

## Goa University

### Discipline of English, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature in collaboration with Public Relations Section, Goa University.


#### Report on Guest Lecture: *Goan Identity and Cultural Heritage* in commemoration of Opinion Poll Day /Asmitai Dis

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Guest Lecture: <i>Goan Identity and Cultural Heritage</i> .
2. Date and Time	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 2.30 p.m. -3.30 p.m.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Discipline of English, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature.
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	Public Relations Section, Goa University
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Prof. Seema P. Salgaonkar is the Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Political Science at the Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola, Goa. She has over three decades of teaching experience at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and currently serves as the Zonal Secretary of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA). A distinguished scholar in Goan Studies, she has authored three acclaimed books on Goa, the most recent being, <i>Goa @ Sixty: Transition of Goa Post Liberation</i> (2023). A certified facilitator trained in leadership at reputed institutions such as Infosys and the Indian School of Business, she regularly lends her scholarly expertise on Goan socio-political affairs through Goa Doordarshan and other media platforms. She was felicitated by the Women's Wing of GCCI Panaji for her contribution towards women empowerment, and featured




	in Business Goa in 'Lady Power', February Issue, 2024.
<b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	7
<b>8. Number of Student attended / participated</b>	33
<b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	NIL
<b>10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To create awareness among students about the historical significance of the Opinion Poll Day and its role in shaping Goan identity (<i>Asmitai</i>)</li> <li>2. To explore Goan identity and cultural heritage in the context of contemporary social, political, and cultural realities.</li> </ol>
<b>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</b>	<p>The Discipline of English in collaboration with the Public Relations section Goa University organised a Guest Lecture on <i>Goan Identity and Cultural Heritage</i>.</p> <p>The guest speaker highlighted the significance of identity by exploring the various nuances of the concept in the Goan context. She presented a brief history of the Opinion Poll, underscoring its importance and the status it accorded to the Konkani language. The lecture also addressed the contemporary relevance of Goan identity, with particular reference to Goan folklore, festivals, and their syncretic nature, as well as traditional occupations, highlighting how these occupations are deeply rooted in the land, community life, and cultural practices that collectively shape the Goan way of life.</p> <p>The session was enriched with lively illustrations drawn from cultural practices such as the worship of ancestors and guardian spirits. In addition, the guest speaker reflected on the challenges to Goan identity, including migration, language concerns, caste divisions, tensions between development and the preservation of native ethos, and the need for committed leadership.</p>
<b>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The activity enhanced students' awareness and appreciation of Goa's historical legacy, particularly the</li> </ol>

	<p>significance of Opinion Poll Day in the formation of Goan identity (<i>Asmitai</i>).</p> <p>2. It encouraged students to critically engage with contemporary social, political, and cultural issues, enabling them to relate Goa's cultural heritage to present-day realities.</p>
<b>13. Enclosures with report</b>	Flyer, Geo-tag photos, Attendance of the participants, Bio Data of resource person

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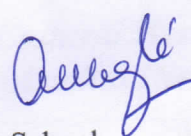
Name of convenors: Dr. Sangeeta Dessai

Designation: Assistant Professor.

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Name of convenor: Dr. Anjali Chaubey.

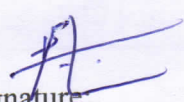
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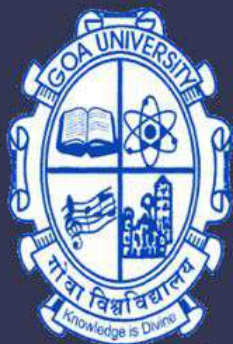
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Assistant Registrar (Public Relations)

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**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR  
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organises

## Guest Lecture in commemoration of “GOA’S OPINION POLL DAY/ ASMITAI DIS”



Guest Speaker:

**Prof. Seema  
Salgaonkar**

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16 January, 2026



02:30 p.m.– 03:30 p.m.



BG–39, Faculty Block B,  
SGSLL, Goa University

## Topic: Goan Identity and Cultural Heritage

Prof. Anuradha Wagle  
Dean (Shenoi Goembab School  
of Languages and Literature)

Convenors: Dr. Sangeeta Dessai  
Dr. Anjali Chaubey

Ms. Poorwa Naik  
Programme Director, M.A. English

Mr. Shashikant Morajkar  
Assistant Registrar (PR)

Ms. Nandini Bhardwaj  
(student coordinator)

## PHOTOS OF THE EVENT



The speaker Prof. Seema Salgaonkar delivering talk the topic “Goan Identity and Cultural Heritage



Prof. Nina Caldeira presenting the token of appreciation to the speaker





Ms. Kajal Naik M.A part 1 student compering the event on the *Asmitai Dis*



Ms. Nandini Bharadwaj research scholar Discipline of English proposing the vote of thanks.

Goa University  
Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature  
Discipline of English

**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**Guest Lecture: Goa Identity and Cultural Heritage on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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Sr. No.	Name	Affiliation	Signature
1	Sveiny Rodrigues	SGSLL	<i>Sveiny</i>
2	Neshanti Matgaonkar	SGSLL	<i>Neshanti</i>
3	Anisha Sonia Mendonca	SGSLL	<i>ANISHA</i>
4	Leona Saviona Lobo	SGSLL	<i>Leona</i>
5	Andrisha Martins	SGSLL	<i>Andrisha</i>
6	Mihir Manoj Chopdekar	SGLL	<i>Chopdekar</i>
7	Satyam Rudan Rastkar	SGLL	<i>Rastkar</i>
8	Sakshi Uday Gawandi	SGLL	<i>Gawandi</i>
9	Amisha Anant Chopdekar	SGSLL	<i>Amisha</i>
10	Mitchell D'Costa	SGSLL	<i>D'Costa</i>
11	Sonia Kumari	SGSLL	<i>Kumari</i>
12	Bounilda A. Andrade	SGSLL	<i>And</i>
13	Aeschylus L Martins	SGSLL	<i>Martins</i>
14	Shaina Dhulapkar	Asst. Prof. SGSLL	<i>Shaina</i>
15	Jane Maryann D'Souza	SGSLL	<i>D'Souza</i>
16	Shaheena Shaikh	SGSLL	<i>Shaikh</i>
17	Chrystal Pinto	SGSLL	<i>Pinto</i>
18	Ragshree Das	SGSLL	<i>Das</i>
19	Kajal Naik	SGSLL	<i>K. Naik</i>
20	Iola Pinto	SGSLL	<i>I. Pinto</i>
21	Carmen Carina Mercia Miranda	SGSLL	<i>Miranda</i>
22	Larissa Kimberly Teles	SGSLL	<i>Teles</i>
23	Shalom De Melo	SGSLL	<i>De Melo</i>
24	Siya Yeshwant Naik	SGSLL	<i>Siya</i>
25	Isha Mahesh Naik	SGSLL	<i>Naik</i>

26	Shalini Rebelo	SGSLL	<u>shalini</u>
27	Tampti -S Bandekar	SGSLL	<u>Tampti</u>
28	Puratharni B Naik	SGSLL	<u>Purath</u>
29	AMREEN	SGSLL	<del>AMREEN</del>
30	Dolfena Simoes	SGSLL	<u>Simoes</u>
31	Shwarya	SGSLL	<u>Kad</u>
32	Sanjit	SGSLL	<u>SDR</u>
33	Megha	SGSLL	<u>Megha</u>
34	Nandini Bhargava	SGSLL	<u>Nandini</u>
35	Akash Khosle (Faculty)	SGSLL	<del>Akash</del>
36	Dr. Sanyukta Desai (Faculty)	SGSLL	<del>Dr. Sanyukta</del>
37	Runa Menezes	SGSLL	<u>Runa</u>
38	Poorva Naik (PD) English	SGSLL	<u>Poorva</u>
39	Prof. Numa Cardozo	SGSLL	<u>Numa</u>
40	Dr. Anjali Chaudhary	SGSLL	<u>Anjali</u>
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