

Goa University

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

Social Work Programme

Report on Interactive Session with Agency Supervisors on Social Work Fieldwork Practicum

1. Title of the Event	Report on Interactive Session with Agency Supervisors on Social Work Fieldwork Practicum		
2. Date and Time	17 July 2024, 10.00 am – 1.30 pm		
3. Mode of Conduct	Physical		
4. School / Directorate/ Section	D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Social Work Programme		
5. Collaborating Agency	Not Applicable		
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Not Applicable		
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	06		
8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	36		
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	24		

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10. Objectives of the Event	 To provide a comprehensive overview of the MSW Programme to agency supervisors. To emphasize the importance of high professional standards in Social Work practice. To ensure agency supervisors are well-informed about the guidelines and expectations related to fieldwork. To strengthen the collaborative 	
	partnership between the university and fieldwork agencies.5. To create a platform for discussing the	
	 alignment of educational and operational goals, clear communication, and feedback mechanisms. 6. To foster long-term, sustainable relationships with agencies that contribute significantly to the social work sector in Goa. 	
11. Description of the Event	The Social Work Programme of D.I. Kosambi School of Social Sciences an Behavioural Studies at Goa Universit organized an interactive session on 16 Jul 2024. Dean Prof. Ganesha Somaya welcomed participants, emphasizing Socia Work's unique one-to-one relationships. total of 18 agencies and 24 representative attended the session.	
	Prachi Prabhu, Programme Director, provided a comprehensive overview of the MSW programme, including detailed explanations of the syllabus, academic calendar, and available specializations. She emphasized the significance of fieldwork in the MSW curriculum and how it prepares students for real-world social work practice. Her presentation also covered the expectations from both students and agencies	

regarding fieldwork.
Peter Borges focused on the importance of maintaining high professional standards in Social Work. He discussed the role of skill- based training in preparing students for their future careers. Borges highlighted the ethical considerations and professional conduct expected from social work students during their fieldwork.
Dr. Kajal Rivankar provided detailed guidelines on fieldwork, including attendance requirements, documentation, and professional conduct. She stressed the importance of adhering to these guidelines to ensure a successful and productive fieldwork experience for students.
Part II students shared their fieldwork experiences, providing valuable insights into the practical aspects of the MSW programme. Their experiences highlighted the challenges and learning opportunities encountered during their placements, offering a real-world perspective to the agency representatives.
The session concluded with an interactive discussion between agency representatives and faculty members. This segment allowed for the exchange of ideas and suggestions to enhance the fieldwork experience for students. Agencies provided feedback on the current fieldwork practices and suggested improvements, such as better student introductions and increased awareness of counseling services.
The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prachi Prabhu, who expressed gratitude to all participants for their active involvement. She

	reiterated the importance of the agency- university partnership in providing effective training for social work students. The program was compered by Kushi Parab, a Part II student, who ensured the smooth flow of the event.		
12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event	• Enhanced Understanding: The session facilitated a mutual understanding of the MSW syllabus, fieldwork guidelines, and professional standards between Goa University's Social Work Programme and agency supervisors.		
	• Clarity and Collaboration: Agencies gained clarity on student placements, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and skill- based training. This clarity is crucial for ensuring that students are well- prepared for their fieldwork and can meet the expectations of their respective agencies.		
	• Feedback and Improvement: The sharing of experiences by students provided valuable feedback. Interactive discussions during the session led to actionable suggestions for improvement.		
	<i>Key suggestions included:</i> Improved student introductions at agencies to ensure smoother transitions.		
	Increased awareness of available counseling services to support students' mental health.		

	Exploration of collaborative projects, such as research on Self-Help Groups (SHGs), to provide practical research experience for students.
	 Strengthened Partnerships: The session reinforced the importance of strong partnerships between the university and participating agencies. These partnerships are essential for facilitating effective learning experiences for students. The session also highlighted the need for: Follow-up actions to ensure the continuous improvement of the fieldwork program. Adherence to guidelines for comprehensive student evaluations to maintain high standards in the MSW programme.
13. Enclosures with report	 Copy of Letters Geo-tagged photos Attendance of students /faculty/external participants

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Social Work Practicum for the MSW programme held at Goa University

The DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies at Goa University successfully held an interactive session with agency supervisors on the Social Work Practicum for the Master of Social Work (MSW) programme. The event took place at the university's conference hall and saw active participation from various social work agencies.

Dr Ganesha Somayaji, Dean of the school, delivered a warm welcome address, emphasizing the significance of collaboration in social work education. "We are delighted to host this interactive session, which serves as a vital platform for enhancing collaboration and understanding between our social work programme and the esteemed agencies providing fieldwork placements for our students. Today's session is an opportunity to align our educational goals with your operational objectives, ensuring a cohesive and impactful practicum experience. Your participation and insights are invaluable in fostering sustainable relationships that contribute significantly to the social work sector in Goa," Dr Somayaji stated.

Prachi Prabhu, the Programme Director, presented an overview of the Social Work Programme, highlighting its key components and the critical role it plays in shaping future social workers. Her presentation provided



a comprehensive understanding of the programme's objectives and the collaborative efforts required to achieve them.

Peter F Borges, assistant professor and Social Work Practicuum coordinator, outlined the key components of the Field Work Practicum and the roles and responsibilities of faculty and agency supervisors. His presentation emphasized the importance of collaboration in providing a comprehensive educational experience for MSW students.

Dr Kajal Rivankar, a faculty member, detailed the guidelines and expectations for fieldwork, including rules, regulations, and evaluation criteria. This session aimed to ensure clarity and alignment between the educational goals of the MSW programme and the operational goals of the agencies involved.

Students shared their experiences,

26/07/2024 | oHeraldo | Page : 10 Source : https://epaper.heraldgoa.in providing valuable insights into their fieldwork, which was followed by an interactive session led by Peter F Borges. This segment focused on discussing the expectations of fieldwork agencies, addressing challenges faced by agency supervisors, and facilitating a Q&A session to resolve any queries.

The programme was supported by faculty members Alisha Dias, Joycy Manlun, and Keval Naik, who played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

This interactive session was a significant step towards enhancing the collaboration between Goa University's Social Work programme and the agencies providing fieldwork placements. The event aimed to build sustainable relationships that contribute to the social work sector in Goa, fostering mutually beneficial partnerships for the future.

