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Report of Workshop on

Dissertation- A Multipurpose tool: It's Design and Management

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	<i>Dissertation- A Multipurpose tool: It's Design and Management</i>
2. Date and Time	14 th August 2025, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	No
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Prof. M. K. Janarthanam Chairperson, Goa State Research Foundation Former Senior Professor, Botany, Goa University Former Acting Vice-Chancellor Goa University (2021) Ph.D., Bharathiar University Expertise: Plant Taxonomy, Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity Publications: 85–88 papers; significant citations Academic Ranking: Top Plant Science influencer at university/national level
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	12
8. Number of Student attended / participated	42
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	-

<p>10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.To equip students with the foundational skills and insights requisite for initiating and refining the process of moulding their dissertations, 2. To guide students to develop mechanisms for formulating research objectives, frame research questions and hypotheses and design suitable conceptual or theoretical frameworks 3. To provide crucial insights into the pivotal role of literature review in identifying potential research gaps 4. To address the practical considerations of research methodology, feasibility, ethical concerns and resource management.
<p>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>A research workshop on the theme <i>Dissertation- A Multipurpose tool: It's Design and Management</i> was held on 14th August 2025 from 10 am to 1 pm for the students of LLM and Public Administration at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy. The resource person for the workshop, Prof. M K Janarthanam, Chairperson, GSRF was welcomed with a memento by Sr. Prof. Rajendra S. Gad, Dean, MPSLGPP. In his welcome remarks, Sr. Prof. Gad highlighted the significance of learning approach in the conduct of research.</p> <p>In the course of the workshop, Prof. M. K. Janarthanam, emphasized the significance of research as a lifelong academic and professional endeavor, extending beyond the mere fulfillment of degree requirements. Prof. Janarthanam highlighted the multifaceted value of dissertations, including contributions to knowledge, skill development, academic and professional advancement, and personal growth. He underscored the importance of systematic planning, positive mindset, perseverance, and effective time management in the research process. Critical elements such as topic selection, feasibility, proposal design, literature review, methodology, ethical data management, and scholarly writing were discussed in detail. The speaker stressed the centrality of skill acquisition—aligned with NEP 2020—and the necessity of publishing research findings.</p> <p>Key challenges such as data collection and plagiarism were addressed, with practical strategies suggested: daily paper reading, summarization for subject expertise, and consistent engagement with supervisors and peers. Prof. Janarthanam elaborated on structuring dissertations, emphasizing clarity in objectives, methodology, and presentation of results, with attention to tables, graphs, legends, and APA referencing. The distinction between</p>

	<p>conclusions, summaries, and abstracts was also clarified.</p> <p>He reflected on the role of Artificial Intelligence in research, cautioning against overreliance while acknowledging its potential to refine ideas. Additionally, he encouraged students to utilize open-source resources, Google Scholar, and professional networking to enhance research quality. Ultimately, the session positioned dissertation writing as both a scholarly pursuit and a practical tool for academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development.</p>
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>At the end of the Workshop, students were able to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehend and articulate a well-defined research problem relevant to their field of study, 2. Attain a lucid understanding of drafting clear research objectives, questions and hypotheses, 3. Understand the essentials of literature reviews and identify research gaps, 4. Develop a draft conceptual and/or theoretical framework for their dissertation, 5. Assess feasibility of their proposed study in terms of resources, ethics, and time frame.
13. Enclosures with report	Flyer, Photos, Registration Sheet.

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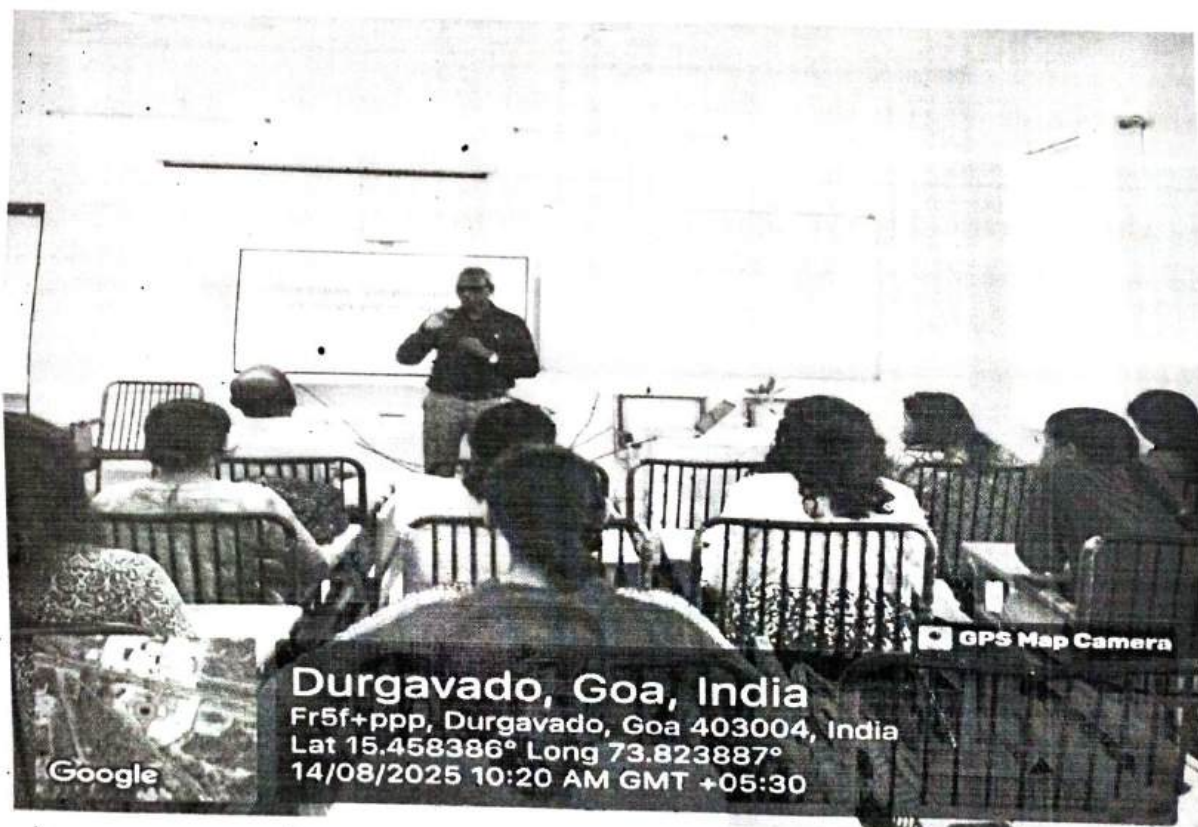

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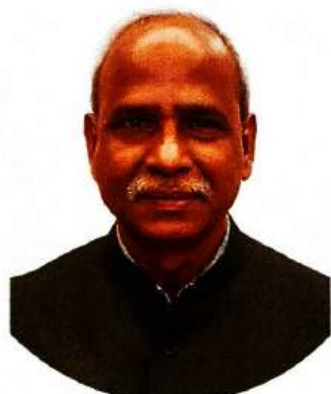




DISSERTATION – A MULTIPURPOSE TOOL: IT'S DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT



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14 August 2025



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Workshop: *Dissertation- A Multipurpose tool: It's Design and Management*

Resource Person: Professor M.K. Janarthanam, Chairperson, Goa State Research Foundation

Venue: MPSLGPP, Block G, Goa University

Date: - 14/8/2025

Time: - 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

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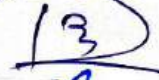





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