

## Goa University

## Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

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# Govt. College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Sanqualim Report on Public Lecture

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Public lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi (Padma Shree) on Topic: The Worldview of the Great Andamanese and Their Language
2. Date and Time	21st January 2025 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	20
8. Number of Student attended / participated	256
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	01

## 10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event

The objective of organizing a public lecture on "The Worldview of the Great Andamanese and Their Language" by Prof. Anvita Abbi was to raise awareness about Indigenous Cultures and Languages. The Great Andamanese people are one of the indigenous groups with a unique culture and language that is rapidly disappearing.

The lecture aimed at increasing public awareness of the importance of preserving such languages and the cultures associated with them, highlighting how closely language is tied to identity, worldview and community survival.

To provide valuable insights into how languages like the Great Andamanese language express and shape the ways people understand their world.

To promote further scholarly engagement with the endangered languages of the world and the need to document and study them before they disappear.

## 11. Description of the Program/activity/event

'The Worldview of the Great Andamanese and their Language' – A Public Lecture of Padmashri Prof. Anvita Abbi was organised by Directorate of Visiting Research Professors Programme, Kavivarya Bakibab Alias B.B. Borkar in Comparative Literature in collaboration with the Department of Hindi (UG, PG) and Research Centre in Hindi, Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, Goa on 21st January 2025 in the Auditorium of the college.

The said programme commenced with the welcome address by Prof. Namdev Gawas, Principal of Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim.

Dr. Prakash Parienkar, Director of Visiting Research Professors Programme gave his introductory remarks mentioning the objectives of Visiting Research Professors Programme and

highlighting the need of conducting such Public Lectures for creating a mindful and intellectual environment amongst students, researchers and academicians. Padmashri Prof. Anvita Abbi a noted speaker began her lecture with an overview of early human migrations and highlighting the area of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as the field of her research. She went in depth explaining the idea of Co-Evolutionary Approach to language. Abbi drew attention Prof. towards Anthropocentric and Body Part Semantics in the Great Andamanese. She mentioned Language as a rule governed phenomenon. She portrayed few of her works of research drawing attention of the students and faculty. The public lecture received a tremendous response. Students interacted with Padmashri Prof. Abbi enquiring about the scope of working on tribal and minority languages and various fields of research in the field of Linguistics. The programme came to an end with a vote of thanks by Prof. Soniya Sirsat, Professor, Head, Department of Hindi and the Lecture Coordinator. The Programme was compered by Mr. Suvidhya V. Dharwadkar Assistant Professor in Hindi. A total of 277 students, teachers, academicians attended and were benefitted from the Public Lecture. 12. Benefit/Key outcomes of The Public Lecture by Prof. Anvita Abbi could the Program/activity/event spread awareness of endangered languages, inspiring further research, encouraging cultural preservation, fostering collaboration and strengthening public understanding the importance of linguistic diversity. 13. Enclosures with report Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

## **Bio Data**

#### Prof. Anvita Abbi

A Ph. D. from Cornell University, N.Y., USA, Anvita Abbi is a rigorous researcher, a highly respected teacher and guide, a successful administrator, and a distinguished academic from Jawaharlal Nehru University where she taught for four decades. Maintaining the noblest traditions of academia, she combines her scholarship with effortless humility and kindness. She is undoubtedly one of the world's most distinguished researchers on minority languages. In the case of the vast Indian sub-continent, she may be the only one who has conducted first-hand field research on all the six families of languages spoken here. She identified a new language family of India, i.e., the Great Andamanese. Her research was corroborated by population genetics. The Government of India recognized her pioneering work in the form of bestowing upon her the Padma Shri in 2013. Her Manual of Linguistic Fieldwork and the Structures of Indian Languages (Lincom Europa, Germany, 2001) is a prominent reference book consulted the world over by linguists working on the languages of South Asia.

She was awarded one of the most prestigious linguistics awards by the Linguistic Society of America USA the Kenneth Hale Award (2015) for her outstanding lifetime contributions to the documentation and description of languages of India, with a particular note of her extraordinary contributions to the documentation of the Great Andamanese language, a moribund language that is a key isolate in understanding the peopling of Asia and Oceania.

It is because of her undeniable stature in the field that she has been invited as a Visiting professor and researcher at prestigious institutes in the USA, Germany, UK, Canada, and Australia. She has immense experience in field linguistics, language documentation, and analysis of ethno-linguistic aspects of language use. Her wide experience of working on tribal languages of Jharkhand, Northeast, and Andaman and Nicobar makes her a truly rare linguist. Her experience of working with minorities and tribals has motivated her to write extensively on language and education policy. She served as the UNESCO expert on language issues. At present, she serves on the Expert Committee of the UNESCO World Atlas of Languages and is an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada in addition to holding the B. B. Borkar Chair for Comparative Literature in Goa University.

## **Poster**



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# PUBLIC LECTURE BY



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**GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE, SANQUALIM** 

TITLE: THE WORLDVIEW OF THE GREAT ANDAMANESE AND THEIR LANGUAGE

LECTURE COORDINATOR: PROF. (DR.) SONIYA SIRSAT, HOD, DEPARTMENT OF HINDI GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE, SANQUALIM PROF. (DR.) NAMDEV GAWAS (OFFICIATING) GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE, SANQUALIM

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on 'The Worldview of the Great Andamanese and their Language'
21/01/2025 VENUE: College Auditorium DATE: 21/01/2025

(11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

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