



Goa University

Name of Directorate: 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 Prof. Anvita Abbi (Padma Shree) on Topic: Language and Cognition
2. Date and Time	23 rd January 2025 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
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	95
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	NIL
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<input type="checkbox"/> To foster interdisciplinary academic dialogue on the interface between language and cognition. <input type="checkbox"/> To expose students and faculty to contemporary research in linguistics through expert interaction. <input type="checkbox"/> To strengthen collaborative initiatives between St. Xavier's College and Goa

	University through the VRPP (Visiting Research Professors Programme).
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	<p>The Department of Konkani at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, in collaboration with the Kavivarya Bakibab alias B. B. Borkar Chair in Comparative Literature (VRPP), Goa University, organized a public lecture by the distinguished linguist and Padma Shri awardee, Prof. Anvita Abbi.</p> <p>The program commenced with a welcome address by the Acting Principal, Ms. Ursula Barreto, followed by an introduction to the VRPP and the speaker by Dr. Prakash Parienkar, Director of the VRPP. Dr. Ramita Gurav, Head of the Department of Hindi, introduced Prof. Abbi and later moderated the session.</p> <p>In her engaging lecture titled <i>Language and Cognition</i>, Prof. Abbi delved into the profound connections between linguistic structures and cognitive processes. She offered examples and insights that were both accessible and academically enriching. The lecture attracted around 100 participants, including faculty and students from the Departments of Hindi, Marathi, and Psychology.</p> <p>The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Dharma Chodankar, Head of the Department of Konkani and event coordinator. He acknowledged the efforts of all collaborators and appreciated the active participation of the attendees.</p> <p>The organizing committee included faculty members from the Department of Konkani: Mr. Silvester Vaz, Dr. Fr. Luis Gomes, Ms. Siddhi Gawas, and Ms. Ankita Zambaulikar, whose collective coordination ensured the program's success.</p>

<p>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Interdisciplinary Learning: The lecture created a vibrant academic environment that brought together departments from across the humanities and social sciences. □ Enhanced Academic Exposure: Students and faculty gained valuable insights from one of India's most prominent linguists, expanding their understanding of cognitive linguistics. □ Successful Collaboration: The event highlighted the fruitful partnership between the college and the VRPP, Goa University, paving the way for future academic engagements. □ Student Engagement: The interactive session stimulated critical thinking among students, fostering a culture of inquiry and dialogue. □ Institutional Growth: The program reinforced St. Xavier's College's commitment to academic excellence and knowledge-sharing through national-level scholarly interaction.
<p>13. Enclosures with report</p>	<p>Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.</p>

Bio Data

Prof. Anvita Abbi

A Ph. D. from Cornell University, N.Y., USA, Anvita Abbi is a rigorous researcher, a highly respected teacher and guide, a successful administrator, and a distinguished academic from Jawaharlal Nehru University where she taught for four decades. Maintaining the noblest traditions of academia, she combines her scholarship with effortless humility and kindness. She is undoubtedly one of the world's most distinguished researchers on minority languages. In the case of the vast Indian sub-continent, she may be the only one who has conducted first-hand field research on all the six families of languages spoken here. She identified a new language family of India, i.e., the Great Andamanese. Her research was corroborated by population genetics. The Government of India recognized her pioneering work in the form of bestowing upon her the Padma Shri in 2013. Her *Manual of Linguistic Fieldwork and the Structures of Indian Languages* (Lincom Europa, Germany, 2001) is a prominent reference book consulted the world over by linguists working on the languages of South Asia. She was awarded one of the most prestigious linguistics awards by the Linguistic Society of America USA the Kenneth Hale Award (2015) for her outstanding lifetime contributions to the documentation and description of languages of India, with a particular note of her extraordinary contributions to the documentation of the Great Andamanese language, a moribund language that is a key isolate in understanding the peopling of Asia and Oceania.

It is because of her undeniable stature in the field that she has been invited as a Visiting professor and researcher at prestigious institutes in the USA, Germany, UK, Canada, and Australia. She has immense experience in field linguistics, language documentation, and analysis of ethno-linguistic aspects of language use. Her wide experience of working on tribal languages of Jharkhand, Northeast, and Andaman and Nicobar makes her a truly rare linguist. Her experience of working with minorities and tribals has motivated her to write extensively on language and education policy. She served as the UNESCO expert on language issues. At present, she serves on the Expert Committee of the UNESCO World Atlas of Languages and is an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada in addition to holding the B. B. Borkar Chair for Comparative Literature in Goa University.

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KAVIVARYA BAKIBAB ALIAS B.B. BORKAR CHAIR IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
AND
ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAPUSA

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PUBLIC LECTURE BY

PROF. ANVITA ABBI (PADMA SHRI)

VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSOR UNDER B.B.BORKAR CHAIR PROFESSOR IN
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, GOA UNIVERSITY

**Thursday**
23rd January, 2025

**Start At**
11.00 AM to 12.30 PM

**St. Xavier's**
College, Mapusa



TOPIC: Language and Cognition

LECTURE COORDINATOR: MR. DHARMA CHODANKAR,
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Attendance Sheet

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TOPIC : 'LANGUAGE AND COGNITION'

DATE : 23rd JANUARY 2025

REGISTRATION

Sr. No.	Name	College	Contact No.	Signature
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4	Shishya Rebello	SYBA		<i>Rebello</i>
5	Nacia Britto	SYBA		<i>Britto</i>
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10	Cosma D'Souza	SYBA		<i>D'Souza</i>
11	Robert Ryan D'Souza	SYBA		<i>D'Souza</i>
12	Helvina Britto	SYBA		<i>Britto</i>
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15	Leandra Fernandes	SYBA		<i>Fernandes</i>
16	Rachel Velho	SYBA		<i>Velho</i>
17	Pamela Fernandes	TYBA		<i>Fernandes</i>
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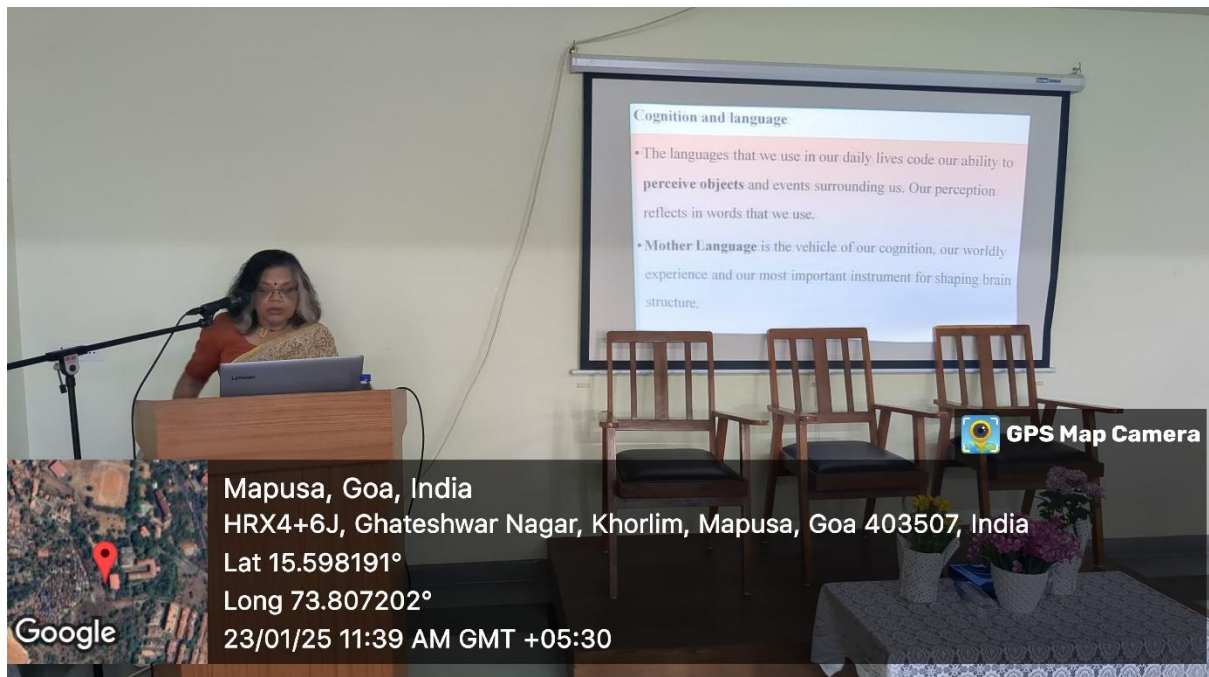
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96	Dr. Magdalena D'Souza	Dept. of Hindi		
97	Fr. Luis Gomes	Konkani		'
98	Ankita Zambaulika	Konkani		
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Photos



Prof. Anvita Abbi delivering her lecture



Students attentively listening to Prof. Anvita Abbi's lecture



Participants asking their questions to Prof. Anvita Abbi



College Principal felicitating Prof. Anvita Abbi with a memento



Group photo with Prof. Anvita Abbi, Director VRPP, Faculties and Students from St. Xavier's College

Signature:

Name of coordinator: Mr. Dharma Chodankar

Designation: HOD, Department of Konkani,
St. Xavier's College of Arts & Science, Mapusa, Goa.

Date: 23rd January, 2025

Signature

Director, VRPP
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