

**GU's HERITAGE FESTIVAL ON OCT. 22-23 TO CELEBRATE GOA'S
RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, LOCAL TRADITIONS AND INDIAN
KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS**

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The Goa University Non-Teaching Employees' Association (GUNTEA) is organizing the Goa University Heritage Festival 2026 on October 22 and 23, 2026 at the Silver Jubilee hall, Goa University, from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on both days. The festival is being organised in collaboration with the Department of Art and Culture and the Centre for Indian Knowledge System (IKS), Goa University.

The inaugural function will be held on October 22, 2026 at 10.30 a.m. in the presence of the Minister for Art and Culture, Shri Ramesh Tawadkar, as the Chief Guest.

Centred around the themes 'Shop for a Cause' 'Vocal for Local' and 'Seva Sankalp' the festival aims to promote Goa's rich cultural heritage, traditional art forms, indigenous knowledge, local entrepreneurship, Goan cuisine, handicrafts and sustainable practices. It will provide a platform for local artisans, self-help groups, traditional entrepreneurs and cultural practitioners to showcase their products, skills and talents while encouraging public support for local livelihoods and the preservation of Goa's cultural identity.

The two-day festival will feature an exhibition and sale of traditional Goan food products, handicrafts, locally made goods, indigenous and eco-friendly products and other items reflecting Goa's cultural diversity and entrepreneurial spirit. Cultural presentations and competitions will further enrich the celebrations by encouraging creativity and fostering appreciation of Goa's tangible and intangible heritage.

The festival will open to the general public, local residents, Goa University employees, students and other stakeholders. Members of the public are warmly invited to participate in the celebrations, explore locally made products, enjoy cultural presentations and support the preservation and promotion of Goa's rich cultural heritage.

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