

REPORT OF CENTRE FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY 2023-2024

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Disability Policy:

The Center for Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law has undertaken significant activities during the Academic Year 2023-2024. Among these, a primary task was the formulation of a comprehensive College Disability Policy catering to the needs of teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students with disabilities. Additionally, efforts were made to gather essential documents from key Institutions such as the Social Welfare Department and the Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities. These documents, including the Harmonised Guidelines & Standards for Universal Accessibility in India 2021 and the Goa Rules on Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2018, serve as valuable resources for future projects.

International Purple Fest

Furthermore, students from the Center participated in or volunteered for the International Purple Fest organized by the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, fostering greater awareness and engagement with disability rights issues.

Study on Accessibility provisions in public spaces

In a concurrent study/project, the center is examining accessibility provisions in public spaces, buildings, and services in the city of Panjim. Students involved are Bhumika Redkar and Sania Sardesai from 4th Yr B.A.LL.B. This investigation involves assessing the presence of ramps, elevators, tactile tiles, and other facilities to enhance accessibility for persons with disabilities. The findings of this study will be shared with relevant authorities to advocate for improved accessibility measures.

Other activities to be initiated

Upcoming projects include the collection of data on persons with disabilities and individuals in need of medical aids at the village level. This initiative aims to facilitate access to free medical aids provided by the Prosthetic Section of the Goa Medical College. The center is actively communicating with the Prosthetic Section to ensure efficient coordination and support for this endeavor. Through these endeavors, the CRPD continues to play a pivotal role in promoting disability rights and enhancing accessibility for all individuals in the community.