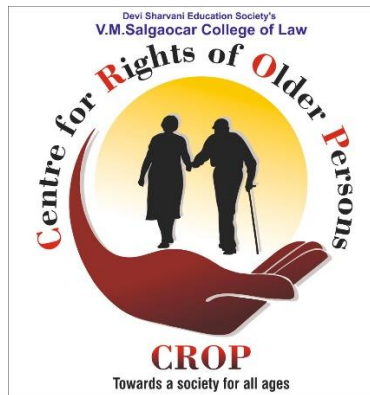


Devi Sharvani Education Society's
V.M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW
Centre for the Rights of Older Persons [CROP]



About CROP

A Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP) was established in the college in August 2022, with students as members and two faculty members as Director and Associate Director respectively.

Director: Dr. Sandhya Ram, Associate Professor

Associate Director: Ms. Ruchira Naik , Assistant Professor

The objectives are as follows:

- (i) To empower and equip a team of students comprehending the law and procedure regarding the protection of senior citizens
- (ii) To conduct research and field study relating to the legal entitlements as well as the difficulties faced by senior citizens in Goa, and make recommendations to the concerned authority, leading to law reform
- (iii) To launch sensitization and legal literacy campaigns, and
- (iv) To represent senior citizens and parents in enforcing their legal rights.
- (v) To associate with the Directorate of Social Welfare and concerned agencies including NGOs working for the cause, and generate constructive activities towards it.
- (vi) To prepare easy-to-understand handouts and videos containing information relevant to senior citizens

Services Rendered By CROP

- **Free Legal Aid**

Free Legal Advice to the older persons.

- **Para Legal Services**

We provide assistance with drafting Affidavits, Applications or any other documents that would be required to submit to any authority to avail schemes or other services.

- **Maintenance Application**

Assistance provided to file application for Maintenance before the Maintenance Tribunals.

- **Senior Citizens Card, Pension Scheme & other Welfare Schemes**

We assist in applying for Senior citizens cards, Pension scheme under the Dayanand Social Security Scheme and other welfare schemes of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Goa.

Membership

Membership was invited from students by requiring to register via a google form. Based on the google form submissions, the following students were enrolled as members of CROP.

Sl. No	Name	Class
1.	Aarya Kandolkar	4Y BA LL.B
2.	Aditya Naik	TY BALLB
3.	Alisha Mahambrey	4Y BA LL.B
4.	Asia Choudhary	4Y BA LL. B
5.	Bhaghyawati Guddannavar	TY LL.B Degree
6.	Dylan Oliveira	SY LL.B Degree
7.	Jeet Jayant Volvoikar	TY LL.B Degree
8.	Keagan Ferrao	TY LL.B Degree
9.	Meliza Eldrica Fernandes	4Y BA LL.B
10.	Navami A. Naik Panvelkar	4Y BA LL.B
11.	Rakshanda Virnodkar	SY LLB Degree
12.	Sahshrik Talaulikar	5Y BALLB
13.	Shaniah Ziena Ribeiro Costa Martins	TY LL.B Degree
14.	Sharang Daware	TY BA LL.B
15.	Rishiraj Kamble	TY LL.B Degree
16.	Siya Mandrekar	SY LL.B Degree
17.	Rugved Gaonkar	TY BALLB

For 2023-24, there are total of 17 members.

Mode of functioning

- Weekly meetings in college – Saturday 12 – 2pm
The members of CROP meet on every Saturday in one of the classroom in the college from 12 pm to 2 pm. During every meeting activities for CROP and the mode of

executing them is discussed by the members. Allocation of duties is done by the in charge and deputy in charge of CROP and the same is verified by the faculty in charge for CROP.

- CROP register for attendance and CROP Activities Registers maintained. Students enter the details and hand over the register to the faculty every Monday.
- The journal inspection of CROP was conducted on 23rd January 2024.
- For practical paper purposes, the work undertaken by the students would fall under the heading “Legal Aid”.

Activities

1. Preparation and submission of Project Report - PROJECT ON VERIFYING STATUTORY COMPLIANCE IN THE OLD AGE HOMES MAINTAINED BY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PROVEDORIO)

The objective of the Project is to conduct a study with respect to implementation of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act and Rules .The CROP members studied the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act and Rules 2007 relating to Old Age Homes and prepared a questionnaire cum checklist. Permission was taken from Provedorio to visit the Old Age Homes and the members visited 6 old age homes. The report was prepared and submitted to Provedorio authorities. The members of CROP visited the Provedoria Head office located at Panaji on 27th October 2023 and submitted the report based on their survey and study at the old age homes to the Joint Director of Provedoria.

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To
The Director of Provedoria
Institute of Public assistance
Patto Centre Panaji
Goa- 403001

Dear Sir / Ma'am

The Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP) was established by the College in August 2022, with students as members and two faculty members as mentors. The students had conducted Survey And The purpose of the survey was to verify the implementation of the the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and the Goa Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules, 2009 with respect to the old age homes run by Government of Goa.

The member students studied the Act and Rules with special focus on the responsibilities and obligations of the government with respect to old age homes in the State of Goa. They prepared a questionnaire and verification list to check the compliance of the Act and Rules in the said old age homes. Accordingly, CROP sought the permission of the Provedoria authorities to conduct a survey by visiting the old age homes, and conducted a survey. The students visited six old age homes, observed the facilities and premises, interacted with the staff to know about the conduct of the homes.

Thankyou for the opportunity to submit our Report for your consideration.



Sincerely
Principal

Received
27/10/23



2. Awareness Program on 15th January 2023

The Students of the CROP conducted an awareness campaign at Mapusa to spread awareness about the centre. Members conversed with the people and gathered opinions and problems relating to senior citizens.



3.Collaborations



The members of CROP participated in the National Human Trafficking Awareness Drive on 11th January 2024 . This was organised by SCAN (NGO) in association with Goa Police

4.Visiting senior citizen in need

On 04/01/2024, the CROP members (3 students) visited Mrs. A.Kiteth ,at Mala Panaji, a senior citizen facing certain issues. The students were invited by Mrs. Kiteth to her house after which she informed the students that she is living all by herself, and also informed them regarding the difficulties she was facing. Upon enquiry by the CROP members they found that Mrs.Kiteth, pension is only ₹2000 , and as she has health issues she has to take medication wherein monthly expenditure on her medication is ₹1500, and at the end of the month she’s left with barely ₹500.

The CROP members informed her that the provedoria provides medicines free of cost and advised her to fill a form at the provedoria. The Crop members also suggested her to stay at an old age home wherein they explained her all the facilities which would be provided to her. The suggestion were taken into consideration by Mrs. A.Kiteth and she was thankful for this to the CROP members who visited her.

6.Preparation of a handbook for senior citizens in Konkani – in process, expected to be published in April 2024

7. Awareness Drive (15 programmes) – 15 literacy programmes on awareness of senior citizens rights are undertaken by the CROP members to be concluded by end of March 2024.

8.Report on Literacy Programmes conducted by CROP members

Group	Date	Place	Topic	No. of participants
Group 1	07/04/2024	1.Mahila Mandal Group at Chimbel and 2. Mahila Mandal Group at Ribander 3.Neighbours around the residence of CROP members of group	a. Benefits of senior citizen card. b. Awareness about the rights of senior citizens and also about maintenance tribunals and their right to be maintained. c. Schemes for senior citizens	35
Group 2	20/3/2024	Group of locals from 1. Bandora panchayat, 2. Kavlem panchayat and Wadi-Talaulim panchayat 3.Kaju factory, Talaulim and 4. Awareness drive in and around Shantadurga temple.	a. Rights of senior citizens. b. Schemes for senior citizens c. Functioning of CROP	30
Group 3	18/03/2024	1.Panjim Bus stand 2. Ferry point 3.Panjim market and 4.Hanuman temple Panjim.	a. Senior citizens Act b. Facilities and schemes under Goa Government.	45
Group 4	13/03/24	1.Shops in Panjim 2.Rickshaw stand 3.Locals in Panjim	a. Schemes for senior citizens b. Procedure to apply for the schemes c. Enquiry about any greivances which they had.	28

The CROP members were divided into 4 groups having 4 students in each group. They have carried out 15 legal literacy programmes on topics related to senior citizens at various places as showcased in the table hereinabove. The pictures are given below:

GROUP 1



GROUP 2





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GROUP 3



Panaji, Goa, India
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 Long 73.825671°
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North Goa, Goa, India
 Panaji KTC City bus station, Patto Centre, Goa 403521, India
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Panaji, Goa, India
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GROUP 4

