

Goa University

Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

Report on Performance Installation

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	"OCEANIC PRAYER" Performance Installation at Varca Beach		
2. Date and Time	18 th January 2025 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm		
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical		
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme		
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed		
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	1		
7. Number of Student attended / participated	14		
8. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	38		
9. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	To facilitate nuanced appreciation of art and to familiarise the students with the philosophy of art-making.		

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10. Description of the Program/activity/event	The Ocean and the Sun sustain the life on Earth. The Sun is the source of the energy which makes the plants grow and the planktons in the ocean produce half the oxygen necessary for breathing. The oceans of the world have no borders. They flow into each other highlighting the idea of one world one humanity. Subodh Kerkar's installation, The Oceanic Prayer is the expression of
	gratitude to the ocean. The participants held in their hands cutouts of doves made famous by Picasso as a symbol of Peace. They prayed for peace and end of all wars on this planet. In the world infested with so much conflict and violence it is important that more and more people propagate the idea of One humanity and love. This installation would not have been possible without the voluntary participation of over 53 people.
11. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The students got the opportunity to judge the artistic merits of works and understand the process of artistic thinking.
12. 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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OCEANIC PRAYER

Join

PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION

This Performance is a prayer to the ocean for sustaining the planet Earth.

Ву

Dr. SUBODH KERKAR

Saturday, 18 January 2025 3:30 PM onwards Venue - Varca Beach



There will be only 100 participants. Anyone above 16 can register. The participants should wear a t-shirt (preferably white) and shorts. Over these they will wear a gown which will be provided. The participants will need to walk about 3 kms on the sand barefoot. Each participant will receive a photograph and a video of the Installation. Transport will be provided from Goa University.



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Attendance Sheet

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Photos



Participants performing during video shooting of Installation



Group photo with Dr. Subodh Kerkar, VRPP Director and staff



Participants performing with bird shape props during Installation



Group photo with Dr. Subodh Kerkar, VRPP Director and Students from Goa University



Participants performing alongside a circle created with marigold flowers



Group photo with all the participants who performed during the Installation

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Name of VRP: Dr. Subodh Kerkar

Date: 18/01/2025

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