



Goa University

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

Social Work Programme

Report on Field Visit to Goa State Forensic Laboratory, Goa Police, Verna, and Forensic Laboratory, National Forensic Science University, Goa Campus, Curti Ponda

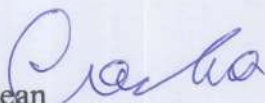
1. Title of the Event	Field Visit to Goa State Forensic Laboratory, Goa Police, Verna, and Forensic Laboratory, National Forensic Science University, Goa Campus, Curti Ponda
2. Date and Time	19th September 2024, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
3. Mode of Conduct	Physical
4. School / Directorate/ Section	D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Social Work Programme
5. Collaborating Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Goa State Forensic Laboratory, Goa Police, Verna2. National Forensic Science University, Goa Campus, Curti Ponda
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	7

8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	19
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	Not Applicable
10. Objectives of the Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide social work students with firsthand experience of forensic science in practice. 2. To enhance students' understanding of the role of forensic evidence in child protection and justice. 3. To develop skills in collaborating with forensic experts and understanding the legal frameworks involving children and youth. 4. To foster a multidisciplinary approach to child protection and welfare.
11. Description of the Event	<p>The day began with an introductory session at the Goa State Forensic Laboratory, where students received an overview of the role of forensic science in child protection cases. The forensic experts provided insights into how forensic evidence is collected, analyzed, and utilized in the investigation of crimes involving children. This session set the stage for the subsequent activities by highlighting the intersection between social work and forensic science.</p> <p>Following the introduction, students participated in a guided tour of the forensic laboratories. They observed demonstrations of various evidence collection and analysis techniques, including those related to cases of child abuse and neglect. The hands-on exposure helped students understand the meticulous processes involved in investigating crimes, emphasizing the importance of accuracy and precision in forensic work. This experience underscored the critical role of forensic science in</p>

	<p>building a case, from the initial collection of evidence to its presentation in court.</p> <p>In the afternoon, an interactive session was held with forensic experts. The discussions centered around real-life cases involving children, illustrating the pivotal role forensic evidence plays in achieving justice for young victims. The experts shared their experiences in handling sensitive cases, offering students a nuanced understanding of the complexities involved in forensic investigations. The session fostered a multidisciplinary approach, encouraging students to consider how social work practice can complement forensic science in advocating for child protection and justice.</p> <p>The visit concluded with a question-and-answer session, providing students an opportunity to clarify their understanding of forensic processes related to child protection. The session was highly interactive, with students actively engaging with the forensic experts, seeking guidance on how to apply their learning in social work practice.</p>
<p>12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Understanding of Forensic Science: Students gained a comprehensive understanding of the role of forensic science in child protection and justice, learning how forensic evidence is crucial in legal proceedings. • Practical Exposure: The hands-on experience provided students with a clearer understanding of evidence collection and analysis, bridging the gap between theory and practice. • Interdisciplinary Collaboration: The visit emphasized the importance of

	<p>collaboration between social workers and forensic experts, highlighting how different disciplines work together to protect children's rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill Development: The experience equipped students with knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of forensic processes, enhancing their ability to advocate effectively for children within the criminal justice system. • Informed Social Work Practice: By understanding forensic science's impact on child protection cases, students are now better prepared to engage in informed social work practices that support vulnerable populations.
<p>13. Enclosures with report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos • Attendance Sheet

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Cracking Cases: MSW Students Dive into the Forensic Science Behind Justice

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Panaji:Goa University's D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies organized a valuable field visit for MSW Part II students to the Goa State Forensic Laboratory, Goa Police, Verna, and the Forensic Laboratory at the National Forensic Science University (NFSU), Goa Campus, on 19th September 2024. This visit, accompanied by all faculty members and attended by 19 students, aimed to provide deeper insights into the role forensic science plays in both child protection and the broader criminal justice system. The purpose of the visit was to offer social work students hands-on experience with forensic practices, particularly in cases involving children and youth. Students gained firsthand exposure to critical forensic functions like evidence collection, forensic analysis, and how this evidence is applied in legal cases. These skills are vital for social workers, especially those involved in advocating for justice and supporting vulnerable populations. By observing the scientific methods used in real-life investigations, students were able to better understand how forensic science and social work intersect to ensure justice for all, including children. Throughout the day, students engaged in a series of activities, beginning with an introductory session that provided an overview of forensic science's role in the criminal justice system. This was followed by a guided tour of the forensic labs, where they observed demonstrations of evidence collection and analysis techniques. These

activities gave students a comprehensive look at the meticulous processes involved in investigating crimes, from fingerprint analysis to cyber forensics, all essential tools for solving serious crimes like robbery, murder, and those related to child abuse. An interactive session with forensic experts further enriched the learning experience, offering students the chance to discuss real-life cases involving children. The experts shared their experiences in dealing with complex cases, emphasizing the vital role forensic evidence plays in ensuring justice and protecting children's rights. These discussions helped students appreciate the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in social work, highlighting the need for collaboration between social workers and forensic professionals. The visit concluded with a question-and-answer session, where students were able to clarify their understanding of forensic processes and how they apply to the broader context of criminal justice, especially concerning child protection laws like the POCSO and Juvenile Justice Acts. This field visit provided an important educational experience, enhancing the students' theoretical knowledge while also giving them practical insights into how forensic science supports social work practice. It prepared the future social workers with the skills necessary to collaborate effectively with forensic experts, understand legal procedures, and advocate for the rights of children and youth in a more informed and impactful way.

MSW students explore world of forensic science

Staff Reporter

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The visit was coordinated by Assistant Professor Peter

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