

*Does Goa have the potential to become the future  
Excellence Hub in Asia for learning & teaching Portuguese?*

In the last few years the stature of Portuguese in the world has evolved impressively due to the economic development and international recognition of countries such as Angola and Brazil, that along with Portugal has been promoting the initiatives of the CPLP (Community of Portuguese spoken countries), the third intergovernmental community at the global level formed with a base in cultural and linguistic ties to give the Portuguese language an international stature, making it an official language in international organizations.

A historical brief of the teaching-learning process in Goa in post-1961 period, particularly in the last 25 years will be presented. With the Liberation of Goa in 1961 and the lack of diplomatic relations between Portugal and India, Portuguese was for several years maintained solely in familial context. The creation of the Department of Portuguese, the only in the entire Indian subcontinent and one of the rarest in the whole of Asia to offer the M.A. in Portuguese Language and Culture, and the introduction of the Portuguese language in the scholastic curriculum as an optional language, from standard VIII has replaced Goa at the centre of Portuguese instruction-learning in India. Thanks to the renewed diplomatic ties between Portugal and India, several private Goan institutions have also contributed to the promotion of the Portuguese language in the State of Goa.

Goa is a tiny state of the Republic of India with unique conditions. Historical, economic and cultural aspects make Goa, besides a privileged touristic destination, a vibrant and dynamic multilingual and intercultural hub, offering an excellent and conducive environment for the teaching and learning of the Portuguese Language like no other place in Asia.



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