



Goa University

Discipline of Economics, Goa Business School

Report on a Field Visit to Rasraj Farms, Mollem, Goa

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Field Visit to Rasraj Farms, Mollem, Goa
2. Date and Time	18th December, 2023 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Economics, Goa Business School
5. Number of Faculty attended/participated	2
6. Number of Students attended / participated	29
7. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The field visit aims to give students a practical understanding of the different parts of an organic farm and how they work together and to help them understand the principles and practices of organic farming while gaining insight from experienced farmers about the challenges and rewards of organic farming and exploring the potential career opportunities in organic farming



<p>8. Description of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The activity involved a field visit by the students and faculty to Rasraj Farms, situated in Mollem, Goa. It included a fruitful interaction with the farm's proprietor and agropreneur, Mr. Vandit Naik, providing students with the necessary exposure and helping them gain insights into the intricacies of diverse agricultural pursuits, including horticulture, beekeeping, and dairy management. Through discussions and firsthand observation, students had the opportunity to understand and appreciate the nuances of organic farming in Goa and develop practical knowledge and appreciation for sustainable agricultural practices. The visit empowered students with the fundamentals crucial for understanding Goa's organic farming sector.</p>
<p>9. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The students gleaned valuable insights into the multi-faceted gains of organic farming from sustainable production, lowered costs of production, multi-crop farming, increased employment opportunities, backward and forward linkages, to lowered negative impact on the environment. Their interaction with the farm owner made them realise that the field of agriculture, especially organic farming can be a profitable venture in the long run. The students had a first-hand experience in observing the environment-friendly practices adopted at Rasraj farms. They appreciated the fact that the soil-protecting measures, the planned, systematic and scientific approach towards animal husbandry, the adoption of apiculture, and use of agricultural wastes as compost and manure all go a long way to ensure both the health of the environment as well as the profitability of the farm.</p>



10. Enclosures with report


Geo-tagged photos, Attendance of students:

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 15.12.23 TO 18.12.23 (HOLIDAY)

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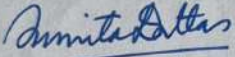
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Name of coordinator: Sumita Datta

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