

# WORLD GOA DAY 2019 by

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## Global Goan Alliance & Network

World Goa Day (WGD) was introduced to commemorate the anniversary of the inclusion & ratification of our mother tongue Konkani, 'Amchi Maim Bhas' in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution by the virtue of the 71<sup>st</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act of the Indian Parliament on 20th of August 1992, when it was officially recognised as one of the official languages of India....

***From times immemorial, it has been known that language is the glue that brings a community together through shared social bonds and is intrinsic to the expression of a Peoples' socio-cultural heritage.***

The time of the year when most Goans and almost every Goan Association the world over come together to celebrate an occasion that binds us with one common goal, to celebrate our being GOAN and our GOEMKARPONN, is soon drawing near and is virtually upon us. Yes, AUGUST 20, 2019 is just around the corner.

Depending on where each one is, how each Association has decided to celebrate it and how we each see fit to express ourselves, one thing is for sure, we shall all do our best to celebrate this day under one common banner called... WORLD GOA DAY!!

The annual WGD celebration is the one common Global Goan event that reminds us of our unique identity as Goans. So this call goes out to all you hardworking and illustrious members, coordinating volunteers, and the Heads of all our Goan Community Associations the world over, calling on each of you to pledge here, your support of this common and close-to-the-heart celebration. We request for your whole-hearted co-operation and collective support to make the 20th year of the now global brand 'World Goa Day' a greater success, this year!!

These celebrations are intended as a day for Goans worldwide to focus, take pride and celebrate their culture, language, traditions, music, cuisine, and more particularly bringing Goans closer together... wherever they are on the planet earth.

The first World Goa Day was held on 20 August 2000. Its primary objective was and is to unite Goans all over the world on a day of common celebration and foster a spirit of solidarity. The date for World Goa Day is officially the 20th of August, but for practical reasons, the occasion is celebrated on or around this date by the numerous Goan Community and Social organizations across the global Goan Diaspora. It has been suggested that 'a day' be set aside to commemorate the World Goa Day.

Do encourage the Goans in your locale to come forward and together organize a day of Prayer, fun, sports, music, culture & heritage, cuisine & dance to traditional lore – a celebration of all things GOAN, of our traditions and our culture and whether you do it on the designated day or on a day that is most convenient to you, plough right ahead.

Our future generations bank upon what we do here and now, our children shall learn more about their heritage only if we take that step forward to share whatever we know and whatever was passed on to us either by our parents, grandparents and elders, our GOAN community members, our neighbours or even just our friends. Each of us has so much talent and knowledge, but we need to share it with others too. So let the festivities not stop just there, do remember to record your activities and stream your celebration links with us, the GLOBAL GOAN ALLIANCE & NETWORK Forums, so that Goans all over the world can also partake and share in your festivities together with you in the virtual world.

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Let's be proud Goans and celebrate our culture, language, traditions, music and cuisine.

So what are the plans for the WGD 2019 Global celebrations?

The Theme for 2019: **\*Celebrating our Goan Youth, globally\***...(*"Amchim Bhurgim, Amcho Fuddar"*)

The objectives for World Goa Day: **What & Why:** While emphasizing upon this year's common theme – '*Amchim Bhurgim, Amcho Fuddar*', to promote WGD within the wider Goan community, by designating a day specifically for Goans to reflect upon and keeping alive our Goan identity - irrespective of caste, creed or social class, to consider what being a Goan means to us, to take pride in being Goan and to connect, network & unite with Goans all over the world, in solidarity, to celebrate Goa's history, language, music, cultural heritage and traditions... our Unique Goemkarponn !

**Who:** ...ranging from an individual to family or families, Goan Associations, Goan special purpose groups (e.g. youth groups, professional groups), Village community groups, Goan bars and restaurants, Goan businesses etc. are encouraged to celebrate World Goa Day. Invite your Non Goan friends to be part of the celebrations. For restaurants in Goa and the world over the Traditional Goan Food Festival week is being proposed as part of the WGD celebration.

**Where** do we intend to celebrate WGD - Worldwide .....anywhere – in your home, backyard, playground, picnic spots, community / reception halls, restaurants, your village/town or at the beach. A meeting of two or more will constitute a gathering.

**When:** Any time during the year 2019. The period of July-August-September has typically been the preferred months for worldwide WGD celebrations.

Please refer to the below copied links for the World Goa Day and Global Goan Alliance & Network Face-book forums(Groups & Pages) which are being coordinated and collaborated by an ever-growing working group of a team of over 20 passionate Goans from various part of the global Goan Diaspora and in Goa.

The WGD Facebook Group will be the one stop window for all the publicity including flyers and website links and after events reports, pictures and videos. This will be in addition to your own publicity channels. Please Add/Follow/Like/Share & Post to these forums and be part of the ever growing Goan Network globally. All Goans are welcome to join hands and be part of the Global Goans Alliance & Network

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#Please\_Add\_Follow\_Post & #Share\_to\_these\_Three\_Face\_Book #Groups:

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**1. The\_Only\_Official\_World\_Goa\_Day\_Events\_Celebrations\_Site"**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/180851002575787/>

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**2. "#Goan\_Culinary & #Cultural\_Group"**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/goanculinaryclub/>

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**3. "#Global\_Goan\_Youth\_Network" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GOAN.G.Y.N/>**

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#Like\_Post\_Share\_to\_these\_Two\_Face\_Book #PAGES:

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**1. "#Global\_Goans\_Festivals"**

[https://www.facebook.com/Globalgoansfestivals/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/Globalgoansfestivals/?ref=br_rs)

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**2. "#Global\_Goans\_Alliance & #Network "**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Global.Goan.Associations/about/>

**Please do visit the 'About' section to understand the 'Aims & Objectives'**

*We appeal to you to please add/like and join these global Goans & Goa centric FB forums... which aim at closely connecting Global Goans to their roots, their ancestral culture & heritage... and in particular - fostering a love for their ancestral heritage and influencing the younger generation of Goans (our promise of the future) by passing on to them the legacy of our ancestors...*

In anticipation, we thank you for your participation, with our greetings and good wishes,

*"Mog Asum di"*

**Rene Barreto**

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