



**Goan Archives Canada Inc.  
Collection from the Canadian Goan Community  
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(PAMA)  
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## Section A: About the Goan Archives-

### What is the Mission of Goan Archives?

The Goan Archives (GAC) mission is to assemble, preserve, organize, and store, publications and documents generated by Goan Community Groups in Canada over the last 40 years. The intent is to facilitate study and understanding of the Community by scholars and researchers in the future.

### When & How was it started ?

On August 5, 2009, Cecil D’Cruz , Claude Gomes, Lazarus Pereira, Uvy Lopes, & John J. D’Souza, met to form a Steering Committee which initiated the organization. In the spring of 2010, Maurice Pinto and Muriel Lucas were invited to join the group.

### What Has Been Achieved to Date?

1. On November 11, 2009 GAC conducted an Open House in the East GTA to inform the public and collect items for archiving..
2. The success of the Open House led to the conduct a similar session on January 2010 for the West GTA, at Square One Mississauga
3. Through the Open House collections and individual donations approximately 450 items were collected covering more than 40 Goan organizations.
4. In April 2010, GAC issued a Phase I Report documenting the items collected and outlining the next steps. This report can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/goanarchivescanada/> and can be downloaded in full.
5. On August 9, 2011 GAC obtained registration as a non-profit corporation in Ontario.
6. In October 2010, GAC met with the Archivists of the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton and were invited to place the Goan Archives Collection at their centre.

### The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) 2012 Donation

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## Section B About Goa & the Goan Community

### Where is Goa ?



*Goa is India's* smallest state in terms of area and the fourth smallest in terms of population. Located on the west coast of India in the region known as the Konkan, it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. Panaji (also referred to as Panjim) is the state's capital. Renowned for its beaches, temples and world heritage architecture, Goa is visited by hundreds of thousands of international and domestic tourists each year.

Goa encompasses an area of 3,702 km<sup>2</sup> (1,430 sq miles). It lies between the latitudes 14°53'54" N and 15°40'00" N and longitudes 73°40'33" E and 74°20'13" E. Most of Goa is a part of the coastal country known as the Konkan, which is an escarpment rising up to the Western Ghats range of mountains, which separate it from the Deccan Plateau. The highest point is the Sonsogor, with an altitude of 1,167 meters (3,827 feet). Goa has a coastline of 101 km (63 miles).



### Goans in Canada

**Source:** <http://www.multiculturalcanada.ca/Encyclopedia/A-Z/g2/2>

From the mid-nineteenth century on, Goan Christians began migrating in large numbers to territories throughout British India, in search of better job opportunities in cities such as Bombay and Karachi. Because they were Christian, and familiar with European culture, the Goans were acceptable to the British, who also recruited them to work in the British colonies of East Africa and Persian Gulf ports such as Aden, where their vocational training and clerical skills were in demand. Yet, even today, Goans still resent the term “Goanese,” which the British used disparagingly to refer to Goan Christians in lower-class service occupations, such as cooks, tailors, butlers, waiters, and ayahs (nannies).

Although Goans started immigrating to Canada in the 1960s, it is estimated that over 90 percent of the community arrived during the 1970s, a large number from East Africa and Pakistan, and a smaller group directly from Goa. Still more recently, there has been an increasing number of Goan immigrants to Canada from Middle Eastern countries. Regardless of what country they may have left, the immigrants and their descendants born in Canada identify as Goans, not with the last country in which they resided (if other than Goa). With regard to Hindus from Goa, only a very few have emigrated; those who are in Canada prefer to identify with Hindu Maharashtrian Canadians from Goa's neighbouring state, Maharashtra. Hence, the discussion about Goans in this entry (and this collection) will focus on the Roman Catholic community.

Since Goans are not listed separately in Canadian census data, no clear immigration and settlement statistics are available. It is estimated that there are approximately 13,000 in Ontario and 10,000 in the rest of Canada. The estimated total population of 23,000 is calculated on the basis of the membership in the Toronto-based Goan Overseas Association (GOA), the Montreal-based Canorient Christian Association (CCA), and Goan associations and clubs in the cities of Hamilton, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver. END OF SECTION B

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