



**Goa University**

***Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme***

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***Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Khandola***

***Report on Public Lecture***

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi (Padma Shree) on Topic: <b>Documentation of Oral Tradition</b>
2. Date and Time	24 <sup>th</sup> 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	32
8. Number of Student attended / participated	62
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	10
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To safeguard oral traditions songs, folktales, myths, and rituals that are at risk of disappearing due to language loss or cultural assimilation.</li> <li>➤ To document traditional ecological knowledge, medicinal practices, and</li> </ul>

	<p>community wisdom embedded in oral narratives, which are often not found in written sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To support the passing of oral traditions from elders to younger generations by creating accessible archives and educational tools.</li> <li>➤ To compile phonetic, grammatical, and semantic data that contribute to linguistic research and help in reconstructing linguistic and cultural histories.</li> <li>➤ To validate and celebrate the identity of indigenous and marginalized communities by acknowledging the richness of their oral heritage.</li> </ul>
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	<p>Prof. Anvita Abbi's public lecture on "Documentation of Oral Tradition" was held in an academic setting with an audience comprising students, scholars, and language enthusiasts. She delivered her talk using a combination of engaging oral presentation, visual slides, and multimedia clips from her fieldwork, showcasing examples of endangered languages and oral traditions from various indigenous communities in India. The lecture was structured to provide both theoretical insights and practical case studies, emphasizing the urgency of preserving intangible cultural heritage. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing the audience to ask questions and delve deeper into the subject.</p>
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>The lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi highlighted the importance of preserving oral traditions and endangered languages. It emphasized the urgency of documentation to safeguard cultural heritage and showcased real-life examples from her fieldwork. The session inspired greater interest in linguistic and cultural research and raised awareness about the need to protect indigenous knowledge systems.</p>
13. Enclosures with report	<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**  
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**PRESENTS**

**PUBLIC LECTURE BY**

**PROF. ANVITA ABBI (PADMA SHRI)**

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



**Friday**

**24th January, 2025**



**Start At**

**11.00 AM TO 12.30 PM**



**Govt. College of Arts,  
Science & Commerce,  
Khandola Marcela**

**TOPIC: DOCUMENTATION OF ORAL TRADITION**

LECTURE COORDINATOR: PROF. (DR.) PRAKASH VAZRIKAR, HOD,  
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**DIRECTOR, VRPP**

## Attendance Sheet

Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce Khandola, Marcella - Goa.

Programme: Public lecture

Date: 24/01/25 (11:00 - 12:30)

Name of the Faculty: <sup>Guest</sup> Prof. Anvita Abbi

Title: Documentation of Oral Tradition

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20	Tishwan Madan	2401028		FYBA	Madan
21	Diya Gauddekar	Faculty	Konkani	—	Gauddekar
22	Pruthvi Aleik	Faculty	Konkani	—	Aleik
23	Vidya Batekar	Faculty	Psychology	—	Batekar
24	Sonal Helamkar	Faculty	Marathi	—	Helamkar
25	Dr. Prajakta R. Parab	Faculty	Chemistry	—	Parab
26	Dr. Sushama Dessai	—	Microbiology	—	Dessai
27	Dr. Sushanta Sapla	"	Microbiology	—	Sapla
28	Sneha Shet	"	English	—	Shet
29	Mrs. Vidisha V. Naik	"	Commerce	—	Naik
30	Anap V. Shrivastava	SYBCom	"	—	Shrivastava

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7	Ms. Anjali K. Pandit			Faculty (Psychology)	Pandit
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9	Prof. H. S. Sawant				Sawant
10	Dr. Prakash S. Baienkar				Baienkar
11	Sorcha Sabnis			Faculty	Sabnis
12	Maria Rodriguez			Faculty	Rodriguez
13	Deepali Sutar			Faculty	Sutar
14	P. Semant			Faculty	Semant
15	V. N. Gaothkar			Faculty	Gaothkar
16	Dr. Rakesh Mordekar			Faculty	Mordekar
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18	Pavesh Chodankar			Gen. Sec. Faculty	Chodankar
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20	Zila Gaonkar				Gaonkar
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25	Pratishtha Grewas	2403047		"	Grewas
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18	Suprati Subhash Desai	-	201902309	M.A Hindi	Desai
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22	Dr. Sapana Pelapkar			Faculty	Pelapkar
23	Dr. Jyoti Dnyes			Faculty	Dnyes
24	Dr. Shambhu Saktharam Parab	-	-	Security	Parab
25	IMRAN KHAN	-	-	Security	Imran
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3	Mrs. Anita Gaonkar	Faculty	PG-Geog.	-	Gaonkar
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5	Anila Chavan	2401032	PGBA		Chavan
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9	Dr. Beena Venkatesh	Faculty			Venkatesh
10	Priya Parab	Ph.D. Research Scholar Women's Studies Goe University			Parab
11	Dr. Jyoti Dnyes	Faculty			Dnyes
12	Oscar de Noronha	Faculty			Noronha
13	Kiran S. Patil	Faculty			Patil
14	Swajata Kamble	Ph.D. JRF			Kamble
15	Pratibha Parab				Parab
16	Shraddha Narvekar	Faculty	Electronics	-	Narvekar

## Photos



***Prof. Anvita Abbi delivering her lecture***



***Students and faculties attentively listening to Prof. Anvita Abbi's lecture***





***Participants asking their questions to Prof. Anvita Abbi***



***Group Photo with Prof. Anvita Abbi, College Principal, Faculty members and students of the College***

Signature: *For Hallway*

Name of coordinator: Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Vazrikar  
 Designation: HOD, Department of Konkani,  
 Govt. College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Khandola.  
 Date: 24th January, 2025



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