



## Goa University

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

#### Social Work Programme

#### Report on Visit to Navadurga Temple and Community Interaction

<b>1. Title of the Event</b>	<b>Visit to Navadurga Temple and Community Interaction</b>
<b>2. Date and Time</b>	11th December 2025   4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
<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>	Navadurga Temple Devasthan Committee, Marcaim
<b>6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)</b>	Mr. Gurudas Naik is a retired Public Works Department employee who currently serves as Secretary of the Navadurga Temple Devasthan Committee, Marcaim. He is actively involved in temple administration and community engagement, providing guidance on religious practices, temple history, and local cultural traditions. Through his role, he contributes to preserving the temple's heritage and facilitating community participation in religious and social activities.
<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>	1
<b>10. Objectives of the Event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the religious and cultural significance of Goddess Navadurga and the temple within village life.</li> <li>• To observe local worship practices, traditions, and rituals.</li> <li>• To examine the role of religious institutions as community spaces fostering unity and social interaction.</li> </ul>
<b>11. Description of the Event</b>	<p>As part of Rural Camp 2025 experiential learning activities, students visited the Navadurga Temple in Marcaim village to gain insights into the religious and cultural dimensions of rural community life. The visit enabled participants to observe the temple environment and understand its role in shaping the spiritual and social fabric of the community.</p> <p>During the visit, students witnessed devotees from different age groups participating in evening worship rituals such as offering prayers, lighting lamps, and ringing bells. The atmosphere reflected devotion, calmness, and collective participation, illustrating the temple's significance as a spiritual centre. Mr. Gurudas Naik, Secretary of the Devasthan Committee, provided an informative briefing on the history of Goddess Navadurga, local beliefs, and</p>

	<p>customary practices associated with temple worship. The interaction highlighted that the temple functions not only as a place of worship but also as an important social space where villagers gather, interact, and strengthen community bonds. The visit offered valuable exposure to the cultural and religious dimensions of rural life and enabled students to better understand the intersection of faith, tradition, and community cohesion.</p>
<p><b>12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Enhanced understanding of local religious traditions and cultural practices.</li> <li>2) Developed insight into the social role of religious institutions in rural communities.</li> <li>3) Increased appreciation of how faith-based spaces contribute to emotional well-being and collective unity.</li> <li>4) Strengthened students' cultural sensitivity and contextual understanding of community life.</li> </ol>
<p><b>13. Enclosures with report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Photos</li> <li>● Attendance sheet</li> </ul>

  
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Rural Camp 2025  
Visit to Temple.

Date: - 11/12/2025

Time: -

- 1) Afsana Athikatti
- 2) Aishwarya aad
- 3) Sakshi Kevodkar
- 4) Shara Dims
- 5) Syden Fenemels
- 6) Manya Chau
- 7) Shana Aawas
- 8) Syit Shetkar
- 9) Diya Sawant
- 10) Veidhi Zangkar

Afsana

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1. Keval Naik
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