

CENTRE FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD) REPORT 2021-2022

Clinic for Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an initiative of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law to act as a suitable platform to serve the society by understanding, addressing the needs of the disabled and by providing with an opportunity to come up with innovative solutions to protect and uphold their rights. It provides practical knowledge through first-hand experience by working with various government departments and lawyers. It helps in developing the skills of research and drafting which is of utmost importance in legal profession.

The participation is itself of immense value. It would serve as platform for interaction with diverse sets of people and be part of seminars which can be extremely informative and knowledgeable. Learning and exploring something new can make the mind more creative and serves as a door way to world of micro-minority community which might not have earlier thought of and understanding their difficulties would help the students to be a better human being.

The members of CRPD are selected through group discussion activity which tests the Student's knowledge and also their ability to inculcate empathy and address the issues of the specially abled persons.

A total of nine student members were selected for CRPD for the academic year 2021-22 is which consists of Zoya, Vaishnavi S, Shikha Joshi, Sakshi, Meliva silva, Prapti. Cassia, Ashwin Naik and Adityarana Kalangutkar

1. World Autism Day

The Office of State Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Goa, conducted an awareness on Autism as April is National Autism awareness month. It was held on 20th April, 2022 at Vasco bus stand at 10 am, Margao bus stand at 12 pm and Panaji bus stand at 4 pm.

We the members of Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Ashwin Naik, Adityarana Kalangutkar and Shikha Joshi volunteered for the awareness program at Panaji

bus stand at 4 pm. The program began with a skit performed by the students creating awareness on how to observe signs of autism in children which appear in age between 2-3 years old and showed how one must accept people with autism as a normal human being. The Volunteers were given pamphlets to do distribute to the public present there to further create awareness among each and every one present there. The program then came to an end with the talk given by the guest speakers present there.

2. Parasports for person with disabilities

CRPD Members were part of the organizing committee of the Para sports event conducted by Sports Authority of Goa at Campal on 2nd February 2022 and ensured smooth functioning of the function. Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Goa organises Para Badminton Tournament in Standing and wheelchair category for Person with locomotor Disabilities and Person with Hearing Impairment voters from Goa on 3rd February 2022 from 9:30 am at Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, SAG, Campal- Goa

3. Action planon spreading awareness unique disability Id

The discussion was hosted by Vaishnavi S and Zoya on February 22nd 2022 which aimed at spreading awareness regarding the advantages of UDID registration, its procedure for the specially abled persons. Various members including AshwinNaik, Adityarana, Sakshi, Shikha Joshi and Cassia had provided productive inputs for the program.

4. Access to people with disabilities to culture, tourism, sports and leisure

Ashwin Naik, Shikha and Melvia participated in the National Group Discussion on Access to People with Disabilities to Culture, Tourism, Sports and Leisure organised by the Centre for the Rights of persons with disabilities. Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad on 29.10.2021

5. Faulty disability certificate case

Persons with Disability are issued faulty disability certificates by the issuing authorities. The Complainant has made various requests to rectify the same. Currently Ashwin Naik and Shikha Joshi are pursuing the case of the complainant at the Goa Human Rights Commission. The hearing for the same was last conducted on 27.06.2022 and we are awaiting the final Judgement.

6. Grant of lmv (automatic)/adapted vehicle licence for the persons with disability.

The applicant has made a prayer to the Directorate of Transport to issue to him licence for MCWOG and Adapted vehicle both on a single document; secondly to grant him a LMV (Automatic/AMT) licence. Presently the appeal is made before the Director of Transport and their orders are awaited. Ashwin Naik is following up on the case along with the applicant.

7. "An introduction to disability research-a legal and social studies perspective" .

Centre for Disability Research & Training, Kirori Mai College, University of Delhi in collaboration with National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) conducted a two credit online certificate course. Ashwin Naik completed the Certificate Course with a grade of B+ which ran over a period of 9 weeks, starting from 16th February, 2022. The course comprised of-

1. 20 Lectures
2. 5 Periodic Test
3. 1 Assignment
4. 1 Final Exam

8. Discussion with department of Social Welfare

Ms. Zoya and Ahwin Naik visited department of Social welfare A few takeaways of our meeting with the Deputy Director of Department of SocialWelfare

- Statistics: The total numbers of Disabled persons are about 24000.
- As of now approx 3000 persons have registered for the UDID card.
- The awareness and enrollment is happening through sevakendras.

2. The Dy. Director welcomed the initiative of the CRPD cell of VMS college of Law to help promote UDID to the PWD

- We need to prepare a formal communication letter addressed to the Department.
- Briefed them that we have an active legal aid cell having good reach to help in promotion
- The Department is willing to look positively on any fresh ideas to achieve promotion.
- Department ready to assist in understanding enrollment procedure if required

9. Psychological tests conducted by Trisha Almeida

An activity conducted by Trisha Almeida ma'am wherein she conducted a counselling trial session which had various tests related to depression and anxiety tests which were given to the members. The results of the test helped students in understanding the areas in which they need to work on for development at both personal and community level in order to help in holistic development of the society.