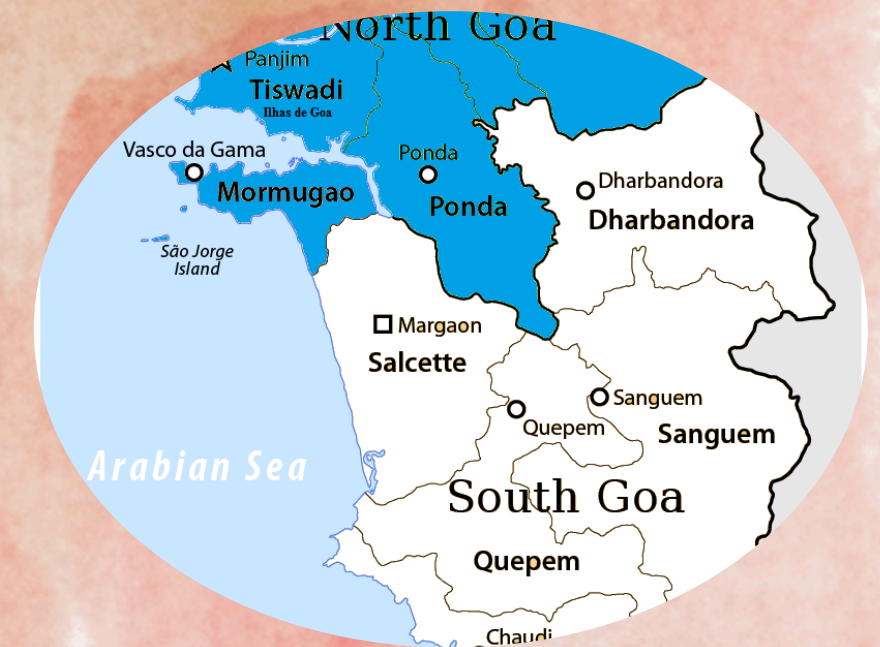


Goa -capital : Panaji

Goa is a state on the southwestern coast of India within the Konkan region, geographically separated from the Deccan highlands by the Western Ghats. It is bordered by the Indian states of Maharashtra to the north and Karnataka to the east and south, with the Arabian Sea forming its western coastline. It is India's smallest state by area and fourth-smallest by population.

Goa's literature is a multilingual tradition that reflects its rich, blended history under Portuguese rule and its unique cultural identity, with major works written in Konkani, Portuguese, Marathi, and English



Goan literature is predominantly written in the Konkani language, which utilizes several scripts, including Devanagari (the official script) and Roman (Romi), along with Kannada, Malayalam, and Perso-Arabic in other regions. Devanagari is used for official publications and by Hindu Goans, while the Roman script is prevalent in Goan Catholic communities and for Tiatr (drama). The Roman script, with its early use in printing by Portuguese missionaries, remains a significant part of Goan literary tradition, particularly in some diasporic communities.



Pundalik Naik, Ben Antao, Olivinho Gomes, Violet Dias Lannoy, Maria Aurora Couto, Eunice De Souza, and Lambert Mascarenhas were influential Goan writers who contributed significantly to Goan English literature. Their works included novels, short stories, poems, translations, memoirs, and journalism that explored Goan culture and history and helped establish Goan literature in English.



The Goa Arts and Literature Festival (GALF) is an annual literary festival which takes place in the Indian coastal state of Goa, each December. It was founded in 2010. The International Centre, Goa (ICG) serves as the main venue of the festival. The inaugural event is usually held at the Maquinez Palace. The event is organized by ICG in association with the Goa Writers' Group, with support from the Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Goa.

