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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.

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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 km² (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

Section C General Description of Contents Background



eBoletim, April 2011

Leadership Transition Complete

Zulema D'Souza and her dedicated group of fellow volunteers handed over the IGO(O) in 2010 to a new team. The leadership change marked the close of a 21 year chapter that witnessed several accomplishments including: a youth convention; an academic conference; an exchange program; a donation of medical supplies; and work with Indian consular and Goa Government officials to facilitate issues of Non-Resident Goans.

The new team, IGO2010, led by Ludovic D'Souza and several energized volunteers have since set out to fulfill the IGO(O)'s mission:

"to enhance the collective capacity of Goans to meet the social, economic, cultural, educational and communal challenges that face Goans in Goa and in the lands of their adoption through special projects, information dissemination and emergency assistance."

IGO(O) Constitution, 1989

Action Plan, 2010 - 2015

IGO2010 will target its efforts in four key areas:.

1. Organization

To ensure that the organization's administrative, planning and financial obligations are maintained.

2. External Relations

To advocate on behalf of Canadian-Goans who have trouble obtaining Visitor Visas and Overseas Citizenship of India(OCI) and to build relationships with government officials and stakeholder groups.

3. Communications

To facilitate internal and external communications that provide current and pertinent information. An updated website and a blog will be launched this Fall. Plans are also underway to develop a mailing list and this is the first edition of an eNewsletter.

4. Special Projects

Education – seeking opportunities for knowledge transfer, collecting books for donation, etc.

Environment – raising awareness and action on issues like development, garbage, mining, etc

**"Connecting Goans
with GOA"**



IGO2010

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- Zulema D'Souza, Past President
- Al Mathias, Past Treasurer / NRG Affairs
- Lamberto Gomes, Past Director

Section D Listing of items in this box

PHC Box #	Doc Number	Item #	Donor List #	Donor Initials	Publication/Title	Publisher/Author	Category	Year	Printed pages
A-7-W-1	Item 265-200-15	265	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization Presentation to Can Orient Christian Association Feb 2009	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2009	19
A-7-W-1	Item 266-200-15	266	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization Presentation on RP2021 Task Force Oct 2008	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2008	20
A-7-W-1	Item 267-200-15	267	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Presentation to Satish Metha - Consul General India Nov 2007	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2007	26
A-7-W-1	Item 268-200-15	268	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Best of Both Worlds NGI/NRG Apr 2007	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2007	17
A-7-W-1	Item 269-200-15	269	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Best of Both Worlds NGI/NRG Jan 2007	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2007	7
A-7-W-2	Item 270-200-15	270	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Best of Both Worlds NGI/NRG Report Dec 2006	IGO	Report	2006	14
A-7-W-1	Item 271-200-15	271	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - NRI Brainstorming Workshop- Nov 2006	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2006	16

A-7-W-2	Item 272-200-15	272	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - NRI Brainstorming Workshop- Sep 2006	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	2006	15
A-7-W-2	Item 273-200-15	273	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - brief for Dr. A. Simone Sep 1998	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	1998	7
A-7-W-2	Item 274-200-15	274	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Credentials & Highlights brief for Sergio Marchi MP- Aug 1998	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	1998	12
A-7-W-2	Item 275-200-15	275	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Health Services Implementation Plan Mar 1998	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	1998	29
A-7-W-2	Item 276-200-15	276	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Strategic Plan Mar 1997	IGO	PP Presentation sheets	1997	40
A-7-B1	Item 277-200-15	277	200-15	IGO	International Goan Organization - Binder on Health Services File 1998	IGO	Binder 3" with 67 plastic pouches	1998	200 est
A-7-B2	Item 278-200-15	278	200-15	Cellie Gonsalves	Indo-Canadian Enterprise Exchange 1993	Cellie Gonsalves	Binder 3" with 40 tabs	1997	120

E Comment Sheet

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