

GOA UNIVERSITY
Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature
In collaboration with Vriksh Foundation

Report on
COMMEMORATION OF CLIMATE INDIA WEEK 2026
Poetree Walk
29 September 2026 and 01 October 2026

The Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature (SGSLL), Goa University, in collaboration with the Vriksh Foundation, commemorated Climate Week India 2026 (27 September to 4 October 2026), a nationwide platform for climate awareness and action, by organizing a "Poetree Walk" on the university campus. The walk was held on 29 September and 01 October 2026, from 09:30 am to 11:30 am on both days. It was attended by a total of 77 participants, including students, faculty members and members of the general public.

The Poetree Walk brings together nature and language by weaving poetry into a guided walk among the trees of the campus. It extends the tree walks conducted on campus in previous year by adding a literary and multilingual dimension to an existing environmental activity, thereby drawing the disciplines of languages and literature into the university's climate action efforts. Participants walked in the company of poets and responded to the trees through poetry, verse and reflection in the several languages of our literary landscape, including Konkani, Marathi, Hindi, Urdu, English, French and Portuguese.

The Vriksh Foundation, founded by Mr. Asheesh Sabarwal, works in the areas of environmental renewal and restoration work, documentation and public awareness. The Foundation has been associated with Goa University in the past for tree plantation projects and nature walks. As part of Climate Week 2025, it conducted a Tree Walk on campus for students, faculty and nature lovers. Over these earlier walks, the Foundation installed QR signposts on the campus trees carrying the stories and descriptions of each tree, and the Poetree Walk was guided through these tree stories.

On Day 1 (29 September 2026), the walk was attended and inaugurated by Senior Prof. Rajendra S. Gad, Hon. Vice Chancellor of Goa University, who appreciated the initiative and called for scaling it up for wider impact. On Day 2 (01 October 2026), Senior Prof. S. Krishnan, Dean, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Goa University, addressed the group and highlighted the significance of such initiatives.

During the walk, participants moved among the trees planted on the campus such as the Banyan, Coconut, Copperpod, Gulmohar, Mango, Teak and Malabar Silk, learning each tree's botanical name along with a little of its ecology and cultural history. At the

trees, participants read out poems, some of their own composition and others chosen for their resonance with the tree. They also shared personal anecdotes and stories about the trees and interacted warmly with one another, so that the walk became both a literary and a reflective experience.

Each walk concluded with an interaction on the measures each individual could take to protect the environment and preserve nature. Participants shared their views and highly appreciated the concept of the initiative.

This programme brought together climate awareness and literary expression by inviting participants to respond to the campus trees through poetry. It encouraged multilingual creative writing across the languages taught and spoken on campus, and familiarised participants with the ecology, memory and mythology of the university's trees through their documented stories.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Anthony Gomes, Assistant Professor of French, SGSLL, under the guidance of Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, SGSLL. The walks were led by Mr. Asheesh Sabarwal, Founder, The Vriksh Foundation, and collaborator of the event.



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29 September 2026: Senior Prof. Rajendra S. Gad, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Goa University, addressing the participants.



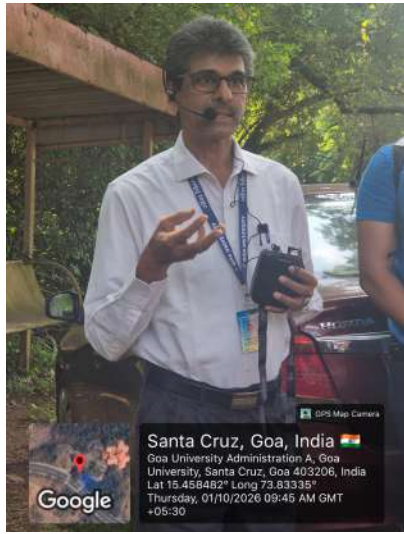
29 September 2026: Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Shenoj Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University, addressing the participants.



29 September 2026 : Post-walk discussion on measures to be taken against climate change and for environmental protection



01 October 2026: Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Sheno Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Goa University, addressing the participants.



Poster of the event




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If trees could speak, what would they say?
This Climate Week India 2026, don't just walk among the trees. Write for them.

POETREE WALK

Goa University and Vriksh Foundation invite students, faculty and nature lovers to discover the trees of the University campus, and respond to them through poetry, verse and reflection.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

- Choose one or several of the trees that will be part of the walk: Banyan | Coconut | Copperpod | Devil's Tree | False Almond | Gulmohar | Karanja | Kharvart | Madras Thorn | Malabar Silk | Mango | Moi | Raintree | Teak | Amaltas | Fishtail Palm
- Your poem can be in any of the languages of our literary landscape: English | Konkani | Hindi | Marathi | French | Portuguese
- You may write about the tree's story, memory, mythology, ecology, relationship with people, or simply what you feel when you stand beneath it.
- Register as a participating poet and submit your poetry using the given QR code.
- Selected poems may be shared during the Poetree Walks on the Goa University campus.

TIMELINE

Register as a poet or an attendee by
25 September 2026

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Details of the trail will be sent to the registered participants by
28 September 2026

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Poetree Walk 1 on
29 September 2026 | 09:30-11:30 am

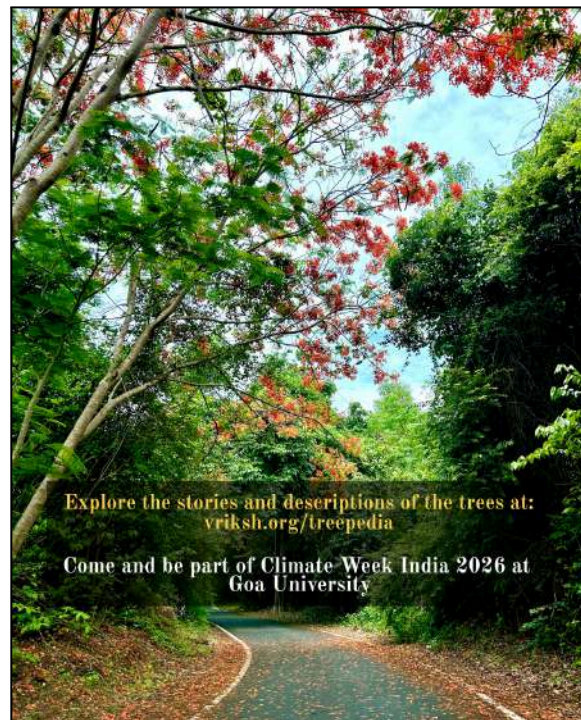
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Poetree Walk 2 on
01 October 2026 | 09:30-11:30 am



Scan the QR code to register

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