



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

**Social Work Programme**

**Report on Exploring Rural Health Care Services**

<b>1. Title of the Event</b>	<b>Exploring Rural Health Care Services</b>
<b>2. Date and Time</b>	8th December 2025   8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
<b>3. Mode of Conduct</b>	Physical
<b>4. School / Directorate/ Section</b>	D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies (DDKSSSBS), Goa University
<b>5. Collaborating Agency</b>	Primary Health Centre, Marcaim
<b>6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	3
<b>8. Number of Student Attended / Participated</b>	10
<b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	2
<b>10. Objectives of the Event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To understand the functioning and administrative structure of a Primary Health Centre in a rural setting.</li><li>• To examine the nature of rural healthcare</li></ul>

	<p>delivery systems and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify gaps, limitations, and operational challenges in rural health infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Description of the Event</b></p>	<p>A field visit to the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Marcaim, was organized as part of Rural Camp 2025 to provide students with experiential exposure to rural healthcare systems. The visit enabled participants to observe firsthand how public health services are delivered at the grassroots level. The PHC operates from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and serves surrounding areas through four sub-centres located in Kundaim, Veling, Priol, and Gaune. Preventive and promotive healthcare form a major component of its work, including regular vaccination drives conducted every Thursday for children, as well as implementation of national health programmes such as the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). Under this programme, health check-ups are carried out across multiple Anganwadi centres and schools in the region.</p> <p>Students learned about the infrastructure and facilities available at the PHC, including a fully equipped labour room, observation wards for male and female patients, and a functioning post-natal care ward. However, due to shortages of specialists and nursing staff, deliveries have not been conducted at the centre for several years. The PHC provides general medical services along with limited specialist services, primarily dental care, which caters to approximately 200 patients monthly. Other specialist consultations such as ophthalmology and</p>

	<p>Ayurveda are provided on scheduled days.</p> <p>The visit also highlighted infrastructural limitations, including the absence of diagnostic facilities such as X-ray and sonography. Emergency cases, including cardiac events, severe injuries, and high-risk conditions, are referred to Goa Medical College, Bambolim, or the ID Hospital, Ponda. The centre currently operates with a single ambulance. Participants were informed about recent improvements, including the appointment of additional contract nurses and plans for a new PHC building, which aim to strengthen service delivery.</p> <p>Overall, the visit provided a comprehensive understanding of both the strengths and constraints of rural healthcare systems, particularly the gap between available infrastructure and its practical utilization.</p>
<p><b>12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students gained practical knowledge of PHC operations, services, and administrative functioning.</li> <li>2) Developed an understanding of structural limitations and resource gaps in rural healthcare delivery.</li> <li>3) Strengthened the linkage between theoretical learning and real-world field exposure.</li> <li>4) Enhanced awareness of public health systems and referral mechanisms.</li> <li>5) Improved observational and analytical skills relevant to community health practice.</li> </ol>

<b>13. Enclosures with report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Copy of the Event Poster</li><li>● Photos</li><li>● Attendance sheet</li></ul>
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**RURAL CAMP 2025**  
**From Classroom to Community:**  
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## **Exploring Rural Healthcare Services: Visit to PHC**

A Practical Walk Into Clinics, Care Systems, and Community Health

*Practical immersion in rural health delivery, medical support systems, and public health functions to enrich field-based learning.*



**Date:**  
December 8, 2025



**Time:**  
8:30 AM- 10:00 AM



**Venue:**  
PHC, Marciam



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## RURAL CAMP 2023

Visit to primary health centre

Date - 08/12/2023

Time - 08:30 am to 10:00 am

- 1) Afsana Athikatti
- 2) Aishwarya Gad
- 3) Sakshi Revadkar
- 4) Shara Dias
- 5) Syden Fernandes
- 6) Mawya Chari
- 7) Sharu Gawar
- 8) Sujit Shetkar
- 9) Diya Sawant
- 10) Vaideti Zarakar.

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- 11) Keral Naik
- 12) Dr. Prachi Prabhu
- 13) Dr. Vandha Sawaiker

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