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**Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy
Organized**

Public Lecture Series

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance

5th February 2025

Venue: Conference Hall, Administration Building, Goa University

Report

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Third Public Lecture titled <i>Local Governance and Finance in India</i> . This Lecture constitutes an integral part of the Public Lecture Series organized under the auspices of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair on Leadership and Governance on the theme <i>Federalism and Fiscal Decentralization</i> .
2. Date and Time	Third Lecture: Date: 5 th February, Time: 10-00 am to 12.00 noon
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical mode
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Goa University
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	PES's Ravi S. Naik College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi, Ponda-Goa.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Professor V.N. Alok, IIPA, New Delhi. 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. 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

	<p>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>
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	06
8. Number of Student attended / participated	67
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	04 faculty and 49 students
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To comparatively evaluate the relationship between local government and finance in India vs a vs other federal countries of the World 2. To collectively introspect on the significance of finance for local governance structures in India 3. To evaluate the efficiency of local governance structures in terms of managing finance and raising revenue 4. To explore the various ways in which local governments can raise their own finances and thereby reduce their financial dependence on state government.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	<p>Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy in collaboration with PES's Ravi S. Naik organized the third and final lecture of the Public Lecture Series under Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Leadership and Governance. The third lecture was titled Local Governance and Finance in India. The lecture by Prof. V.N. Alok brought out important narratives on the crucial relationship between local governance and finance in India. The lecture was moderated by Dr. Alaknanda Shringare, Vice Dean (Research), MPSLGPP, Goa University.</p>

12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>Through the third lecture of the series, participants were able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain an overview of finances in local governance structures across the world, 2. Trace the evolution of local governance in India beginning with pre-British era and culminating with present times. 3. Understand the crucial value of finance for local governments in India 4. Systematically analyze the various functions of local governance structures in India
13. Enclosures with report	<p>Flyer, registration sheet and photos.</p>

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Public Lecture Series

on

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

Coordinator

Prof. Rajendra S. Gad
Dean, MPSLGPP

Dr. Alaknanda Shringare
Vice Dean (R), MPSLGPP

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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Organizes

Public Lecture: *Devolution by States to Panchayats: How to measure?*

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

Venue: Conference Hall, Goa University

Date: - 5/2/2025

Time: - 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

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