



## Goa University

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

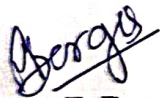
#### Social Work Programme


#### Report on the Lecture on Justice in Action: The Role of Prosecution in Upholding Law and Ensuring Child Rights

<b>1. Title of the Event</b>	Guest Lecture on Justice in Action: The Role of Prosecution in Upholding Law and Ensuring Child Rights – Special Reference to the Goa Children’s Act, 2003
<b>2. Date and Time</b>	3rd February 2025   9:45 AM – 11:45 AM
<b>3. Mode of Conduct</b>	Physical
<b>4. School / Directorate/ Section</b>	D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Social Work Programme
<b>5. Collaborating Agency</b>	None
<b>6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)</b>	<b>Mrs. Milena Gomes e Pinto</b> is the Deputy Director of Prosecution and has served as a Public Prosecutor for the Children’s Court for over five years. With vast experience in child protection and justice, she has contributed significantly to prosecuting cases related to child rights and legal reforms in Goa. Her expertise in the Goa Children’s Act, 2003, and its application in ensuring justice for vulnerable children makes her a distinguished authority in the field of law enforcement and child advocacy.

7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	2
8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	9
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	
10. Objectives of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the role of prosecution in upholding law and ensuring child rights.</li> <li>• To explore the key provisions of the Goa Children’s Act, 2003, and its impact on child protection.</li> <li>• To provide students with real-world case studies and challenges faced by prosecutors in dealing with child rights violations.</li> <li>• To engage students in interactive discussions on legal frameworks and social work interventions.</li> </ul>
11. Description of the Event	<p>The lecture began with a welcome address and an introduction of the guest speaker by <b>Prof. Peter Floriano Borges</b>.</p> <p>Mrs. Gomes e Pinto provided a comprehensive overview of the <b>prosecutor’s role in child rights protection</b>, highlighting how the <b>Goa Children’s Act, 2003</b>, has strengthened legal interventions against child exploitation and abuse. She elaborated on the <b>challenges faced in prosecution</b>, including gathering evidence, victim support, and delays in the justice system.</p> <p>The session covered key areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The legal framework of child protection in Goa</b></li> <li>• <b>Case studies showcasing the prosecution’s role in securing justice for children</b></li> <li>• <b>Best practices in handling cases of child abuse and exploitation</b></li> <li>• <b>Collaboration between prosecutors, social workers, and law enforcement in ensuring justice</b></li> </ul>

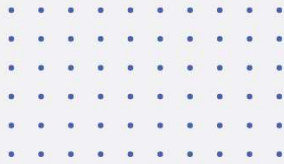
	The session was highly interactive, with students actively engaging in a Q&A session, discussing the ethical dilemmas, legal roadblocks, and the role of social workers in strengthening prosecution cases.
<b>12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legal Insights:</b> Students gained a deeper understanding of the Goa Children's Act, 2003, and its impact on child protection.</li> <li>• <b>Practical Application:</b> Real-life examples enhanced their ability to connect theory with fieldwork.</li> <li>• <b>Awareness &amp; Advocacy:</b> Inspired students to engage in advocacy efforts for stronger legal safeguards for children.</li> <li>• <b>Career Orientation:</b> Motivated students to explore career paths in child protection law, legal aid, and social work interventions.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Enclosures with report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Event Poster</li> <li>• Photos</li> <li>• Newspaper Coverage</li> <li>• Attendance Sheet</li> </ul>

  
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## SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME

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### **Justice for Children: How Does Prosecution Safeguard Their Rights? What Role Does the Goa Children's Act, 2003 Play in Protecting Vulnerable Children?**

Join **Ms. Milena Pinto E Gomes, Deputy Director, Directorate of Prosecution**, as she unpacks the legal framework, challenges, and realities of child protection and prosecution in Goa through her lecture on "**Justice in Action: The Role of Prosecution in Upholding Law and Ensuring Child Rights - Special Reference to the Goa Children's Act, 2003**

#### **Why You Can't Miss This:**

- **Learn from a Legal Authority** – Appointed as Deputy Director of Prosecution, Ms. Gomes brings firsthand expertise in justice administration.
- **Deep Insights from the Children's Court** – Served as Public Prosecutor in the Children's Court for the State of Goa for five years, handling complex child protection cases.
- **Explore the Goa Children's Act, 2003** – Understand how this progressive law shapes child rights and justice in Goa.
- **Engage with a Leading Prosecutor** – Gain practical insights into prosecution strategies, challenges, and legal frameworks that safeguard children.



**Ms. Milena Pinto E Gomes**

**Deputy Director  
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**3rd February 2025 | 9.45 am - 11.45 am  
Classroom BG 22, Block B, Goa University**



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## Ensuring Justice for Children: A Prosecutor's Perspective – Dy Director of Prosecution

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**TALEIGAO:** Addressing the complexities of child protection cases in the Children's Court, Mrs. Milena Gomes e Pinto, Deputy Director of Prosecution, provided a comprehensive legal perspective on the challenges and responsibilities of prosecutors in securing justice for child victims.

Speaking at a guest lecture at Goa University's D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, she underscored the critical role of the prosecution in upholding child rights, while emphasizing the need for multi-stakeholder

collaboration in ensuring justice and support for victims.

Highlighting the legal safeguards under the Goa Children's Act, 2003, and the POCSO Act, 2012, Gomes e Pinto noted that while these laws provide a strong legal framework, their effectiveness depends on how cases are handled and the support systems available for child survivors.

She emphasized that prosecutors work within the judicial system to build strong cases, but achieving justice requires coordinated efforts between law enforcement, social workers, and victim support agencies.

GUEST LECTURE - JUSTICE IN ACTION : ROLE OF PROSECUTION IN UPHOLDING LAW AND ENSURING CHILD RIGHTS - 3RD FEBRUARY 2025.

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