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WTC Goa and GDP foundation hold meeting to add value to Goa's business ecosystem.

World Trade Center (WTC) Goa convened a special meeting with Mr. Kishore Shah, Managing Trustee of GDP Foundation. The interaction was held on behalf of WTC Goa by Mr. Cyril Desouza, Regional Director- Trade Promotion, with the primary objective of exploring avenues for collaboration between WTC Goa and the GDP Foundation.

The discussion focused on aligning trade facilitation initiatives and industry linkages by leveraging the complementary strengths of both institutions. GDP Foundation was noted for its strong ground-level access to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), and leading senior colleges across Goa. In this context, it was deliberated that a collaboration between WTC Goa and the GDP Foundation could create a robust platform for capacity building, innovation, enterprise readiness, and skill development, thereby adding significant value to Goa's business ecosystem. The meeting further explored the possibility of jointly hosting industry-relevant programmes, initiating applied research pilots, and developing structured entrepreneurship pathways. These initiatives were envisioned to strengthen Goa's economic and social development while serving as a strategic multiplier for both institutions. The meeting also explored the possibility of signing and MoU for which a Draft o MoU could be looked into and discussed during the next meeting. The meeting concluded on a highly positive and forward-looking note, with both WTC Goa and the GDP Foundation agreeing to deliberate internally and jointly prepare a draft framework outlining potential areas of collaboration, funding mechanisms, and programme execution models that would be mutually acceptable. It was also resolved to convene a follow-up meeting in the third week of December 2025 to build upon the discussions held and take the collaboration forward.

The meeting was held at World Trade Center Goa on December 3, 2025.