

<u>Legal Aid Society</u> <u>Major Programme Report 2023-24</u>

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Introduction

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Legal Aid is a unique activity, which is in consonance with the College motto of 'Excellence in Legal Education in pursuit of Justice and Service to Humanity'. Helping the community concept is going on in this College since 1998. This mammoth activity comprising of 27 permanent free legal aid cells spread across the State of Goa. The concept of legal aid facility includes legal literacy, para legal services and pre-litigation process to the disadvantaged community. It extends also to representations, public interest litigation, law reforms, enforcement and implementation of law in practice. Our legal aid services are unique in its nature and recognized by many well-known institutes in India as well as in foreign countries. Planning Commission of India recognized the efforts of the college and students in its report.

All students are members of Legal Aid Cells for a period of minimum two years. Every year each member has to conduct 4 minor programmes to create awareness and one major programme/ project for each legal aid cell.

Reopening of cells

The Legal Aid Society began functioning for this academic year with an orientation for new members which was conducted by Ms. Ashwini Naik and Ms. Ruhi Phadte in the following manner: -

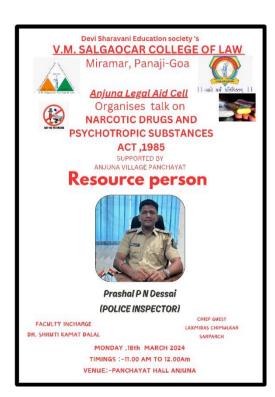
14th July 2023	Orientation to Second Year Degree - (A) and (B) Divisions Combined
19th July 2023	Orientation to Third Year BALLB (B) Division
20th July 2023	Orientation to Third Year BALLB (A) Division

This report contains the details of Major Programme of all 27 Free Legal Aid Cells done in the academic year 2023-24.

1. ANJUNA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 18th March 2024 from 12 noon to 1:20 pm
- Venue: Anjuna Panchayat Hall
- Topic: NDPS ACT
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Prashal P. N. Desai (PI Anjuna police station)
- No of attendees 9 students and 71 participants
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Siddhesh Tari

Anjuna Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on 18/03/24 from 11am to 12 noon at Anjuna panchayat hall and the topic for the major program was NDPS act and the guest speaker was Prashal P N Desai (PI Anjuna police station) and Agnes Carvalho (Deputy Sarpanch of Anjuna Village panchayat). The speaker explained that The NDPS Act prohibits a person from the production/ manufacturing/ cultivation, possession, sale, purchasing, transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance. On a positive note, the speaker added that that Drug abuse is a huge socio-economic problem in India and the government is taking several measures to reduce drug demand and promote rehabilitation of drug addicts into society. Cell Incharge Gururaj Kulkarni welcomed the gathering and the Deputy Incharge Geetesh Kalangutkar proposed the vote of thanks.



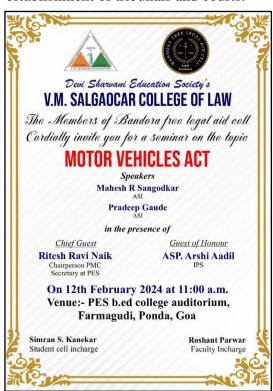




2. BANDORA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 12th February 2024 from 11am 1pm
- Venue: PES College of Education, Farmagudi
- Topic: Motor Vehicles Act
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: ASI Mahesh Sangodkar & ASI Pradeep Gaude
- No of attendees 15 students and 127 Participants
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Roshant Parwar

Bandora Free Legal aid cell completed its major programme on 12 February 2024 on the topic Motor Vehicles Act. The Chief Guest for the programme were Mr. Ritesh Ravi Naik (chairperson PMC) the guest of honour was ASP Arshi Aadil (IPS). The spokespersons were ASI Mahesh Sangodkar and ASI Pradeep Gaude. The programme was held in the auditorium of PES college of Education. The speaker explained that The Motor Vehicles Act, passed in the year 1988 by the Indian Parliament, regulates almost all aspects of road transport vehicles. It has provisions for traffic regulations, vehicle insurance, registration of motor vehicles, controlling permits and penalties. He also stated that the Act aims to promote safety on Indian roads and ensure that vehicles are maintained and operated in a responsible manner. It also establishes a framework for addressing accidents and enforcing traffic laws through the establishment of tribunals and courts.







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3. BASTORA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 22nd February 2024 from 4pm to 6pm
- Venue: Shri Satpurush Bandeshwar Sabha Mandap Bastora
- Topic: Women Empowerment and their Legal Rights
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Advocate Sankalp Bhosle
- No of attendees 17 students and 80 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Ruhi Phadte

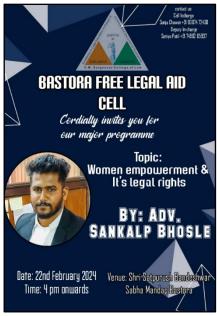
Members of the Bastora Free Legal Aid Cell of V. M. Salgaocar college of Law, Miramar, organised a knowledge session on women empowerment and their legal rights at Shri Satpurush Bandgeshwar Sabha Mandap - Bastora. Renowned advocate, Sankalp Bhosle, was invited as the guest speaker to enlighten, the V O Ujalla self-help groups and villagers of Bastora, in the presence of sarpanch of Bastora panchayat Subhash Morajkar and Deputy Sarpanch Sunita Lotlikar. The speaker explained that Legal empowerment is a powerful tool for advancing and changing lives by providing women with the necessary knowledge and tools, with this they can empower themselves to take control of their lives and challenge discriminatory practices and policies. Legal empowerment can help women to secure property rights, access education, and healthcare, and protect themselves from violence and exploitation. It can also provide women with a platform to raise their voices and participate in decision-making. Through legal empowerment, women can become agents of change in their own lives and their communities, creating a more equitable and just society for all.





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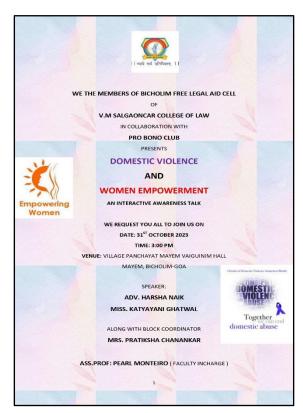




4. BICHOLIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 30th October 2023, From 3:30 to 6:30 pm
- Venue: Village Panchayat Mayem, Vaiguinim Hall
- Topic: Domestic Violence and Women Empowerment
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv. Harsha Naik and Prof. Katyayani Ghatwal
- No of attendees 22 students and 70 attendees.
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof. Pearl Monteiro

The members of Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell conducted the Major program which was an awareness talk on DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT in collaboration with PRO BONO CLUB and Block Coordinator, Bicholim on 30 Oct 2023 at 3:30 pm in Mayem Panchayat Hall. Adv. Harsha Naik and Miss Katyayani Ghatwal were the Speakers for the event. Mrs. Pratiksha Chanankar Block Coordinator, Bicholim and faculty incharge Asst. Prof. Pearl Monteiro also graced the occasion. Ms. Suyesha Parab compered the programme. A total 22 cell members were present and over 70 people attended the programme. Prof. Katyayani Ghatwal spoke about what is meant by Women Empowerment and why it is also essential for achieving Social Justice as the Women and Girls are often subject to discrimination. Adv. Harsha Naik spoke about domestic Violence and other forms of oppressions simply because of their gender. Empowering women helps to create a more just and equitable society for everyone. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by the Cell Incharge Sonia Gaonkar.





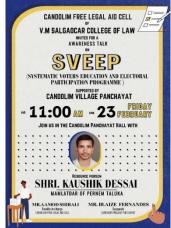


5. CANDOLIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 23rd February 2024 from 11:00am to 1:30pm
- Venue: Candolim Village Panchayat Hall
- Topic: SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation Programme)
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Shri Kaushik Dessai, Mamlatdar of Pernem Taluka
- No of attendees 8 Students and 62 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Dr. Aamod Shirali

The members of Candolim Free Legal Aid Cell organised an enlightening awareness session on SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Programme). The event took place on Friday, 23rd February 2024, at the Candolim Panchayat Hall, with the gracious support of the Candolim village Panchayat. The distinguished speaker for the occasion was Shri. Kaushik Dessai, the Mamlatdar of Pernem Taluka. The event garnered participation from a receptive audience accompanied by the esteemed presence of the Candolim Sarpanch Mr. Blaize Fernandes, Panchayat members, namely, Mrs. Purificacao Fialho, Mr. Dinesh Morajkar, and Mrs. Melanie Fernandes, along with the faculty in charge of the Candolim Legal Aid Cell, Dr. Aamod Shirali. Shri. Kaushik Dessai, an expert in the field shared his profound knowledge on three main topics: the election procedure, voters' rights, and challenges to the conduct of elections. He fervently urged voters to reject voting practices based on monetary considerations, religion, caste, and other irrelevant factors. Mr. Dessai also highlighted the ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency of elections, emphasising the introduction of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and the convenience of applying for an election card online through the Voters' Service Portal.







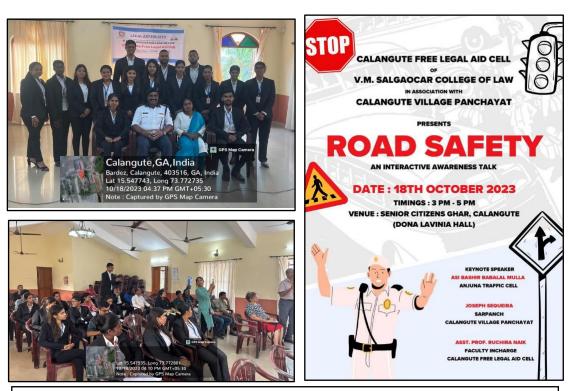




6. CALANGUTE FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 18th October 2023 from 3pm 5pm
- Venue: Dona Lavinia Hall, Senior Citizens Ghar Hall, Calangute
- Topic: Road Safety
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Bashir Babalal Mulla, ASI Traffic Cell, Anjuna
- No of attendees 15 Students and 70 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst Prof. Sinforosa Lopez

The members of Calangute Free Legal Aid Cell in association with Calangute Village Panchayat conducted an awareness talk on Road Safety on 18/10/2023 from 3pm to 5pm at Senior Citizens Ghar Hall, Calangute. The keynote speaker for the programme was ASI Bashir Babalal Mulla, Anjuna Traffic Cell. The faculty, Prof. Sinforosa Lopez at VM Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar was also present for the programme. The keynote speaker talked about recent road accidents and how we can prevent such accidents in future by following the rules and regulations. He also emphasised that parents have a responsibility towards ensuring that children below the age of 18 years are not allowed to commute without a valid license. There also was a Q & A where the public has asked the speaker about various junction points and the accountability of people while commuting in absence of traffic signals. The audience were keen to know what are the action plans of Government towards preventing the rampant road accidents along with many other issues which were put forth.



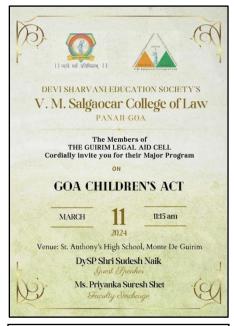
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7. GUIRIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 11th March 2024 Monday from 11:15- 12:30 pm
- Venue: St Anthony High School Monte De Guirim
- Topic: Goa Children's Act 2003
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Deputy Superintendent of Police Sudesh Naik Panjim Goa
- No of attendees 19 Students and 35 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst Prof. Priyanka Shet

On 12th March 2024 Members of Guirim Free Aid Legal Cell conducted awareness programme on mental health awareness and prevention of suicides for the students of Sacred Heart High School Canca. In collaboration with COOJ mental health foundation Resource person for the day was Ms. Sanya Pereira (Psychologist at COOJ foundation). Informative session was conducted by the psychologist for the students with questions answer round.





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8. HONDA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 12th September 2023 from 3.30 to 5.30 pm
- Venue: Honda Village Panchayat
- Topic: Nation Education Policy 2020
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Shri Gopinath Gawas, High school teacher, social worker and Madam Priya Kerkar- School counselor
- No of attendees 10 Students and 67 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst Prof. Ashwini Naik & Asst. Prof. Ruhi Phadte

The members of Honda Free Legal Aid Cell in association with Honda Village Panchayat conducted an awareness talk on Road Safety on 18/10/2023 from 3.30 to 5.30 pm at Honda Village Panchayat. The keynote speaker for the programme was Shri Gopinath Gawas, High school teacher and a social worker. The speaker talked about NEP. He said it is a policy that provides for reforms at all levels of education from school to higher education. NEP aims to increase the focus on strengthening teacher training, reforming the existing exam system, early childhood care and restructuring the regulatory framework of education. A lot of parents who were present at the gathering asked questions to the speaker and he clarified their doubts.





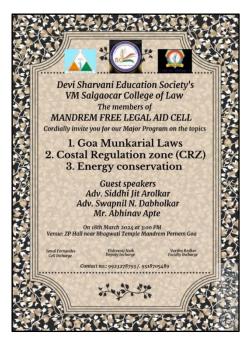




9. MANDREM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 18th March 2024 from 3:00 pm 6:00 pm
- Venue: ZP hall Mandrem Pernem Goa
- Topic: Goa Munkarial laws, the Coastal Regional Zone and Energy Conservation
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv. Siddhi Arolkar, Adv. Swapnil Dabholkar and Mr. Abhinav Apte
- No of attendees 9 students and 67 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst Prof. Varsha Redkar

The members of Mandrem Free Legal Aid Cell conducted an awareness talk on Goa Munkarial laws, the Coastal Regional Zone and Energy Conservation on 18th March 2024 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm at ZP hall Mandrem Pernem Goa. The speakers for the programme were Adv. Siddhi Arolkar, Adv. Swapnil Dabholkar and Mr. Abhinav Apte. All the speaker covered various issues under the main topics which were faced by the locals of Mandrem, Morjim and Arambol. It was an interactive session and the audience also clarified their doubts with the speakers. After the session the speakers also had personal interactions with the audience.





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10. MALA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 23rd February 2024 from 9.30 to 12.30
- Venue: Directorate of Art and Culture Seminar Hall Sanskruti Bhavan Central Library Building, Patto, Panaji
- Topic: Juvenile Justice Act
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv Chandan Shirodkar (member of Child Welfare Committee, North Goa) and Mrs. Andrea Pereira (member of Child Welfare Committee North Goa)
- No of attendees 12 students and 57 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst Prof. Disha Nayak Sardessai

The members of Mala Free Legal Aid Cell conducted an awareness talk on Juvenile Justice Act on 23rd February 2024 from 9.30 to 12.30 at Directorate of Art and Culture Seminar Hall Sanskruti Bhavan Central Library Building, Patto, Panaji. The guest speakers were Adv. Chandan Shirodkar, and Mrs. Andrea Pereira both members of child welfare committee North Goa. The speakers highlighted that The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act was instituted and passed by the Indian Parliament in 2015 to substitute the Juvenile Delinquency Law and the Juvenile Justice Act of 2000. The Act included clauses for juveniles aged 16 to 18 to be tried as adults if they were found to be in violation of the law, particularly heinous offences. They also explained that The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act covers three types of offences. These offences include – Cognizable, Non-Cognizable, and cases including both Cognizable and Non-Cognizable Offences.









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11. MAPUSA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 7th October 2023 from 11am to 1pm
- Venue: Dnyanprasarrak Mandal's college And Research Centre
- Topic: Right To Vote and Fair Elections
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: IAS Shree Ramesh Verma, Chief Electoral Officer and Mr. Deepak Raikar software Engineer currently reporting to the Chief Electoral officer.
- No of attendees 16 Students and 113 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Dr. Priya Onsker

Members of Mapusa Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major programme on the Topic 'Right to Vote and Fair Election' at Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre. The chief guest for the programme was IAS Shree Ramesh Verma, Chief Electoral Officer and Mr. Deepak Raikar software Engineer currently reporting to the Chief Electoral officer. Mr. Deepak Raikar gave a presentation on the importance of right to vote and also explained the online registration process for voter ID. Followed by a video on how our vote expresses our voices in a democracy. The chief Guest IAS Shree Ramesh Verma spoke about how he plans on making Goa's voters turnout 100%. He emphasised on importance of exercising right to vote by young voters. He also informed on how they are working towards making the functioning of the polling booth faster. He also talked about the security of the EPIC Card and also encouraged the attendees to take part in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections. He gifted our college a booklet containing report and pics of 2022 Elections. The Major programme was a success with the cooperation and efforts of faculty incharge along with each and every member of the cell.





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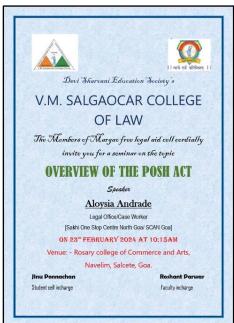
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12. MARGAO FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 23rd February 2024 from 10 am to 12 pm
- Venue: Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim Salcete Goa
- Topic: Overview of the PoSH Act
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Aloysia Andrade (Legal Officer / Case Worker at Sakhi One Stop Centre North Goa / SCAN Goa)
- No of attendees 17 Students and 56 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Roshant Parwar

The members of Margao Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topic "Overview of the PoSH Act" at Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim Salcete Goa. The speaker was Ms. Aloysia Andrade (Legal Officer / Case Worker at Sakhi One Stop Centre North Goa / SCAN Goa). The faculty incharge Mr. Roshant Pawar was present for the same. The event was organised by the Cell incharge Ms. Jinu Ponnachan and the Deputy Incharge Ms. Kreanne Diniz. It was an interactive session wherein the students were given various scenarios and asked about the response in the same. They were also shown various video clips to educate them on the said topic. The students raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.





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13. MERCES FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 9th October 2023 from 9:30am to 1:00 pm
- Venue: G.O Institute Altinho Panaji
- Topic: Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, Blood Donation and Its importance
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Sir Jaspal Singh, IPS, Director General of Police, Goa.
- No of attendees: Students -15 Participants- 54
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Dr. Shaber Ali G, Asst. Prof Ashwini Naik and Asst. Prof Reshmi Sawant.

The members of Merces Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topic Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, Blood Donation and Its importance at G.O Institute Altinho Panaji. The speaker was Sir Jaspal Singh, IPS, Director General of Police, Goa. The faculties who attended the programme were – Dr. Shaber Ali G, Asst. Prof Ashwini Naik and Asst. Prof Reshmi Sawant. DGP Jaspal Singh, IPS, spoke on the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. He stated that this Act and the Rules thereof provide the legal framework for regulating the functions of blood banks, which in turn directly imparts and determines the quality of the blood transfusion service delivery in the country. Since initial formalities, the ambit of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, has been expanded and the Rules have frequently been amended to incorporate blood as drugs because of their internal administration and use in treating diseases. Dr. Sophia Rodrigues Compered the event and Ms. Mahima Kurhade proposed the vote of thanks. It was an interactive session followed by a blood donation camp and the programme was a grand success.







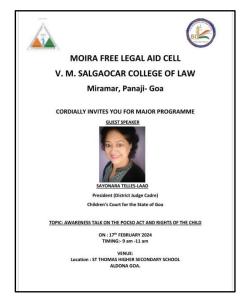
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14. MOIRA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time of Major Programme: 17th February 2024 from 9am -11am
- Venue: St Thomas Higher Secondary School
- Topic: Awareness of POCSO Act and Right of the Child
- Speaker/ speakers names: Sayonara Teles Laad, President of the Children's Court in Goa.
- No of attendees students and participants: 13 Students and 54 Participants
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Disha Nayak Sardessai

The members of Moira Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topic Awareness of POCSO Act and Right of the Child at St Thomas Higher Secondary School. The speaker was Sayonara Laad, President of the Children's Court in Goa. Asst. Prof Disha Nayak Sardessai attended the programme. Judge Sayonara Teles Laad while explaining the importance of POCSO Act explained that The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012 was enacted to provide a robust legal framework for the protection of children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interest of the child at every stage of the judicial process. The students raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.









15. OLD GOA FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 21st December 2023 10 am to 12.15 pm
- Venue: Government College Khandola
- Topic: Goa Children's Act, 2003
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Justice Sayonara Teles-Laad (President of Children's Court- Panaji, Goa)
- No of attendees 57 attendees and 22 members of Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Dr. Ranjana Ferrao

The members of Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topic Goa Children's Act, 2003 at Government College Khandola. The speaker was Sayonara Teles-Laad, President of the Children's Court in Goa. Dr. Ranjana Ferrao attended the programme. Judge Sayonara Teles Laad while explaining the importance of the Goa Children's Act, 2003 and explained that this Act was enacted to provide a robust legal framework for the protection of children while safeguarding the interest of the child at every stage of the judicial process. The students raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.







the constant encouragement from Faculty Incharge, Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Souza Cordeiro.

Under the meticulous direction of Ms. Ashwini Naik, the Director of the Old Goa Legal Aid Cell of V M Salgaocar College of Law, the program reflected the institution's ongoing commitment to serve and empower the community. By addressing crucial issues affecting the youth, the cell remains steadfast in

its mission to promote legal awareness and social responsibility.

16. PANAJI FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 16 February 2024, 2:00pm- 4:30pm
- Venue: Employment Exchange Hall
- Topic: Enhancing the potential of youth and an insight into the avenues of legal profession
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Smt. Sayonara Telles Laad (District Judge Cadre and President of Children's court for the State of Goa)
- No of attendees 60 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Ruhi Phadte

The members of Panaji Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topic Enhancing the potential of youth and an insight into the avenues of legal profession at Employment Exchange Hall, Panaji Goa. The speaker was Sayonara Teles- Laad, President of the Children's Court in Goa. Asst. Prof Ruhi Phadte attended the programme. Judge Sayonara Teles Laad explained that the modern generation is smart and has tremendous potential. They view things objectively and they can contribute towards the legal profession in an advanced way. The students raised various questions in regards to their scope and future prospects in legal profession. Overall, the programme was a grand success.







17. PERNEM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 24th February 2024 at 11 clock
- Venue: SSA Government College Virnoda Pernem Goa
- Topic: Cyber Law and Mundakarial Law
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv Jitendra Gaonkar and Adv Ugam Deulkar
- No of attendees 75 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Varsha Redkar

The members of Pernem Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topics Cyber Law and Mundakarial Law at SSA Government College Virnoda, Pernem Goa. The speakers were Adv Jitendra Gaonkar and Adv Ugam Deulkar. Asst. Prof Varsha Redkar attended the programme. The speakers gave clarity on the laws and answered a lot of questions posed by the audience. Overall, the programme was a grand success.





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18. PILIGAO FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 24th January, 2024 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- Venue: Piligao Society Hall
- Topic: Labour Law and Cyber Crime
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: PI Vidyanand Pawar and Adv. Ajay Prabhugaonkar
- No of attendees 59 attendees & 7 member students
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Varsha Redkar

The members of Piligao Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topics Labour Law and Cyber Crime at Piligao Society Hall, Piligao Goa. The speakers were PI Vidyanand Pawar (speaker for CYBER CRIME) and Adv. Ajay Prabhugaonkar (speaker for labour law). Asst. Prof Varsha Redkar attended the programme. PI Vidyanand Pawar gave live examples to explain how cyber-crimes take place and requested people to be very careful before sharing their personal data online. Adv. Ajay Prabhugaonkar explained the nuances of the Labour Laws. The audience raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.







19. PONDA FREE LEGAL AID CELL (Conducted 2 Major programmes)

First Major Programme

- Date and time: 18th January, 2024 from 2:30 pm to 5:00pm
- Venue: GVMs SNJA Higher Secondary Hall, Farmagudi, Ponda- Goa
- Topic: NDPS ACT
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Mr Rahul Bansi Sasane, Intelligence Officer of Narcotics Control Bureau of Goa.
- No of attendees 93 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof. Ramrai Naik

The members of Ponda Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their first major program on the NDPS ACT at GVMs SNJA Higher Secondary Hall, Farmagudi, Ponda- Goa. The speaker was Mr Rahul Bansi Sasane, Intelligence Officer of Narcotics Control Bureau of Goa. Asst. Prof Ramrai Naik attended the programme. The major was done along with the GVMs SNJA Higher secondary students of Arts and vocational streams of the said college were present. Also, students from GVM's Dr Dada Vaidya College of Education, Pre-primary Teachers Training Programme and GRPP College of Commerce and Economics were present in the audience The students raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.





Second Major Programme

- Date and time: 17th February, 2024 from 3:30 pm to 5:00pm
- Venue: Adpai Village Panchayat Hall, Adpai Ponda Goa
- Topic: Cyber crime
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv Shailesh Kulkarni and Adv Vandana Jog
- No of attendees 57 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof. Ramrai Naik

The members of Ponda Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their second major program on the topic 'Cyber Crimes" at Adpai Village Panchayat Hall, Adpai, Ponda- Goa. The speakers were Adv Shailesh Kulkarni and Adv Vandana Jog, who are practicing advocates. Asst. Prof Ramrai Naik attended the programme. The experienced advocates explained the various types of cyber-crime. They also stated that cyber-crimes can be stopped by using biomatrix. The students raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.



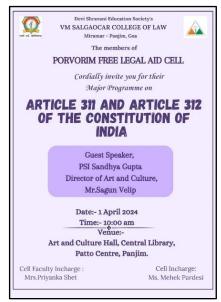


20. PORVORIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 1st April 2024 at 10.00 am
- Venue: Sanskruti Bhavan Patto
- Topic: Article 311 and Article 312 of the Constitution of India
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: PSI Sandhya Gupta
- No of attendees 31 members
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof. Ruhi Phadte

On 1st of April 2024, the Porvorim Free Legal Aid Cell conducted the Major Program on article 311 and 312 of the Indian Constitution. The Guest Speaker PI Sandhya Gupta spoke about Article 311 and the safeguards that Government servants has she also addressed the gathering. It was a very interactive session and talk. The target audience were central government staff from the Art and Cultural Department Overall, the programme was a grand success.





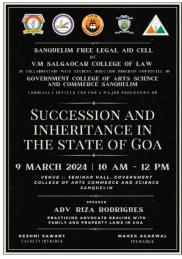


21. SANQUELIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 9th March 2024, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
- Venue: Government college of Arts Commerce And Science, Sanquelim Goa
- Topic: Succession And Inheritance In the state of Goa
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv. Riza Rodrigues
- No of attendees 81 attendees and 18 Member students
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Reshmi Sawant

The members of the Sanquelim Free Legal Aid Cell conducted Major programme on 9th March 2024 for students of various institutions in the Auditorium of Government College of Arts Commerce and Science Sanquelim. The Guest Speaker was Adv. Riza Rodrigues, practicing lawyer dealing with family and property laws in the state of Goa on the topic "Succession and Inheritance in the State of Goa." The programme was attended by 81 people along with Faculty Incharge Prof. Reshmi Sawant, The Vice Principal of GCS Prof. Dr. Seema Rath, Convenor SIP Associate Prof. Rosalina DeSilva and their few other professors. The programme started at 10.30 am. All the 18 members of the Sanquelim Free Legal Aid Cell were present. The speaker delivered a wonderful talk. She spoke on brief history of The Goa, Succession Special Notaries and Inventory Proceedings Act, 2016. Then she even covered few topics like who is a goan, types of succession, concept of Succession, disinheritance, Deed of Succession and Partition, Concept of wills and Inventory Proceedings.







22. ST. CRUZ FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 19th February 2024 from 12.00 -1:30pm
- Venue: Santa Cruz Higher Secondary School
- Topic: Awareness on Cyber Crime
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv. Eeshan Usapkar
- No of attendees 60 attendees and 18 Members
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof Ruchira Naik

Santa Cruz Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their Major Programme on 19th February, 2024 at Santa Cruz Higher Secondary School on the topic Cyber Security. The guest speaker for the major programme was Adv. Eeshan Usapkar. He taught students about the potential risks associated with technology, such as cyberattacks, identity theft, and online harassment, while providing them with the knowledge and skills they need to protect themselves and their personal information. The students raised various questions in regards to the topic under discussion. Overall, the programme was a grand success.







23. SIOLIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 12th March 2024 from 5.00 to 6.30 pm
- Venue: Siolim Panchayat Hall
- Topic: Waste Management: Segregation and it's Laws
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Mr. Dhiraj Chodankar Assistant Manager at Goa Waste Management Corporation & Ms. Vimi Salgaonkar - Educator at Don Bosco
- No of attendees 61 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Dr. Aamod Shirali

On the 12th March 2024, the Siolim Free Legal Aid Cell hosted their major program centred on the theme of 'Waste Management: Segregation and its Laws'. They invited Honourable MLA of Siolim Constituency, Ms. Delilah Lobo. The event featured distinguished speakers including Mr. Dhiraj Chodanker, a Mechanical Engineer and Assistant Manager at Goa Waste Corporation; Ms. Sharmila Vernekar, Panch Member of Marna Panchayat; and Ms. Vimi Salgaonkar, Teacher at Don Bosco Konkan Development Society and Project Coordinator at MGNCRE. The event was graciously initiated by our Faculty Coordinator, Dr. Aamod Shirali. The session was enlightening, providing valuable insights to the audience. Mr. Dhiraj Chodankar shed light on the operational challenges faced by the Goa Waste Corporation, emphasizing the urgent need for waste segregation. He highlighted the detrimental impact of improper waste disposal on both public health and the efficiency of waste management processes.

Ms. Vimi Salgaonkar underscored the importance of waste reuse, particularly emphasizing the viability of vermicomposting for managing organic waste. She emphasized that this approach not only reduces waste but also enriches soil fertility, requiring minimal effort.

Ms. Sharmila Vernekar addressed the challenges encountered by the panchayat due to unsegregated waste disposal. She elucidated the difficulties faced by panchayat members in manually segregating waste and urged the community to actively participate in waste segregation efforts.

Ms. Delilah Lobo expressed gratitude towards the Siolim Free Legal Aid Cell for organizing the event and acknowledged the contribution of the college's Legal Aid Society in community development. She stressed the importance of waste management and compliance with relevant laws such as the Goa Non-Biodegradable Garbage Control Act and the Goa Solid Waste Management Rules.

The program received an overwhelming response, with approximately 61 attendees actively engaging with the speakers and raising pertinent questions. Refreshments were provided at the conclusion of the event.







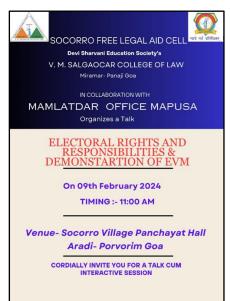


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24. SUCCORO FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 9th February 2024 11:00am to 12:30pm
- Venue: Socorro Village Panchayat Hall
- Topic: Electoral Rights and Responsibilities &EVM Demonstration
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Mr Victor Baretto (Officer from Mamlatdar Office Mapusa), Mr. Ashay Naik (Officer from Mamlatdar Office Mapusa), Mr Vandesh Gawas (EVM Demonstration) (Lab. Assistant, Govt. Polytechnic)
- No of attendees 55attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst.Prof. Ruhi Phadte

The Socorro Free Legal Aid cell in collaboration with Office of Mamlatdar Mapusa organised a talk on Electoral Rights and Process of Election in the premises of Socorro Panchayat Hall. The speakers Mr Victor Baretto (Officer from Mamlatdar Office Mapusa), Mr. Ashay Naik (Officer from Mamlatdar Office Mapusa), Mr Vandesh Gawas (EVM Demonstration) (Lab. Assistant, Govt. Polytechnic) explained and guided through the details of our electoral system. Also explained about rights and responsibilities of voter. This was followed by Demonstration on Voters Helpline App and EVM. This program was attended by diverse group of audience including few new voters who were able to get practical experience on using the app and EVM. Everyone showed an active participation and enthusiasm throughout the session.





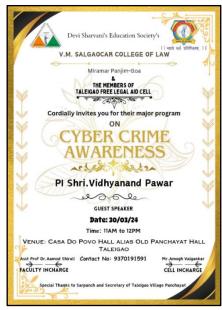




25. TALEIGAO FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 30th March, 2024 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
- Venue: Casa Do Povo Hall Taleigao
- Topic: Cybercrime Awareness
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: PI Shri.Vidhyanand Pawar- Cyber Crime Cell, Ribandar, Panaji Goa
- No of attendees 84 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof. Ashwini Naik

Taleigao Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program for the locals of Taleigao Village on 30th March, 2024 along with Taleigao Panchayat. The guest speaker for the program was PI Vidhyanand Pawar accompanied by Legal Aid Society Director Asst. Prof. Ashwini Naik. PI Vidhyanand Pawar gave a very informative talk on how to avoid online frauds by scammers. He also presented different cases which were reported to him at the Cyber Crime Cell Ribandar. All the cell members played an important role in making the major a great success. Locals liked the program very much and said that it was very informative. The locals also asked different questions to speaker.







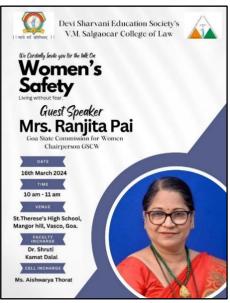
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26. VASCO FREE LEGAL AID CELL

- Date and time: 16th March, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12.00 pm
- Venue: St. Teresa School, Vasco
- Topic: Woman Safety
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Mrs. Ranjita Pai, Chairperson, State Woman commission, Goa
- No of attendees 100 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal

On 16th March 2024, the Vasco Free Legal Aid Cell conducted the Major Program on Women's Safety. The Guest Speaker Mrs. Ranjita Pai who is the Chairperson of Goa State Women's Commission. Mrs. Ranjita Pai spoke about various issues faced by women and she also addressed the gathering. It was a very interactive session and talk. The target audience were the children of St. Therese's High School and Mahila Self-help groups.





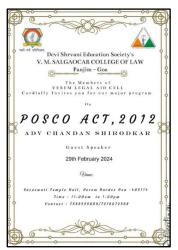
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27. <u>VEREM FREE LEGAL AID CELL</u>

- Date and time: 29th February 2024 from 10am to 1pm)
- Venue: Saraswati temple hall, Verem Goa
- Topic: POSCO ACT, 2012
- Speaker/ speakers names and designation: Adv. Chandan Shirodkar
- No of attendees 62 attendees
- Name of the faculty who attended the programme Asst. Prof. Amal Kazi

The members of Verem Free Legal Aid Cell conducted their major program on the topic Awareness of POCSO Act and Right of the Child at Saraswati temple hall, Verem Goa. The speaker was Adv. Chandan Shirodkar. Asst. Prof Amal Kazi attended the programme. Adv. Chandan Shirodkar while explaining the importance of POCSO Act explained that the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012 was enacted to provide a robust legal framework for the protection of children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interest of the child at every stage of the judicial process. The students raised various questions in regards to the applicability of the act. Overall, the programme was a grand success.





This report is compiled by Asst. Prof. Ashwini Naik in her capacity as the Director of Legal Aid Society for the academic year 2023-24.