

**CHHATRAPATI SHAHU MAHARAJ 150TH JAYANTI AWARD FOR CHILD
PROTECTION AND YOUTH WELFARE FOR
PETER FLORIANO BORGES, ASST. PROFESSOR (SOCIAL WORK)**



Mr. Peter F. Borges, now Assistant Professor of Social Work at D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University, has been conferred the **Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj 150th Jayanti Award for Child Protection and Youth Welfare** by Prudent Media Network at the hands of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant. With over two decades of dedication to child protection and youth welfare, his leadership as Chairperson of the Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (2021-2024) led to significant advancements in child protection.

Key Achievements:

- **Goa State School Narcotics Policy:** Created a drug-free environment in schools with strict regulations and preventive measures.
- **Goa State School Child Protection Policy:** Enforced high standards of child safety to protect against abuse and neglect.
- **Guidelines for Conducting Bal Gram Sabhas:** Promoted child participation in local governance, empowering children to voice their concerns.
- **Guidelines for Preliminary Assessment Report under POCSO Rules, 2020:** Standardized sensitive handling of POCSO cases.
- **Recommendations for Preliminary Assessments of Juveniles under Juvenile Justice Act:** Enhanced the juvenile justice system for fair treatment of juveniles.
- **Code of Conduct for PE Teachers and Coaches:** Set ethical standards and guidelines to safeguard children in sports.
- **Advisory on POCSO Act Implementation:** Ensured educational staff are well-versed in child protection laws.

- **Bullying Guidelines for Schools:** Addressed bullying and cyberbullying to promote a supportive school environment.
- **Advisory on Infant Welfare:** Highlighted legal responsibilities for optimal infant care in healthcare facilities.
- **Public Advisory on Unlawful Adoption Practices:** Protected children from unlawful adoption practices.
- **Advisory for Safe Surrender of Infants:** Provided a safe framework for the surrender of infants.
- **Established and Formulated Guidelines for Prahari (Anti-Drugs) Clubs:** Promoted drug awareness and prevention in schools with 100% constitution of clubs and capacity building for primary prevention in school setting.

Mr. Borges is also the founder of the Human Touch Foundation, recognized nationally and internationally for its impactful programs. His contributions, specially work with children and adolescents living with HIV and substance abuse have earned him numerous accolades.

For more details on Mr. Peter F. Borges's achievements, please visit <https://www.unigoa.ac.in/faculty/peter-floriano-borges.html>

