

Clarification on misleading report titled:  
'One teacher for five students at Goa University' ToI news dated 7 Aug 2017

The Times of India in its Goa edition dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 has published an article titled; 'One teacher for five students at Goa University' that is factually incorrect.

The University would like to state the following facts and we hope the esteemed newspaper will take due note of the same and put in a correction for its readers.

Goa University presently has a sanctioned faculty strength of 191. Of these the current strength of permanent faculty is 112 which is little above half of sanctioned strength. The University runs 35 PG programmes from 27 departments with the total student strength above 2000 (2021 in 2016-17). Your paper has incorrectly reported that all the vacant positions are filled on temporary basis.

In 2016 GU appointed 38 teachers on contract to tide over the basic teaching needs. Therefore it is incorrect to state that all the vacant positions are filled on temporary posts. On the contrary, very few teachers are appointed every year.

If we were to add the permanent and temporary/contract teachers that gives a total of 150 teachers. A simple division of the total number of PG students (2000 +) by the number of teaches (150) would suggest that the number of student per teacher is about 13+ in the PG programme.

The University in addition has on average of 3 PhD students per permanent teacher on campus.

Therefore to state that the student teacher ratio is 5 per teacher is misleading – we hope that this would be corrected by your esteemed paper at the earliest.