

#### Goa University

# Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme Report on Lecture Series

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Prof. Kaveri Gill on Topic:  1. Topic at GU: "The Middle Way View and Universal Ethics: Cognitive Transformation for a Good Life".  2. Topic at ICG Goa: "Mastering the Mind for Human Flourishing: What the Nalanda Tradition Can Offer The Modern world".
2. Date and Time	20 <sup>th</sup> January to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 At Goa University: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm At ICG Goa: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Dalai Lama Chair in Nalanda Studies, Goa University and Foundation for Universal Responsibility of HH The Dalai Lama.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	04
8. Number of Student attended / participated	05
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	28

10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The primary objective of the lecture series, "The Middle Way view and Secular Ethics" was to bring about a cognitive change in the audience, to maximize happiness and reduce suffering in daily life. Though based on the teachings of the ancient Nalanda University, it was taught in the context of modern times.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	The program was inaugurated by Dr. Prakash Parienkar, who welcomed Prof Gill and she was introduced by Dr Anita Dudhane, the coordinator of the lecture series.  Then Prof. Gill began her lecture series looking at the very nature of wo/man - whether he/she was programed to be selfish or altruistic. She looked at this issue minutely, by quoting various scholars from the fields of Economics, neuroscience and philosophy. She also looked at various studies Illuminating this very interesting topic.  There were very good questions from the audience, which she answered.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	Benefits of this lecture series - the participants were left understanding the nature of their minds, and seeing how their perception changed whether they perceived an incident as happiness or suffering. They were given tools to influence the outcome by changing their discriminatory faculties. Overall, the participants were very happy to be able to put this to work, in their daily lives. People mentioned their own experience, and how it benefited them, in the days of the classes.
13. Enclosures with report	Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

#### **Bio Data**

#### Prof. Kaveri Gill

Ven. Professor Kaveri Gill is Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Centre for Excellence in Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar University Institute of Eminence, Delhi-NCR, where she continues to teach. She completed her second BA, MPhil, doctoral studies and post-doctoral fellowships, during which she taught development economics and political economy, at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Back in India, Kaveri worked in the government, multilateral organisations, and international development consultancies, before rejoining academia in 2017. She has published widely, including a field-building monograph on waste, Of Poverty and Plastic: Scavenging and Scrap Trading Entrepreneurs in India's Urban Informal Economy (Oxford University Press 2010). Kaveri completed the 6-year Nalanda Masters Course in Buddhist Philosophy in 2022 from Tibet House, New Delhi. By invitation, she served as the Principal of the Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education, Bengaluru from 2021-22.

#### **Poster**

Directorate of Visiting Research Professors Programme DALAI LAMA CHAIR IN NALANDA STUDIES, GOA UNIVERSITY

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BY

# DR. KAVERI GILL

## VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSOR UNDER

DALAI LAMA CHAIR IN NALANDA STUDIES, GOA UNIVERSITY



## FROM 20TH JANUARY TO 25TH JANUARY 2025

TOPIC: The Middle Way View and Universal Ethics: Cognitive Transformation for a Good Life





 D-VRPP Seminar Hall, Directorate Block, Goal University

Participants: Any Student at the Goa University is welcome to register. Lecture Series is open and free for students & general public, but registration compulsory.

Participation Certificate will be issued to all who maintain minimum 75% those attendance for the lecture series.

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LECTURE SERIES COORDINATOR: DR. ANITA DUDHANE

DR. PRAKASH S PARIENKAR DIRECTOR, VRPP (vrpp@unigoa.ac.in)







## **VRPP LECTURE**

TOPIC

**Mastering the Mind for Human** Flourishing: What the Nalanda Tradition Can Offer the Modern World



BY

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# **CO-ORGANISED BY**

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE GOA VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSORS PROGRAMME (VRPP), GOA UNIVERSITY

> Refreshment will be served at 5.30 p.m. Free & Open to all

#### CO CHAIRS

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FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 | 6.00 P.M. - 7.30 P.M.



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