

Goa University

Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

Report on Lecture Series

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Lecture Series on : An Introduction to the Fado
2. Date and Time	24 th February 2025 to 03 rd March 2025 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	Portuguese and Lusophone Studies Programme, Shenoï Goembab School of Language and Literature.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	1
8. Number of Student attended / participated	5
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	4

10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To highlight the importance of promoting the Fado. - To emphasize its integration into the broader context of world music. - To offer a series of lectures to students and the general public, ensuring wider participation and appreciation of fado.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	<p>This lecture series gave the students a comprehensive understanding of the Fado, including its origins, development in Portugal and Goa, and its various types, styles, and themes. Students were able to explore the musical instruments traditionally associated with the Fado. They also learnt about the contributions of significant 'fadistas' (Fado singers). Practical sessions offered professional singing practice of the Lisbon style of Fado, accompanied by a professional musician.</p>
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>By the end of this series of lectures, students were able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the history, development, and global significance of the Fado, along with its key elements - perform one Fado in its distinct style - demonstrate proper pronunciation, style, interpretation, and comprehension of the lyrics.
13. Enclosures with report	<p>Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.</p>

Bio Data

Sonia Shirsat is an acclaimed Fado singer from Goa, often referred to as India's foremost Fadista. Born in Ponda, Goa, she has become a prominent figure in the Fado music genre, which is a traditional form of Portuguese music. Sonia holds degrees in law from VM Salgaocar College of Law and has taught law for four years. Despite her legal background, her passion for music, particularly Fado, led her to pursue a career in singing.

Her journey into Fado began when she met the Portuguese guitarist Antonio Chainho, who recognized her potential and encouraged her to learn and perform Fado. This meeting was a turning point, and Sonia subsequently trained in Portugal, gaining valuable experience performing in Fado houses and concerts.

Sonia has performed Fado in 14 languages and is known for her efforts to popularize this genre in India. She has taught Fado to over 300 students through her project "Fado de Goa," initiated in collaboration with the Taj Hotels. Sonia's contributions have significantly raised the profile of Fado in Goa and beyond, making her a pivotal figure in the preservation and promotion of this music form.

Poster



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lectures series by

Ms. Sonia Shirsat

From 24th Feb to 3rd March, 2025



- » **Monday 24/02/2025 at 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**
Session 1 : Fado; it's origin
- » **Tuesday 25/02/2025 at 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**
Session 2 : Types and Styles
- » **Thursday 27/02/2025 at 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**
Session 3 : Amalia, the Queen
- » **Friday 28/02/2025 at 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**
Session 4 : Tha Journey of the Fado
- » **Monday 3/03/2025 at 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**
Session 5 : The genre



D- VRPP, Seminar Hall, Directorate Building Block D Goa University

Lecture series Co-Ordinator : **Ms. Loraine Ethel Barreto Alberto**

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Attendance Sheet

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Event : Lecture Series on topic -An Introduction to the Fado					
Speaker :Mrs. Soniya Shirsat					
Date : 24.2.2025					
Time : 2.30 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.					
Venue : D-VRPP Seminar Hall.					
Sr.No	Name of	Student/General Public	Institution/Organization	Email/Contact No.	Signature
1	D'Mello Aren, Noronha	Student	M.A. Portuguese	9146610564	Aren
2	LEAXAN FREITAS	General Public	Interest in Music	9008940767	Leaxan
3	Dr. Parikash Parvate	Teacher	Goa University	8390303546	Parikash
4	LORAINÉ ALBERTO	FACULTY	GOA UNIVERSITY	9881280480	Loraine
5	Tanushree Rai	Student	Goa University	7888351109	Tanushree
6	Parvash Chelankar	GU Staff	Goa University	9518355258	Parvash
Topic: Fado; Types and Styles					
Date: 25/02/2025					
Sr. No.	Name	Student /Gen. Public	Institution	Email /Contact	Sign
1	Aren D'Mello Noronha	Student	M.A. Portuguese	9146610564	Aren
2	Saunkaa Verlekar	student	B.A. Portuguese	9765435328	Saunkaa
3	Tanushree Rai	Student	BA Port. Goa Univ	7888351109	Tanushree
4	Sudhir Kumar	Student	BA Port. Goa Univ	7352177056	Sudhir
5	AXEL DSOUZA	Gen Public		9637443666	Axel
6	Nigel Britto	Gen public	-	9422443382	Nigel
7	LEAXAN FREITAS	Gen public	-	9008940767	Leaxan
8	Atish Kumar	Student	BA. Portuguese	8521753176	Atish
Topic : Amélia, the Queen					
Date : 27/02/2025					
Sr No.	Name	Student /Gen. Public	Institution	Email /Contact	Sign
1	Aren D'Mello Noronha	Student	M.A Portuguese	9146610564	Aren
2	AXEL DSOUZA	Gen. Public		9637443666	Axel
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4	LEAXAN FREITAS	Gen Public	-	9008940767	Leaxan
5	ATISH KUMAR	Student	BA (Portuguese)	8521333176	Atish

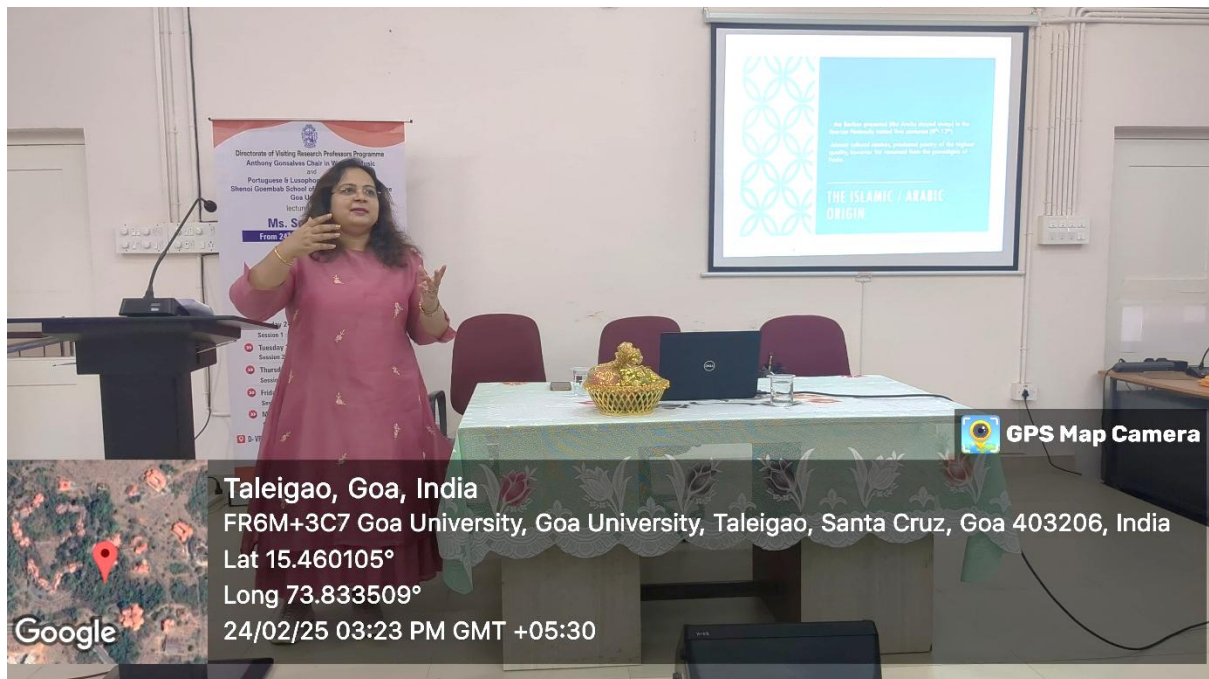
Photos



VRPP Director welcoming Ms. Sonia Shirsat in his welcome speech



VRPP Director Felicitating Ms. Sonia Shirsat with a basket of fruits



Ms. Sonia Shirsat delivering her Lecture



Ms. Sonia Shirsat delivering her Lecture



Distribution of Certificates to all the participants



Participants attentively listening to Ms. Sonia Shirsat's Lecture



Group photo with Visiting Professor Ms Sonia Shirsat, Lecture Coordinator Ms Loraine Alberto and all the participants



Signature: *L. Alberto*

Name of coordinator: Ms. Loraine Alberto

Designation: Asst. Professor

Date: 03rd March 2025

Signature: *[Signature]*

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