

Goa University

Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

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GVM's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Ponda Goa Report on Public Lecture

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1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Dr. Subodh Kerkar on Topic: Why Art Matters				
2. Date and Time	04 th February 2025 11:30 am				
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	5				
8. Number of Student attended / participated	171				
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	1				
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	 To highlight the significance of art in shaping society, culture, and individual expression. To emphasize art as a powerful medium for storytelling, historical documentation, and social change. 				

- ➤ To explore the deep connections between art and identity.
- ➤ To encourage viewing creativity as an essential part of human experience rather than a luxury.
- ➤ To inspire students, educators, and art enthusiasts to engage with art for self-expression and critical thinking.
- To showcase art as a tool for societal transformation.

11. Description of the Program/activity/event

The session began with a warm welcome by Saanvi Khandeparkar, followed by Principal Dr. Jojen Mathew escorting the guest to the stage. The Principal addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of art education and encouraging everyone to listen carefully. Saanvi introduced Dr. Subodh Kerkar, highlighting educational background and achievements. A token of appreciation in the form of flowers was presented to the guest by Sanjana Naik, and Amina presented flowers to Conseka. The stage was then handed over to the guest.

Dr. Subodh Kerkar delivered an inspiring talk on the significance of art. He pointed out that only a few people in India are connected to contemporary art and he also mentioned some contemporary artists like FN soza, subhod gupta, Raza and many more he also added that while film actors widely known. artists remain unrecognized. He encouraged students to visit the Museum of Goa and engage with art. He explained that art is not just painting or drawing but can take many forms, including literature, installations, and performance art. He shared that during the COVID-19 pandemic, art helped people survive beyond just food, shelter, and clothing. He spoke about how art

allows people to accept even difficult concepts like death. He also emphasized that the true purpose of education is to make students fearless, help them think beyond right and wrong, and encourage them to ask questions. He discussed the function of art in promoting empathy and non violence. He shared his personal leaving his medical journey of profession— despite owning a hospital in Calangute—to pursue art. He spoke about the Portuguese influence on architecture, explaining that temples and churches in Goa share similar domes and that Old Goa became a laboratory of architecture.he added that art breaks all kind of barriers and it becomes universal language of mankind. He presented some pictures of his art works like windows of goan Houses, portrait of a fisherman, a video performance installation featuring fishermen, and images of artwork made with sand and light, showing that art exists in many forms. He also shared an artwork created with 150 transgenders, depicting a seahorse, which is unique because the male seahorse gives birth.

12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event

The session concluded with an interactive question-answer segment. Anna Ma'am reflected on the insightful knowledge shared by Dr. Kerkar, especially about Goa's architecture and the use of beaches in art. The Principal asked if he had ever used art in medicine, given his background as a doctor. Students also participated by asking questions. Finally, Mr. Diptej Vernekar delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to Dr. Subodh Kerkar for his enlightening session. The program was a great success and left the audience with a deeper understanding of the significance of art in life.

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Bio Data

Dr. Subodh Kerkar is a prominent Indian artist, sculptor, and founder of the Museum of Goa (MOG), a contemporary art space in Goa, India. Born in 1959 in Goa, Dr. Kerkar initially trained as a medical doctor, but his passion for art led him to transition from medicine to pursue a career in the visual arts.

Dr. Kerkar is known for his large-scale installations, sculptures, and mixed-media works that often explore themes related to the ocean, history, and the cultural identity of Goa. His art is deeply influenced by the natural environment and the socio-political history of the region, particularly the impact of Portuguese colonization. He often uses materials like sea shells, sand, and other elements from the coastal environment, blending them with contemporary artistic practices.

In 2015, Dr. Kerkar founded the Museum of Goa, which has since become a significant cultural landmark in the state. The museum is dedicated to promoting contemporary art and providing a platform for artists from India and around the world to exhibit their work. It also serves as a space for dialogue, education, and engagement with the arts.

Dr. Kerkar's work has been exhibited internationally, and he has participated in various art festivals and biennales. His contributions to the field of contemporary art have earned him recognition as one of Goa's most influential cultural figures. Through his art and the Museum of Goa, Dr. Kerkar continues to inspire and engage with the global art community.

Attendance Sheet

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