



Goa University

D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies

Social Work Programme

Report on Protect, Empower, Advocate: Workshop on Women's & Children's Safety and Rights

1. Title of the Event	Protect, Empower, Advocate: Workshop on Women's & Children's Safety and Rights
2. Date and Time	21st February 2025 11.30 AM – 1:00 PM
3. Mode of Conduct	Physical
4. School / Directorate/ Section	D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies (DDKSSBS), Goa University
5. Collaborating Agency	Cotigao Panchayat
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	<p>Ms. Sudiksha S. Naik, a seasoned Police Inspector, currently serves at the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Margao, and the Women & Child Protection Unit, Margao. A dedicated law enforcement officer, she has been at the forefront of crime prevention, women's safety, and child protection for over two decades.</p> <p>With a strong academic foundation in Organic Chemistry (BSc & MSc), Ms. Naik joined the Goa Police in 2002 as a Police Sub-Inspector. Over the</p>

	<p>years, she has served in Panaji Police Station, Crime Branch, Margao Town Police Station, Women & Child Protection Unit, and Dabolim Airport Immigration, before being promoted to Police Inspector in 2013.</p> <p>Her tenure as In-charge of the Women Police Station, Panaji (2015–2022) and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Margao (since 2022) has been marked by numerous successful investigations, securing convictions in crimes against women and children. She has led raids, rescued trafficking victims, and spearheaded multiple state-level initiatives for stakeholder training and awareness.</p> <p>A sought-after resource person in colleges, schools, and police training programs, she has conducted two State-Level Conferences on Human Trafficking and six specialized training programs on women’s safety for law enforcement.</p> <p>Her dedication has earned her commendation certificates, the Swabhimaan Award, and recognition from the Rotary Club of Miramar, Amodini Foundation, and various NGOs, solidifying her reputation as a tireless advocate for justice and empowerment.</p>
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	5
8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	13
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	37
10. Objectives of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To educate participants on legal frameworks and protection mechanisms related to women’s and children’s safety. • To raise awareness on advocacy strategies and

	<p>rights-based approaches for community empowerment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss the role of parents in child protection and online safety. • To encourage reporting of domestic violence for effective intervention and support.
11. Description of the Event	<p>The interactive workshop, held at Panchayat Hall, Cotigao, focused on women's and children's safety, rights, and protection mechanisms in collaboration with the Cotigao Panchayat.</p> <p>Ms. Sudiksha Naik, the resource person, covered various aspects of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, emphasizing the need to report violence either at the police station or to the Block Development Officer for timely intervention. She urged women to be brave and strong, rather than allow violence to be normalized in society.</p> <p>She also shed light on child abuse and online safety, stressing the critical role of parents in addressing abuse while ensuring children's rights are protected.</p> <p>On the occasion, the Sarpanch and Panch Member of Cotigao also spoke, reinforcing the importance of legal awareness and community action in ensuring safety and justice.</p> <p>The session concluded with an engaging Q&A discussion, where women shared their experiences and gained clarity on legal rights, reporting mechanisms, and support systems available.</p>
12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Awareness – Strengthened understanding of the Domestic Violence Act, child abuse laws, and online safety. • Empowered Community – Encouraged women to report violence and seek legal protection. • Collaborative Efforts – Reinforced partnerships between social workers, community members, law

	enforcement, and local governance.
13. Enclosures with report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Event Poster • Photos • Attendance Sheet



Mr. Keval Naik
Assistant Professor (Social Work)

Dean 
D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences
and Behavioural Studies

DEAN
D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences
& Behavioural Studies
Goa University
Seal of the School/Directorate/University
Goa - 403206

Date: 24th February 2025



SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME

D. D. Kosambi School
of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies
Goa University

RURAL CAMP 2025

*From Classroom to Community:
Empowering Change Together*

Protect, Empower, Advocate: Workshop on Women's & Children's Safety and Rights !

*Expert-led workshop focusing on legal frameworks,
protection mechanisms, and advocacy strategies to
ensure the safety, rights, and well-being of women
and children in society.*

Partner:

Women and Child Unit, South Goa,
Goa Police



Ms. Sudiksha Naik

Police Inspector, Women Police Station, South Goa



21st February 2025 | 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm



Panchayat Hall, Cotigao | **Target Audience:** Women from Cotigao

Prof. Ganesha Somayaji
Dean, DDKSSBS

Ms. Prachi Prabhu
PD, SWP

Mr. Peter F. Borges
Event Coordinator





RURAL CAMP - 2025

WORKSHOP ON 'Women's Rights' by PI Sudiksha Naik

Date: 21/02/25

place: Coligao wiktup

Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Samahang, village pangayot

Sl	Name	Sign	Clom/Designation
1	Manjima Chandunni		MSW-I
2	Gratima Tiwasji		MSW-I
3	Teeda Vaz		MSW-I
4	Venu Gopal Shetgaonkar		MSW-I
5	Nandini S. Dessai		MSW-I
6	Rutika Mandhoker		MSW-I
7	Jilomina Fernandes		MSW-I
8	Rudra S. Gaonkar		MSW-I
9	Babaji Gaudade		MSW-I
10	Sanyu Shirodkar		MSW-I
11	Peter F. Kays		Faculty
12	Alisha Nias		Faculty
13	Pooja Phadte		MSW-I
14	Bhizendra V. Chavrisia		MSW-II
15	Vishal Kulamati Singh		MSW-I
16	Narayan Gaonkar		village member
17	Sumesh Gaonkar		village member
18	Pranali Gaonkar		MSW-II
19	Pratiksha Bhandari		MSW-II
20	Suchita B. Gawas		LAC-971
21	Swati Desai		LAC
22	Sagita Gaonkar		village member
23	Suchita Gaonkar		"
24	Rutika Gaonkar		"
25	Mog Gaonkar		"
26	Pratiksha Gaonkar		"
27	Amrita Gaonkar		"
28	Sonika Gaonkar		"
29	Nalini A. Apte Gaonkar		"
30	Karishma Awarde Velip		"
31	Rishma Awarde Velip		"

	Sign	Clom/Designation
32 Shanda Velip		village member
33 Jagita Velip		"
34 Pratiksha Prabakaran Gaonkar		"
35 Karpali Gaonkar		"
36 Nayan Gaonkar		"
37 Sarvanya Gaonkar		"
38 Dr. Kajal Kwanker		Faculty
39 Keral Naik		Faculty
40 Khunda Velip		Village Member
41 Sharada Velip		Village Secretary
42 Prachi Prabhu		Faculty