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MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Climate Action for Local Bodies in Goa: Governance, Institutions and Implementation



Dates

12–13 August 2026

Venue

**Goa Institute of
Management**



PROGRAMME INTRODUCTION

Goa's rapid urbanisation is increasingly straining the balance between development priorities and the lived realities of its communities and ecology. Planning decisions are often made with limited consultation, leading to public mistrust, resistance, and a widening gap between policy intent and ground-level acceptance — a pattern that weakens the long-term legitimacy and effectiveness of urban governance.

Compounding this challenge are mounting climate risks. As a low-lying, tourism-dependent coastal state, Goa faces growing exposure to extreme heat, urban flooding, water stress, mangrove and wetland loss, coastal erosion, and related public health impacts. These risks are already reshaping infrastructure planning, water security, and quality of life across the state's municipalities. This combination of governance gaps and escalating climate vulnerability makes a strong case for strengthening capacity within Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). Officials and planners need not only technical knowledge of climate risk and adaptation, but also stronger institutional tools to plan transparently, engage communities meaningfully, and make decisions that are both climate-resilient and locally accepted.

The 1.5-day Management Development Programme responds directly to this need — equipping ULB officials, city planners, and practitioners with the knowledge, frameworks, and finance mechanisms required to translate climate commitments into governance that is effective, accountable, and built to last.





WHO SHOULD ATTEND

✓ **Municipal Commissioners and Chief Officers**

✓ **Urban Local Body (ULB) Officials**

✓ **Town Planners, Architects, and Urban Designers**

✓ **Engineers and Infrastructure Managers**

✓ **Environment and Climate Change Officers**

✓ **Smart City Mission Officials**

✓ **State Urban Development Dept. Representatives**

✓ **Urban Development Practitioners & Consultants**

✓ **Academics and Researchers in Climate-Resilient Urban Development**

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme comprises six sessions delivered over 1.5 days, combining expert lectures, case studies, group discussions, practical exercises, and city-level applications.

DAY 1 | Wednesday, 12 August 2026

Full Day Programme

09:30 – 10:15

INAUGURAL SESSION

Welcome, Opening Remarks and Programme Overview

*Speakers/Facilitators: **Director, Dean GIM; NIUA-C-Cube Representative; GIZ Representative (TBC)***

10:15 – 10:30

TEA BREAK

10:30 – 12:00

SESSION 1

Cities and Climate Fundamentals Primer

Climate Science, Urban Vulnerability, Climate Risks and Just Transitions

*Speaker : **Dr. Diya Guha Roy***

12:00 – 13:30

SESSION 2

Climate Change Adaptation Actions for Goa

Adaptation Planning, Urban Risks, Co-benefits and Case Studies

*Speaker : **Dr. Mehak Puri***

13:30 – 14:15

LUNCH BREAK

14:15 – 15:45

SESSION 3

Data-driven Climate Action for Cities

*Speaker : **Prof. Vithal S Sukhathankar***

15:45 – 16:00

TEA BREAK

16:00 – 17:30

SESSION 4

Climate Finance for Cities

Funding Sources, Project Preparation and Financing Instruments

*Speaker : **Dr. Arpita Amarnani***

DAY 2 | Thursday, 13 August 2026*Half Day Programme***09:00 – 09:15****RECAP SESSION****Reflections and Key Learnings from Day 1***Speaker : Dr. Mehak Puri***09:15 – 10:45****SESSION 5****Institutionalising Climate Action in Cities***Governance Frameworks, Climate Cells and Institutional Mechanism**Speaker : Dr. Pranusha Kulkarni***10:45 – 11:00****TEA BREAK****11:00 – 12:30****SESSION 6****Designing, Monitoring and Evaluating Adaptation Actions***Speaker : Dr. Muddasir Ahmed Akhoon***12:30 – 13:15****VALEDICTORY SESSION****Feedback, Certificate Distribution and Closing Remarks***Speakers / Facilitators : NIUA-C-Cube & GIM Representatives***13:15 Onward****LUNCH & DISPERSAL**

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES



Understand climate science and governance dimensions affecting coastal towns, cities, and peri-urban areas.

Identify climate risks and vulnerabilities affecting urban and coastal area systems.



Explore localised climate finance mechanisms and project preparation approaches.

Understand institutional arrangements needed for mainstreaming climate action.



Develop actionable pathways for integrating climate resilience into local governance, urban planning, and service delivery.

PROGRAMME FEE & SEAT ALLOCATION

Reserved Seats — Government Nominees

35 seats reserved for government officials and ULB nominees. Fee waived for these participants.

Open Seats — Non-Government Participants

Up to 10 additional seats are available for non-government participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Programme Fee (1.5-Day Programme)

₹ 12,500 per participant — inclusive of GST and **meals**.

Campus Accommodation (Optional)

Twin Sharing: **₹2,500 + GST** per day
Single Occupancy: **₹4,000 + GST** per day

Local Transportation

Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from GIM.

PROFILE OF THE RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr. Arpita Amarnani

Qualification: PhD | Experience: 20+ Years

Dr. Arpita Amarnani is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Centre for Excellence in Sustainable Development at GIM, specialising in Sustainable Finance, Corporate Finance, Financial Systems, and Fintech. She brings expertise in blended climate finance, green bonds, microfinance, and digital payments. She also works at the intersection of environmental sustainability and finance, with applied experience in the power sector.



Prof. Vithal Sukhathankar

**Qualification: Systems & IT Management
Experience: 30+ Years**

Prof. Vithal Sukhathankar is Assistant Professor in the Systems area at GIM. His subject expertise spans eCRM, Database Management Systems, Data Warehousing, Data Mining, and E-Governance. He designs and delivers courses in Management Information Systems and IT Strategy for both academic and government training programmes.



Dr. Diya Guha Roy

Qualification: PhD | Experience: 15+ Years

Dr. Diya Guha Roy is an Associate Professor at GIM with expertise in Consumer Behaviour, Neuromarketing, and Customer Relationship Management. Her interdisciplinary work spans sustainability, responsible business practices, and tourism management, with a focus on understanding consumer decision-making at the intersection of behaviour, technology, and environmental responsibility.



Dr. Mehak Puri**Qualification: PhD | Experience: 8+ Years**

Dr. Mehak Puri is an Assistant Professor (Research) at GIM. Her expertise spans environmental science, water policy, circular economy, sanitation frameworks, and environmental law. She works at the interface of urban sustainability, climate resilience, and emerging contaminant management.

**Dr. Pranusha Kulkarni****Qualification: PhD | Experience: 3+ Years**

Dr. Pranusha Kulkarni is an Assistant Professor at GIM with expertise in Energy Justice, Public Policy, Sustainability Transitions, and Legal Aspects of Business. Her work spans the interface of technology, trade policy, and climate governance, with a focus on just transition frameworks and renewable energy policy in the Global South.

**Dr. Muddasir Ahmed Akhoon****Qualification: PhD | Experience: 1+ Years**

Dr. Muddasir Ahmed Akhoon is an Assistant Professor at GIM with expertise in Spatial Economics, Applied Econometrics, Environmental Economics, and Climate Change. His teaching interests include Microeconomics, Sustainable Business Practices, and Geospatial Data Analytics, with applied research experience in productivity analysis and policy evaluation.



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