



## Goa University

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


#### Social Work Programme


#### Report on the Educational Visit to the High Court of Bombay at Goa, Goa State Legal Services Authority, and Directorate of Tribal Welfare

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| <b>1. Title of the Event</b>                            | Educational Visit to the High Court of Bombay at Goa, Goa State Legal Services Authority, and Directorate of Tribal Welfare  |
| <b>2. Date and Time</b>                                 | 7th February 2025, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM   |
| <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>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High Court of Bombay at Goa</li><li>• Goa State Legal Services Authority</li><li>• Directorate of Tribal Welfare</li></ul> |
| <b>6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)</b> | Not Applicable   |
| <b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>       | 3  |
| <b>8. Number of Student Attended / Participated</b>     | 13   |

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| <b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b> |   |
| <b>10. Objectives of the Event</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide MSW students with firsthand exposure to <b>judicial and policy processes</b> in the state.</li> <li>• To understand the role of the <b>High Court</b> in legal proceedings and child protection cases.</li> <li>• To learn about <b>legal aid services</b> provided by the Goa State Legal Services Authority.</li> <li>• To explore the <b>policy framework for tribal welfare</b> and understand the initiatives taken by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>11. Description of the Event</b>                           | <p>The educational visit aimed to give students <b>practical insights into the intersection of social work, law, and policy.</b></p> <p><b>High Court of Bombay at Goa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students <b>witnessed live court proceedings</b> presided over by <b>His Lordship, Justice Valmiki Menezes</b>, gaining a deeper understanding of how justice is administered.</li> <li>• A special <b>interactive session with Justice Menezes</b> provided valuable insights into the <b>role of social workers in child custody matters</b>, highlighting their responsibility in <b>home studies, social investigations, and ensuring the best interests of the child.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Goa State Legal Services Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students were introduced to the <b>legal aid system</b>, understanding how free legal services are extended to marginalized communities.</li> <li>• The visit provided a <b>detailed perspective on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms</b> and access to justice initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Directorate of Tribal Welfare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The session covered <b>welfare schemes, policies, and challenges faced by tribal communities</b> in Goa.</li> <li>• Students gained an understanding of <b>government</b></li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>outreach programs and the role of social workers in ensuring inclusion and advocacy for tribal populations.</p>   |
| <p>12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced understanding of judicial processes and their relevance to social work practice.</li> <li>• Exposure to policy frameworks supporting vulnerable groups, particularly in legal aid and tribal welfare.</li> <li>• Meaningful engagement with legal professionals, helping students explore their role in legal advocacy and social justice.</li> <li>• Strengthened practical knowledge of how social workers can intervene in legal matters, particularly in child protection and community rights.</li> </ul> |
| <p>13. Enclosures with report</p>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photos</li> </ul>   |

  
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## MSW Students Engage in High Court Visit, Gaining Key Insights into Judicial Processes

**Goa:** The MSW Part I students of Goa University's Social Work Programme had an enriching educational visit to the High Court of Bombay at Goa, where they witnessed live court proceedings presided over by His Lordship, Justice Valmiki Menezes. This rare opportunity provided students with firsthand exposure to judicial processes and legal decision-making, deepening their understanding of the intersection between social work and law.

Following the proceedings, Justice Menezes engaged in an exclusive discussion with the students, emphasizing the crucial role of social workers in child custody matters. He highlighted how

social workers contribute to legal proceedings through home studies, social investigations, and advocacy for the best interests of children. His Lordship further underscored the importance of social workers collaborating with the judiciary in cases involving child welfare, family disputes, and vulnerable populations.

Earlier in the day, students also visited key institutions focused on social welfare and legal aid. At the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, they engaged in an interactive session with District Welfare Officer, Mr. Abhijeet Jambhale, who provided a detailed overview of government policies and welfare programs designed to support Goa's tribal communities.

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At the Goa State Legal Services Authority, Shabnam Shaikh, Member Secretary, delivered an insightful briefing on the legal aid system and its role in ensuring justice for marginalised communi-

ties. She explained how the authority works to provide free legal assistance to those in need and elaborated on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

This field visit reinforced the essential role of social workers in legal and policy advocacy, offering students a deeper perspective on judicial processes, legal aid mechanisms, and social welfare interventions.

The visit was coordinated by Peter F. Borges, Assistant Professor, along with Assistant Professors Joycy Manlun and Dr. Sunil Francis. The visit was organised by the Social Work Programme, D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University.

