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3.3.1 Institution's Legal aid/community services and Outcomes of extension activities in the neighborhood community in terms of impact and sensitizing the students to social issues, holistic development, and awards received, if any.

#### 1. PROJECT LIVE

Advocate Aditya Parab had initiated the Project LIVE (LIBRARY TO IMPROVE VILLAGE EDUCATION) as a student. He achieved success when the first library opened in Moira village on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Since then, he has been guiding students to initiate libraries in different village panchayats. The Legal Aid Society of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law organised a talk of Advocate Aditya Parab for the cell incharges of all the legal aid cells on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Advocate Parab spoke on the know how's and explained all the technicalities of opening a library in the village panchayats. He also promised the students that he will aid them whenever necessary. The Incharges and Deputies of all the free legal aid cells attended this training programme by Advocate Aditya Parab. The initiation is to either set up a new library in the Village Panchayat or to upgrade the existing library in a village. Project "LIVE" is now undertaken by the members of Guirim and Bicholim Legal Aid Cell.

#### **Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell**

Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell initiated the LIVE Project at Advalpale panchayat. They have filled the application and is waiting for the NOC. Cell members Adarsh Valaulkar and Suyesha Parab took up this project.



#### **Guirim Free Legal Aid Cell**

Cell members Srinidhi Tar, Shubham Rao, Sara Barneto and Natasha Kerkar took the initiative of setting library at Guirim and Camurlim panchayat. The NOC has been passed. In Saligao Village, the NOC is still pending.





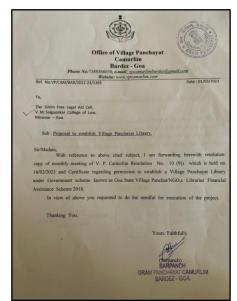


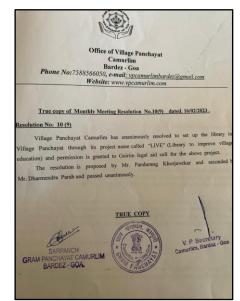
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#### 2. CONSUMER LAW AWARENESS

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Sir Roland Martins briefed the students on the rights and responsibilities of consumers. He also emphasised on the importance of knowing the IMEI number of their mobile phones, LPG care and he also guided the students in participating actively in the Gram Panchayats and to become active members in the various committed of







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village panchayats. Pursuant to this, 5 of our students became members of the various village committees. Many members of Free Legal Aid Cells conducted awareness programmes after this training.



# STUDENTS APPOINTED IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF VILLAGE PANCHAYATS:

<u>Sr.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>LAC</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Photos</u>
<u>No</u>			<b>Committee</b>		
			<u>and</u>		
			<b>Panchayat</b>		
1	Rishabh	Soccorro	Village	23.10.2022	+///
	Narvekar	Free LAC	Child		
			Committee		
			of Soccorro		
			Village		
			Panchayat		
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2	Gautami	Santa	Village	23.10.2022	
	Kamat	Cruz Free	Development		4
		LAC	Committee		
			of Santa		
			Cruz Village		
			Panchayat		☐ GPS Map Camera
3	Lyzel De		Road Safety		St. Cruz, Goa, India FRGW+HGG, St Cruz, Goa 403005, India
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			Cruz Village		
			Panchayat		







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4	Joann	Moira	Village	13.11.2022	
	D'Costa	Free LAC	Child		Village Child Composition of the Composition of the Code Alley's Plane Of
			Committee		
			of Moira		
			Village		
			Panchayat		
5	Bronya	Calangute	Traffic	27.11.2022	
	Dalgado	Free LAC	Management		
			Committee		
			and Youth		
			Committee		6
			under ward		
			Committee		8
					COMMS SOON

Pursuant to this talk, many Legal Aid Cells conducted awareness programmes on Consumer Laws.

Examples of a few Free Legal Aid Cells who conducted awareness programmes on Consumer Laws.

1. Minor programme was conducted by Ms. Srinidhi Tar and Ms. Natasha Kerkar of Guirim Free Legal Aid Cell on the topic "Consumer Protection Act 2019" at Government School of Guirim at Namoshi on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. Provisions of the Act were explained in a simple manner and awareness was created on the various rights of the consumers.











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2. 22 members of Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell conducted a Street Play on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 on the Topic "Consumer Rights" at Gandhi Circle in Old Goa. The street play was about making the people aware about the Rights of the Consumers. The members explained the students about Consumer Protection Act 2019 by giving brief introduction. The members of Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell explained them Rights of the consumer, who has the Authority to file complaints and where to file it.



3. On 13th October 2023, 4 members of Panaji Free Legal Aid Cell conducted a Minor Programme on the topic Consumer Protection Act 2019 in Goa Collage of Home Science Panjim for the first year and second year of BSc students. There about 25-30 students were present in per class. The members explained the students about Consumer Protection Act 2019 by giving brief introduction. They also explained the Rights of the consumer, who has the Authority to File complaints and where to file a particular Complaint. One student shared her experience related to consumer protection.



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4. Shri. Saraswati High School, Juvem requested Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell to conduct a talk on The Consumer Protection Act 2019 for the students of 10<sup>th</sup> std. on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 Ms. Shruti Manjrekar & Mr. Udhav Naik of Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell delivered a lecture for the students of 10th std on the Topic. It was an interactive session and students also asked questions.











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5. 9 Members of Calangute Free Legal Aid cell, conducted an awareness talk on Consumer Rights in different classes of Don Bosco High School, Calangute on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The students were informed about their rights as a consumer and the duties of the seller while selling a product. They were also instructed ways through which they can ask for remedy and get their consumer dispute resolved.





















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#### 3. AWARENESS ON CYBER CRIME

The Legal Aid Society hosted a Lecture on Cyber Crimes by Dr. Farooq Ahmad Mir, Dean of School of Legal Studies Central University of Kashmir on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The lecture was attended by the members of various Legal Aid Cells. Dr. Farooq also interacted with the students and explained the different types of cyber frauds and crimes and the need to curb them. Many members of Free Legal Aid Cells conducted awareness programmes after this training.



Examples of a few Free Legal Aid Cells who conducted awareness programmes on Cyber Laws and Cyber Crimes.









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1. 22 Members of the Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell in collaboration with Pro Bono Club conducted a Minor Program on 5th February 2024 on the topic CYBER CRIME at 12 pm, at Shri Shantadurga Higher Secondary School, Bicholim - Goa. The members covered topics such as meaning of Cyber Crime, types of Cyber Crime, Cyber Law and the various preventive measures to lessen the Cyber Crimes.













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2. The members of Honda Free Legal Aid Cell on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 conducted minor programmes at B.M High School Honda Sattari Goa on the topic Cyber Crime, students were made aware about types of Cyber-crime and the precautions one can take to avoid them.









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3. 4 members of Socorro Free Legal Aid cell conducted a minor Program on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at Government High School Alto- Betim (Porvorim) on topics such as Cybercrimes - types, cyber laws, cybercrime against government and persons and cybercrime under IPC and prevention.















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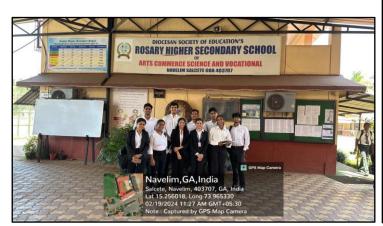
4. The Margao Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their minor program at Rosary Higher Secondary school, Navelim on 19th February, 2024 with 10 members. The talk was on the topic "Cyber-crime frauds and the influence of AI on Cybercrimes" arranged in 5 classes of Arts and Science combined. Members: Jinu Ponnachan, Kreanne Diniz, Yash Kunde, Siddhant Masurekar, Obadiah Moraes, Amit Solienkar, Sean Gomes, Anabel Noronha, Amanda Gracias, Mourisca Fernandes.







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5. Minor programmes were conducted by Pranali Talkar & Radiksha Narvekar on the topic Cyber Crime, for students of Sharada English High School, Marcel. It was a requested session by the principal of the Sharada English High School. Session was







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conducted by the members of Old Goa Legal Aid Cell from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.





#### 4. STATEWIDE AWARENESS ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Legal Aid Society of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law in association with Goa State Information Commission chalked out a programme on creating awareness on the RIGHT TO INFORMATION in the State of Goa. A lot of preparation was done for this event to be a success. A total of 6 teams comprising of 10 students each practiced the street play. The script was written by Mr. Siddhant Masurkar from SY Degree and was edited by Asst. Prof. Ashwini Naik. Colourful pamphlets were also designed by the students, namely, Ms. Hiral Kenaudekar, Ms. Lamisah Almeida, Mr. Aditya Tanksali, Ms. Diya Dabholkar, Mr. Preston Silveira and Ms. Achal Candolkar. On 4th October 2023, Mr. Vishwas Satarkar, Commissioner of Goa State Information Commission, visited the college to watch the street play. He appreciated the students and encouraged them for the scheduled performance.





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The 6 teams performed a total of 25 street plays in all the 12 Talukas of Goa on 11th October 2023. 6 teams of 10 students put in every effort since morning to afternoon to give a very effective performance. They also distributed a total of 1200 pamphlets all over Goa on Right to information. This project received very wide media coverage.

Some links of the programme.

- a. https://fb.watch/nCn6uGN2h2/?mibextid=RUbZ1f
- b. https://fb.watch/nCqDdkDHet/?mibextid=Nif5oz
- c. https://youtu.be/IxNEj6cj-Eo?si=Pn6rojPOztpXR83M
- d. https://www.instagram.com/p/CyTKoXistZs/?igshid=M2MyMzgzODVINw==

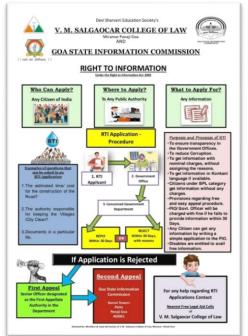


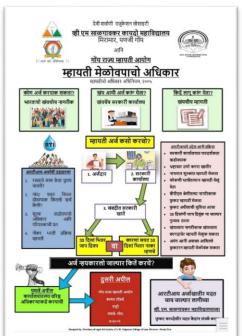






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Konkani and English Pamphlets were designed by students for the programme.





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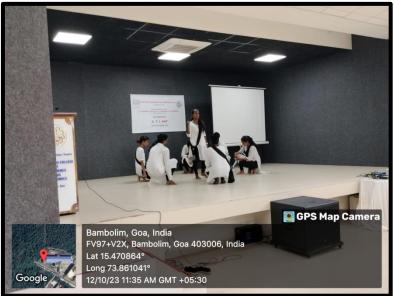




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On 12th October 2023, a team led by Ms. Shaisha Mandrekar performed the RTI Steet play in Dhempo College of Commerce before the Commissioner of GSIC Shri Vishwas Satarkar, Principal Prof. Dr. Manoj Kamat and PIOs of various institutions and students of the institution in celebration of National Right to Information Day. Their efforts were well appreciated.





#### **Awards**

The institution has been awarded the "The Knowledge Steez Award of Excellence for contribution in Social justice and Legal," in 2018 and 2019. The Institution was also awarded "The Community Engagement Award 2019" to the Child Rights Clinic of the









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College. The college has also been recipient of "Droit Penale award" in appreciation for best Legal Aid performer in 2021.

#### **Link to Awards**

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