



Goa University
D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies

Social Work Programme

Report on Educational Visit

1. Title of the Event	Educational Visit for Observation of Gram Sabha Proceedings and Interaction with Panchayat Representatives at Village Panchayat Keri, Sattari, Goa
2. Date and Time	19 July 2026 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3. Mode of Conduct	Physical
4. School / Directorate/ Section	D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies (DDKSSSBS), Goa University
5. Collaborating Agency	Village Panchayat Keri, Sattari
6. Details of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Not Applicable
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	2
8. Number of Students Attended / Participated	5
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	0
10. Objectives of the Event	• To observe the proceedings and functioning of a Gram Sabha. • To understand the democratic decision-making

	process at the village level. • To study the role and responsibilities of elected Panchayat representatives. • To understand community participation in planning and implementation of development programmes. • To interact with Panchayat members regarding governance, development planning, and challenges faced by local self-government institutions.
11. Description of the Event	As part of the practical learning component, students participated in an observation of the Gram Sabha at Village Panchayat Keri, Sattari, Goa, held on 19 July 2026. The meeting provided students with an opportunity to observe the functioning of local self-government and understand the practical aspects of participatory democracy at the grassroots level. Approximately 60 community members participated in the meeting. Through the observation, students gained a practical understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Gram Sabha and Panchayat, the process of discussing development activities, budget-related matters, and community concerns. They were able to observe how community members raise issues, share their views, and participate in local decision making. The discussion on development works such as waste management, water harvesting, soak pits, infrastructure development and other Panchayat initiatives helped students relate classroom concepts to

	real-life community development practices. The experience also helped students appreciate the importance of inclusive participation, transparency, community needs, self-determination and accountability in effective community organisation. Students particularly understood the need to encourage greater participation of women, youth and other community members in local governance. The observation enabled them to connect theoretical concepts of community organisation with practical experiences and develop a deeper understanding of grassroots governance. The Gram Sabha observation was a valuable experiential learning opportunity that enhanced students' understanding of participatory governance, community participation and the role of social workers in facilitating inclusive and empowered communities.
12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event	1) Students gained practical understanding of the functioning of the Gram Sabha and Panchayat at the grassroots level. 2) Students understood the process of community participation and local decision-making. 3) Students were able to relate theoretical concepts of community organisation with real-life practice. 4) Students developed awareness of the importance of inclusive participation of women, youth and different sections of the community. 5) Students gained exposure to local development planning, budgeting and implementation of

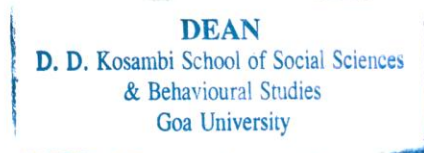
	Panchayat development activities. 6) Students learned about the importance of identifying community needs and addressing local issues through participatory processes. 7) Students developed skills in systematic observation, documentation, critical reflection and linking field experiences with classroom learning. 8) The visit enhanced students' appreciation of the role of social workers in facilitating community participation and empowering local communities.
13. Enclosures with report	• Photos of the visit • Attendance sheet



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Date: 2nd September 2026





ATTENDANCE

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