



**GOA UNIVERSITY**  
**Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy**  
**Organized**  
**Public Lecture Series**  
**Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance**

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**


**Venue:** Conference Hall, Administration Building, Goa University

**Report on Inaugural Lecture of**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

<b>1. Title of the Event/Activity/program</b>	First Public Lecture titled <i><b>Federalism and its Evolution in India.</b></i> This Lecture is part of the Public Lecture Series organized under the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance on the theme <i><b>Federalism and Fiscal Decentralization.</b></i>
<b>2. Date and Time</b>	<b>Inaugural Lecture:</b> <b>Date:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, <b>Time:</b> 10-00 am to 12.00 noon
<b>3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)</b>	Physical mode
<b>4. School/ Directorate/ Section</b>	Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Goa University
<b>5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate</b>	DCT's Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar- Goa

<b>6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)</b>	<p><b>Professor V.N. Alok, IIPA, New Delhi.</b></p> <p>Prof. V.N Alok is a renowned Public Finance Economist, specializing in fiscal federalism, local public finance, and public governance. With a distinguished career spanning over two decades at IIPA since 1999, he has made significant contributions to policy formulation in India. He has actively engaged with nearly all Union and State Finance Commissions since 1995 and served as a Member of the Delhi Finance Commission.</p> <p>A key milestone in his work is the conceptualization of the 'Devolution Index', ranking Indian states on fiscal devolution, which guided national policy and earned recognition at the National Panchayat Day celebrations led by the Prime Minister. His research extends to constitutional bodies, governments, and multilateral organizations, and he has authored numerous books and journal articles.</p> <p>His expertise is widely recognized, having served on various policy-making committees, educational committees of the UGC, and editorial boards, including his role as co-editor of the journal Nagarlok.</p>
<b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	<p>09</p>
<b>8. Number of Student attended / participated</b>	<p>90</p>
<b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	<p>03 faculty and 64 students</p>
<b>10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</b>	<p>1.Ensure that students of colleges, postgraduate students of Goa University and the general public gain a deeper comprehension of various aspects of federalism and its evolution in India</p>



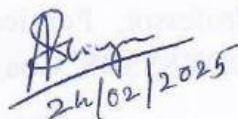
	<p>2. Provide deeper insights into the theoretical and practical aspects of federalism in India</p> <p>3. Enunciate the distinct features of Federal polity in India.</p> <p>4. Elucidate the powers, responsibilities and processes surrounding federalism in India.</p>
<p><b>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</b></p> 	<p>Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy in collaboration with Dhempe College of Arts and Science organized the first lecture of the Public Lecture Series under Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance. The first lecture was titled <b><i>Federalism and its evolution in India</i></b>. The lecture by Prof. V.N. Alok witnessed active deliberations on the part of students and faculty in response to the thought proving insights provided by Prof. V.N. Alok into the theoretical and practical aspects of Federalism in India. The lecture was moderated by Prof. Rahul Tripathi, Professor, Political Science Programme, DDKSSBS, Goa University.</p>

<b>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b>	<p>Through the first lecture of the series, participants were able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain an overview of federalism across the globe with particular emphasis on the Indian federal polity</li> <li>2. Identify the nomenclature and functions of constituent units in the federal polity of India</li> <li>3. Comprehend the significance of demarcation of powers, responsibilities and processes among various constitutional units in the federal polity</li> <li>4. Understand the conceptual basis of tax assignment to union, state and local governments in India</li> <li>5. Perceive the significance of competitive federalism in a democratic country such as India.</li> </ol>
<b>13. Enclosures with report</b>	<p>Flyer, registration sheet and photos.</p>

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**on**  
**Federalism and Fiscal Decentralization**  
**Inaugural Session**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

10:00am to 10:05 am	<b>Floral welcome and Lighting of Diya</b>
10:05am to 10:10 am	<b>Welcome address</b> Prof. Rajendra Gad, Dean, MPSLGPP, Goa University
10:10 am to 10:15 am	<b>Address by the Guest of Honor</b> Shri. Bhushan Savoikar, Director, DHE
10:15 am to 10:20 am	<b>Speech by Chief Guest</b> Prof. Vidhyadatta Verenkar, Acting VC, Goa University
10:20 am to 10:25 am	<b>Remarks by</b> Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, Chairperson, Goa State Election Commission and former Chairperson of 3 <sup>rd</sup> State Finance Commission
10:25 am to 10:30 am	<b>Vote of thanks</b> Dr. Alaknanda Shringare, Vice Dean (Research), MPSLGPP, Goa University

<b>Lecture 1</b>	<b>10:30 am to 12:30 am</b>
<b>Moderator</b>	Prof. Rahul Tipathi, Political Science Programme, D.d. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Prof. V.N. Alok, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi
<b>Title</b>	<b>‘Federalism and its Evolution in India’</b> Lecture will be followed by Q & A session

**Venue:** Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Goa University

**Time:** 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

**12:30 pm: Tea and refreshments in the foyer**





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## Public Lecture Series

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## Federalism and Fiscal Decentralization

Resource Person

**Prof. V.N Alok**

Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi

3rd - 5th February 2025

Venue- Conference Hall, Administrative Block,

Goa University

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Convenor

Prof. Rajendra S. Gad  
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Dr. Alaknanda Shringare  
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**ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

## ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



Dr V.N Alok is Professor in the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) since 1999 and a Public Finance Economist whose primary interest is in fiscal federalism, local public finance and public governance. He has been the Member of Delhi Finance Commission and contributed to almost all successive Union and State Finance Commissions since 1995 in different capacities. He conceptualized the 'devolution index', by ranking States, and constructed it annually during 2009-15.

Prof Alok has been a member/member secretary (equivalent to the Secretary to Government of India) of a many policy making committees. He was a University Grants Commission nominee in many educational committees.

Monday- 03/02/2025

Topic: **Federalism and its evolution in India**

Tuesday 04/02/2025

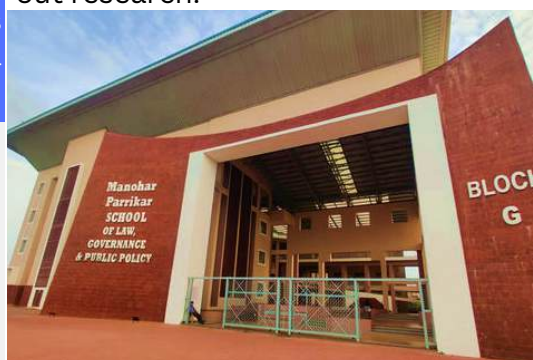
Topic: **Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in India**

Wednesday 05/02/2025

Topic: **Local governance and Finance in India**

## ABOUT MPS

The Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy encompasses the disciplines of Public Administration and Law. The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance is associated with this School. Goa University seeks to contribute by establishing an academic entity for research and training in the areas of public policy, administration and governance which can assist legislators, officials and public servants at all levels in the performance of their duties. The Manohar Parrikar School shall act as a knowledge hub, where public policy experts, practitioners and members of the wider public will get a chance to deliberate on ideas of good governance and to carry out research.





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**Prof. V.N Alok**

Indian Institute of Public  
Administration, New Delhi

Public Lecture

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Public Lecture: Evolving Federalism in India: Challenges and Opportunities

Resource Person: Professor V.N. Alok, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi

Venue: Conference Hall, Goa University

Date: - 3/2/2025

Time: - 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

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