



Goa University

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

Social Work Programme

Report on Roots & Realities: Workshop on Understanding Tribal Life

1. Title of the Event	Roots & Realities: Workshop on Understanding Tribal Life
2. Date and Time	21st February 2025 2.30 PM – 5:00 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	Not Applicable
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Mr. Devidas Gaonkar is a renowned local news reporter and tribal researcher known for his in-depth coverage of indigenous communities in Goa. His work focuses on highlighting the rich cultural heritage and contemporary challenges of tribal groups, ensuring that their voices are heard and their stories are told with accuracy and respect. Mr. Gaonkar's dedication to fostering understanding between tribal communities and the wider society has made him a trusted and influential figure in both journalism and tribal research.

7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	5
8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	13
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	Not Applicable
10. Objectives of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the socio-cultural and economic aspects of tribal life. • To explore the customs, traditions, and evolution of Goa's indigenous communities. • To gain firsthand insights into the challenges faced by tribal groups in contemporary society.
11. Description of the Event	<p>The workshop on tribal life was an immersive field-based session, where Mr. Devidas Gaonkar guided participants to a tribal hamlet in Cotigao, a central meeting space for the community.</p> <p>During the session, he provided an in-depth understanding of the three major tribal communities in Goa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Velip – Known for their agriculture, forest-based lifestyle, and cultural heritage. • Gawda – The largest tribal group, rich in oral traditions, folk music, and traditional crafts. • Kunbi – One of Goa's earliest settlers, recognized for their unique dance forms, traditional attire, and agrarian livelihood. <p>Mr. Gaonkar also spoke about the living conditions of tribal communities, how they have evolved over the years, and the challenges they face in preserving their identity and cultural heritage. The discussion covered aspects of their social structure, governance systems, and belief systems that continue to shape their way of life.</p> <p>The session was highly interactive, with students</p>

	engaging in discussions about tribal rights, government policies, and ways to support indigenous communities through social work interventions.
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 • Geo Tagged Photos • Attendance Sheet



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*From Classroom to Community:
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Roots & Realities: Workshop on Understanding Tribal Life

An immersive workshop exploring tribal culture, traditions, and challenges, fostering deeper understanding, respect, and engagement with indigenous communities.



Mr. Devidas Gaonkar

Local News Reporter and Tribal Researcher



21st February 2025 | 10.00 am -12.00 pm



Tribal Hamlets, Cotigao

Prof. Ganesha Somayaji
Dean, DDKSSBS

Ms. Prachi Prabhu
PD, SWP

Dr. Kajal Rivankar
Event Coordinator



RURAL CAMP - 2025

WORKSHOP ON 'UNDERSTANDING TRIBAL LIFE' by

Shri. Denidas Gaontak

Time:

Date: 21/02/25

place: Cotigao
village panchayat

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2	Nandini Dessai	Nandini	"
3	Ratika Mandrekar	RM	"
4	Fareeda Vaz	Fareeda	"
5	Vishal Kumar Singh	Vishal	"
6	Prachi Babaj Gawade	Babaj	MSW-I
7	Pooja Phadte	Pooja	MSW-I
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