

Goa University

Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

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St. Xavier's College, Mapusa

Report on Public Lecture

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Dr. Subodh Kerkar on Topic: Goa's History through Art		
2. Date and Time	19 th March 2025 11:00 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	10		
8. Number of Student attended / participated	144		
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	NIL		
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	 Understand the role of art in understanding history Foster critical thinking and interpretation Develop visual literacy Understand the cultural fusion of 		

Ind-Portuguese art in Goa 11. Description of the The Department of History at St. Xavier's Program/activity/event College, in association with the Goenchi Asmitai Cell, hosted a fascinating talk titled "Goa's History Through Art," delivered by renowned artist and historian, Dr. Subodh Kerkar. This event was part of Professor's the Visiting Research Programme under Mario Miranda Chair in Fine Art/Painting/Illustrative Cartooning etc. of the Goa University. The talk provided a deep and insightful exploration into Goa's rich and diverse artistic traditions. It shed light on how art crucial medium for has been understanding and reflecting the history, culture, and identity of the region. Dr. Subodh Kerkar, an eminent figure in Goan spoke about historical events and artistic expressions in Goa. Dr. Kerkar exhibited performance installation where the inseparability of the fisherman and the sea. The speaker expressed that history becomes a part of over time. The event offered a unique opportunity to delve into various artistic forms that have flourished in Goa, ranging from traditional folk art and religious iconography to the lasting influence of Portuguese colonialism on local art forms. Through his

lecture, Dr. Kerkar highlighted how art has

not only been a reflection of Goa's complex past but has also played an active role in shaping its cultural landscape.

Dr. Kerkar's artwork uses the sunlight effect which he described as a symbol of positivity and hope. This motif can be seen as a recurring theme in his works. Light is seen as a force that not only illuminates the subjects but also brings a sense of warmth and clarity.

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

The talk "Goa's History Through Art" by Dr. Subodh Kerkar proved to be immensely beneficial to the 144 participants.

- 1. It offered a rich and comprehensive understanding of Goan culture and history. Through his engaging presentation, Dr. Kerkar illuminated the various artistic traditions and their connection to the region's evolving cultural and historical identity.
- 2. Dr. Kerkar's analysis offered an exploration of various art forms that have emerged from Goa, including religious iconography, temple art, and the exquisite blend of European Baroque art found in Goan churches.

	 3. A key aspect of Dr. Kerkar's talk was his exploration of <i>realism</i> in Goan art. 4. The talk provided a for a for participants to observe how art serves as a reflection of the society. Dr. Kerkar emphasized the role of art in preserving and communicating Goa's social and cultural history,. 5. It offered an opportunity to understand how Portuguese colonialism, have shaped the present cultural landscape of Goa.
13. Enclosures with report	Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

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.

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