



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

Social Work Programme

Report on Participatory Rural Appraisal Workshop

1. Title of the Event	Participatory Rural Appraisal: Mapping Rural Realities with People’s Voices
2. Date and Time	4th December 2025 2:30 PM – 4.30 PM
3. Mode of Conduct	Physical
4. School / Directorate/ Section	D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies (DDKSSSBS), Goa University
5. Collaborating Agency	Not Applicable
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Dr. Vasudha Sawaiker is a social work practitioner and academic with over five years of professional experience. She holds qualifications in Law from V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa University, and Social Work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, where she was awarded the prize for Best Student in Dalit and Tribal Social Work. A UGC-JRF awardee, she completed her PhD in Philosophy from Goa University in 2025. Her academic and professional work focuses on social work ethics, transformative pedagogy, and Phule-Ambedkarite thought, informed by her experience as a lawyer engaged in social justice and environmental advocacy.

7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	1
8. Number of Students Attended / Participated	10
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	0
10. Objectives of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce students to the concepts, principles, and tools of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA). • To develop practical skills in observation, participation, and facilitation. • To prepare students to effectively engage with communities using participatory approaches.
11. Description of the Event	<p>The Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) workshop was conducted as a practical learning exercise designed to familiarize students with participatory methods used in community-based social work practice. The session began with a short introductory video to stimulate discussion, followed by student reflections collected through a structured Google Form to capture initial learning expectations and understanding.</p> <p>Dr. Vasudha Sawaiker delivered a conceptual presentation explaining the principles, significance, and applications of PRA tools. The theoretical component was followed by a field-based experiential exercise in which students undertook a transect walk across the B Block campus area to observe the physical and social environment. This activity enabled participants to practice systematic observation and contextual analysis.</p> <p>Subsequently, students engaged in simulated PRA exercises, including participatory mapping using locally available</p>

	materials, group discussions, and a matrix ranking exercise to prioritize issues based on selected criteria. These activities allowed participants to experience firsthand how PRA tools are used to facilitate community participation, collective decision-making, and problem identification.
12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Developed practical skills in participatory methods such as transect walks, mapping, and matrix ranking. 2) Strengthened competencies in observation, communication, teamwork, and facilitation. 3) Enhanced understanding of community dynamics and local realities. 4) Promoted appreciation for indigenous knowledge and participatory decision-making processes. 5) Increased student confidence and preparedness to conduct PRA activities in real village settings.
13. Enclosures with report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copy of the Event Poster ● Photos ● Attendance sheet



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Date: 18th February 2026



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From Classroom to Community:
Empowering Change Together

Participatory Rural Appraisal

Mapping Rural Realities with People's Voices

Expert-led introduction to participatory methods that help students observe, map, and interpret village life through direct community involvement.



Dr. Vasudha Sawaiker
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Date:
December 4, 2025



Time:
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Venue:
AF-07 Classroom



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Faculty Incharge



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RURAL CAMP 2025

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Date - 04/12/2025

Time - 2:30 to 4:30 pm

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- 1) Afsana Athikatti
- 2) Aishwarya Gad
- 3) Sakshi Revodkar
- 4) Shara Dias
- 5) Mawya Chasi
- 6) Shanu Gawas
- 7) Syden Fernandes
- 8) Sujit Shetkar
- 9) Diya Sawant
- 10) Vaidehi Zarepkar

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