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

Social Work Programme

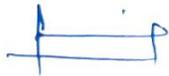
Report on Engaging with the Leadership of Peaceful Society: A Guided Exploration into Community Initiatives

1. Title of the Event	Engaging with the Leadership of Peaceful Society: A Guided Exploration into Community Initiatives
2. Date and Time	8th December 2025 2:30 PM – 3:30 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	Peaceful Society, Honsawado, Madkai, Ponda–Goa
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	<p>Shri Anant Pai is the In-charge and Secretary of Peaceful Society, a Gandhian voluntary organization engaged in community development and environmental conservation for over four decades. As the chief functionary of the organization, he oversees programme planning, administration, compliance, and implementation, while also representing the organization in legal, policy, and advocacy forums at the state and national levels.</p> <p>With extensive grassroots experience, Shri. Pai has been actively involved in significant social and environmental movements,</p>

	<p>including the historic Save the Western Ghats Movement (1987–88), Panchayati Raj capacity-building initiatives, river conservation networks, and campaigns against environmentally hazardous industrial projects. He has worked closely with tribal communities, farmers, and local governance institutions across Goa and several Indian states, contributing to sustainable development and self-reliance programmes such as Swaraj.</p> <p>Through his leadership, he continues to uphold Gandhian values of voluntary service, community participation, and ecological responsibility. His work reflects a deep understanding of NGO functioning, including funding mechanisms, legal frameworks, and the complexities of collaboration with government systems, making him a significant voice in grassroots social action and environmental advocacy.</p>
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	2
8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	10
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	1
10. Objectives of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide experiential learning on grassroots social action. • To understand the leadership structure and functioning of voluntary organizations. • To develop awareness of environmental issues and sustainable development practices
11. Description of the Event	The session titled Engaging with the Leadership of Peaceful Society: A Guided Exploration into Community Initiatives was

	<p>organized as an immersive learning experience aimed at strengthening students’ understanding of grassroots social action, Gandhian philosophy, and community-led development processes. The programme sought to provide participants with direct exposure to the functioning, mission, and long-term impact of a voluntary organization engaged in environmental conservation and democratic decentralisation.</p> <p>The session was conducted by Shri Anant Poi, who presented a comprehensive overview of the organization’s evolution, beginning with its roots in the Jayaprakash Narayan youth movement and its subsequent establishment and expansion in Goa and other regions of India. He highlighted key milestones, including participation in the Save the Western Ghats March (1987–88), Panchayati Raj capacity-building initiatives, Swaraj self-sustainability programmes, river conservation campaigns, and advocacy efforts against environmentally harmful industrial projects. He also discussed Peaceful Society’s engagement with marginalized communities and its continued commitment to voluntary action and Gandhian principles.</p> <p>The interaction provided participants with valuable insights into the realities of social development work, including challenges faced by voluntary organizations, funding dynamics, governance frameworks, and strategies for sustaining long-term community initiatives. By drawing from real-life experiences, the session enhanced students’ understanding of how social change is conceptualized, implemented, and sustained through participatory approaches and leadership grounded in community values.</p>
12. Benefit/Key	1) Developed deeper understanding of grassroots social

Outcomes of the Event	<p>action and community-led development.</p> <p>2) Provided practical exposure to NGO leadership, functioning, and programme implementation.</p> <p>3) Increased awareness of environmental sustainability and community development issues.</p> <p>4) Strengthened students' appreciation of participatory approaches and voluntary sector leadership.</p>
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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RURAL CAMP 2025

From Classroom to Community:
Empowering Change Together

Engaging with the Leadership of Peaceful Society

A Guided Exploration Into Community Initiatives of Peaceful Society

Practical immersion in Peaceful Society's mission, community-led initiatives, and developmental processes to enrich understanding of social action.



Shri Anant Pai
Incharge, Peaceful Society



Date:
December 8, 2025



Time:
2:30 PM- 3:30 PM



Venue:
Peaceful Society, Marclam



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Interaction With Shri Anant PAT

Date - 08/12/2025

Time - 02:30 pm to 03:30 pm

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

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