



Goa University

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

Social Work Programme

Report on Children's Day Celebration with Children Battling Cancer

1. Title of the Event	Joyful Journeys: A Day of Smiles and Strength
2. Date and Time	24th November 2024 10:00 AM - 4:00 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	1. Medical Oncology Department, Goa Medical College 2. Novotel Hotels and Resorts, Candolim
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Not Applicable
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	5
8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	0
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	100 1. 35 children with cancer

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Caretakers, nurses, and doctors from the Oncology Department, Goa Medical College 3. Dean of the School and Faculty of the Social Work Programme, Goa University
<p>10. Objectives of the Event</p>	<p>The primary aim of this event was to offer a respite for children battling cancer and their families through a day filled with joy, fun, and positive memories. The event also provided an opportunity for social work students to engage in meaningful interactions with the children and their families, offering them a chance to develop practical skills while contributing to a significant cause. Specific objectives of the event included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To offer a memorable and enjoyable day for children with cancer, providing a space for relaxation and celebration away from the usual medical environment. 2. To provide hands-on learning experiences for social work students in the field of child-focused interventions and event organization. 3. To encourage empathy and understanding among social work students through direct engagement with children who are facing challenging health conditions. 4. To foster collaboration between academic institutions, healthcare providers, and community stakeholders to promote child well-being and mental health.
<p>11. Description of the Event</p>	<p>The event took place at Novotel Resorts and Hotel, Candolim, which was transformed into a haven of joy and laughter for the children battling cancer. The day began promptly at 10:00 AM with a warm welcome</p>

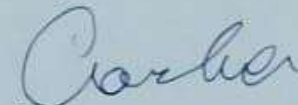
to all participants, followed by a series of thoughtfully designed activities to ensure every child enjoyed their day to the fullest.

- **Welcome and Icebreaker Activities:** The day kicked off with interactive icebreakers that helped the children feel at ease and excited for the upcoming events. Fun games and simple activities were organized to ensure a relaxed atmosphere and foster initial connections among the participants.
- **Interactive Performances:** The children were treated to performances designed to uplift their spirits. These included **music and dance**, which not only entertained but also brought joy and laughter.
- **Group Games:** The children participated in various team-based games, fostering a sense of camaraderie. These activities were designed to build connections between the children while providing them with a sense of normalcy and fun.
- **Special Lunch:** A special, nutritious lunch was arranged for all participants. The lunch provided the children with a moment of calm, with healthy and delicious meals being served to ensure their well-being during the day.
- **Closing Ceremony and Cake Cutting:** The day culminated in a heartfelt **closing ceremony** where a special **cake-cutting** event was organized to mark the joyous

	<p>occasion. The cake was cut by the children, faculty, and medical staff, symbolizing the shared celebration and the collective strength of the community in supporting these children through their journeys. Each child was presented with a gift as a token of love, appreciation, and encouragement. This gesture served as a reminder of the joy they brought to the event and the community's support for their resilience.</p>
<p>12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event</p>	<p>The event successfully achieved its objectives and left a lasting impact on all participants. Key outcomes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Emotional Well-being of Children: The children, who are undergoing intense treatment, were given an opportunity to take a break and enjoy a day of celebration. This contributed significantly to their emotional well-being, offering them a temporary escape from their medical challenges. • Strengthened Community Collaboration: The event highlighted the importance of collaboration between academic institutions, healthcare providers, and the community. It demonstrated how social work practice can complement healthcare efforts in promoting holistic child well-being. • Increased Awareness about the

	<p>Needs of Children Battling Cancer: The event served as a powerful reminder of the unique needs of children with cancer and the importance of creating supportive environments for them. It encouraged participants to consider the mental and emotional aspects of cancer treatment, beyond just the physical care.</p>
<p>13. Enclosures with report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotag Photos • Copy of Event Poster

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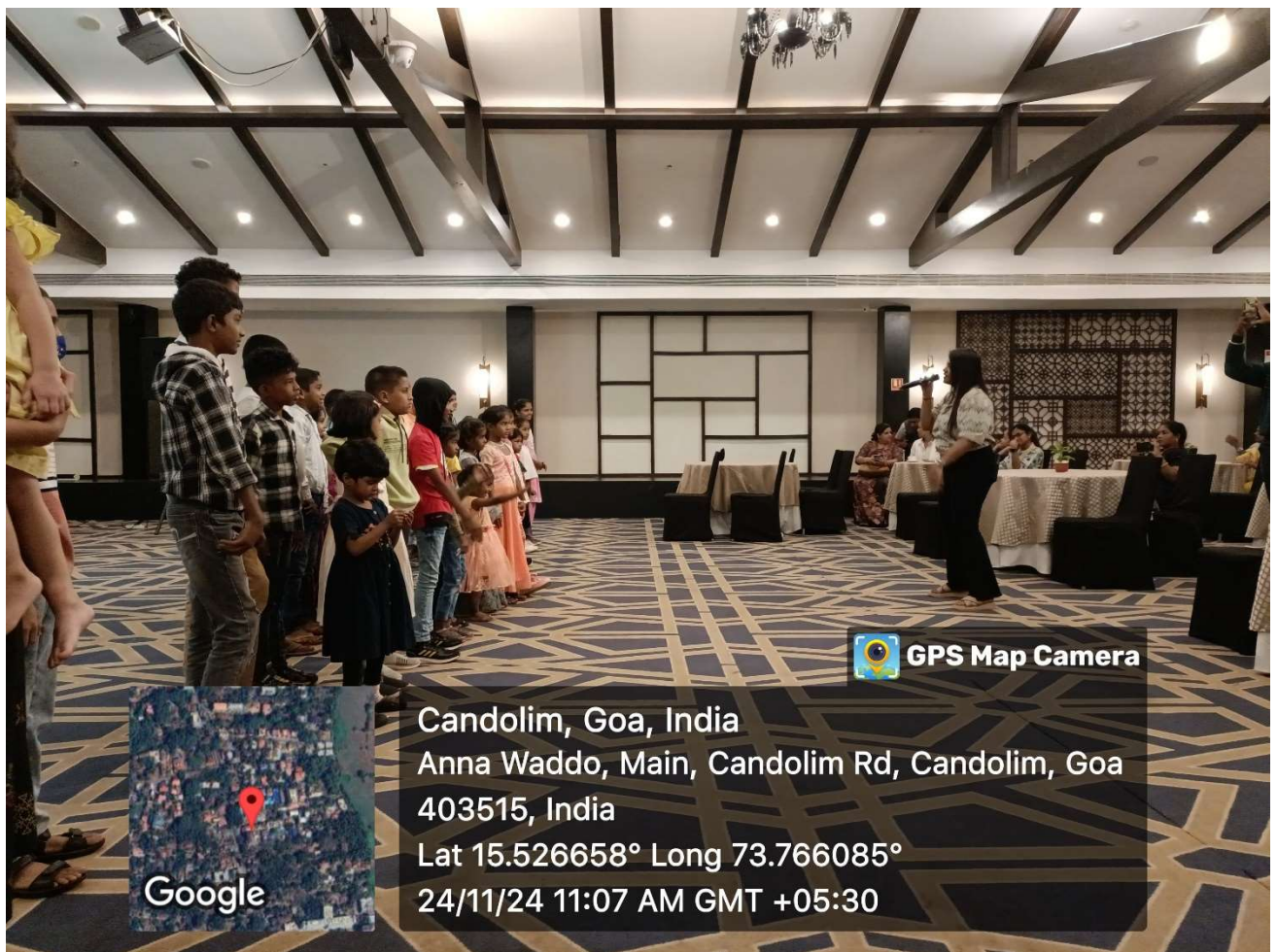
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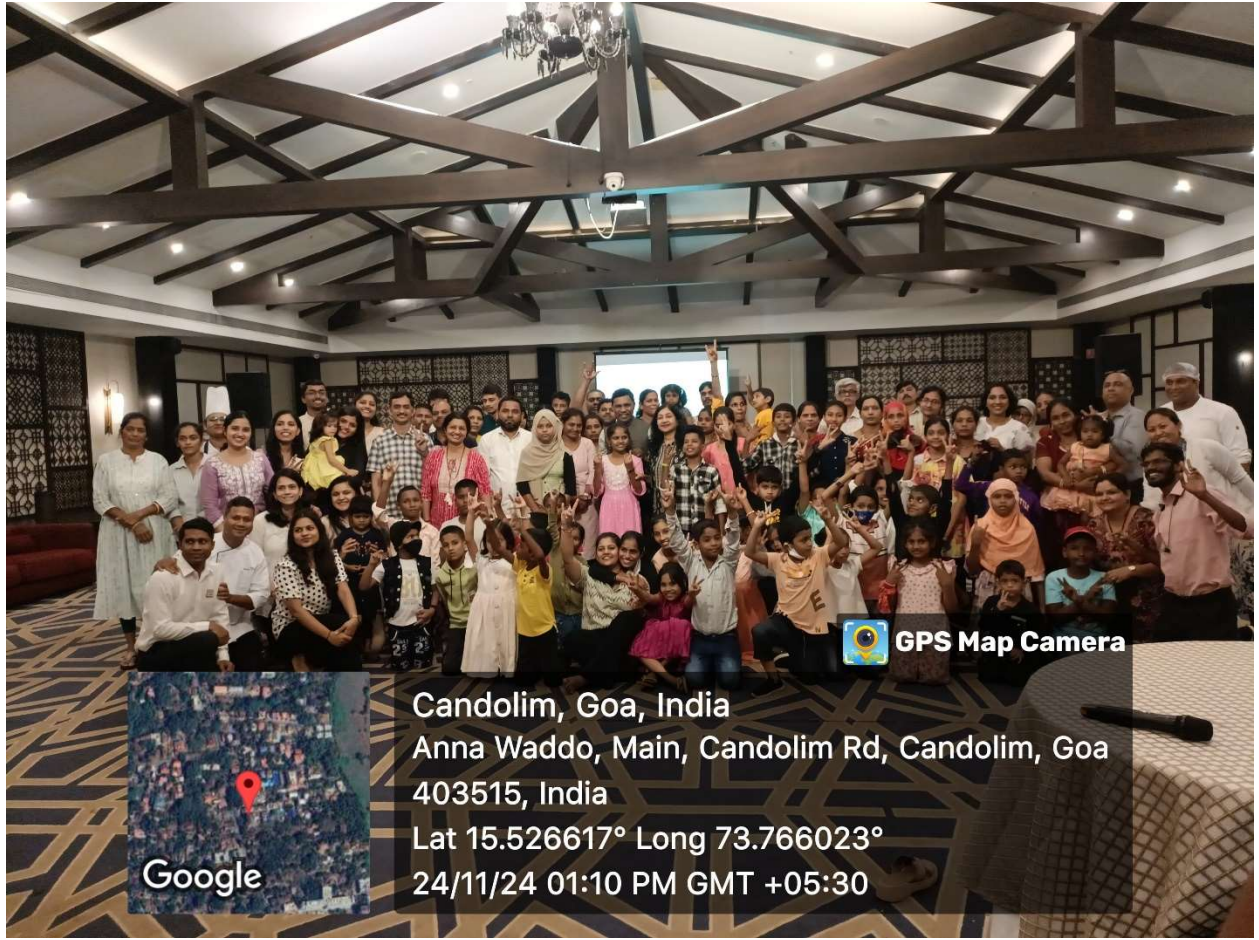


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