

Goa University



Visiting Professors Research Programme

REPORT
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Visiting Chair Research Professors Programme

Goa University launched the Visiting Chair Research Professors Programme (VRPP) from 2013-14 to bring luminaries in the field of liberal arts & Literature, social and natural sciences, and other fields to the University. The visiting professors will interact with students, deliver lectures, offer courses, and work on collaborative research projects, or stimulate the creation of art installations and music performances with faculty and students. It is hoped that while blurring boundaries between traditional disciplines, the visiting professors will generate a creative environment in learning and contemporary knowledge production practices with their intellectual and aesthetic endeavors. The programme is being supported by Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Goa through generous grants.

The full list of Visiting Research Professors including the new appointments is as follows:

Ser#	VRPP Chair	Professor
1	DD Kosambi Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies	Madhav Gadgil
		Romila Thapar
		Sudhir Kakar
		Shahid Amin*
		Kumkum Roy*
2	Dayanand Bhandodkar Chair in Political Economy	Amit Bhaduri
		Satish Chandra
		Satish Deshpande*
3	Kavivarya Bakibaab Borkar Chair in Comparative Literature	Ashok Vajpeyi
		Nirmala Jain
		Jeet Thayil
		Uday Bhembre
		Githa Hariharan*
		Vrinda Nabar*
4	Mario Miranda Chair in Art, Fine Art	Orijit Sen
		Jyotindra Jain
		Vidya Dehejia
		Sheba Chaachhi
5	Anthony Gonsalves Chair in Western music	Santiago Lucardi Girelli
		Mark Troop

6	Nana Shirgaokar Chair in Indian Music	Shubha Mudgal
		Bahauddin Dagar
		Bombay Jayashri*
7	Sant Sohirobanath Ambiyee Chair	Bhalchandra Nemade

*- *Appointed from 2015-16*

VRPP – Salient features & achievements

- Internationally reputed personalities from India and abroad provide unique opportunity to Goans to interact.
- All courses/workshops/sessions are open to students as well as general public. Over 1500 participants during the first two year.
- Integrated into university's choice based curriculum as credit courses as well as available as electives in affiliated colleges.
- Courses/activities are organized not only at University but also in colleges affiliated to university and other locations in Goa benefitting PG/UG students and general public. Certificates are issued to all the participants who complete the course.
- A dedicated website to disseminate all information related to VRPP Programme and online registration facility for all courses.
- Goa University formed its own Western Music Choir and performed at prestigious festivals and places through efforts initiated due to VRPP Professors.
- Documentation of Goan culture, social practices.
- Infused the young researchers in Goa with new ideas by engaging in dialogues
- Brought back interest in liberal art, Indian and western classical music & Literature in the young minds

- Most of the sessions have been video graphed and made available on web or local intranet. This will serve as a source of knowledge in coming years.

List of activities/courses/workshops conducted under each chair

In its third year, various courses, events, workshops and performances were organized under each chair.

I. D D Kosambi Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies

1. Prof Madhav Gadgil: Interaction with school and villagers from 21/6 to 28/6, 21/7 to 28/7, 2/9 to 9/9 and 20/1 to 24/1/2016. Two workshops- Biodiversity and Mobile GIS and Konkani Wikipedia were held.
2. Prof Shahid Amin conducted a course from 2/12 to 19/12/2015
3. Prof Kumkum Roy conducted a course from 11th Jan to 15 January, 2016 .

II. Dayanand Bandodkar chair in Political Economy

1. Prof Amit Bhaduri : conducted a course from 26th July to 1st August, 2015 and interacted with research scholars
2. Prof Satish Deshpande conducted a workshop on “Castes Today” from 31st Jan to 21st February, 2016. Delivered public lectures at ICG, MES College, Govt College, Quepem, and Chowgule College, Margao. For resource persons also were invited as part of the workshop- Gopal Guru, V Geetha, Ramesh Bairy and K Sataynarayana

III. Kavivarya Bakibaab Borkar chair in Comparative Literature

1. Adv. Uday L. Bhembre taught four 4 credit courses for MA-Konkani at Goa University.
2. Geetha Hariharan conducted a course from 31st august to 15th September. Also delivered public lectures at IMB, ICG and Gomant Vidya Niketan, Margao.
3. Prof Vrinda Nabar conducted a course from 10th Jan to 22 Jan, 2016 and delivered public lecture at Goa University and ICG.
4. Seminar on Konkani poetry was held

IV. Mario Miranda chair in Art, Fine Art

1. Orijit Sen: conducted a Course on “Digging Deeper” from 5th September to 3rd October, 2015 at Govt College, Sanquelim.

V. Anthony Gonsalves Chair in Western music

1. Prof Santiago Girelli conducted 1 Credit courses from 23/7 to 21/8/2015 and 15/12 to 22/2/2016. Choir performances were held and participated in music festivals.

2. Mark Troop conducted a course at St Xavier's college, Mapusa from 1^{0th} to 1^{5th} January, 2016

VI. Nana Shirgaokar Chair in Indian Music

1. Smt Shubha Mudgal conducted a series of public lectures on "Iconic artistes of Indian classical Music " from 20/7 to 25/7/2015 at Sanskriti Bhavan, Hall, Patto, Panaji.
2. Smt Bombay Jayashri conducted a course on "Appreciation of Carnatic Music" from 6th July to 13th July, 2015

VII. Sant Sohirobanath Ambiye Chair in Sant Sahitya

1. Professor Bhalchandra Nemade was appointed for the year.
2. A seminar on sant Sahitya was conducted

VRPP Organizational Structure
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- Prof. N S Bhat,
- Shri. P.F.X. de Lima,
- Shri. Ranjit Hoskote

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