

**SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**“Development Issues in Goa: A Media – Government Interface”**  
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**Session 1- How effective are Local Self Governments for Development?**

1. Database to be made available to the Panchayats.
2. Vision document along with the Gram Sabha should be formulated.
3. A working group on different areas should be started.
4. Members of the Panchayat and Rural local people should be included in discussions.
5. Members of the local self government should be given proper guidance on various clauses, rules and regulations.

**Session 2- Environmental Footprints of Tourists: Need for Introspection**

1. To form a Tourism advisory council, including all stakeholders.
2. Need for Tourist security organization.
3. Garbage issue should be tackled, fine for people dirtying beaches specially picnickers.
4. Sewage drainage into the sea should be tackled; if possible sewage should be treated before discharging into the sea.
5. Awareness among villages about paedophilia, drugs, HIV, child abuse. Also should be added in school and college curriculum.
6. Locals and private hotels to collaborate in terms of poultry, agricultural, dairy products. Will provide employment to local youth.
7. Development of Hinterland, increase activities like trekking, river rafting to evenly distribute tourist crowd and relieve pressure from beaches.

**Session 3- Infrastructure Development at the cost of Environment?**

1. To form a Infrastructure development advisory council, including all stakeholders
2. Recognition and Implementation of the Panchayati Raj Act
3. Structuring of a Citizen Charter Think-Tank. The concept of dialogue to be brought down to the department level. E.g. Tourism, Environment
4. Development projects should be scrutinized keeping environment in mind and time should be given to stakeholders and lay persons for sending their comments, opinions and objections if any.
5. Right to Information should be used as a tool for gaining information on any matter concerning citizen's goodwill and environment protection. Action should be taken accordingly.
6. Citizens should also come forward, take the lead to put forth the facts which the government is unaware of.

**Session 4- Migrants and Immigrants: Bane or Boon?**

1. Locals /landlords and even employers who house migrants on rent or employ them in restaurants or for any household help should enter their details at the local police station or they will be held responsible for any crime done by the migrant.
2. Ration card to be given to migrants only to get food supplies at subsidized rates, should be temporary based on duration of stay and should not be considered as license to permanent residentship.

3. Builders have to mandatorily compel to laws to provide shelter, proper sanitation, and medical facilities to migrants to prevent disease widespread like malaria. Should also provide admission of migrant children in local schools. Should not encourage child labour.
4. Government should give initial capital investment to local youths for starting their own business, improve employment rates for professionals, and increase self employment opportunities to vocational streams, to prevent local youth from migrating abroad.
5. Follow “Mangalore pattern”, workstations in every house for various professions, so that local youth can get employment.
6. Tapping of skills is necessary.

### Session 5- Need for Quantitative or Qualitative Education

1. Vision document along with Directorate of Education should be formulated.
2. Amalgamation of 2-3 schools having few children and 1 teacher, transport should be provided.
3. Multigrade training should be given to single teachers to handle students of different grades e.g. First to Fourth standard.
4. Development of vocational profession should be improved.
5. Expertise of CBSE school faculties should be taken.
6. Proper sanitation, food and water facilities for village schools.
7. Books have to be updated. Certain chapters on Goan History, Ethnogoia should be included.
8. Infrastructure should be improved.
9. Proper counseling to students specially dropouts.

### Session 6- Healthcare in Goa: Reach and Impact

1. Community involvement in healthcare.
2. Proactive role of media in spreading awareness is necessary.
3. Healthcare centres should employ local NGOs to identify problems.
4. Grassroot level studies should be done to know causes of diseases.
5. Healthcare, sanitation facilities should be improved in government hospitals.
6. Recruit more doctors, nurses, helpers.
7. Medicines at subsidized rates should be made available in government hospitals specially for poor, BPL patients.