



GOA UNIVERSITY

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

Report On

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Title of the Programme	Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Cultural Exchange Programme
Date and Time	12 March 2026, 9:30 am to 1:30pm
Mode of Conduct	Physical
Directorate	Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat
Name of the Visiting Delegation	Ranchi University Delegation
Number of Faculty from Visiting delegation attended	5 faculty members including the EBSB Convenor of Ranchi University
Number of Students from the visiting delegation attended	10 Students including the Research Scholars
Number of Faculty from Goa University attended	5 faculty
Number of Students from Goa University attended	70 students
Objectives of the Programme	1. To formally welcome the Ranchi University Delegation to Goa University for the EBSB Academic and Cultural Exchange Programme. 2. To Strengthen Unity in diversity by fostering mutual understanding among partner state. 3. Provide opportunities to experience and appreciate each other's culture through various dance forms, music and traditions. 4. To facilitate students' interaction to nurture cross – cultural friendships and broaden perspectives.
Description of the Programme	The Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Cultural Exchange programme was organised by the EBSB committee of Goa University under the leadership of EBSB Convenor, Dr. Walter Menezes on 12th March 2026. Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat is an initiative by the Government of India to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between the people of different states. Under this initiative

	the delegation from Ranchi University visited Goa University. The aim of the cultural exchange programme was to promote cultural heritage of each other's state and provide a platform to the students and faculty members to interact and gain broader understanding of different cultures across India. The programme began with a formal function with the presence of Vice Chancellor Sr. Prof. Harilal B. Menon and Registrar Prof. Sunder Dhuri, of Goa University. The ceremony began with the dignitaries on the dais lighting the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. Dr. Walter Menezes, the EBSB coordinator from Goa University, delivered the formal welcome address, which was graciously acknowledged by Dr. Smriti Singh in her reply. The Vice-Chancellor of Goa University, Senior Professor Harilal B. Menon, then shared his words of wisdom and expressed keen enthusiasm for the exchange programme. As a gesture of respect and cultural exchange, the Ranchi University delegation was felicitated with the traditional Goan textile, the <i>Kunbi shawl</i>. In reciprocity, the EBSB Coordinator of Ranchi University honoured the Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Walter Menezes of Goa University with their State's textile shawl and a memento. The proceedings concluded with a Vote of Thanks, formally marking the close of the formal function. After the formal function, the students of Goa University and Ranchi University presented several performances which showcased the rich culture of both the states. The various performances included welcome song, welcome dance, <i>Ghumat Aarthi</i>, <i>Fugdi</i>, <i>Kalshi</i> dance, fashion show depicting Goan occupations, Konkani dulpada, <i>Curudinho</i> dance and dekhni. These performances by the students of Goa
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	University portrayed Goa's religious, cultural and colonial heritage. The Ranchi University also showcased their culture through folk dance, folk songs, Yoga dance, classical dance and audiovisual of the Ranchi University campus. The programme was a successful event and it enabled the participants to learn, understand and cherish cultures of other states. The programme ended with a group picture, to document the precious memories.
Enclosures with the report	EBSB Banner Geotagged Photographs

Signature
Dr. Walter Menezes
EBSB Convenor
Goa University

Signature
Directorate RUSA



Fig 1. Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Banner

Geo Tagged Photographs



Fig 2. Vice -Chancellor interacting with Delegates



Fig 3. Welcoming the Delegates with a Tikha



Fig 4. Dignitaries on the Dais



Fig 5. Lighting of the ceremonial Lamp



Fig 6. Welcome Address by Dr. Walter Menezes, EBSB Convenor – Goa University



Fig 7. Vice – Chancellor addressing the function



Fig 8. Address by Dr. Smriti Singh, EBSB Convenor –Ranchi University



Fig 9. Felicitating Delegates with Goan Kunbi Shawl and Flower Bouquet



Fig 10. Dr. Smriti Singh, EBSB Convenor –Ranchi University felicitating Vice-Chancellor with their state shawl and a memento.



Fig 11. Vice – Chancellor presenting a Handshake memento the EBSB Convenor of Ranchi Delegation.



Fig 12. Ghumat Arthi by students of Goa University



Fig 13. Solo Classical Dance - Goa University



Fig 14. Performance by students and faculty of Ranchi University



Fig 15. Curudinho Dance by students of Goa University



Fig 16. Fugdi by Goa University Students



Fig 17. Konkani Dulpada by Goa University Students



Fig 18. Folk Dance of Jharkhand



Fig 19. Kalshi Dance of Goa



Fig 20. Folk Songs of Jharkhand



Fig 21. Solo Yoga Dance Performance by student of Ranchi University



Fig 22. Fashion Show presenting Goa's Occupations



Fig 23. A Group Picture