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# **Goans across globe greet** The Global Goenkar @1

On June 18, The Global Goenkar (TGG) celebrates its first anniversary as a unique weekly initiative to connect Goans and Goan communities across the world, by highlighting their stories, news, celebrations, events and lifestyles. Some of the ardent readers, collaborators and well-wishers have shared their views of TGG

#### **Refreshing**, exciting



world recognising contributions of personalities

and organisations. Thanks to TGG for the vision of connecting Goans throughout the globe and bringing so many smiles and the pride we spread around the world. May it grow strength to strength. Thanks to Lui Godinho in the UK and the international team for their hard

**á Antonio Fernandes** (FIH, London)

#### Great coverage



ed great coverage for the Goan diaspora, connecting people from all walks of life with interesting personal-

ities and giving individuals from different parts of the world to express their views, talents and achievements.

TGG has helped to bring tradition and culture of the Goan diaspora together. We have read some inter esting articles which keep Goans all over the world connected. Keep up this good work. I hear very good reviews of TGG both from Goa and overseas. Let's roll on to the second vear

**6 Bella Fernandes** (PR and Social Director, G.O.A. UK)

### **Inspires Goans**



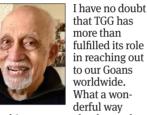
We believe that TGG has become a vital part of the community, connecting people with stories and events that they may not have otherwise known about. You have helped to inform, educate, and inspire your audience, and that is truly something to be proud of.

We look forward to seeing your newspaper continue to grow, and we wish you continued success in the years ahead. Congratulations again on your one-year anniversary!

**拳 Imtiyaz Shaikh** (Deputy Mayor, Swindon)

🝝 Adorabelle Amaral-Shaikh (Councillor, Swindon)

#### **Fulfilled its role**



in reaching out to each other and sharing news and views. I daresay readers must wait anxiously for each incoming issue.

**Mervyn Maciel** (London)

#### Thank you, TGG



we Goans never lose our love and passion for our homeland. I for one am always energised by the great work my fellow Goenkars do wherever they choose to make their home. Thank you, TGG, for quenching my thirst for news about my compatriots

from here, there and everywhere.

**A Rabi Martins** (Councillor, Wartford)



ment of connecting Goans and the Goan communities across the world. What TGG has

done really well is publicising as many events around globally under one roof. It's good that not just socials feature on the front page but all news that needs to be shared and/or celebrated.

🝝 Sandra Fernandes-Allen (President, Navelim Union, UK)

#### **Unique weekly**



congratulations to TGG on the first anniversary of its publication. It is a unique weekly which highlights news, events, achievements and lifestyles of Goans

My heartiest

and Goan communities across the world. Surely, it is great to have a weekly like TGG which also helps connect the Goan diaspora globally. I love to read and to know what is happening globally among the Goan communities and TGG has it all on its Saturday issue.

TGG not only just helps in connecting Goans and Goan communities across the world but it gives us an opportunity to know, understand and learn so much from each other. TGG also helps in promoting all Goan communities globally. My best wishes to TGG.

🍝 Simon Varella (London)

#### PAKISTAN

#### **Engaging stories**



keep the hearts of migrants warm and connected. Congratulations to

**é Cyprian Fernandes** (Veteran journalist, Sydney)

#### BRAZIL

#### Interesting initiative

I have been

receiving TGG

regularly and

this interesting

weekly initiative



helps me to keep abreast of Who is Who of Goans round the world. On reading an article on Goan Missionaries in the TGG some months back, I was able to contact Sr Rosali na Rebello doing missionary work

in a far-off place in the State of Goiás in South Central Brazil. Sr Rosalina is from Curtorim, the land of my ancestors. Here is how TGG helped to connect and communicate.

**á Dr Carlos Peres da Costa** (MD, Ph.D, Recife, Brazil)

## USA





knocked it out of the park. TGG has provided a great platform for global Goan communities to connect and share their successes. TGG has given us all a voice, highlighted our cultural contributions and struggles through ongoing stories and features. Keep up the amazing work. Mog Asun!

**Joseph Lourenco** (President, CalifornianGoans)

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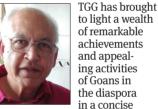
Goan community gets first physical footprint in Canada



The first issue of The Global Goenkar which was published on June 18, 2022.

#### PORTUGAL

#### Succeeded in mission



and readable form with ample and personalised photos. The highly commendable achievements of Goan communities globally and their activities in maintaining traditions would not have otherwise been noticed. It has highlighted the status and esteem of Goans and their capacities to make their mark in diverse locations. TGG has certainly succeeded in its mission, serving as an excellent channel for disseminating information and connecting Goans virtually.

**Mei Fernandes** (Geologist, Lisbon)

#### GERMANY

worldwide.

CANADA

Vancouver)

one year because it has truly lived up to its mission of connecting Goans and Goan communities across the world. For example, TGG wrote and published several articles about the Quebec Goan Association (QGA) about our history, our current and past events and gave us worldwide recognition Many people who had not heard

I feel TGG is standing tall today after

about our association now know about it. Even some friends are surprised to see the QGA in print and send us TGG to make sure that we have seen these articles. The QGA wishes every success to TGG which will keep all Goans connected by their refreshing journalism.

**拳 Blanche Da Costa** (President, QGA Quebec)

#### **Exceptional work**



The Goan Overseas Association (G.O.A) Vancouver has embarked on a captivating

journey, travers-

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the beautifully





optimism, displays pathways and inspires the Goan community worldwide. It

Congratulations

reaching your

anniversary! It

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one-year

widens the feel of a Goan – exhibits a global connec tion. TGG reports individual achievements, community-enhancing initiatives and faith-based initiatives with a link to villages in Goa. Going forward, TGG continues to foster a commitment toward public interest innovations to protect the fabric of Goan communities. TGG propels Goan nostalgia alive with an intrinsic

appeal for compassionate action, at times with proactive interventions to preserve the Goan ideals. TGG has invigorated the archetypal idiosyncrasies distinctive to a Goan element.

🍝 **Fr Feroz Fernandes, sfx** (Goan Chaplaincy, London)

#### Valuable service





ty all over the globe. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to providing quality content and bridging the gap proves, undoubtedly your contribution to the success of your publication.

Your commitment to pushing through the challenges and providing Global news on the Goan diaspora that is not only relevant but showcases the multinational talent pool of our Goans who are pushing boundaries and punching above their weight is making a significant impact.

#### Memorable milestone



contributors like Lui Godinho in the UK have worked hard in reaching out to our Goan community across the globe. Certainly, this is a well-accomplished mission. People look forward to the weekend to read your online publication. Keep up the hard work.

**A Richard Fernandes** (Finance Director G.O.A. UK)

#### Valuable source



bringing together Goans residing in various corners of the world. Regardless of where you reside, TGG ensures that you stay informed about global happenings and serve as a valuable source of information for upcoming events allowing us all to stay connected and updated. We therefore express our best wishes to TGG for continued success in the years ahead. On behalf of Colva Union UK, we wish them a prosperous future.

**é Saby Fernandes** (President, Colva Union UK)

#### **Connecting Goans**

Congratulations on your first anniversary to everyone involved with TGG. My impression of TGG is that it is like a basket that gathers as many stories from across the globe relevant to the fellow Goan.

news and engaging stories that resonate with the audience.

It has helped many Goans find a common ground with others, making Goan communities across the globe seem more interconnected and within reach

Congratulations to TGG team on reaching an important milestone! We celebrate your achievement and are proud to be part of TGG. Best wishes for continued success.

**拳 Peter Mendes** (President, Goinkars Own Academy, Karachi)

#### AUSTRALIA

#### **Mission accomplished**



TGG has definitely given me more of an insight into how Goans are adapting to their lives abroad in various countries but still

maintaining the culture for most part. It's very informative and gives one an idea of where our Goans are most active. Heartwarming to learn of all the activities that happen globally. Definitely mission accomplished by TGG.

**Á Alan de Menezes** (Melbourne)

#### Good journalism



ism has writ large its history, something to be true of anywhere a Goan journalist has

fingers to the typewriter or voice to a tape. TGG pursues good and honest iournalism.

With the Goan diaspora spread far

### Valuable platform



ble platform for Goans worldwide to share their voice, learn about happenings in other parts of

the globe, and created a global community. It has published timely articles that were representative of rich cultural identity, and diverse voices, covering lively topics such as community celebrations, innovations, entrepreneurship, historical diasporic movements, and pioneers. I congratulate the team on its first anniversary, and

wish them all the very best! 🝝 Rowena Kay Mascarenhas

(Boston)

#### UAE

#### **Brings Goans closer**



getting us Goan across the globe closer to each other. Even though we are away from our country, we feel

very connected to our Goa and Goan culture. Every Saturday, we wait and get to know what happens around the globe with our Goans According to me and all Goans who read TGG, this is the best thing to

happen for us Goans. Despite living in different parts of the world, we are still deeply rooted to our Goa and get all the information about other Goans around the world. I would like to thank all those involved in TGG and a big congratulations on completion of your first anniversary. I pray that you all have many more anniversaries and successes as the years go by. Congrats and God Bless

🍝 Xavier Azavedo (Coordinator, St Michael Sharjah Goans Committee)

#### **Deserves credit**

ing on wide range of activities and

locations with higher Goan con-

interconnecting Goan communities

centration. An incredible milestone

spotlighting lifestyle and social activ-

ities of diasporic Goan communities

Looking forward to hear more Goan diasporic stories in the future.

*Mariano A. Pereira (Frankfurt)* 

Love reading TGG

wide. And yes, I love reading TGG

and sharing with others too. Thank

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**Refreshing journalism** 

world. They have kept us abreast of

the past news and current develop-

ments in many Goan communities

would not have known about it.

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articulated weekly stories presented by TGG.

Our members hold a deep emotional longing to embrace their Goan roots and heritage, and TGG serves as the perfect conduit, connecting us with Goans worldwide!

The carefully curated articles and stories showcase how Goans are actively engaging with the broader community, fostering connections and building bridges We eagerly anticipate TGG as it evokes nostalgia and keeps us connected to Goans around the globe. Each read is an absolute delight! G.O.A Vancouver extends its heartfelt gratitude to TGG and remains an unwavering admirer. Your exception al work in keeping Goans connected

through your stories is genuinely cherished. Please continue your outstanding work!

**拳 John Braganza** (President, G.O.A. Vancouver)

#### **Unique** initiative



TGG is a unique initiative and the first of its kind that has been consistent and provided the global community a platform to showcase its

TGG has far exceeded its mission of connecting us Goans. Would like to take this opportunity to thank the team leaders for their hard-work and resilience in the sustainability of this initiative, which has not only connected us virtually, but they made every attempt to meet community leaders during their visits to Goa to learn more about various initiatives undertaken around the globe. Congratulations and thank you, TGG, for this amazing initiative and best wishes for many years to come in showcasing Goan communities across the world.

**Selwyn Collaco** (President, G.O.A. Toronto)

achievements.







Goan journalproud of. This is

# put pen to paper,

and wide, news from home, and nostalgia about Goan pasts far and wide

Colva Union UK is privileged to extend heartfelt wishes to TGG on its anniversary. We are de lighted with the weekly platform they provide,



# **New Goan association hosts** first event in Manchester

Goan Association North West organises São João celebrations with Goan cuisine, music

#### THE GOAN NETWORK | MANCHESTER

he newly-formed Goan Asso ciation North West (GANW) hosted its first event with the celebrations of the 'Festa de São Ioão' (São João feast) on June 11, which attracted over 100 people from across the North of England.

At the 'Festa de São João' in Manchester, every family put in their creative efforts to make their 'Copels' to win the coveted prize of 'Best Copel'.

Another tradition that was celebrated was felicitating a newly married couple with seasonal fruits and cashew feni in a basket known as 'Wojje'. Weverley and Lawrence, who have been married for less than a year, took a delicious basket home.

Support was received from the Goan entrepreneurial community. The food was catered by Liv's Take Away and Manchester Goan Food. Several prizes were won including vouchers from Potyo, a coastal Indian cuisine restaurant, and A G Caravela, selling exquisite Portuguese wines and Spirits.

'Bardez', the Indian street food and grill restaurant, sponsored DI Jeff, who had the crowds dancing to both Konkani and English tunes.

#### RESPONSE

Joy and Dr Ian Silveira, long-time residents of Newcastle under Lyme, were pleased with the event.

"We have lived in Newcastle under Lyme for 24 years and we were the only Goan family in this part of the country.



We were starved of Goan friends, our vibrant culture and delicious food," said

Joy. "So, when we heard of the Sao Joao celebrations being held in Manchester, we were thrilled. We enjoyed meeting many Goans from the North West, dancing to lively music and eating delicious

food." "The organisers did a brilliant job getting everyone together and hosting the function. We hope there will be many more events like this for us to join in."

Aurelio Fernandes, who has been living in Manchester for the last five years, said: "The event was wonderful, to meet so many Goans today was great. It is particularly difficult to organise something like this in our region as

people live in far-off areas and are not concentrated in one area like in London or other regions in the South."

"We need more events like this to celebrate our culture and I hope to be part of future events."

#### **ASSOCIATION**

The Goan Association North West's founding committee includes Strip Cardoso, Cefona Gracias, Thomas Alphonso, Louie Pereira, and Melanie Antao Fernandes.

GANW President Melanie Antao Fernandes said the region lacked a Goan association for a long time and the formation of the association in April has filled a void to bring the community together to celebrate its culture.

"The support and attendance at the first-ever event of GANW have been overwhelming. We are thankful to so many people for saying 'yes' to any help we asked for. It's the start of many more events, we plan to keep the community connected and engaged," said Melanie.

"Interestingly, two of our founding members, Louie and Thomas, are young adults, which is so encouraging. We want to engage with Millennials and Gen Z and keep them close to our Goan heritage and culture."

"The success of 'Festa de São João' was evident from the outpouring of messages that we received. We know we are on the right track and will continue to serve the Goan community," added Melanie.

## Young Goans hold workshop to tap talent in UK



#### LUI GODINHO THE GOAN NETWORK | LONDON

he Youth Goan Association (YGA) UK recently organised a theatre acting workshop at the St Anselm's Catholic Church hall in collaboration with Teotonio D'Costa, who presents a programme with Prudent Media in Goa. As many as 30 young and talented Goans were able to hone their acting skills and boost their confidence on stage. With the support of 10 dedicated adult leaders, this workshop became a platform for growth and learning, nurturing a new generation of passionate actors. "The theatre acting workshop was a success, attracting a diverse group of young people eager to explore the world of acting. From enthusiastic beginners to those with prior experience, the workshop catered to individuals of all skill levels," said YGA UK President Mark Silva.

passion and commitment throughout the sessions, actively engaging in various activities and exercises that encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones and embrace the art of theatre." 'One of the most significant achieve

D'Souza created a conducive environment for learning and growth.

Silva acknowledged that the success of the theatre acting workshop would not have been possible without the unof the workshop.'

Silva said the success of the workshop serves as a testament to the power of collaboration, dedication, and the nurturing of young talent.

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## Kudos from readers in Goa, Mumbai

The Global Goenkar (TGG) has not only been appreciated by Goans abroad, it has also been praised by Goans in Goa and elsewhere in India. Here are a few comments from some of our ardent readers, collaborators and wellwishers

#### GOA

#### **Enlightening articles**



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**Ardent Reader Of TGG** 

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**é Gary Azavedo** (Journalist,

**Brilliant**, innovative

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As an ardent

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On the occasion of TGG's first

wishes and congratulations.

Here's to many more years of

**Ann de Souza** (Margao)

tions. Cheers!

sistently delivered an array of captivating features, news stories, celebrations, events, and insights into the vibrant

lifestyles of Goans worldwide. The

quality and depth of content have been commendable, providing a wealth of knowledge for readers. One aspect that truly stands out is the TGG's ability to capture the essence of Goan culture, heritage and traditions, regardless of geographical boundaries. TGG has successfully showcased the rich tapestry of our community's achievements, stories of resilience, and the diverse talents of Goans spread across the globe. By featuring festivals, local events, and highlighting Goan history, the platform has created a strong sense of pride and nostalgia among Goans worldwide. It has effectively bridged the gap between generations, ensuring that our rich cultural legacy is cherished and passed on to future genera-

tions. Through its engaging content, TGG has showcased diverse achievements and talents of Goans across the world. It has successfully lived up to its mission of connecting Goans and Goan communities, fostering a sense of unity, and providing a virtual space where Goans can come together, collaborate, and celebrate their shared heritage TGG has undoubtedly become an indispensable platform in the quest to connect Goans globally

and ensure the preservation of our cultural legacy.

**é Marius Fernandes** (Goencho Festakar, Divar)

#### MUMBAI

#### Valuable resource

TGG has played a vital role in providing a voice to the Goan diaspora and shedding light on their experiences,





who have chosen a new mother-The artistic and professional presentation of the page covering the

"The participants showcased their

ments of the workshop was its impact on the confidence levels of participants. As they delved into the intricacies of acting, guided by Teotonio D'Costa's expertise, the young actors blossomed, shedding their inhibitions and embracing their creativity.'

"Through a series of practical exercises, improvisation games, and character-building techniques, they gained a deeper understanding of the craft and acquired valuable skills in voice modulation, body language, and stage presence.'

"Through this transformative experience, 30 young individuals discovered their hidden talents, gained confidence, and developed essential skills in theatre acting," Silva added.

He said the provision of a suitable hall for the workshop by Fr Jovito wavering support of several individuals.

"The YGA UK extends its gratitude to Teotonio D'Costa for his guidance and facilitation throughout the workshop. His passion and dedication to the art of acting inspired the participants to push their boundaries and strive for excellence," said Silva.

"The association would also like to express appreciation to Fr Jovito D'Souza, Bunty Vaz, Simon Gonsalves, Nolasaco Abreu, Roque Vaz (External Adviser), Awaaz Radio 99.8FM (Media Partner) and committee members for their constant encouragement and support.'

"Additionally, the hard work and commitment of Palma Colaco, Mark Monteiro, Greta Fernandes, Bernice Fernandes, Oligson Fernandes, Seby Colaco and all committee members deserve special mention, as their efforts contributed to the seamless execution

The YGA UK will be a driving force in providing opportunities for personal and artistic growth, paving the way for a vibrant future in the world of theatre,' he said

Silva informed that the YGA UK has other workshops planned for the coming months.

'We invite the youth to lookout for these upcoming events, as they promise to be equally enriching and empowering for young talents."

"In order to stay informed and connected with us, we encourage the youth to become a free member of the YGA UK. By joining our community, they will receive regular updates, exclusive information, and early access to workshop registrations. It's a fantastic opportunity to be part of a vibrant network of aspiring artists and like-minded individuals," Silva added.

Goan diaspora's social, political, academic and cultural ventures makes for interesting reading and adds to the increasing popularity of the Goan. May you celebrate several more anniversaries.

**Leslie St. Anne** (Freelance journalist, Assolna)

#### **Engaging content**

June 18 marks a significant milestone for TGG, a unique weekly initiative that has successfully brought together Goans and Goan communities from across the world. As a curator of 75-plus festivals in Goa aimed at connecting Goans globally, TGG has undoubtedly left a lasting impression. Since its inception, TGG has conchallenges, and achievements. It serves as a valuable resource for the Goan community, keeping them informed about developments, events, and issues related to their diasporic experience. TGG is a platform for fostering a sense of identity among Goans across the globe.

TGG has consistently covered a wide range of topics and issues relevant to the diasporic Goan community. It has addressed concerns, achievements, challenges, and events of interest to Goans abroad.

🝝 Anish Esteves (Journalist, Mumbai)

# Dempo advises Goan youth in Qatar to work hard, have long-term vision

#### ARMSTRONG VAZ

THE GOAN NETWORK | DOHA

hairman of Dempo Group of Companies Shrinivas Dempo has advised Goan youth in Qatar to have a long-term vision and to be ready to work hard. He was interacting with a cross-section of Goans while on a recent oneday visit to Qatar to deliver a talk at the Leadership Summit "Leadership Challenges in the Current Scenario", organised by Qatar Indian Management Association (QIMA).

"It is such a nice feeling to meet you all here in Qatar. I have been to Qatar four times and every time I see the rapid strides the country is making," said Dempo, who is also the President of All India Management Association.

#### **FOOTBALL**

Recalling his FIFA World Cup experience in Qatar, Dempo said of the seven World Cups he has attended so far, "Qatar was undoubtedly the best."

The Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, alumni complimented the Qatar leadership for hav-



Chairman of Dempo Group of Companies Shrinivas Dempo along with members of the Goan community during his one-day visit to Oatar.

ing a vision and working towards making it a reality.

Dempo is not new to football having served as Vice President of All India Football Federation and his club Dempo Sports Club, one of the top clubs in the country, has won the then top tier national Championship I League on several occasions

The I League which has since lost its

relevance with the advent of the Indian Super League (ISL).

#### **GOAN CONNECT** Dempo took special interest in the

Goans and inquired from which parts of Goa they hailed from.

Goans in Qatar were appreciative of the role Dempo has played in Goan society through their social and sporting causes and urged him to continue doing so.

The Goans in Qatar also acknowledged the role of the Dempo group of companies in helping Goan youth to have a foothold in various industries and the Dempo house contribution to Goan and Indian football.

'We appreciate the contribution of the Dempo Group in several sectors and wish them further success," Ambrosio Dias, a retired banker hailing from Sirsaim said at the meet, which was coordinated by John De Sa along with his team.

While welcoming him to Qatar, De Sa thanked the House of Dempo for creating jobs in their companies.

"Many Goans, in the past and in the present, were and are part of the Dempo workforce in different sectors and industries like mines, transportation, barges, shipyards, transshippers, etc and the football team Dempo Sports Club, where many Goan footballers became international footballers," he recalled.

"We want the Dempo legacy to continue," added De Sa.

Mauricio Pereira, a sportsperson and Tiatr promoter in Qatar, asked questions related to the Dempo football team and its future.

"We want Dempo Sports Club to continue and be a torchbearer of Goan foot ball in India and Asia and we wish them all the best," said Pereira, who hails from Curtorim.

#### **ADVICE**

Dempo said there is no substitute for hard work and the younger generation of Goans should realise it and be ready for the competitive world.

"Goan youth should not have short term goals but long-term vision and should be ready to work hard. United we can achieve a lot of things," he said when asked what is his advice for Goan youth.

Earlier, Asteria Pereira, a 5-year-old girl hailing from Pomburpa, hand ed a flower bouquet and welcomed Dempo to Qatar on behalf of the Goans in Oatar.