fernandes	SYBA	<i>Lizel</i>
08	Shirly Diniz	SYBA	<i>Diniz</i>
09	Kelly Diniz	SYBA	<i>Diniz</i>
10	Shruti Fernandes	M.A. Konkani	<i>Shruti</i>
11	Roshna R. Dhabale	M.A KONKANI	<i>R.R.Dhabale</i>
12	Rimny Shetkar	M.A Konkani	<i>Rimny</i>
13	Sujata Velip	M.A. konkani	<i>Sujata</i>
14	Dakshata Yeshwant Gaonkar	MA Konkani	<i>Dakshata</i>
15	Sonali Namdev Naik	MA Konkani	<i>Sonali</i>
16	SHRIKANT WADKAR	T.Y B.Com.	<i>Shrikant</i>
17	Deepak Mahodik	T.Y. B.Com	<i>Deepak</i>
18	Ashvita Tari	M.A. Konkani	<i>Ashvita</i>
19	Anifa Carvalho	SYBA	<i>Anifa</i>
20	Trisha Rebello	SYBA	<i>Rebello</i>
21	Suhani Gaonkar	SYBA	<i>Gaonkar</i>
22	Sweeta Carvalho	SYBA	<i>Sweeta</i>
23	Dharmendra Rajbhar	FYBA	<i>Dharmendra</i>
24	Ivy Carvalho	FYBA	<i>Carvalho</i>
25	Anushka V. Velip	FYBA	<i>Anushka</i>

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26	Adisha Gaonkar	FYBA	<i>Gaonkar</i>
27	Rutisha Desai	FYBA	<i>Desai</i>
28	Urmie Salma Patil	FYBA	<i>Patil</i>
29	Salena Gaonkar	F.Y.B.A	<i>Gaonkar</i>
30	Shanta Itgi	S.Y.B.A	<i>Shanta</i>
31	Deepal Naik	TYBA	<i>Naik</i>
32	Sanjana Assolkar	TYBA	<i>Assolkar</i>
33	Saloni Naik	TYBA	<i>Naik</i>
34	Prattha Naik	SYBA	<i>Naik</i>
35	Rutuja Kulkarni	SYBA	<i>Rutuja</i>

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01.	Mr. Venkatesh Joshi	Political Science	<i>[Signature]</i>
02.	Ms. Darshan Talwar	Hindi Dept.	<i>[Signature]</i>
03.	Rekha Kale	Marathi	<i>[Signature]</i>
04.	Fabrizia A. F. Fernandes	Sociology	<i>[Signature]</i>
05.	Alisha Furtado	Sociology	<i>[Signature]</i>
06.	Jalene Silveira	Ecology	<i>[Signature]</i>
07.	Manisha Varak	Economics	<i>[Signature]</i>
08.	Poonam Naik	Economics	<i>[Signature]</i>
09.	Cajeta L. Fernandes	Commerce	<i>[Signature]</i>
10.	Deepa Talwar	Marathi	<i>[Signature]</i>
11.	Dr. Sandesh Gawas	Ecology	<i>[Signature]</i>
12.	Shubal Afzal	Sociology	<i>[Signature]</i>
13.	Dr. Shreela Kulkarni	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
14.	Ms. Sonika M. Chai	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
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16.	Dr. Kishor Kumar N. Borkar	Economics	<i>[Signature]</i>
17.	Mr. Deepak Salunkar	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
18.	Shamika Bhatkar	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
19.	João Gonçalves	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
20.	Dr. Rakhi V. Anwar	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
21.	Mr. Piyanka Velip	Hindi	<i>[Signature]</i>
22.	Glynis Dies	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
23.	Jessica Fernandes	Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
24.	Gauri Nadekar	Marathi	<i>[Signature]</i>
25.	Jyoti Bawalkar	Hindi	<i>[Signature]</i>
26.	Dr. K. D. D. D.	Hindi	<i>[Signature]</i>

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27.	João Fernando		<i>[Signature]</i>
28.	Shubal J. Gawas		<i>[Signature]</i>
29.	Reyna Segura		<i>[Signature]</i>
30.	Bernadette Gomes		<i>[Signature]</i>
31.	Prof. Mahab Bhatkar	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
32.	Dr. Deepa Pranjali	English	<i>[Signature]</i>
33.	Ms. Pooja Naik	English	<i>[Signature]</i>
34.	Dr. Sarita Usankar	Commerce	<i>[Signature]</i>
35.	Dr. Neeta Hazare	Mathematics (PG)	<i>[Signature]</i>
36.	Mr. Sushant Naik	MA Konkani	<i>[Signature]</i>
37.	Celly Quaresma Coutinho	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
38.	M. ELAINE NORONHA	ENGLISH	<i>[Signature]</i>
39.	Sarika Advilkar	Marathi	<i>[Signature]</i>
40.	Ms. Ranjan Shetkar	Political Science	<i>[Signature]</i>
41.	Ms. Devendra Gaonkar	Political Science	<i>[Signature]</i>
42.	Ms. Anupama Chavhan	Commerce	<i>[Signature]</i>

# प्रा. अन्विता अब्बी यांचे उद्या केपे महाविद्यालयात व्याख्यान

केपे (पत्रक)

केपे कला, विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्य शासकीय महाविद्यालय, आदिवासी विकास समिती आणि गोवा विद्यापीठातील कविवर्य बाकीबाब बोरकर तुलनात्मक साहित्य अध्यासन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमानाने पद्मश्री पुरस्कार विजेत्या प्रसिद्ध भाषाशास्त्रज्ञ आणि भारतीय भाषाविज्ञान संस्थेच्या अध्यक्ष प्रा. अन्विता अब्बी यांचे व्याख्यान उद्या दि. २५ रोजी सकाळी १० वाजता महाविद्यालयाच्या परिषद सभागृहात आयोजित करण्यात आले आहे.

'आदिवासी निर्मितीच्या कथा : आपल्या सुरुवातीचे पुरावे' असा त्यांच्या व्याख्यानाचा विषय आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांसमोर आदिवासी समाजाच्या उत्पत्तीचा इतिहास त्यांच्या निर्मितीच्या कथांतून व्हावा आणि विद्यार्थ्यांना



गोव्यातील आदिवासी समाजाच्या उगमाचा इतिहास समजावा तसेच आदिवासी समाजाची परंपरा आणि संस्कृतीची ओळख व्हावी हा हेतू या व्याख्यानामागील आयोजनाचा आहे.

यावेळी प्रमुख अतिथी म्हणून महाविद्यालयाचे प्राचार्य डॉ. जयदीप भट्टाचार्य, संशोधक प्राध्यापक कार्यक्रम गोवा विद्यापीठाचे संचालक प्रा. डॉ. प्रकाश पर्येकार, आदिवासी विकास समितीच्या संयोजिका

आणि महाविद्यालयाच्या उपप्राचार्य प्रा. मेहताब बुखारी, उपप्राचार्य डॉ. सरिता उसगावकर, उपप्राचार्य डॉ. नीता मुझुमदार, एम. ए. कोकणी विभागाचे संयोजक प्रा. सुशांत नायक हे उपस्थित असतील.

हे व्याख्यान सर्वांसाठी खुले असेल. या व्याख्यानाचा सर्वांनी लाभ घ्यावा, असे आयोजकांनी कळविलेले आहे.





Signature:  25/01/2025

Name of coordinator: Mr. Sushant Naik

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