



## Goa University

### Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature

#### Discipline of French and Francophone Studies


#### Report on Coolitude Meets Indianité: Postcolonial Kala Pani Writings in French

(Lecture to Commemorate India's Independence Day)

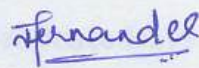
<b>Title of the Event/Activity/program</b>	Coolitude Meets Indianité: Postcolonial Kala Pani Writings in French
<b>Date and Time</b>	14th August, 2024 at 10.30 am
<b>Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)</b>	Physical
<b>School/ Directorate/ Section</b>	Discipline of French and Francophone Studies
<b>Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)</b>	Dr. Brinda J. Mehta, is an esteemed academic and a distinguished scholar in the fields of French and Francophone Studies, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, and African Studies. She currently holds the position of Germaine Thompson Professor of French and Francophone Studies at Mills College at Northeastern University, California. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the African Literature Association's Book of the Year Award and the Caribbean Philosophical Association's Frantz Fanon Prize.
<b>Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	7
<b>Number of Student attended / participated</b>	21
<b>No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	-

<p><b>The objectives of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<p>The primary objective of the event was to commemorate India's Independence Day by engaging in a cultural and academic reflection on the themes of freedom, identity, and cultural exchange through the lens of postcolonial literature.</p> <p>The event aimed to make students familiar with the topic of Kala Pani writings and the lesser-known narratives of indentured Indian laborers, as captured in postcolonial French literature.</p>
<p><b>Description of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<p>The Discipline of French and Francophone Studies at the Shenoji Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University, held a special event to commemorate India's Independence Day. The event, organized on August 14, 2024, featured an enlightening lecture titled "<i>Coolitude Meets Indianité: Postcolonial Kala Pani Writings in French</i>" by the esteemed academic, Prof. Brinda J. Mehta, Germaine Thompson Professor of French and Francophone Studies at Northeastern University, California. The event aimed to reflect on the spirit of freedom and cultural exchange, themes that are deeply intertwined with India's Independence Day.</p> <p>Prof. Mehta eloquently discussed the themes of identity, cultural assimilation, and resistance within these writings, emphasizing their significance in the broader context of postcolonial literature. The lecture concluded with a dynamic question-and-answer session, where attendees delved into thoughtful discussions.</p> <p>The event was organized by Dr. Irene Silveira and Ms. Jemima Fernandes.</p>
<p><b>Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<p>Participants gained a nuanced understanding of postcolonial Kala Pani writings - important but often overlooked narratives in mainstream</p>

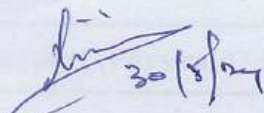
	academic discourse. The dynamic question-and-answer session further encouraged thoughtful discussions, allowing participants to critically engage with the themes of the lecture.
<b>Enclosures with report</b>	Poster, Geo-tag photos, Attendance Sheet, Bio Data of resource person


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Coordinator : Dr. Irene Silveira  
Designation: Assistant Professor

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Co-coordinator : Jemima Assunta Fernandes  
Designation: Assistant Professor

Signature :   
Dr. Irene Silveira  
Program Director, M.A. French

Signature   
Dean : Prof. Anuradha Wagle  
Seal of the School



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Enclosed :

1. Brochure



The brochure features a colorful background with a gradient from green to red. On the left is the Goa University logo, which includes a book, a lamp, and a building, with the motto 'Knowledge is Divine'. The text is centered and reads: 'GOA UNIVERSITY', 'Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature', 'Discipline of French and Francophone Studies', 'Independence Day Commemoration', 'Coolitude Meets Indianité:', 'Postcolonial Kala Pani Writings in French', 'Lecture by Prof. Brinda Mehta, Northeastern University, California', '14th August 2024 from 10:30 am to 11.30 am', 'Seminar Hall, Block-B, Goa University'. At the bottom, it lists three organizers: Prof. Anuradha Wagle (Dean), Dr. Irene Silveira (Event Co-ordinator), and Ms. Jemima Fernandes (Event Co-ordinator). There are two QR codes: one for Instagram with the text 'Follow us on Instagram' and one for registration with the text 'Scan to register'.

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Discipline of French and Francophone Studies

**Independence Day Commemoration**

***Coolitude Meets Indianité:***  
***Postcolonial Kala Pani Writings in French***

Lecture by  
**Prof. Brinda Mehta**  
Northeastern University, California

**14th August 2024 from 10:30 am to 11.30 am**  
**Seminar Hall, Block-B, Goa University**

Prof. Anuradha Wagle  
Dean

Dr. Irene Silveira  
Event Co-ordinator

Ms. Jemima Fernandes  
Event Co-ordinator

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2. Link to Social Media Post :

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### 3. Geotagged Photos :



Prof. Anuradha Wagle (Dean) delivering the Welcome Address and Dr. Irene Silveira (Co-ordinator) explaining the significance of 15th August.



Ms. Jemima Fernandes (Co-coordinator) introducing the Chief Guest



Prof. Brinda J. Mehta delivering the lecture



The participants



Question and Answer session



Prof. Brinda J. Mehta answering the questions



The comperes for the event - Rosell D'souza and Ishika Mandal





Group Photograph with the resource person Dr. Brinda J. Mehta and the participants.

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### EDUCATION

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- PhD Brown University, French Literature** April 1988  
Providence, Rhode Island  
Dissertation: *Corps infirme, corps infâme: la femme dans le roman balzacien*  
**Director:** Professor Naomi A. Schor
- MA University of Bombay, French Literature with Distinction** April 1982  
University of Bombay  
Bombay, India
- BA Elphinstone College, French Literature with Honor** April 1979  
Elphinstone College  
Bombay, India

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Mills College at Northeastern University, Oakland, California.** 2022-present
- Germaine Thompson Professor of French and Francophone Studies 2020-present  
Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
Affiliated Faculty at Northeastern University, Department of Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies  
Affiliated Faculty at Northeastern University, the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program  
Affiliated Faculty at Northeastern University, Africana Studies program
- Mills College, Oakland, California**
- Professor of French and Francophone Studies 2001-present  
Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies 1995-2001  
Assistant Professor of French and Francophone Studies 1992-1995  
Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 2016-present  
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Ethnic Studies 2016-present  
Affiliated Faculty, Graduate Division of Literature 1992-present

**BRINDA J. MEHTA, *Curriculum Vitae*****University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados**Associate Faculty, Center for Gender & Development Studies,  
MPhil and PhD programs

1992-present

**University of California, Berkeley**

Associate Faculty, Center for Race and Gender

2005-present

**Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida**

Assistant Professor of French

1988-1992

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION & RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Transnational feminist theory; postcolonial literature and theory; cultural and diaspora studies; decolonial thought; French and francophone studies; *migrITUDE* literature; psychoanalytic literary theory; Arab women writers from North Africa and the Middle East; South Asian diaspora feminist writing; migration and border studies; Indian Ocean literatures; 19<sup>th</sup> century French literature.



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Lecture on "Coolitude Meets Indianité: Postcolonial Kala Pani Writings in French" by Prof. Brinda Mehta

Date: 14th August 2024 | Venue : Seminar Hall Block -B | Time : 10.30 to 11.30 am

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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01.	Anthony Gomes	—	—	—
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06.	Jemima Assunta Fernandes	French Faculty	9130754128	
07.	Riyansh Kumar Gupta	TYBA french	9060270687	
08.	Neha	TYBA French	9812955981	
09.	Rishabh Raj	TYBA French	7979961377	
10.	Alpha RAMTEKE	TYBA French	7972366540	
11.	Reboni Araujo	FYBA FRENCH	8767447990	
12.	Kenneth Dsouza	FYBA FRENCH	8564075480	
13.	Feivel Coutinho	FYBA FRENCH	8669612455	
14.	Nathan Couto	FYBA FRENCH	4699157849	

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15.	Joann W Silva	F.Y. B.A. Portuguese	7028473123	
16.	Kaeden Pereira	FYBA French	9923462410	
17.	Dr. Natasha Gomes	French	7356755820	
18.	Monish Jaiswal	MA I French	6387848078	
19	Ashwinjay Kherstani	BA French	8957792790	
20	Kazia D'souza	MA Part II French	8080873297	
21	Sarena Coelho	MA Part II French	8668852213	
22	Gerianne George	MA Part II French	9075517115	
23.	Anthony Gonus	French	9637088639	
24	Kshama Dharwadkar	French	9550696845	
25	Nikita Ferreira	French	8698051391	
26	Rosell D'souza	"	9975910137	
27	Ishika Mandel	"	7620731204	
28.	Dr. Anitadha Wagle	Dean, SCSLL	982216592	

Dr. Irene Silveira -   
[Co-ordinator]

Ms. Jemina fernandes -   
[Co-coordinator]