

#### Goa University

# Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme Report on Lecture Series

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	How Prime Minister take Decisions
2. Date and Time	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	D.B. Bandodkar Chair in Political Economy
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	07
8. Number of Student attended / participated	58
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	02

10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The objective of the programme was to have a series a discussion on the book "How Prime Minister take Decision" authored and moderated by Ms. Neerja Chowdhuri herself. The students were expected to familiarize themselves with working of a particular Prime Minister during each session and discuss the same with the wider audience.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	The speaker spoke briefly about the book in each session which was followed by the student presentation on the working and major decision taken during the Prime Ministers tenure. This was followed by an interaction with the larger audience. The author also provided her own valuable inputs on the basis of her extensive experience in political reporting over the years by way of summarization.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The programme was of immense benefit to the students, faculty and members of the public who attended. The speaker and the author acted as an excellent facilitator of discussion on the very important themes in Indian Politics under successive Prime Ministers. The most beneficial outcome was that the students were directly involved in the discussion exercise which give them an excellent opportunity to express themselves and interact with the eminent resource person, known as one of the leading political commentators in India.
13. Enclosures with report	Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

#### **Bio Data**

Neerja Chowdhury is a renowned Indian journalist and political commentator, celebrated for her profound insights into Indian politics. With a career spanning several decades, she has become one of the most respected voices in political journalism in India.

Early Life and Education: Born into a family that valued education and public service, Neerja Chowdhury developed an early interest in politics and current affairs. She pursued higher education in political science and journalism, laying a solid foundation for her future career.

Career in Journalism: Chowdhury began her journalism career in the 1970s, quickly gaining a reputation for her fearless reporting and incisive analysis. She covered significant political events, including the Emergency period (1975-77), demonstrating her commitment to integrity and truth even under challenging circumstances. She has written for leading Indian newspapers such as The Indian Express, The Hindu, and The Economic Times, as well as international publications, offering nuanced perspectives on Indian politics to a global audience.

Political Analysis and Commentary: Known for her deep understanding of Indian electoral politics, governance, and policy-making, Chowdhury has covered numerous elections, providing valuable insights into political dynamics. Her ability to contextualize current events within broader historical and sociopolitical frameworks has made her a trusted source of information and analysis.

**Recognition and Contributions:** Throughout her career, Neerja Chowdhury has received numerous accolades for her contributions to journalism. She has been awarded prestigious fellowships and has shared her expertise at international conferences. Beyond her writing, she has mentored young journalists and advocated for press freedom and ethical journalism.

Legacy and Impact: Neerja Chowdhury's legacy is marked by her unwavering commitment to truth and insightful analysis. She has inspired many young journalists, particularly women, to pursue careers in journalism. Today, she continues to write and comment on political issues, her voice remaining influential and relevant in the ever-evolving landscape of Indian politics.



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# VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSORS PROGRAMME D.B. BANDODKAR CHAIR IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

#### "HOW PRIME MINISTERS TAKE DECISIONS"

A look at some of India's prime ministers and the politics of their period and how they contributed to the development of India.



#### LECTURE SESSIONS BY

AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST, COLUMNIST
AND POLITICAL COMMENTATOR

#### **NEERJA CHOWDHURY**



Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Goa University.



From 12.12.2023 to 15.12.2023.



2.30 PM to 5.00 PM

**Lecture Coordinator** 

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### Photos of Lecture series by Neerja Chowdhury

















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