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The syllabus of the Goa University–Admission Ranking Test (GU-ART) for **Master of Social Work** Programme, approved by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 24th & 25th November 2025 is attached.

The Dean/Vice-Dean (Academic) of the D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies and the Principals of all the affiliated Colleges are requested to take note of the above and bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of all concerned, including students aspiring to pursue the Master's Programmes.

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SYLLABUS FOR GOA UNIVERSITY-ADMISSIONS RANKING TEST (GU-ART) FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME

Effective from AY: 2026-2027

Modules	Content
	Social Problems and Social Inequalities
Module 1:	• Poverty & Unemployment: types, causes, vulnerable groups, government programs. • Inequality: caste, class, religion, region, digital divide, inequality in education, health, and work. • Gender Issues: patriarchy, trafficking, women's health, • Disability & Exclusion: disability types, barriers, inclusion, accessibility, schemes. • Vulnerable Groups: migrants, the elderly, minorities, LGBTQIA+, and informal workers. • Substance Abuse & Crime: causes, consequences, juvenile delinquency. • Environmental Problems: pollution, climate change, waste, deforestation.
	Social Movements in India
Module 2:	• Women's movement • Dalit movement, • Tribal Movements, • LGBTQIA+ Movements, • Disability rights, • Environmental movements.
Module 3:	**Global Interventions for Social Issues, SDGs and Government Schemes**
	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): themes and relevance to India. **Global Institutions & Frameworks:**

	• **United Nations (UN)** – global governance on human rights, development, peace • **UNICEF** – child rights, child protection • **UNFPA** – reproductive health, gender equality • **WHO** – global health governance and disease prevention • **UN Women** – gender empowerment and anti-violence measures • **ILO (International Labour Organization)** – labour rights, decent work standards **Key Global Conventions & Instruments:** • Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) • Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) • Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) • CEDAW – Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women **Government Schemes (State and Central) in India** • Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) • POSHAN Abhiyaan • Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) • Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) • National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) • National Health Mission (NHM) • Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) • Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) • Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) • Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)
Module 4:	**Contemporary Issues in Goa** • Tourism and Its Socio-Economic Impact • Mining and Its Consequences • Coastal & Marine Environmental Concerns • Migration and Demographic Change • Public Health and Social Issues • Livelihood & Economic Concerns • Youth Issues in Goa – Unemployment, Substance Abuse
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