

THE LIFE AND THE MISSION OF THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN GOA



Goa is a small state within India, of 3,700 sq. km and a population of just 1.4 million has unusual beauty and splendour on all fronts. Goa is distinguished by breath-taking beaches, lovely greenery, wild life, a vibrant culture and welcoming people.

Tourism

Goa being a spot for recreation and natural beauty it is one of the top most visited tourism spot in India. It is famous for its beaches, churches, and temples. The Bom Jesus Cathedral, Fort Aguada and a new wax museum on Indian history, culture and heritage in Old Goa are other tourism destinations.

“Embrace the world” with a zeal to show forth God’s Merciful Love. SME



In 2007, we, the GOOD SHEPHERD SISTERS responded to the invitation of His Grace Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao Archbishop of Goa and Daman to venture for the new mission in view of working in collaboration with Caritas Goa for Responsible tourism. After collaborating for two years, in 2009 the archbishop with the consultation of the provincial and team decided to shift our community to Tollecanto – Velim to St. Rock’s Parish.

Our Ministries:

1. Creating awareness and Prevention on Anti Human Trafficking:



2. Migrants: Cutbona Jetty in Salcete (south of Goa) is the prime provider of fish in the State of Goa. There are around 400-450 trawlers (40 owners) and around (6000) six thousand labourers stationed at Cutbona hailing from

other states like Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and so on.



3. Domestic Workers Rally - Poverty is the ill-effect of every family. Due to this ill-effect, existence of a lot of domestic workers was in a rise around our vicinity.



- 4. Community outreach programme Baradi:** We organized medical camps for diabetic patients, and for BP and general check-up. We conducted workshops for preparing herbal tonic, basics in tailoring, sweets, cookery classes and flower making.



- 5. Good Shepherd Play School:**





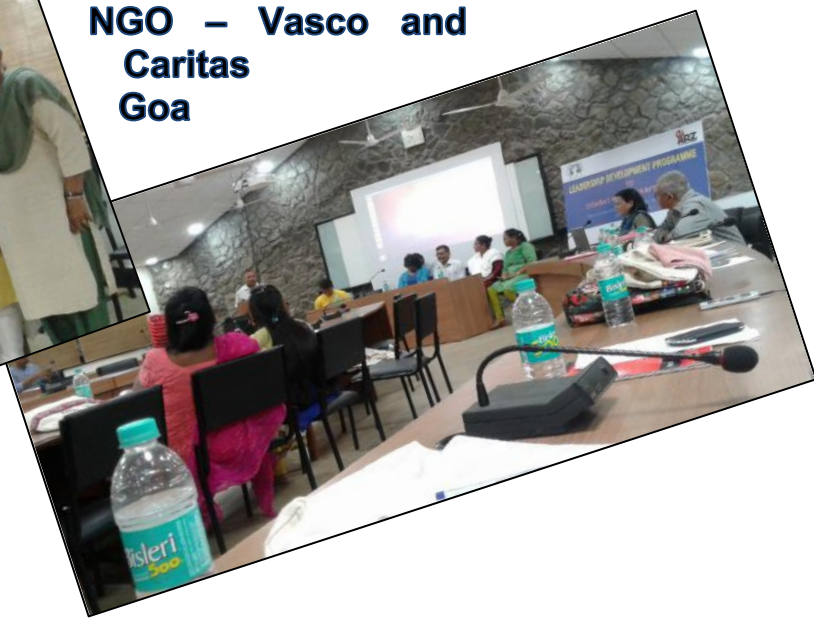
**6. Value Education
at St. Rock's High
School:**



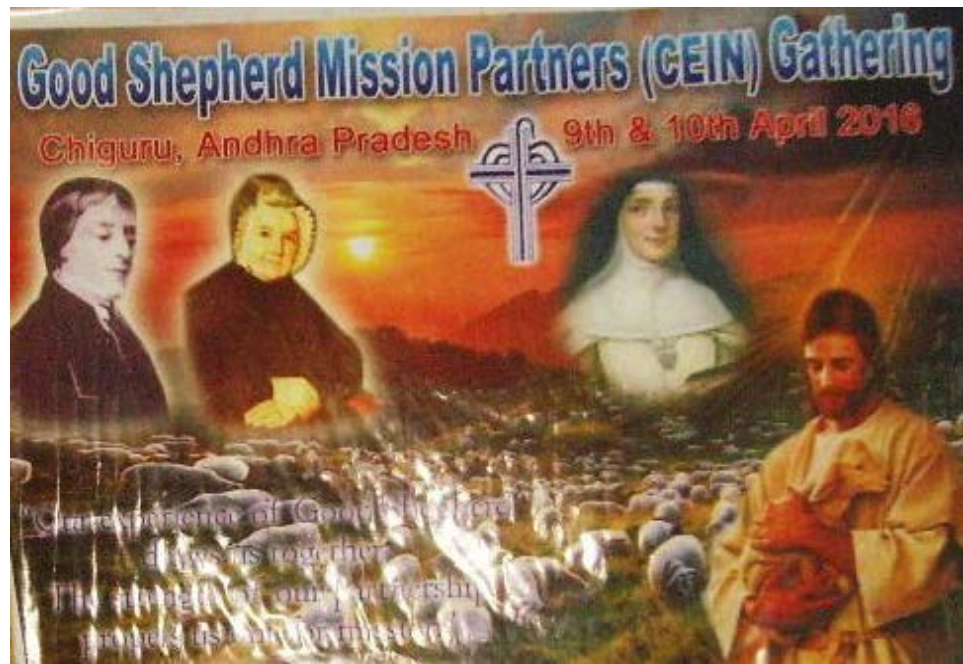
**7. St. Euphrasia's
Scholarship Fund:**



**8. Networking with ARZ
NGO – Vasco and
Caritas
Goa**



9. Lay Partnership for mission: Our mission partners are our strength and a source of inspiration. Mrs. Esperance Cardozo our lay mission partner took part in the Province Mission partner's seminar and also for the social action seminar at Chiguru.



Future Plans:

- ◆ **A RESIDENCE FOR THE SISTERS.**
- ◆ **A PLACE TO RUN THE PLAY SCHOOL.**
- ◆ **CENTRE FOR THE OUTREACH PROGRAMMES.**
- ◆ **RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR THE MIGRANTS AND DOMESTIC WORKERS CHILDREN.**

