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1. About the College

Devi Sharvani Education Society was founded by Late Mr. V. M. Salgaocar, an industrialist and philanthropist of Goa in the year 1972 and is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Mahadevrao Salgaocar College of Law was established in the year 1973 with a generous donation from the founder, Late Mr. V. M. Salgaocar, who named the college in the memory of his father Late Mr. Mahadevrao Salgaocar. The College was started with the view to meet the long-felt need of the people of Goa for Legal Education. In the year 1997, as per the decision of the Governing Council, the name of the College was changed to V.M. Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCL). The college has received A Grade with 3.2 CGPA in NAAC Cycle 4. The College is situated on a spacious plot of land at Miramar with an edifice of 2525.72 m² with an adjoining Library building of 2379.93 m². There are 18 classrooms which are spacious, well-ventilated and well-lit, fitted with Intelligent panels, and which are also air-conditioned. The College also has three air-conditioned Staff Rooms, a well-resourced Moot Court Room, a big air-conditioned Conference Hall, a Governing Council Room, a Child Rights Clinic Room, a spacious Canteen, a well-equipped Gymnasium, a separate Book Bank and other facilities.

The college has an independent three-story library named "*Hirabai V. Salgaocar Library*". Equipped with modern amenities, it houses a vast collection of law books alongside titles catering to diverse academic and intellectual interests. The library is fully automated, featuring a computerized access system and cutting-edge online legal databases such as SCC Online and LexisNexis Advance. These digital resources are remotely accessible along with e-journals and AIR manuals with multi-user facilities, ensuring seamless academic support for students and faculty. The library also preserves a unique repository of rare reports and journals, with over five lakh pages digitized to safeguard its valuable archival heritage.

Vision

Let justice be done though the heavens fall.

Mission

Excellentia Justicia Humanitas

2. GOVERNING COUNCIL & MANAGING COMMITTEES

a. Governing Council

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Dattaraj V. Salgaocar	President
2	Mrs. Dipti D. Salgaocar	Vice President
3	Ms. Shashikala Gurpur	Addl. Vice-President
4	Mr. Bhaskar Nayak	Vice-Chairman
5	Mr. B. Sandeep Pai	Treasurer
6	Mr. Anthony E. Barreto	Member

b. Managing Committee

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Dattaraj V. Salgaocar	Chairman
2	Mr. Bhaskar Nayak	Vice-Chairman
3	Mr. Dnyaneshwar P. Pednekar	Secretary
4	Dr. Shaber Ali G.	Member
5	Ms. Shashikala Gurpur	Member (Nominated by President)
6	Dr. Anil S. Dinge	Member
7	Dr. R. V. Gaonkar	Member (Nominated by President)
8	Dr. Manoj Kamat	Member
9	Senior Adv. Nitin Sardessai	Member

c. Local Managing Committee.

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1	Prof Bhaskar Nayak	Education Advisor Chairman
2	Dr. G. Shaber Ali	EX Officio Secretary
3	Mr. D. P. Pednekar	Management Representative
4	Dr. K. S. Rao,	Professor Teachers' Representative
5	Dr. Kim Rocha Couto	Treasurer
6	Ms. Rosa A. M. Viegas	Non- Teaching Staff Representative
7	Ms. Resha Prabhu Dessai	Member

COLLEGE COMMITTEES

a. Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1	Dr. G. Shaber Ali	Chairperson, Head of Institution
2	Dr. B. S. Patil	Director
3	Mr. Gajanan Dhuri	Senior Administrative Officer- Finance
4	Mrs. Rosa A. M. Noronha	Senior Administrative Officer- Adm.
5	Dr. M.R. K. Prasad	Member- Teaching Staff
6	Dr.K.S. Rao	Member- Teaching Staff
7	Dr. Kim Couto	Member- Teaching Staff
8	Prasad Dr. Sandhya Ram S. A.	Member- Teaching Staff
9	Dr. Mrunmayi Vaidya	Member- Teaching Staff
10	Dr. Priya Onskar	Member- Teaching Staff
11	Dr. Sonal Sardessai	Member – Teaching Staff
12	Mr. D. P .Pednekar	Member- Management
13	Dr. Anil Dinge	Member – Nominee – DHE
14	Dr. Dilip Arolkar	Member-Nominee-Local Society
15	Mr. Vinod Shirodkar	Member-Nominee-Industry
16	Mr. Dattaprasad Lawande	Member-Nominee-Alumni
17	Mr. Shivaraj Gaonkar	Member-Nominee-Alumni
18	Mrs. Vidya Ponnachan	Member-PTA
19	Mr. Nalin C. Phaldessai	Member-IQAC
20	Mr. Siddhant Karpe	Member – Nominee – Students

b. Anti Ragging Committee

Anti-Ragging Committee comprising of the following members:

MEMBERS

1. Dr. Shaber Ali : Chairperson, Head of the Institution
2. Dr. Snehal Goltekar : Representative of Civil Administration
3. Ms. Sandhya Gupta : Representative of Police Administration
4. Mr. Mr. Satish Padwalkar : Representative of Police Administration
5. Ms. Audrey Pinto : N. G. O. (SCAN)
6. Mr. Nalin Phaldesai : Representative – Faculty
7. Dr. B. S. Patil : Representative – Faculty
8. Dr. Sonal Sardessai : Representative – Faculty
9. Dr. Priya Onsker : Representative – Faculty
10. Mrs. Vidya Ponnachan : Representative - Parent

11. Ms. Jinu Ponnachan : Representative – Student
 12. Ms. Ishan M. Kenkre : Representative – Student
 13. Ms. Mr. Swayam Faldessai : Student Representative (GS)
 14. Ms. Ms. Reshmi Sawant : Student Representative (PhD)
 15. Ms. Prashant Chodankar : Representative – Administrative Staff

c. Internal Committee

Sl No.	Name, Designation & Affiliation	Position in IC
1	Ms. Pearl Monteiro Associate Professor V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Presiding Officer
2	Dr. Mrunmayi Vaidhya Associate Professor, V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Faculty Representative
3	Dr. Aamod Shirali Assistant Professor V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Faculty Representative
4	Ms. Shami Shirodkar Junior Stenographer V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Representative Administration
5	Ms. Rupam Korgaonkar LDC V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Representative Administration
6	Mr. Adv. Emidio Pinho Founder member- SCAN	Member (NGO)
7	Ms. Ruhi Phadte	Representative-Research Scholar
8	Student Representative- UG Lady Representative V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Member (Student - UG)
9	Mr. Jinu Ponnachan V.M.Salgaocar College of Law	Member (Student - PG)

d. Grievance Redressal Committee

General Secretary (Student Council) of the College

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Prof. M. R. K. Prasad	Chairperson
2	Dr. Kim Couto	Member
3	Dr K.S.Rao	Member
4	Dr. Sandhya Ram S	Member
5	Dr. B. S. Patil	Member
6	Mr Swayam Faldessai	Student Representative (GS)

COLLEGE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Prof. M. R. K. Prasad	Chairperson
2	Dr. Kim Couto	Member
3	Dr. Sandhya Ram S	Member

e. Committee under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1	Dr. B. S. Pati; (Head of Department)	Public Information Officer
2	Mr. Prashant Chodankar (Head Clerk)	Assistant PIO
3	Dr. Shaber Ali G. (Offg. Principal)	First Appellate Authority

4. FACULTY & NON-TEACHING STAFF

a. Core Faculty

1. Dr. G. Shaber Ali Principal (Officiating)
2. Prof. Dr. M.R.K Prasad Professor
3. Dr. Kim Couto Associate Professor
4. Dr. Kotagiri Srinivasa Rao Associate Professor
5. Dr. B.S. Patil Associate Professor ,Head of Department
6. Dr. Sandhya Ram Associate Professor
7. Ms. Pearl Monteiro Associate Professor
8. Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Souza Cordeiro Associate Professor
9. Dr. Mrunmayi M. Vaidya Associate Professor
10. Dr. Aamod Shirali Assistant Professor
11. Dr. Priya Paresh Onsker Assistant Professor
12. Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal Assistant Professor
13. Dr. Sonal U. Sardessai Assistant Professor
14. Ms. Meghana Kapdi Assistant Professor
15. Ms. Ruchira Naik Assistant Professor
16. Ms. Ruhi Phadte Assistant Professor
17. Mr. Roshant Parwar Assistant Professor
18. Ms. Priscilla Fernandes Assistant Professor
19. Mr. Ramrai Naik Assistant Professor
20. Mr. Siddesh Tari Assistant Professor
21. Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar Assistant Professor

b. Adjunct Faculty

1. Ms. Amal Kazi	Assistant Professor
2. Ms. Reshmi Sawant	Assistant Professor
3. Ms. Disha Sardesai	Assistant Professor
4. Ms. Varsha Redkar	Assistant Professor
5. Ms Dhruva Naik	Assistant Professor
6. Ms. Siddhi Naik	Assistant Professor
7. Mrs.Jyoti Kiran Pisapati	Assistant Professor
8. Ms. Saloni Banaulikar	Assistant Professor
9. Mr. Yogesh Varak	Assistant Professor
10. Shreya Shah	Assistant Professor
11. Rhucha Garde	Assistant Professor
12. Ujwala Pednekar	Assistant Professor
13. Sachin Panicker	Assistant Professor
14. Ritesh Vengurlekar	Assistant Professor

Visiting Faculty

Priyanka Desai	Annelise Fernandes
Tejaswini Naik	Sinforosa Lopes
Amir Kusro Jamadar	Anusha Nambiar
Divyashree Dessai	Jarvis Mascarenhas
Andrusha Pinho	Smriti Tamankar
Chaitanya Gawas	Ishwari Salgaocar
Raisa Gomes	Pujangi
Sakshi Navelkar	Dhanashree Pagi

c. Counsellor

Ms. Trisha Almeida
Akila Kalsur

d. Administrative Staff

1. Mr. D.P. Pednekar : Administrator (Management Appointee)

2. Mr. Gajanan Dhuri : Accountant
3. Mr. Avesh Lanjekar : Accountant (Self Finance)
4. Mr. Prashant Chodankar : Head Clerk
5. Mr. Ramakant Naik : LDC
6. Ms. Rupam Chawdikar : UDC
7. Mr. Sarvesh Paidarkar: LDC
8. Ms. Yutika Chari: System Administrator
9. Ms. Shami Shirodkar : Junior Stenographer
10. Mr. Bharat Amonkar : MTS
11. Mr. Mangaldas Gaude : MTS
12. Mr. Audumber S.Uskaikar : MTS
13. Mr. Anant Mandrekar : MTS
14. Mr. Yeshwant Yellapur : Watchman

f. Library Staff

1. Mr. Nalin Faldessai : Librarian
2. Ms. Sonali Naik : Asst. Librarian Grade I
3. Mr. Vishwas.B. Bhairaonkar : Library Attendant
4. Anand Naik : MTS

g. Sports Faculty

1. Mr. Shailendra Gaonkar: Director
2. Mr. Lavu Govekar :Physical Education Instructor

h. Other Office Staff

1. Ms. Sneha Kalangutkar : Book Bank Operator (Contract)

5. PROGRAMMES, ADMISSIONS AND RESULTS (2025-26)

The College offers the following programmes:

- (i) B.A.LL.B. Five-Year Integrated Law Programme (Five-year programme)
- (ii) LL.B. Degree (Three-Year Programme).
- (iii) LL.M (Two-year Programme)
- (iv) Ph. D (Through the Research Centre)
- (v) Diploma and Certificate Courses

ADMISSIONS 2025-26

Total students admitted to the Program:

PROGRAM	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
B.A.LL.B	591
LL.B Degree	347
LL.M	95
Total	1033

- ❖ Total of 25 students are presently pursuing Ph.D through the Research Centre of the College

EXAM RESULTS FOR FINAL YEAR STUDENTS (2025-26)

Name of the Programme	No. of students appeared	No. of students passed	Pass percentage
BALLB	114	80	70.18%
LLB degree	123	54	43.90%
LLM	34	21	61.76%

I. Induction Cum Orientation Ceremony for First Year BALLB Students

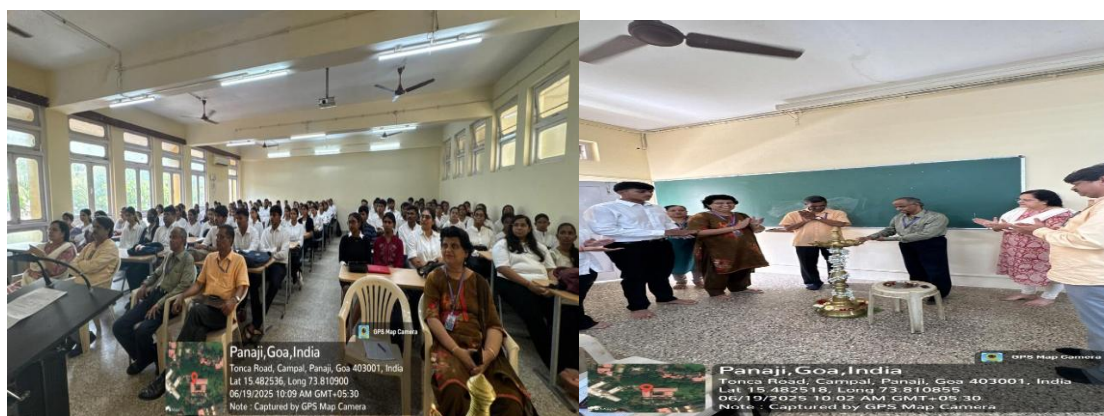
Faculty coordinators: Dr. Mrunmayi Vaidya & Asst. Prof. Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar

The Induction Cum Orientation Ceremony for the first-year BA LLB students was held, marking the official welcome of the new batch to the institution. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance and the welcoming of knowledge.

Following the lamp-lighting, the students were given a virtual tour of the college through a video presentation, familiarizing them with the campus, its facilities, and the vibrant academic atmosphere. The introduction of the faculty members was the next item on the agenda, which was conducted via a PowerPoint presentation. The students were introduced to their professors and mentors who will guide them through their legal education journey. In an inspiring segment of the ceremony, the numerous awards and accolades earned by the college were showcased, highlighting the institution's commitment to excellence in legal education. This was followed by the oath-taking ceremony led by Dr. K. S. Rao, where the students pledged to uphold the values and ethics expected of law students.

The formal induction concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Asst. Prof. Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar, who expressed gratitude to all participants, faculty members, and organizers. The compère for the event was Miss Saachi Pandit from the second-year BALLB.

After the induction ceremony, Dr. Shaber Ali G, Principal of the college, took over to provide a detailed orientation session for the new students. He emphasized the importance of dedication, discipline, and a proactive approach to legal education, encouraging students to make the most of their time at the institution. The induction and orientation ceremony successfully set a positive tone for the students, making them feel welcomed and well-prepared for their academic journey ahead.



❖ LEGAL AID

Name of the in-charge/associate/assistant

Dr. Aamod M. Shirali	Director
Asstt. Prof. Siddhi Naik	Associate Director
https://vmsslaw.edu.in/legal-aid-cell/	Link to Comprehensive Report
https://vmsslaw.edu.in/legal-aid-cell/	Legal Aid Cell Reports

Objectives:

- i. Providing free legal aid services to all.
- ii. Enhancing the ability of law students by involving them in legal practice through clinical programs.
- iii. Undertaking community legal literacy programmes using different methods.
- iv. To make law students socially sensitive and enshrine public spirit in them.
- v. Encourage law students to contribute to Law reform and institute Public Interest Litigations.
- vi. Assist general public in para-legal services

II. Membership Drive:

- Dates: **8th July, 2025**

Methodology:

- i. Identification of **total number of Students claiming exemption** of Legal Aid activity. (Google Form circulated to Fifth year students on 4th July, 2025)
- ii. Identification of **total number of vacancies** in each cell. Data obtained from cell incharges. Total numbers of vacancies were identified by deducting the students claiming exemption, and students passed out in the previous Academic year, or transferred to another clinic. The remainder were students continuing for ensuing academic year (Data collected vide google sheet dated 05.07.25)
- iii. **Orientation sessions** by Director, Legal Aid Society, conducted for students to join Legal Aid Society on **30th June and 3rd July, 2025**, for Third Year BA.LL.B and **1st and 2nd July, 2025**, for Second Year LL.B (Degree). Orientation session by Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad was conducted on 17th July, 2025 for LL.B. Degree Students.
- iv. **Admission Process:** Students of Third Year BA.LL.B. and Second Year LL.B (Degree). (Google Form circulated on **5th July, 2025** on whatsapp groups). Admission form was open upto 8th July, 2025. Admission was based on three preferences in vicinity of their residence of students and vacancy in each cell.
- v. Allotment list of new members circulated on **11th July, 2025**.

vi. **Induction of new legal aid cell members on 12th July, 2025, at designated LACs.**

Proof of Methodology:

- Google Form of 4th July, 2025, for claiming exemption, and tabulation.
- Google Form for Admission of new members to legal aid cells circulated on 5th July, 2025, and tabulated responses.
- Allotment list (excel sheet database)

List of student members

- New cells introduced Usgao, Thivim, Pilerne, and Valpoi.
- Cells closed- Candolim, Verem, Ponda, and Panaji.

Sr. No.	Name of the Cell	Cell Members
1	Anjuna	10
2	Bandora	23
3	Bastora	11
4	Bicholim	15
5	Calangute	8
6	Guirim	10
7	Honda	11
8	Mala	22
9	Mandrem	17
10	Mapusa	8
11	Margao	22
12	Merces	13
13	Moira	10
14	Old Goa	26
15	Pernem	19
16	Piligao	6
17	Porvorim	19
18	Sanquelim	9
19	St. Cruz	16
20	Siolim	8
21	Socorro	17
22	Taleigao	13
23	Vasco	27
24	Valpoi	4

25	Usgaon	10
26	Pilerne	19
27	Thivim	13
	Total	386

Faculty In-Charges of Legal Aid Cells

SR. NO.	NAME OF THE CELL	NAME OF THE FACULTY
1.	ANJUNA	Asstt. Prof. Reshmi Sawant
2.	BANDORA	Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Souza Cordeiro
3.	BASTORA	Asstt. Prof. Sachin Panicker
4.	BICHOLIM	Asstt. Prof. Rhucha Garde
5.	CALANGUTE	Asstt. Prof. Shreya Shah
6.	GUIRIM	Dr. Sonal Sardessai/ Asstt. Prof. Varsha Redkar
7.	HONDA	Asstt. Prof. Ujwala Pednekar
8.	MALA	Asstt. Prof. Shreya Shah
9.	MANDREM	Asstt. Prof. Siddhi Naik
10.	MAPUSA	Asstt. Prof. Siddhi Naik
11.	MARGAO	Asstt. Prof. Ruchira Naik/ Asstt. Prof. Roshant Parwar
12.	MOIRA	Asstt. Prof. Disha Sardesai
13.	MERCES	Asstt. Prof. Dhruva Naik
14.	OLD GOA	Asstt. Prof. Roshant Parwar
15.	PERNEM	Asstt. Prof. Dhruva Naik
16.	PILGAO	Asstt. Prof. Ujwala Pednekar
17.	PORVORIM	Dr. Priya Onsker/ Asstt. Prof. Varsha Redkar
18.	SANQUELIM	Asstt. Prof. Rhucha Garde
19.	PILERNE	Asstt. Prof. Reshmi Sawant
20.	SIOLIM	Asstt. Prof. Shreya Shah
21.	SOCCORO	Assoc. Professor Mrs. Pearl Monteiro
22.	ST CRUZ	Dr. Aamod Shirali
23.	TALEIGAO	Asstt. Prof. Sachin Panicker
24.	THIVIM	Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal
25.	USGAO	Asstt. Prof. Ruhi Phadte
26.	VALPOI	Asstt. Prof. Disha Sardesai
27.	VASCO	Asstt. Prof. Ruhi Phadte

III. Activities Undertaken

1. First Meeting of Cell Incharges Meeting of Cell Incharges

- Date: **11-07-2025**

The First meeting of all the 27 Free Legal Aid Cell incharges and Deputy was convened on 11th July, 2025, to provide details of induction of new cell members to the Legal Aid cells from Saturday 12th July, 2025, and other instructions. Previously the Journals and Attendance registers were handed over on 28th June, 2025, for commencement of operation of the Legal aid cells on 5th July, 2025.

Dr. Aamod Shirali, addressed the in-charges of the Legal Aid Cells the Rules and Regulations for legal Aid cells pertaining to the following:

- a) Meeting of Cells
- b) Attendance
- c) Exemptions
- d) Submission of Cell Journals and Attendance Register
- e) Major Program- checklist
- f) Minor Program-Checklist
- g) Induction of new members

2. Orientation on Legal Aid for BA.LL.B

Date: **30-06-2025**

Orientation session was conducted for Third Year BA.LL.B students by Director and Associate Director of Legal Aid Society.

The presentation began with an overview of the concept of Legal Aid and the Constitutional mandate. Further the students were given an insight into the duty of Law schools to provide clinical legal education and the Bar Council mandate. Dr. Aamod Shirali, highlighted the skill development of the student through Legal Aid.

He further emphasised on the Seven Components of Legal aid which students are usually engaged through the legal aid cells. He further provided an insight into the objectives of the Legal Aid Society and the Organogram of the Legal Aid Society. He also showcased the activities that students have been conducting in rural and semi-urban areas. The achievements and awards of the Legal Aid Society were also showcased.

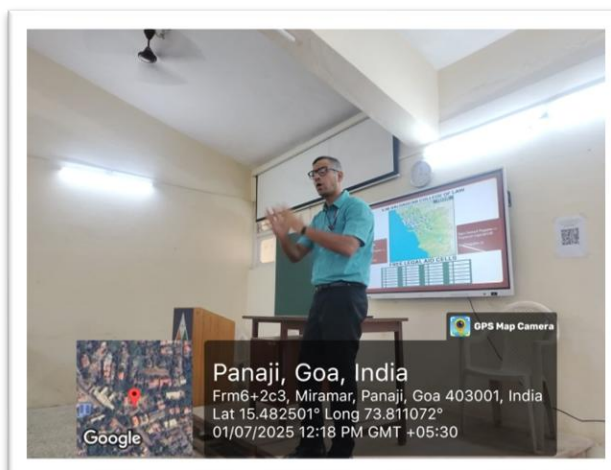


3. Orientation on Legal Aid for LL.B Degree

Date: **01-07-2025**

Orientation session was conducted for LL.B (Degree) students by Director and Associate Director of Legal Aid Society.

The presentation began with an overview of the concept of Legal Aid and the Constitutional mandate. Further the students were given an insight into the duty of Law schools to provide clinical legal education and the Bar Council mandate. Dr. Aamod Shirali, highlighted the skill development of the student through Legal Aid.



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4. Orientation on Clinical Legal Education by Prof. Dr. M.R.K. Prasad

Date: 17-07-2025

An Orientation on Clinical Legal Education, was conducted by Prof. Dr. M.R.K. Prasad on Clinical Legal Education for the Second Year LL.B. Degree Students. Prof. Dr. Prasad addressed the need for clinical legal education in Goa. He shared his experience in steering 40 legal Aid cells in the Goa, since 1998. Prof. Prasad focused on the benefit of Legal aid activities in the Profession in future.



Prof. Prasad highlighted on the Seven components of Legal Aid with illustrations and case studies. He emphasised on how the Clinical legal education can be socially relevant and professionally competent.

5. Training Programmes

5.1 Report Writing and Faculty Inspection

Date: 24.07.2025

Reporting of Legal Aid activities is an important part of all legal aid activities. In order to ensure that Reports of all legal aid cells are uniform, a report format was placed before the Cell incharges. Emphasis was laid on the Target audience and outcome or impact of the activity to be documented. The reporting of the previous year 2024-25, was appreciated as it helped in securing the Legal Aid Award.

Report writing involves the reporting of minor and major programs with Geo-tagged photographs clearly indicating the students participating, the targeted audience and the theme of programme conducted. The in-charges were instructed to ensure media coverage and issue Press note in consultation with Faculty incharge. Formats of Press notes with limited description was illustrated.

The In-charges of the 27 Legal Aid Cells were apprised about the Faculty Inspection to be held on 2nd August, 2025. For this purpose, the students were directed to exhibit their report of AY 2024-25.

5.3 Training on Auditing Public Spaces for Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

A training session on auditing public spaces for accessibility was held on 15th July 2025 at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law. It was conducted by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Centre for Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) & Legal Aid Society of the College. The objective was to build student awareness around accessibility and **provide them with the tools and knowledge needed** to assess public spaces from an inclusion perspective.

The session was facilitated by a team of five representatives from the Commission, who introduced the organisation's work and spoke about the importance of designing spaces that include everyone. Students were guided through key concepts such as the different types of disabilities and the distinction between impairment, disability, and challenge. These discussions helped students understand the various barriers persons with disabilities face in everyday life, from navigating a building without ramps to using public toilets or reading unclear signage. The session encouraged students to think critically about the built environment and how small but meaningful changes can make a big difference in making public spaces more accessible.

In the second half of the training, students were introduced to **Yes to Access**, a crowdsourced, AI-powered mobile App used to audit accessibility in public places. The app's features, including assessments of ramps, signage, accessible restrooms, elevators, and more, were demonstrated. Students were trained on how to use the app in real-world audits and learned how their contributions would help map the accessibility status of public spaces in Goa.

Built accessibility ensures that physical spaces are inclusive and functional for all. As a first step toward improving accessibility in India, the Yes to Access team developed this AI-powered tool to help identify both accessible and inaccessible spaces. The app uses a mix of AI and user-generated input to assess features like tactile tiles, ramps, slopes, door width, clear signage, handrails, and designated disability parking, giving each location an overall accessibility score that's visible on a map. This score can guide users in choosing inclusive spaces while encouraging businesses and institutions to make improvements.

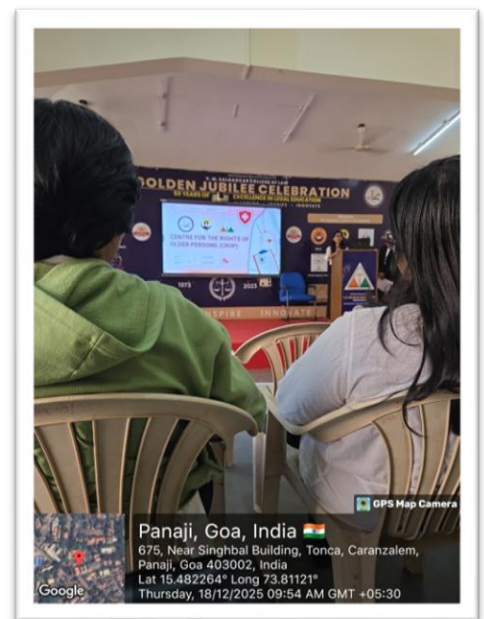
In addition to building accessibility, the organisation also promotes digital accessibility. This ensures that websites and apps can be used by everyone, including people with visual, hearing, or cognitive disabilities. The team follows Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, which cover key areas like navigation, contrast, and alternative text, through awareness campaigns, volunteer training, and digital audits. By the end of the session, the 15 students were trained and ready to conduct real audits using the Yes to



Access app. Their efforts will contribute valuable data and support the broader mission of making Goa's public spaces more inclusive and accessible for people with disabilities.

5.3 Training Programme on Living Will

On 18th December 2025, the Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP) organised an awareness programme for the Incharges and Deputy Incharges of Legal Aid Cells. The programme was conducted at the Conference Hall and aimed at creating awareness on the concept of Living Will and the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act.



The first session focused on the concept of Living Will. They explained the meaning, importance, drafting, execution, and other significant aspects of a Living Will. The presentation was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session.

Thereafter, the session on the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act was conducted. they explained its basic concepts, the old age homes and medical-related aspects, and also discussed about the protection with respect to transfer of property by senior citizens and remaining provisions and key areas of the Act.

IV. Legal Aid Cell Inspection

Date: 28-07-25- Faculty Briefing

Faculty members were briefed as to Legal aid inspection scheduled on 2nd August, 2025. Details were provided of an online (Google Form) Inspection Report and marking criteria for each cells. List of Instructions were also provided.

Date: 02-08-2025

The Faculty were divided in 5 panels to visit the 31 Legal Aid cells (Including the LAC to be closed and the newly designated LAC). The details are as under:

Panel	Faculty Head	Route	Number of Legal Aid Cells
Panel 1	Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad	Pernem	6
Panel 2	Dr. Kim Couto	Margao	6
Panel 3	Dr. B.S.Patil	Valpoi	6
Panel 4	Dr. G. Shaber Ali	Mapusa	7
Panel 5	Dr. K. S. Rao	Ponda	6

At each Legal aid cell the Inspection team spent minimum 30 minutes. The team collected the report, heard the members, nominated new in-charges and deputy, and filled the Inspection Report online. The team perused and endorsed the Attendance register and Legal Aid Cell Journal and individual student journals. The instructions were also provided to the members. Each inspection completed with group photos.

V. MOU for Academic and Training Cooperation

The Director of Legal Aid Society was pleased to initiate a Memorandum of Understanding for Academic and Training Cooperation between V.M. Salgaocar College of Law and Sharma Kemp Chambers, Indore, M.P. The MOU came into effect from 9th September, 2025, which will be valid for a period of 3 years. The Objective of the MOU is to establish mutually beneficial relationship for the following:-

1. Internships for Students
2. Training for Student Volunteers at Legal Aid Clinics
3. Collaborations
4. Educational/Industrial visits
5. Assistance in Providing resource persons for various Competitions
6. Support for Faculty Development Program (FDP), Refresher courses, Workshops, and Seminars
7. Career Guidance and Career Counselling
8. Research Projects

The Institution looks forward to the collaboration.

VI. Special Initiatives

1. Compensation to Road Accident Victims

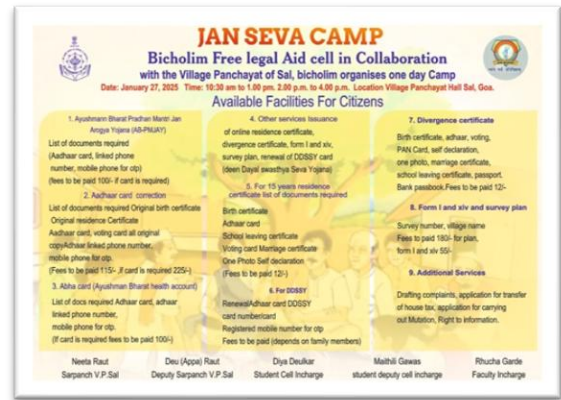
A member of **Socorro Legal Aid Cell, Mr. Enrique Heredia, from TY. LL.B**, identified a Scheme of Government of Goa, named as “Goa State Compensation to Road Accident Victims, 2023.” After studying the scheme which provides compensation to families of victims of road accidents whose annual income is upto Rs. 3 Lakhs, he initiated a claim process. He prepared the list of documents required, procured it from the victim’s family and applied for it on the

portal www.goaonline.gov.in. The documents inter alia included an Affidavit and Income Certificate of the dependants of the family which are essential documents. The Director complimented the effort of Enrique Heredia in the meeting of the held on 26th September, 2025.

2. Jan Seva Camp at Sal Village Panchayat

On 27th of January 2026 the **Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell** successfully organized a one-day “**Jan Seva Camp**” (People’s Service Camp) at the Village Panchayat Hall in Sal, Goa. The initiative aimed to bridge the gap between government administrative services and rural residents, providing a "one-stop shop" for essential documentation and health-related registrations. The event saw a significant turnout, with over **80 residents** successfully availing themselves of the services provided.

NAME OF LEGAL AID CELL:	BICHOLIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL
Place and time of functioning	Sal village panchayat hall , Bicholim Goa- 9.30AM-5.30PM ON 27 Jan 26
Faculty In-charge	Asstt. Prof. Rhucha Naik
Name of the Cell Incharge:	Miss. Diya Deulkar
Name of the Deputy Incharge:	Miss. Maithili Gawas
Total number of members	12
Target audience	All residents of villages sal including senior citizens, men, women and children.
Outcome of the outreach Programme:	The Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell's one-day “Jan Seva Camp” at Village Panchayat Hall, Sal, Goa, was a huge success, offering various services like Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), Aadhaar Card Correction, and Abha Card to citizens. The camp also provided other services like issuance of online residence certificate, divergence certificate, and renewal of DDSSY card, PAN Card, and drafting affidavits, among others.



3. Jan Seva Camp at Kudchirem Village

On 23 th of February 2026 the Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell successfully organized a one-day “Jan Seva Camp” (People’s Service Camp) at the Devasthan hall in Kudchirem bicholim Goa. The initiative aimed to bridge the gap between government administrative services and rural residents, providing a "one-stop shop" for essential documentation and health-related registrations. The event saw a significant turnout, with over **105** residents successfully availing themselves of the services provided.

NAME OF LEGAL AID CELL:	BICHOLIM FREE LEGAL AID CELL
Place and time of functioning	Kudchire devasthan – 9.30 to 5.30 Am on 23 Feb 26
Faculty In-charge	Asstt. Prof. Rhucha Naik
Name of the Cell Incharge:	Miss. Diya Deulkar
Name of the Deputy Incharge:	Miss. Maithili Gawas
Total number of Cell members	12
Target audience	All residents of villages Kudchire including senior citizens, men , women's and children's
Outcome of the outreach Programme:	The Bicholim free Legal Aid cell's "Jana Seva camp 2.0" held at kudchirem village, Bicholim, Goa, witnessed overwhelming response from the public. The camp provided a comprehensive range of services, including Ayushmann Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Aadhaar, Card Correction, Abha Card, issuance of residence certificates, renewal of DDSSY cards and drafting of affidavits.

Over 105 residents benefited from the services offered. The camp was conducted under the able guidance of faculty incharge, Asst.prof.Rucha Garde, and the leadership of students incharge, Miss Diya Deulkar, Miss Maithili Gawas and Adv. Ajay Prabhugaonkar.

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SERVICES AT YOUR DOORSTEP
BICHOLEM FREE LEGAL AID CELL

In Collaboration with
THE KUDCHIREM YOUTH SPORTS AND CULTURAL CLUB ALONG WITH SHREE SATERI KELBAI PRASANNA SEVA SAMITI - KUDCHIREM ORGANISES ONE DAY CAMP, (WITH A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM ADV. AJAY PRABHU GAONKAR)

Various Services that can be availed are as follows:-

- 1. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**
List of documents required (Aadhaar card, linked phone number, mobile phone for otp) (Fees to be paid 100/- if card is required)
- 2. Aadhaar card correction**
List of documents required original birth Certificate, original residence certificate Aadhaar card, voting card all original Copy, aadhaar linked phone number, Mobile phone for otp. (Fees to be paid 110/-, if card is required 220/-)
- 3. ABHA CARD (Ayushman Bharat health account)**
List of docs required Aadhaar card, aadhaar linked phone number, mobile phone for otp. (if card is required fees to be paid 100/-)
- 4. Other services**
Issuance of online residence certificate, divergence certificate, form I and xiv, survey plan, renewal of DSSSY card (deen Dayal swasthya Seva Yojana)
- 5. For 15 years residence certificate**
List of documents required Birth certificate, Aadhaar card School leaving certificate Voting card Marriage certificate One Photo Self declaration (Fees to be paid 12/-)
- 6. For DSSSY**
Renewal Aadhaar card DSSSY card number card Registered mobile number for otp Fees to be paid (depends on family members)
- 7. Divergence certificate**
Birth certificate, aadhaar, voting, PAN Card, self declaration, one photo, marriage certificate, school leaving certificate, passport, Bank passbook. Fees to be paid 12/-
- 8. Form I and xiv and survey plan**
Survey number, village name Fees to be paid 100/- for plan, form I and xiv 95/-
- 9. Additional Services**
Drafting complaints, application for transfer of house tax, application for carrying out Mutation, Right to Information.

Date: 17/02/2026 Venue: Shree Sateri Kelbai Prasanna Seva Samiti, Kudchirem, Bicholim Dist.
 Time: 10:30 AM to 02:30 PM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

NOTE: PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO CARRY THEIR ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AS STATED HEREIN ABOVE TO AVAIL NECESSARY SCHEME SERVICE.

Shri. Jeetendra Gaonkar (President Shree Sateri Kelbai Prasanna Seva Samiti) Shri. Gangaram Gaonkar (Treasurer Shree Sateri Kelbai Prasanna Seva Samiti) Miss. Diya Deulkar (Student cell incharge) Miss. Maithili Gawas (Student deputy incharge) Asst. Prof. Rucha Garde (Faculty incharge)



4. Jan Seva Camp at Chodan Village

On 26th of February 2026 the Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell successfully organized their 3rd one-day “Jan Seva Camp” (People’s Service Camp) at the village panchayat hall Chodan madeel Goa . The initiative aimed to bridge the gap between government administrative services and rural residents, providing a "one-stop shop" for essential documentation and health-related registrations. The event saw a significant turnout, with over 95 residents successfully availing themselves of the services provided.

NEWS UPDATE
JAN SEVA CAMP BENEFITS 95 RESIDENTS

The Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell organised “Jan Seva Camp 3.0” at Chodan Madeel Village Panchayat Hall, Chorao, benefiting over 95 residents. Services included AB-PMJAY enrolment, Aadhaar corrections, ABHA cards, DSSSY renewals, residence certificates and health checkups. The camp was guided by Asst. Prof. Rucha Garde, with support from local officials and student coordinators.

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5. Jan Seva Camp at Latambarcem Village

On 18th March of February 2026 the Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell successfully organized their 4th one-day “Jan Seva Camp” (People’s Service Camp) at the village panchayat hall Latambarcem kasarpal Goa. The initiative aimed to bridge the gap

between government administrative services and rural residents, providing a "one-stop shop" for essential documentation and health-related registrations. The event saw a significant turnout, with over 80 residents successfully availing themselves of the services provided.



6. Tenancy Verification

Mandrem Free Legal Aid Cell conducted its major program on 10th and 13th December on the topic of Tenant Verification. The first session was held on 10th December in collaboration with the Mandrem Police Station at various construction sites, where the officials explained the importance of verifying tenants and guided the students on how to use the verification app. The students actively participated in the process and successfully verified 23 tenants during the session.

The second session was conducted on 13th December in collaboration with the Agarwada Panchayat within Agarwada village. Along with two panchayat members, the cell carried out a verification drive smoothly and efficiently in the village, verifying around thirteen tenants. The program helped create awareness about the importance of tenant verification and encouraged practical learning among students.

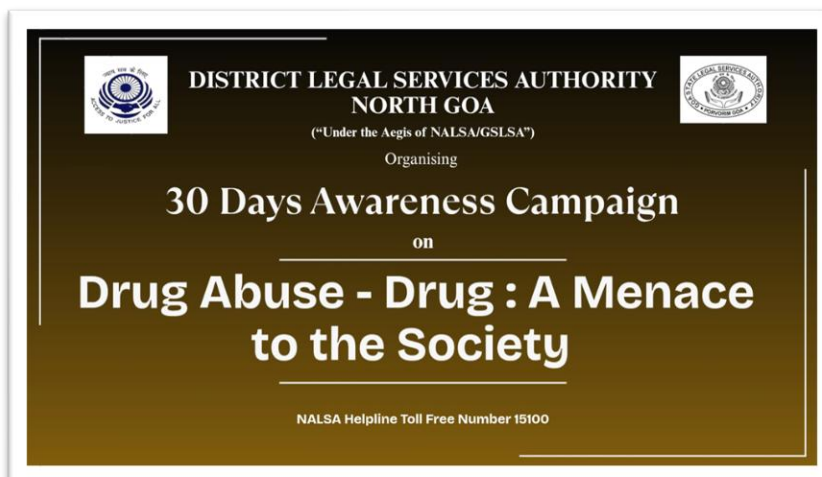


VII. Collaboration with Goa State Legal Services Authority

Collaboration of with State Legal Services Authority and North Goa District Legal Services Authority (Under the aegis of NALSA and GSLSA)

1. Street play on Drug Abuse

In accordance with directions received from the Goa State Legal Services Authority, the Legal Aid Society of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, conducted the following activities under the theme “Drug Abuse- Drugs: A menace to the Society.”



14th January 2026, Goa Architecture College- Altinho

17th January, 2026, at Miramar Beach.

The Santa Cruz Legal Aid Cell, in collaboration with the Taleigao Legal Aid Cell, jointly organized and performed a skit on Drug Abuse, Narcotics, and Substance Misuse with the objective of creating legal and social awareness. The skit was performed at the Goa College of Architecture, Altinho as part of an awareness programme. The event also featured NDPS police officers, practicing lawyers, and faculty members, who addressed the audience on the legal, social, and health-related consequences of drug abuse. The students along with the faculty and other attendees took an oath pledging that they would never engage in drug use, would actively discourage others from indulging in drugs, and would report any instances of drug abuse to the concerned authorities, thereby reaffirming their commitment towards building a drug-free society. Following the expert interactions, the Legal Aid Cell members performed the skit, highlighting the harmful effects of drugs, the legal consequences under narcotics laws, and the serious impact of substance abuse on individuals, families, and society at large. The performance effectively conveyed the message of prevention, responsibility, and the importance of a drug-free society.



Judges of Hight Court of Bombay at Goa, Hon'ble Justice Shri. Suman Shyam, Justice Shri. Amit S. Jamsandekar, and Justice Ashish S. Chavan, observing the Street play performed by the students at Miramar Beach.

2. Rally to conduct awareness on Drug Abuse

Date: 13-01-2026

A Rally was organised to create awareness on Drug Abuse and how it is a menace to the society. The rally commenced at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, and concluded at Bal Bhavan in Campal. The Rally commenced with lighting of the Mashaal and taking of Pledge. The Pledge was administered by Ms. Shantashri Sinai Kudchadkar, Secretary, North Goa District Legal Services Authority. The Rally was jointly conducted by the NSS Unit and Legal Aid Society of the College. It was attended by students, and Faculty Coordinators

Dr. Aamod M. Shirali, Director, Legal Aid Society, Asstt. Prof. Siddesh Tari and Asstt. Prof. Reshmi Sawant, Asstt. Prof. Yogesh Varak, NSS Programme Officers.



<https://www.goa.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/DRUG-ABUSE-PREVENTION.pdf>

III. Awards and Recognition

1. Legal Aid Award

V.M. Salgaocar College of Law was recipient of the Award of Excellence for Contribution in Social Justice and Legal Aid. The presented at the 14th International Conference on Human Rights and Gender Justice organized by Knowledge Steez Edu Hub LLP, The award ceremony was held on 7th September, 2025, at Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi.



This prestigious award recognizes law colleges and universities for their commendable contributions to the society and for Legal Aid and Social Justice activities. The report period was January to December 2024. The institution exhibited a total of 1574 legal aid activities through its 92 Pages Report. The college received the award among 43 colleges which applied for the award.

The Legal Aid Society of the College, is actively involved in providing free legal aid in the community through 27 legal aid cells in different villages and towns across the State. The Legal aid cells carry out legal literacy programs, para-legal services, applying for social welfare schemes for the needy, and other community and outreach activities. The Legal aid cells also collaborate with Government Departments for conduct of their activities.

The College complimented the efforts of Director of Legal Aid Society, Dr. Aamod M. Shirali, and Associate Director, Ms. Shaina Dhulapkar for steering the legal aid activities during the reporting period. The Institution was also awarded the Second Runners- Up Best Legal Aid Clinic, in the Third Edition of Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition 2024, organized by National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, in association with Department of Justice, Government of India. The Director also acknowledges the efforts of all Faculty in-charges of the Legal aid cells and the Management for its constant support.

Salgaocar Law College wins Legal Aid Award 2025

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Times of India dated 21.09.2025

Press Coverage

<https://epaper.heraldgoa.in/m/8482/68c90817d70e8>

2. Winner of Nyay Frames- 2nd KIIT Legal Aid Reel Making

The Legal Aid Society of VMSCL, is pleased to inform that Ms. Arya Nadkarni and Ms. Devishma R. Naik, were adjudged **Best Content (Overall)** and awarded Certificate of Merit and Rs. 3000/- Prize money in the **Nyay Frames- 2nd KIIT Legal Aid Reel Making Competition organized by KIIT School of Law, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with ProBono India**, held during August-September, 2025. The theme chosen was “**Swipe, Like, and Sue?**”- **Law and Social Media**. The script and content was based on “**Influencer and the Law,**” and how misleading consumers is against the law. The Reel stood for its originality, depth, and the impactful way in which it conveyed the message of Legal awareness and access to justice. The reel was inclusive of blending creativity with social consciousness.

The efforts of the actors in the Reel Ms. Priya Shirodkar and Ms. Sejal Tilve, are also well appreciated.

The Judging was based on originality and creativity, Content, insight and Knowledge, Graphics and Editing, and Engagement and Appeal (Instagram). The declaration of results and Prize distribution was held on 15th September, 2025, in online mode.

The Team was guided by Dr. Aamod M. Shirali, Director of Legal Aid Society.

Link to the Reel:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DO26fDGEWgN/?igsh=dGZkcXM3Znk4Y3ll>





3. VMSCL Secures Second place in Street Play Competition on Durg Abuse.

We are honored to announce that our college secured 2nd Place in the Street Play College Competition organized by the Goa State Legal Services Authority (GSLSA). This competition was a cornerstone of the "30-Day Special Awareness Campaign" addressing the theme: "Drug Abuse – Drugs: A Menace to Society."



The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the award by the Hon'ble Justice Shri Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court of India, making this achievement even more memorable for our institution. The valedictory function of the special awareness Programme was held on 25th January, 2026.

The streetplay was performed at Goa College of Architecture on 14th January and in presence of Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Bombay at Goa on 17th January, 2026 at Miramar beach during the inauguration of a sensitisation booth. The skit was appreciation by the Judges. Taleigao and St.Cruz LAC members collaborated for the performance of street play.



4. VMSCL recognised at S.P Sathe National Consultation 2026, on Clinical Legal Education



V.M. Salgaocar College of Law was one of the three Colleges selected for presentation at 20th Edition of Professor S P Sathe National Consultation on “Clinical Legal Education and Access to Justice: Strengthening Legal aid Centres through community Engagement and legal Reform” organized by ILS Law College ,Pune The Conference was part of the flagship event Remembering Prof. Dr. S. P. Sathe.

The selection criteria was based on Reports of academic years 2022-23 to 2024-25, based on number of legal aid activities conducted, involvement of students and faculty, collaborations, innovations, and overall impact and outcome of the student sensitisation. The Report and Proposal was submitted in the month of December, 2025, by Dr. Aamod M. Shirali, Director, Legal Aid Society,

Mr. Govind Sawant, (Student Cell In-charge of Pernem free Legal Aid Cell), was nominated to attend the Conference and make a presentation on behalf of the Legal Aid Society. He presented on the Structure and functioning of the Legal aid cells, activities, innovations, community engagement, clients attended, collaborations and challenges faced by the Legal aid cells. The presentation was well received and appreciated by the faculty and members present.

The Institution commends the efforts of Mr. Govind Sawant, Dr. Aamod M. Shirali, and all the Faculty of the Institution engaged in Legal aid activity.

5. Legal Aid Round Table 2025- Organised by Legal Services Clinic NLSIU

Date: 30th November, 2025

Miss. **Dishanka Vernekar** (Student Cell In-charge – Calangute Legal Aid Cell), along with Mr. **Govind Sawant** (Student Cell In-charge – Pernem Legal Aid Cell), represented the college at the Roundtable Conference towards the Revival of the Indian Legal Aid & Awareness Network (ILAAAN), organised by NLSIU, Bangalore. The conference was conducted in **online mode** and aimed at reviewing the functioning of Legal Services Clinics (LSCs), sharing best practices, identifying challenges, and exploring future avenues for inter-clinic collaboration.

The agenda of the roundtable conference included key initiatives undertaken by various Legal Services Clinics, the structure and functioning of LSCs, challenges faced by LSCs including administrative and operational issues, and the future vision with potential areas for inter-clinic collaboration.



During the conference, Miss. Dishanka Vernekar presented on **key initiatives undertaken by the Legal Aid Cells and the structure and functioning of Legal Services Clinics**, with specific reference to the functioning of Legal Aid Cells in Goa. It was highlighted that VM Salgaocar College of Law, earlier had **40 active Legal Aid Cells in 1998**, out of which **27 Legal Aid Cells are currently functional**. Each Legal Aid Cell comprises **15–20 student members**, with a total student participation of **386 students** across cells. As per the mandatory academic requirements, each student is required to conduct **four programmes per year**, resulting in approximately **1,544 legal aid and awareness programmes annually**.

The presentation further explained the **organisational structure and academic integration** of Legal Aid Cells. The network functions under the supervision of an Overall Head and Associate Faculty members, and Legal Aid forms a **practical paper in the academic curriculum**. The cells actively collaborate with local Panchayats for the use of premises to conduct legal awareness programmes. Weekly Legal Aid Cell meetings are held every Saturday from **3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, during which attendance registers and student journals are maintained. In addition, weekly community sensitisation programmes are conducted every Monday to ensure continuous community engagement. Details regarding **audience outreach** were also shared. Minor programmes generally cater to **15–20 participants**, while major programmes reach **40–50 participants**, with audience strength varying depending on the location and theme of the programme.

The key initiatives undertaken by the Legal Aid Cells were discussed, including the **filing of Public Interest Litigations (PILs)**, implementation of **Project LIVE**, assistance provided to a **Goa accident victim in filing a legal case**, and special awareness campaigns conducted on important legal days. These included **RTI awareness programmes on RTI Day** and **street plays focusing on the Right to Information and access to justice**.

The presentation also highlighted **community-focused legal literacy initiatives**, such as awareness programmes on social welfare schemes, assistance in obtaining **tribal marriage certificates**, and guidance on **compulsory marriage registration** under the **Portuguese Civil Code and Goa's Uniform Civil Code**. It was emphasised that students are adequately trained before engaging with the community to ensure accurate and responsible dissemination of legal information.

Further, the range of **legal topics covered in programmes** was outlined, including **local land laws**, issues relating to the **NDPS Act**, and other community-oriented legal issues. Various modes such as **street plays, presentations, and interactive sessions** were adopted to enhance public understanding and participation.

Mr. Govind Sawant presented on **the challenges faced by Legal Services Clinics**, including administrative constraints, limited resources, coordination difficulties, and operational hurdles. **As we are a government-aided institution, there are certain limits on the kind of cases our Legal Aid Cell can take up. We are not allowed to handle large-scale or high-value matters, such as major real estate disputes or big commercial cases. These matters usually involve**

large financial interests, long court proceedings, and specialised legal work, which are beyond the role and capacity of a college Legal Aid Cell.

Therefore, our focus remains on small-scale and community-based issues that directly affect common people, such as awareness of government schemes, basic legal rights, documentation help, family and social issues, and legal literacy programmes. This allows students to learn practical law while responsibly serving society, without going beyond institutional guidelines.

He also spoke on the **future vision of Legal Services Clinics**, stressing the importance of inter-clinic collaboration, sharing of best practices, joint initiatives, and coordinated efforts to strengthen legal aid and legal awareness across institutions.

The conference witnessed participation from several reputed law universities and institutions across the country, including **National Law School of India University (NLSIU), National Law University Delhi (NLUD), Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Christ University, BITS Law School, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Presidency University, Bengaluru, and Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU).**

The online roundtable conference concluded with an **interactive question-and-answer session**, during which participants from different institutions raised queries, shared experiences, and exchanged suggestions regarding the functioning and strengthening of Legal Services Clinics. The conference served as a valuable platform for dialogue, learning, and reinforcing the collective commitment towards access to justice and community legal empowerment. The V.M. Salgaocar College, Legal Aid Society was complemented for its presentation and evoked a good response as to functioning of the Legal Aid Cells.

6. Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

6.1 Best Performing Legal Aid Cells for A.Y. 2024-25

For the Best Legal Aid cell award 2024-25, we followed a structured and fair selection process. Cell incharges were asked to apply for the same via a google form. They were evaluated on criteria such as their active participation, consistency, innovation, collaboration with govt agencies, ngos, etc, and overall outreach and impact of the same. Based on this, top three cells are awarded as the best performing legal aid cells. As we can see on the slide.

Guirim Free legal aid cell

The Tenant Verification Camp held on March 15, 2025, in Guirim Village was organized by the Guirim Free Legal Aid Cell, in collaboration with the Village Panchayat and Mapusa Police Station. Its main goal was to improve community safety, ensure proper tenant registration, and spread legal awareness among residents. Key Phases of the Camp:

1. Awareness Drive (March 13, 2025): Team members visited over 30 homes, distributed pamphlets, and shared info online. Educated residents about tenant verification rules and importance.

2. Verification Camp (March 15, 2025): 17 residents attended; 10 verified tenants. Legal Aid members helped with forms and documents. Awareness sessions on legal rights and government schemes were conducted.

3. Police Verification: Police checked tenant details and completed verification. Acknowledgment receipts were issued to property owners.

Outcome & Impact: Increased awareness about legal responsibilities. Improved community participation in safety measures. Residents gained knowledge about government schemes. Strengthened collaboration between legal aid cell, police, and villagers.

Conclusion: The camp was a successful initiative to enhance safety, promote legal awareness, and can serve as a model for other villages to follow.

Pernem free legal aid cell

We successfully organized a State-Level Seminar which received an excellent response and was highly appreciated for its quality and execution. In recognition of our efforts, we were invited by DMC College to organize a similar State-Level Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in the academic year 2025-26. This opportunity reflects the credibility, dedication, and capability of our team in conducting impactful academic events.



We also undertook an important legal aid initiative wherein Non-Availability Certificates were obtained from the Virnoda Village Panchayat and duly submitted to Goa University. This effort significantly assisted members of the tribal community in securing their delayed birth certificates and facilitating marriage registrations. The initiative reflects our commitment towards legal awareness, access to justice, and community welfare, particularly for underprivileged sections of society.

Sanquelim Free legal aid cell

Our activities reached a significant number of people in the community. Through the door-to-door campaign and street play, we spread legal awareness to many residents and commuters in Sanquelim. The awareness sessions in schools also helped students understand their fundamental rights and duties. Overall, our programs increased legal awareness, community participation, and access to legal aid.

6.2 Best Student Legal Aid Member A.Y. 2025-26

Legal Aid is not just an initiative, it reflects our commitment to justice, empathy, and meaningful social impact. Throughout the academic year 2025–26, our Legal Aid student members have actively worked towards spreading legal awareness and assisting those in need.

For the Best Legal Aid Student Member award 2025–26, we followed a structured and fair selection process. Students were asked to apply for the same via a google form. They were evaluated on criteria such as their active participation, consistency, innovation, collaboration with govt agencies, ngos, etc, and overall outreach and impact of the same. Based on this, five outstanding students were shortlisted. As we can see on the slide.

1. Mr. Lawrence Colaco from Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell, has been contributed towards the Registration of new self help group named Suphal. He has Conducted jan seva camp and has been involved in drafting resolution, opening bank account , collecting kyc docs and helping people.
2. Ms. Diya Deulkar from Bicholim Free legal aid cell who has actively contributed towards the cell’s working, organising one how 4 “Jan seva camp” in remote areas , while collaborating with the authorities.
3. Mr. Khaled Desai introduced several innovative concepts, including the Unified Legal Aid Fund, designed to be sustained through CSR initiatives and alumni contributions. He also proposed a digital platform (mobile app and website) to integrate legal aid services and the use of area-specific WhatsApp groups for sustained community engagement in local languages. Additionally, he used the International ADR conference as a creative fundraising mechanism, successfully raising over ₹92,000 for student activities.
4. Ms. Dishanka Vernecar from calungute cell. Over the past two years, the legal literacy programmes, round table conferences,she has received appreciation and encouragement from institutions like St. Theresa’s Higher Secondary School, DMC College, and St. Joseph’s High School, Arpora, to continue such programmes for the benefit of students.
5. Ms. Darshita Bagli of the Mandrem Legal Aid Cell, conducted tenant verification, where she initially proposed the idea and took the initiative to obtain permission from the Mandrem Police Inspector. She also initiated collaboration with the Harmal Panchayat to conduct an Aadhaar camp for the residents of Harmal village

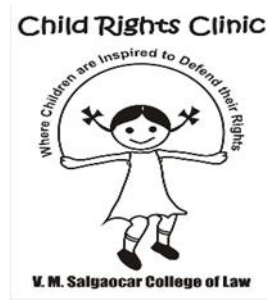
These shortlisted candidates were then invited for an interview before a panel, where their experiences, understanding, and dedication were further assessed. After careful consideration, one member has been



selected as the winner. The recipient of the award was **Mr. Lawrence Colaco** from Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell.

LEGAL AID CLINICS

A. CHILD RIGHTS CLINIC



Director: Dr. Kim Couto, Associate Director: Asst. Prof. Disha Sardesai

The Child Rights Clinic was established in December 2015, with the objective of fostering a child-friendly society within the State. Its motto, “*Where Children Are Inspired to Defend Their Rights,*” encapsulates its core mission of empowering children to understand and assert their rights. The Clinic actively collaborates with key government and institutional bodies, including the Department of Women and Child Development, the Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Child Welfare Committee, SCAN, and VAU, among others, to strengthen the child protection framework in Goa. In addition to its field-based initiatives, the Clinic has engaged in academic and institutional collaborations with international universities to exchange best practices and insights in child protection systems. Since its inception, the Child Rights Clinic has made notable contributions toward the promotion and protection of child rights.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment to the CRC was kept open for students of the TYBALLB and Fourth YEAR BALLB as well as the SY and TY Degree students for the academic year 2025-26, for which a google form for registration for CRC 2025-26 was circulated in these class groups on 26/05/2025.

New members were inducted into the CRC based on an Entrance exam conducted on the Goa Children’s Act and the POCSO Act on 2nd July 2025, followed by a personal interview held with the CRC in charge -faculty.



INDUCTION OF MEMBERS

25 members were inducted into the CRC for the academic year 2025-26 base on their performance at the Entrance Test.

MEETINGS



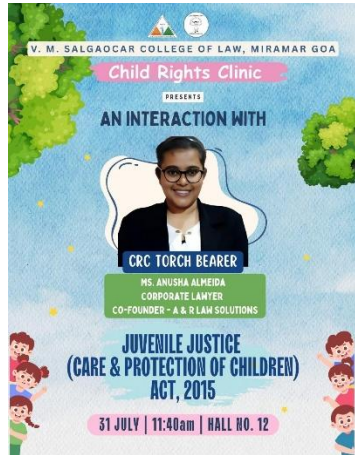
A meeting was held for all the members on 11th July 2026 in Hall No. 3. Dr. Kim Couto, Director of Child Rights Clinic discussed the primary objectives and reasons for setting up the Clinic along with the role and the functioning of the clinic. She informed the new members that they will have to follow up the functioning and matters at the children court and observe the proceedings during the court visits which is an integral activity of the Child Rights Clinic. She provided an overview of the fundamental procedures that take place in the Children's Court and provided general instructions to follow during the court visit. Followed by question answers session wherein the students got their doubts clarified from Prof. Kim Couto.

In the meeting, Asst Prof Disha Sardesai, Associate Director outlined the list of proposed activities for the entire year. The activity list was discussed and informed to all the members of the CRC. The members were asked to acquaint themselves with the laws relating to children namely the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, the Goa Children's Act 2003 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act,2013.

ACTIVITIES

The Child Rights Clinic (CRC) undertook a series of academic, co-curricular, and outreach activities during the academic year 2025–2026, with the objective of promoting awareness, advocacy, and capacity building in the domain of child rights and protection. The faculty coordinators for these activities were Dr. Kim Couto, Director CRC & Asst Prof. Disha Sardesai, Associate Director CRC. Some of the events were held in collaboration with other clinics of V. M. Salgaocar college of Law, other institutions & NGOs.

- On 31st July 2025, the CRC organized an expert interaction session with Ms. Anusha Almeida, CRC Torch Bearer on the *Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015*. The session provided students with an in-depth understanding of the statutory framework governing childcare, protection, and rehabilitation in India. The programme was compered by CRC members Ms Riya Mohammad & Ms Inika Chari.



- On 13th September 2025, the CRC, in collaboration with Ms. Eugenia Melo e Granjo (Former CRC Member), a Soch Fellow, and Justice Adda, conducted an interdisciplinary exhibition on the *functioning of the Children's Court in Goa*. The exhibition integrated art, empirical legal research, and field-based observations, thereby offering a comprehensive perspective on child-centric judicial processes.

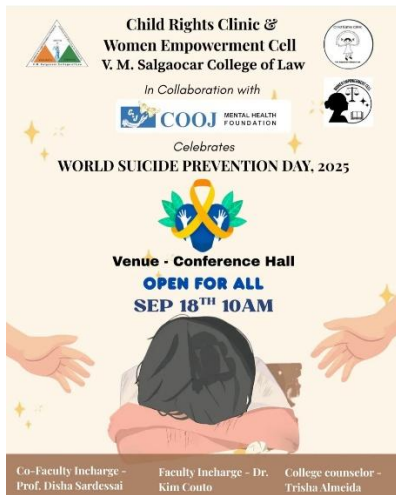




- On the same occasion, the 4th issue of the CRC magazine “Kidvocates” was formally released by Mrs. Sayonara Telles Laad, Former President of the Goa Children’s Court.



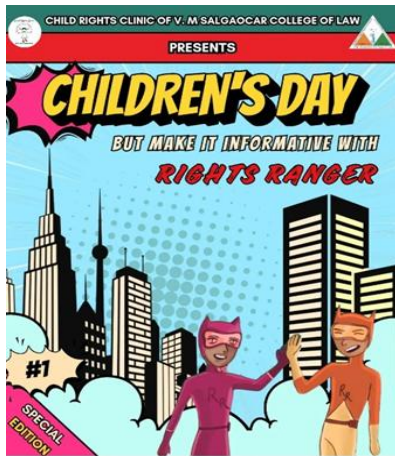
- In furtherance of mental health awareness, on 18th September 2025, the CRC, in association with the Women Empowerment Cell and COOJ Mental Health Foundation, organized a programme to mark World Suicide Prevention Day 2025. The programme featured a keynote address by Ms. Donella Noronha, complemented by a thematic dance performance by members of the Women Empowerment Cell, effectively conveying the significance of suicide prevention and mental health sensitization.



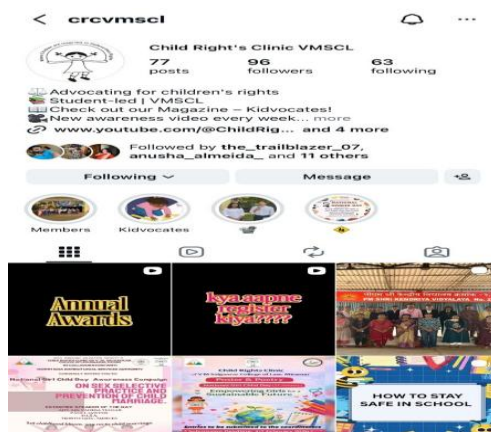
- To commemorate World Mental Health Day, the CRC, in collaboration with the Counselling Centre, organized an inter-class poster-making and poetry competition on 1st October 2025. The entries were assessed by our faculty members and exhibited on 3rd October 2025, and the winners were felicitated during the formal observance of the day. The details of the winners are as follows:
 - *Poetry Competition:* 1st Place – Kaushal Bathia (SYLLB); 2nd Place – Stuti Dey (FYBALLB); 3rd Place (Joint) – Shravani Kambli (FYBALLB) and Rudra Sawant (FYLLB).
 - *Poster Competition:* 1st Place – FYBALLB; 2nd Place – SYBALLB; 3rd Place – TYBALLB.



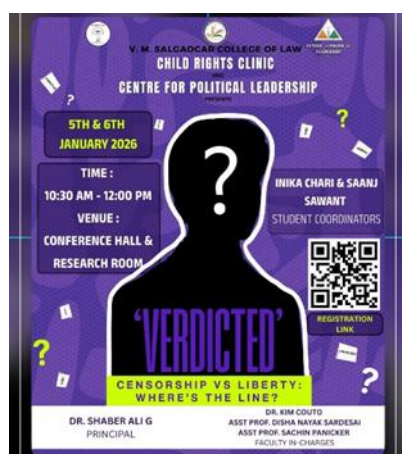
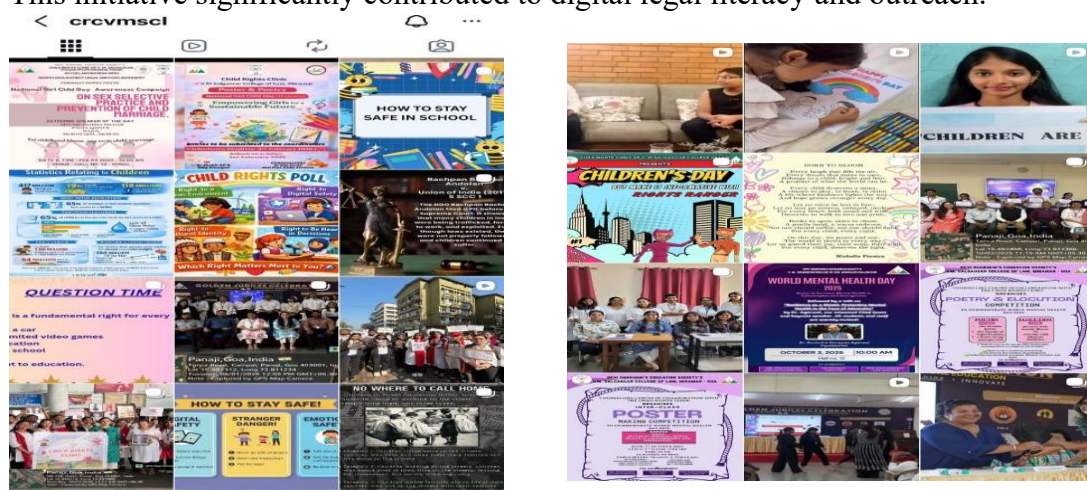
- On 3rd October 2025, CRC formally observed World Mental Health Day 2025, with Dr. Ravindra Agarwal as the Resource Person. The theme for the programme was “Access to Mental Health Services in Catastrophes and Emergencies.” The resource person delivered an insightful lecture titled “Resilience as a Shield: Protecting Mental Health in the Face of Adversity,” emphasizing adaptive coping mechanisms and psychological resilience.



• In November 2025, CRC commemorated Children’s Day (14th November) by initiating a digital awareness campaign wherein students created and disseminated short videos on diverse child rights issues. These videos were systematically published on social media platforms on alternate days. Additionally, the CRC introduced its innovative outreach initiative, “Rights Rangers,” a series of comic characters designed to promote child rights awareness in an engaging and accessible format.



- During the period from December 2025 to February 2026, CRC members actively curated and managed content for the Clinic’s official Instagram platform. The content included analyses of landmark judicial pronouncements, awareness posts on child rights violations and corresponding legal consequences, dissemination of helpline information for children in distress, and interactive engagement tools such as polls, essays, poetry, and visual media. This initiative significantly contributed to digital legal literacy and outreach.



- On 5th and 6th January 2026, the CRC, in collaboration with CPL, organized an interactive academic event titled “VERDICTED – Censorship vs Liberty: Where is the Line?” The event adopted an innovative role-based debate format, wherein participants were assigned confidential roles and engaged in structured deliberations. Each session comprised 12 participants. The programme was coordinated by student coordinators Ms. Inika Chari and Ms. Saanj Sawant. The session conducted on 5th January was open to all students, whereas the session on 6th January was exclusively for CRC members. Prior orientation sessions were conducted to familiarize participants with the format and procedural aspects of the activity.

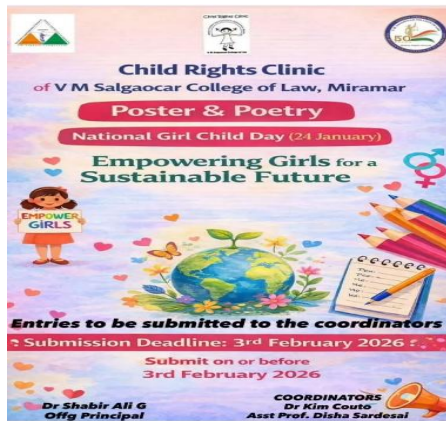


- On 29th January 2026, CRC students participated in a National Human Trafficking Awareness Rally organized by Goa Police in collaboration with SCAN Goa. The students

also participated in a street play based on the theme “*Exploited Online, Enslaved Offline: Stop Digital Trafficking,*” thereby raising awareness about emerging forms of trafficking and exploitation.



- On 3rd February 2026, CRC organized a poster-making and poetry competition to mark National Girl Child Day (24th January), based on the theme “*Empowering Girls for a Sustainable Future.*” The initiative aimed to sensitize students towards gender equality and the rights of the girl child.



- On 4th February 2026, CRC hosted a guest lecture by Adv. Vahida Elgar, who addressed issues pertaining to *sex-selective practices and prevention of child marriage.* The session facilitated critical engagement with contemporary legal and social challenges affecting the girl child.

- Best CRC member for the academic year 2025-2026:

The members were allowed to apply via a google form link shared by the Director. CRC received 3 applications. One member for the annual award was shortlisted after a scrutiny and verification process. The selection process was fair and transparent.

During March to April 2026, CRC members undertook extensive outreach initiatives by conducting awareness programmes in various schools and higher secondary institutions. The sessions covered topics such as the *Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act*, the *Juvenile Justice Act*, and awareness on *Good Touch and Bad Touch* for children aged between 6 and 17 years.

Additionally, training sessions were conducted for school teachers to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills to address child protection concerns effectively. These initiatives contributed towards strengthening child safeguarding mechanisms and promoting a rights-based approach to child welfare. The Clinic members received appreciation from the audience for their presentations.

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B. Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP)

The Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP) at **V. M. Salgaocar College of Law** is a specialized centre dedicated to the advocacy and protection of senior citizens' rights. During the 2025–26 academic year, the centre focused on bridging the gap between legal mandates and field-level execution through student volunteerism. Key efforts included promoting digital literacy, advocating for "Living Wills," and collaborating with law enforcement to implement protective regulations.

MISSION STATEMENT

CROP is a dedicated research-cum-action centre at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law that works to empower, protect, and promote the legal rights and entitlements of older persons in Goa. It integrates academic learning with community-based legal service, ensuring that law students evolve into socially responsive professionals while senior citizens secure robust access to justice and dignity.

CORE MANDATE AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES: Established in August 2022, CROP serves as a strategic vehicle for rights-based advocacy. The Centre operates under five primary objectives:

1. Academic Instruction: Educating law students on substantive and procedural laws, including the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and allied social-security frameworks.

2. Socio-Legal Research: Investigating systemic challenges regarding discrimination, abuse, property rights, and welfare access specific to the elderly in Goa.
3. Policy Reform: Driving recommendations for legislative and policy changes to enhance social inclusion and legal protection.
4. Community Advocacy: Scaling awareness and sensitizing professionals, students, and the public on elder-rights as a fundamental human rights issue.
5. Legal Redressal: Providing direct representation and legal assistance to senior citizens through courts, tribunals, and welfare authorities.

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE AND LEADERSHIP

- ❖ Associate Professor, Dr. Sandhya Ram S A- Director
- ❖ Asst Prof. Ms. Ruchira Naik- (Associate Director)
- ❖ Asst. Prof. Ms.Varsha Redkar (Associate Director)
- ❖ Sanika Pednekar- Student In-charge

SECTION 2: PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The following core goals guide the centre’s initiatives:

- **Legal Advocacy:** Strengthening the implementation of the **Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPC) Act, 2007**, and the corresponding **Goa Rules, 2009**.
- **Digital Empowerment:** Educating seniors on digital safety, safe banking, and preventing online fraud.
- **Right to Dignity:** Promoting awareness of **Advance Medical Directives (Living Wills)** to ensure autonomy in medical decision-making.
- **Institutional Support:** Assisting the **Goa Police Department** in monitoring vulnerable elderly residents.

SECTION 3: DETAILED CHRONOLOGICAL LOG OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2025

- **05/07/2025: Launch of CROP Capsules (Episode 2).** This episode, titled “**Who Bears the Duty?**”, focused on explaining the legal responsibilities of children and relatives under the **Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPC) Act, 2007**. The content was designed to be relatable, using dramatized scenes to spread awareness via social media.
- **18/07/2025: Initial Living Will Consultation.** Members met with **Dr. Sandeep Naik** of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Goa Chapter, to study the implementation process for **Advance Medical Directives**. The goal was to understand a standard

"Living Will" draft developed through deliberations with legal and government authorities.

- **22/07/2025: Institutional Collaboration & Legal Research.**
 - **Directorate of Social Welfare:** CROP members met with **Director Ajit Panchwadkar** to discuss how the centre could assist in promoting welfare schemes and volunteering for senior citizen application processes.
 - **IMA Follow-up:** A second meeting with Dr. Sandeep Naik provided additional study materials, contributing to a **comprehensive compilation document** on Living Wills for the team.
- **26/07/2025: Publication Strategy Meeting.** A follow-up meeting was held with the Director of Social Welfare to discuss the **mass publication of the CROP booklet**. While administrative constraints prevented direct college-government collaboration, the Director suggested working through registered NGOs or updating college records to include senior citizen services.

AUGUST 2025

- **01/08/2025: Living Will Skit Proposal.** A proposal was accepted to develop an **awareness skit** for village outreach. Members began scriptwriting and coordinating roles to showcase the legal process of filing a Living Will.
- **11/08/2025: Field Assistance & Creative Development.**
 - **Senior Citizen Card:** A member assisted a 61-year-old resident of Vasco in applying for a **Senior Citizen Card**, verifying documents and coordinating with the Social Welfare Department offices in Vasco and Margao.
 - **Skit Finalization:** The script for the Living Will awareness skit, including dialogue and choreography, was finalized and accepted.
- **31/08/2025: CROP Capsules (Episode 3).** This episode focused on the role of **Maintenance and Appellate Tribunals** under the MWPSA Act, highlighting how these bodies resolve disputes and protect the dignity of senior citizens through conciliation.

SEPTEMBER 2025

- **18/09/2025: International Day for Older Persons Planning.** CROP proposed a **Slogan and Digital Poster Making Competition** for students to mark the upcoming international celebration.
- **19/09/2025: Promotional Design.** Members designed an informative invitation poster for the competition, which received high praise from faculty for its articulation.
- **20/09/2025 – 28/09/2025: Knowledge Transfer & Competition Management.**

- **Internal Training:** A presentation was held for CROP members to sensitize them on the **Common Cause v. Union of India (2018)** judgment regarding Advance Medical Directives.
- **Event Coordination:** Members managed competition entries via Google Forms, drafted rules, and handled public inquiries while promoting the event on social media.
- **22/09/2025: Commemorative Awareness Reel.** In preparation for October 1st, members created a reel celebrating the **contributions of senior citizens** to promote public respect and appreciation.
- **25/09/2025: Faculty Presentation on Living Wills.** A major presentation was conducted at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law. It covered the **legal meaning, drafting, and practical implications** of Living Wills and was attended by senior faculty, including Prof. M.R.K. Prasad and Prof. Sandhya Ram.
- **28/09/2025: E-greeting Initiative.** Members designed a **digital e-greeting card** featuring CROP's details and warm wishes to be shared with senior citizens across Goa on social media.
- **30/09/2025: Winner Announcements.** A vibrant winners' congratulations poster was designed and shared across social platforms and college notice boards.

OCTOBER 2025

- **01/10/2025: Prize Distribution Ceremony.** On International Day for Older Persons, winners of the slogan and poster competitions were recognized in a ceremony attended by the Principal and NGO representatives.
- **04/10/2025: Digital Literacy Launch.** A digital literacy talk was delivered to over **70 senior citizens in Mala, Panaji**, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dona Paula. This led to the launch of “**Mhahiti Munglar**” (**Awareness Tuesday**), a weekly digital safety update for the elderly.

DECEMBER 2025

- **18/12/2025: Legal Aid Training.** CROP organized an **Awareness Programme for Legal Aid Cell In-Charges**. Sessions focused on the **protection of property** under the MWPSC Act and the significance of Advance Medical Directives.

JANUARY 2026

- **03/01/2026 – 31/01/2026: Republic Day Essay Competition.** Senior citizens were invited to submit essays or videos on the theme "**My Life as a Senior Citizen in a Republic India**". Members coordinated entries, verified documents, and managed communication with participants.
- **17/01/2026 – 24/02/2026: Partnership Development.** CROP successfully secured a **sponsorship commitment** from Street Providence Trust to print the "Quick Guide on Legal Rights" booklet.

- **January (Various): Saligao Church Outreach.** A curated **multi-institutional digital literacy program** was held in Saligao, involving representatives from eight local churches and the Police Department to educate seniors on digital threats.
- **31/01/2026: Personal Outreach Visits.** CROP teams conducted **home visits** in North and South Goa to personally deliver prizes to competition participants, fostering meaningful relationships beyond the competition.

FEBRUARY 2026

- **01/02/2026: Panaji Digital Literacy Talk.** A session was delivered to **55 senior citizens** at a workshop organized by the Directorate of Social Welfare in association with Yuva NGO.
- **07/02/2026: Miramar Workshop.** Invited by Yuva NGO, CROP delivered a successful digital literacy talk to **75 senior citizens** in Miramar.
- **12/02/2026: Police Action Plan Strategy.** A meeting was held to discuss implementing **Rule 20 of the Goa MWPS Rules**, which mandates police protection for the elderly.
- **15/02/2026: CROP Capsules (Episode 4).** A video guide explaining the **legal recognition of passive euthanasia** and the importance of dignity and autonomy in medical decision-making was released.
- **18/02/2026: Meeting with IPS Shridevi B.V.** Members met with police leadership to finalize the **pilot implementation** of the Police Action Plan in the **Bicholim Sub-Division** (Bicholim, Valpoi, and Sattari).
- **21/02/2026: Sanquelim Outreach & Police Planning.**
 - **Digital Literacy:** A session was delivered to **60 senior citizens** in Sanquelim, attended by Mrs. Sulakshana Sawant.
 - **Police Proposal:** A draft proposal was prepared outlining how CROP volunteers will assist police in **maintaining records and conducting monthly visits** to vulnerable seniors.
- **24/02/2026: Formal MoU Signing.** A **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between V. M. Salgaocar College of Law and **Street Providence Trust** for the publication of the legal guide for senior citizens.

MARCH 2026

- **04/03/2026: City-Level School Competition Preparation.** A member was entrusted with designing the brochure for a competition across **five schools in Panaji** aimed at promoting the legal guide and fostering intergenerational bonding.
- **14/03/2026: Field Visit to "Pope Francis Home".** CROP members visited this Guirim facility, which provides shelter for individuals with **mental disabilities**. The team interacted with residents, noted their talents in knitting and painting, and donated essential supplies like tea and milk.

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THE CROP GUIDE LAUNCH (MARCH 2025)

In March 2025, the Centre released its flagship advocacy tool: **“A QUICK GUIDE ON THE LEGAL RIGHTS & ENTITLEMENTS OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN GOA.”**

Key Features:

- **Bilingual Format:** Published in English and Konkani to eliminate linguistic barriers to justice.
- **Practical Frameworks:** Provides actionable guidance on maintenance laws, property rights, pension schemes, and essential legal procedures.
- **Strategic Distribution:** Disseminated through community centers, welfare offices, and hostels to serve as a primary reference for seniors, families, and social workers.

CROP CAPSULES – CONCISE AWARENESS PROGRAMME THROUGH INSTAGRAM

Ms. Sanika Pednekar, the Student In-Charge of CROP, initiated CROP Capsules as a concise awareness programme aimed at disseminating essential information regarding the rights and welfare of older persons through Instagram. The initiative was conceptualised to simplify legal concepts and present them in a clear, engaging, and easily understandable format for a wider audience.

CROP Capsules focuses on delivering short and impactful content to enhance legal awareness and promote understanding of issues concerning older persons. The programme utilises digital platforms effectively to ensure greater outreach and accessibility.

During the academic year, Ms. Sanika Pednekar conceptualized and shot three episodes for CROP Capsules. These episodes were informative, well-structured, and successfully conveyed key aspects related to the rights of older persons concisely.

As part of CROP’s digital legal awareness initiative, an episode explaining the duties under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, was released. CROP released another episode on the awareness series focusing on the functioning of Maintenance and Appellate Tribunals under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act.

Another episode explained the legal recognition of passive euthanasia in the landmark Supreme Court judgment in *Common Cause v. Union of India* and highlighted the importance of dignity, autonomy, and informed medical decision-making.

The initiative stands as an effective step towards promoting awareness through innovative and accessible means.

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**PRESENTATION ON LIVING WILL
(ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE)**

Tanvi Kotkar, member of the CROP Centre, met Dr. Sandeep Naik to understand the Living Will draft. The doctor shared some study material and the draft, which helped her to add a compilation of the Living Will document, which is shared with the CROP team for any future reference.

Presentation to CROP members for knowledge transfer and sensitization programs was done by Tanvi Kotkar and Sanika Pednekar. The presentation involved explanation and run through the Common

Cause v Union of India (2018) Judgment , along with explanation of the Directives mentioned in the Judgment and practical implementation as understood from Dr Sandeep Naik.

The presentation explained the legal meaning, drafting process, execution procedure, and practical implications of a Living Will. The session was attended by several faculty members including Prof. M.R.K. Prasad and Prof. Sandhya Ram. The presentation was highly interactive and appreciated for its clarity and legal depth, with several questions from faculty members being effectively addressed by the team.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON LIVING WILL AND MWPSA ACT FOR LEGAL AID INCHARGES AND DEPUTY INCHARGES

CROP organised an awareness programme for In-Charges and Deputy In-Charges of Legal Aid Cells to enhance understanding of senior citizens' rights. Sanika Pednekar, as the CROP Cell In-Charge, delivered the Welcome Address and also conducted the first session on Living Will along with Tanvi.



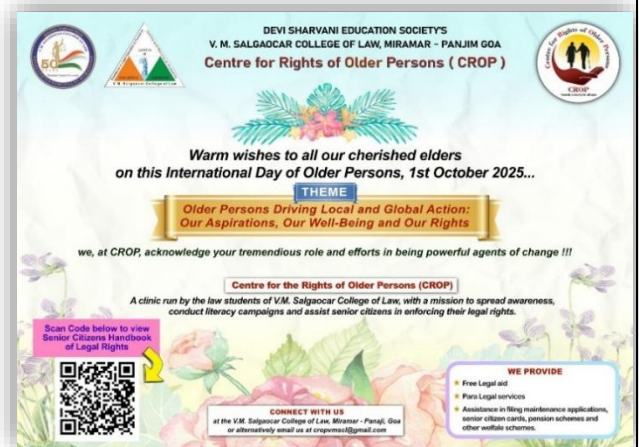
She explained the concept, legal recognition, drafting process, and significance of advance medical directives. The programme was interactive and enabled participants to understand better both Living Wills and the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act. The event

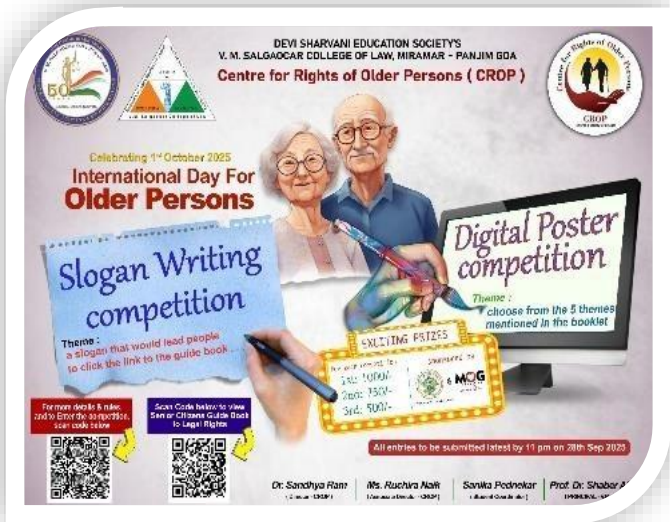


concluded successfully with active participation and discussions.

➤ E-GREETING CARD ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PERSONS

Being the International Day for Older Persons on 1st October, the group suggested that we, as CROP, should wish the senior citizens on this special occasion. For this, it was suggested that a digital e-greeting card be designed and sent to senior citizens in Goa through various social media platforms. Crop members created a beautiful e-greeting poster conveying our warm wishes from CROP and also included a few basic details of CROP on the poster.





➤ **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY – SLOGAN WRITING & POSTER MAKING COMPETITION (INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS)**

To mark International Day of Older Persons, CROP organised slogan writing and poster making competitions for students of the college. Sanika Pednekar played an important role in organizing the Competition and distributing the responsibilities among the members. She also coordinated and communicated with

the participants and invited the winners for the prize distribution ceremony. The event was conducted in the presence of the Principal, faculty members, and representatives from sponsoring NGOs. The ceremony successfully recognised the creative efforts of students while promoting awareness about the dignity and rights of senior citizens.



THE POLICE ACTION PLAN (RULE 20)

The present project has been undertaken to strengthen the implementation of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and the corresponding Goa Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules, 2009, with particular emphasis on the operationalization of Rule 20.

While the statutory framework provides for a comprehensive mechanism for the protection of senior citizens, practical challenges often arise at the stage of implementation. The purpose of this project is therefore to bridge the gap between legal mandate and field-level execution by introducing a structured model of student volunteer participation through the Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP).

Through this initiative, CROP seeks to assist the Goa Police Department in ensuring continuous engagement with senior citizens, facilitating communication and strengthening monitoring systems, especially for those who are vulnerable, living alone or residing in old age homes. The project is conceived not merely as a study, but as a practical intervention model aimed at supporting institutional functioning.

The centre initiated a structured intervention model to help the **Goa Police** implement Rule 20. A pilot project was established in the **Bicholim Sub-Division** (Bicholim, Valpoi, and Sattari). The plan involves student volunteers assisting police stations in maintaining up-to-date records of seniors living alone, facilitating monthly home visits, and creating digital communication networks, such as WhatsApp groups, for safety alerts.

Rule 20 mandates a proactive and structured role for the police authorities. It requires that every police station maintain an updated record of senior citizens within its jurisdiction, especially those living alone. It further provides that designated police representatives, preferably in coordination with social workers or volunteers, must conduct regular visits to such individuals at least once a month, while also responding promptly to any request for assistance.

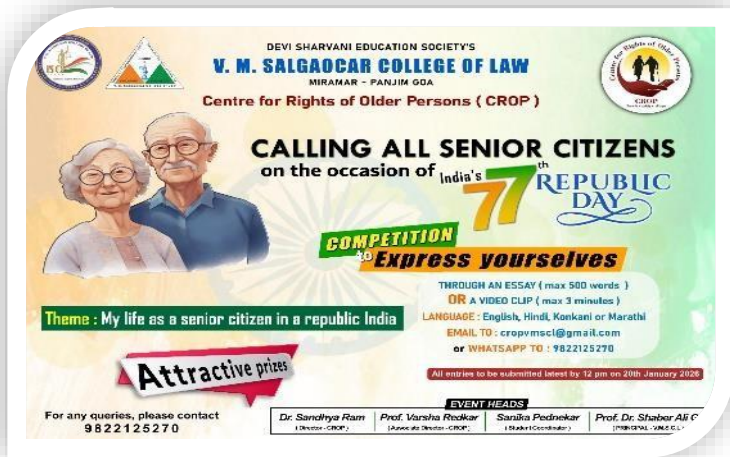
Additionally, the Rule contemplates the establishment of Volunteer Committees at the level of each police station. These committees are intended to facilitate regular interaction between senior citizens and the police, thereby creating a responsive and supportive local network. The Rule also emphasizes public awareness, maintenance of complaint registers, verification mechanisms and the promotion of community policing initiatives.

An important dimension of the project is its integration with legal aid mechanisms. In this regard, CROP has initiated collaboration with the Legal Aid Cell at Bicholim, Pilgao, and Sanquelim, along with faculty coordinators.

This collaboration ensures that the project goes beyond administrative support and incorporates a rights-based approach. Legal aid involvement will facilitate awareness among senior citizens regarding their rights under the 2007 Act, assist in grievance redressal, and provide guidance in accessing appropriate legal remedies where necessary.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS: Notably, a meeting was conducted with IPS Officer Shridevi B.V. of the Bicholim Sub-Division, to discuss the implementation of the Police Action Plan under Rule 20 of the MWPSG Goa Rules. They discussed on potential areas of collaboration between CROP, Legal Aid Cells, and the Police Department, including updating records of senior citizens and assisting victims of cyber scams. The meeting helped establish institutional support for the initiative and paved the way for forming a volunteer committee of students. Authority expressed keen interest in the initiative and extended support for its implementation. Based on these discussions, the Bicholim - Valpoi - Sattari region was identified as the pilot area. Further, coordination has been established with the Legal Aid Cell at Bicholim and the methodological framework, including the questionnaire, has been finalised.

At present, the project is in its pre-implementation stage, awaiting a final coordination meeting with the police department to initiate field activities formally.



**REPUBLIC DAY
ESSAY
COMPETITION
FOR SENIOR
CITIZENS – “MY
LIFE AS A SENIOR
CITIZEN IN A
REPUBLIC INDIA”**

On the occasion of Republic Day, CROP organised a competition inviting senior

citizens across Goa to express their experiences through essays or video submissions. Sanika Pednekar, as Student Coordinator, played a key organisational role. She maintained email correspondence with participants, collected age verification documents, compiled entries, converted them into PDF format for evaluation, prepared the judging criteria, and drafted the official result announcement email. The competition successfully amplified the voices and experiences of senior citizens across Goa.



➤ **Prize Distribution Visits to Senior Citizen Participants:** Following the Republic Day competition, the CROP team personally visited participants’ residences to distribute prizes and certificates. During the visits, Students interacted with the senior citizens, listened to their experiences and concerns, and helped strengthen the relationship between the college and the senior citizen community. The initiative

created meaningful engagement beyond the competition itself.

DIGITAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

Objectives of the Initiatives:-

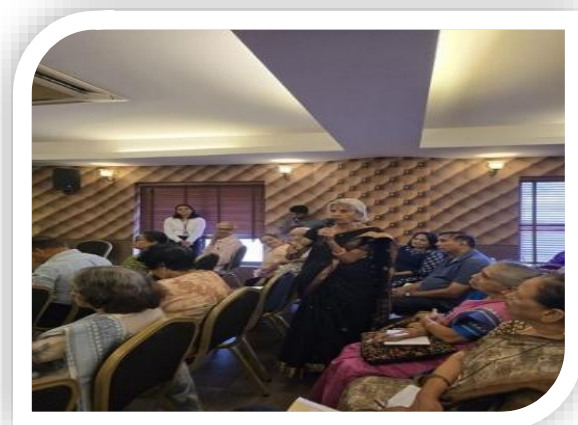
The primary objectives of these digital literacy initiatives were:-

- To educate senior citizens about the safe use of digital platforms.
- To create awareness about common digital threats such as stranger traps, fake individuals, impersonation, and online fraud.
- To caution senior citizens during the SIR (Suspicious Incident Reporting) process and guide them on how to respond responsibly.
- To build confidence among senior citizens so they can participate in digital activities without fear.
- To expand the outreach of CROP and establish it as a trusted and sought-after unit for matters related to senior citizens.

As a member of CROP, David D'Souza actively reached out to the target audience through CROP's existing networks and collaborations with community organizations, churches, NGOs, and law-enforcement agencies.

Process Involved following steps:

- Identifying locations and senior citizen groups that would benefit from digital literacy programs.
- Coordinating with institutions such as Rotary Clubs, churches, NGOs, police authorities, and social organizations.
- Curating and organizing programs entirely on a charitable basis.
- Delivering sessions using simple language and real-life examples relevant to senior citizens.
- Encouraging interaction through question-and-answer sessions to address individual concerns and doubts. The focus throughout was on clarity, accessibility, and practical understanding rather than technical complexity.



CROP directly engaged over **280 senior citizens** through charitable workshops. These sessions used simple language and real-life examples to explain **Suspicious Incident Reporting (SIR)**, banking safety, and how to avoid "stranger traps" and impersonation fraud.



DATE	COLLABORATING PARTNER	LOCATION/TARGET AUDIENCE	KEY IMPACT/OUTCOME
04/10/2025	Rotary Club of Dona Paula	80 Senior Citizens	Improved confidence in smartphone navigation; enabled seniors to participate in the digital economy safely.
23/01/2026	Cluster of 8 Churches & Goa Police	Community Members	Enhanced cyber-safety and fraud prevention, addressed by SP Mr. V. Karpe.
07/02/2026	YUVA & Social Welfare Dept.	Panaji (100+ Seniors)	Practical training on internet usage and accessing government schemes online.
21/02/2026	YUVA & Social Welfare Dept.	Sanquelim (100+ Seniors)	Empowered rural and semi-urban elders regarding digital safety and entitlements.

Technical Skills Developed: Training included hands-on guidance for digital banking interfaces, secure online behavior, and the use of government portals for rights-based



MOU WITH STREET PROVIDENCE



On February 24, 2026, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law formalized a partnership with Street Providence to expand the reach of the Centre’s legal resources. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Principal Prof. Dr. G. Shaber Ali and Founder Trustee Mr. Donald Fernandes.

❖ **Expanding the Scope: Dementia Awareness**

This meeting also recognized dementia as a critical public-health and legal concern. It looked into the possibility of future collaboration by positioning CROP to act as a vital link between the community and support systems. The following were discussed:

- * Central Intervention: Training students to serve as a front-line detection network, recognizing early signs of dementia during legal-aid camps.



VISIT TO THE “POPE FRANCIS HOME” FOR HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN

As part of social initiative of CROP, Roshant Mathias proposed and coordinated a visit to the “Pope Francis Home for Homeless Men and Women”, with the objective to see and understand homes for homeless men and women with mental disabilities. Street Providence

dedicated for mental health which were run by Street Providence Trust.

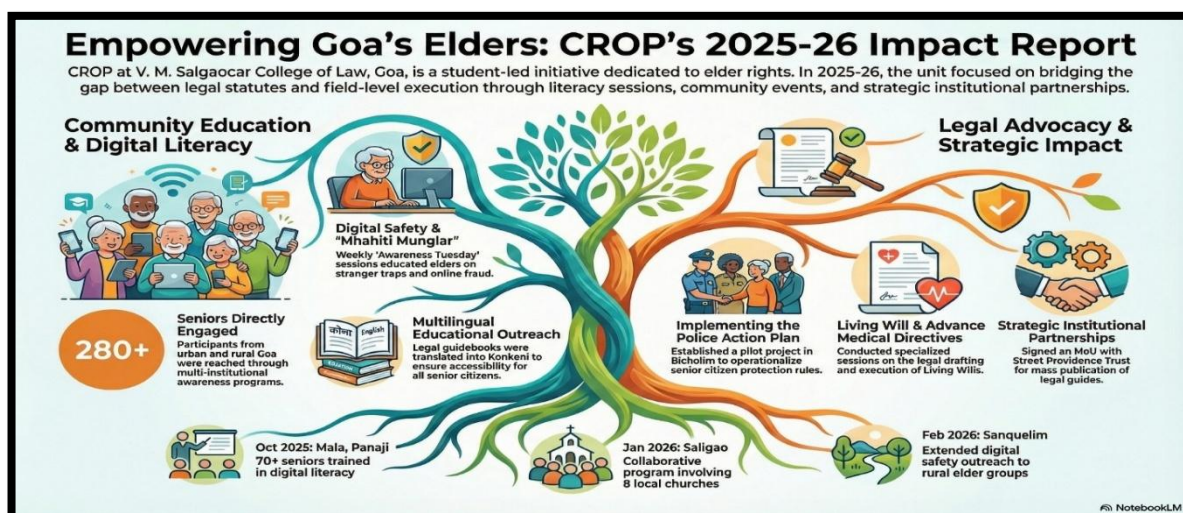


CROP successfully established a network of partners to expand its outreach:

- **Law Enforcement:** Office of the DGP, DIG, and Bicholim Sub-Division Police.
- **Medical & Social Welfare:** Indian Medical Association (Goa Chapter) and the Directorate of Social Welfare.
- **NGOs & Community:** Street Providence Trust (Sponsorship/MoU), Yuva NGO, Rotary Club of Dona Paula, and local churches.

SECTION 6: OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

- **Resource Mobilization:** Secured a partnership for the mass distribution of the “Quick Guide on Legal Rights” booklet.
- **Community Trust:** Positioned CROP as a reliable and approachable organization for elderly advocacy in both urban and rural areas.
- **Practical Engagement:** Moved beyond theoretical awareness to provide **direct assistance**, such as document verification for senior citizen cards and personal home



visits.

SECTION 7: STRATEGIC ROADMAP & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

CROP has identified the following priorities to scale its impact across the state:

- **Geographic Expansion:** Scaling outreach by increasing the frequency of legal-aid and digital literacy camps in rural and interior regions of Goa, specifically through increased engagement with Panchayats and Municipal bodies.
- **Research & Policy:** Driving evidence-based policy reform through empirical studies on elder abuse and the implementation gaps in current maintenance and welfare laws.

- Advocacy Training: Equipping paralegal volunteers with specialized skills in cyber-safety, digital entitlements, and basic mental health screening.
- Multi-Modal Dissemination: Adapting the CROP Guide into audio, large-print, and simplified formats for distribution at police stations, anganwadis, and senior citizens' clubs.

SECTION 8: CONCLUSION

The 2025–26 term marked a period of significant growth for the CROP. By integrating legal knowledge with practical field interventions and institutional partnerships, the Centre has strengthened the social and legal safety net for senior citizens across Goa

C.CENTRE FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY



Objectives of CRPD

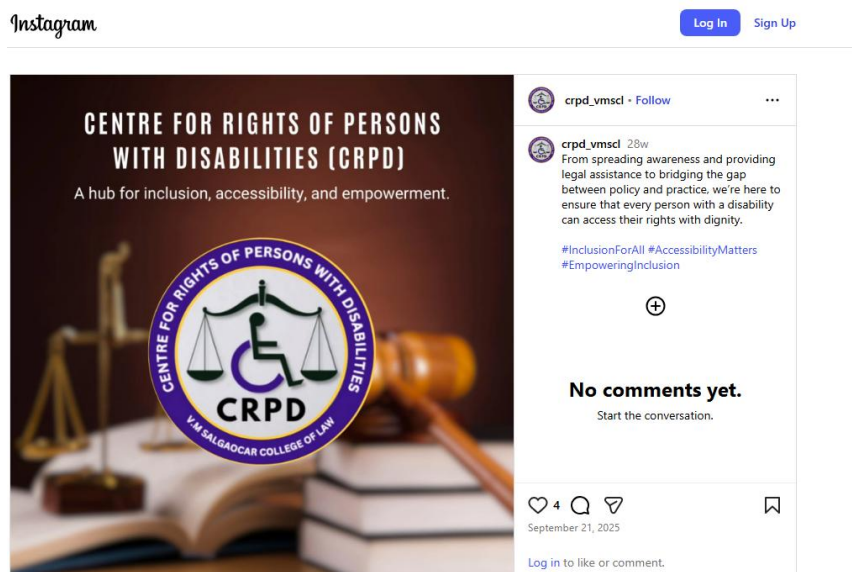
1. To train student members to raise awareness about the rights of PWD, empowering them to become effective advocates within their communities.
2. To provide practical knowledge through first-hand experience by working with various government departments and lawyers.
3. To sensitize the public to the challenges and rights of PWD, promoting understanding and empathy.
4. To research on the existing laws governing PWD and their implementation, ensuring that we have a solid foundation of knowledge to drive a meaningful change.
5. To assist PWD in accessing welfare schemes and legal benefits, bridging the gap between policy and practice.
6. To contribute to a more informed, supportive, and inclusive environment for all persons with disabilities.

Director: Dr. Mrunmayi M.Vaidya

Associate Director: Asstt. Prof. Roshant Parwar.

1. Instagram page:

The members created a Instagram page for the Centre to update about important events, etc.



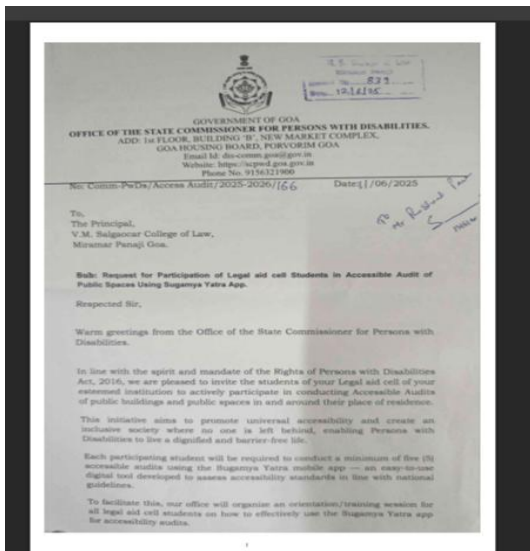
2. Awareness Poster:

The students designed a poster to create awareness about rights of persons with disability on the occasion of International Day of People with Disability on 3rd December 2025.



3. Accessibility audit of public spaces in Goa using the Sugam Yatra app:

The Commission for Rights of Persons with Disabilities conducted an audit of accessibility for disabled persons in terms of infrastructure. The members of the Centre were involved in the collection of the data using the app. Each member visited 10 government buildings each and assisted in the audit.



Upon successful completion of the assigned audits, students will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the office of State Commission for Persons with Disabilities — in recognition of their contribution toward advancing the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

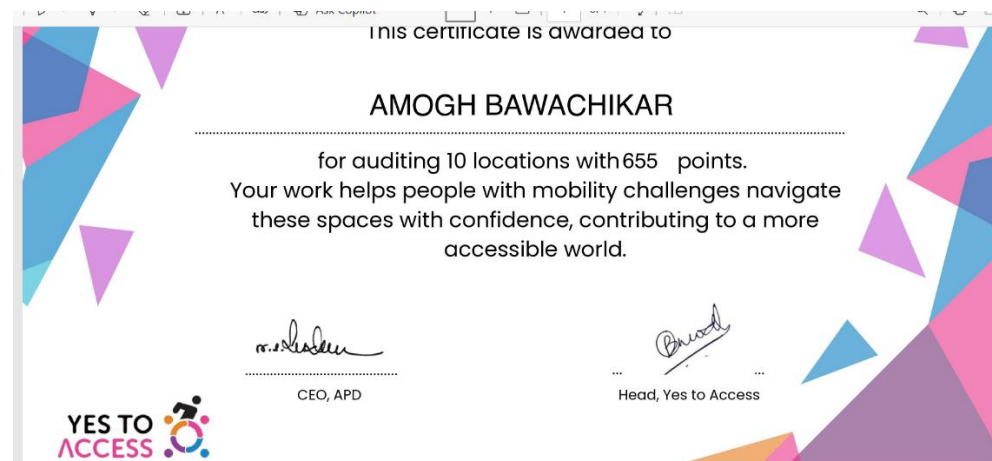
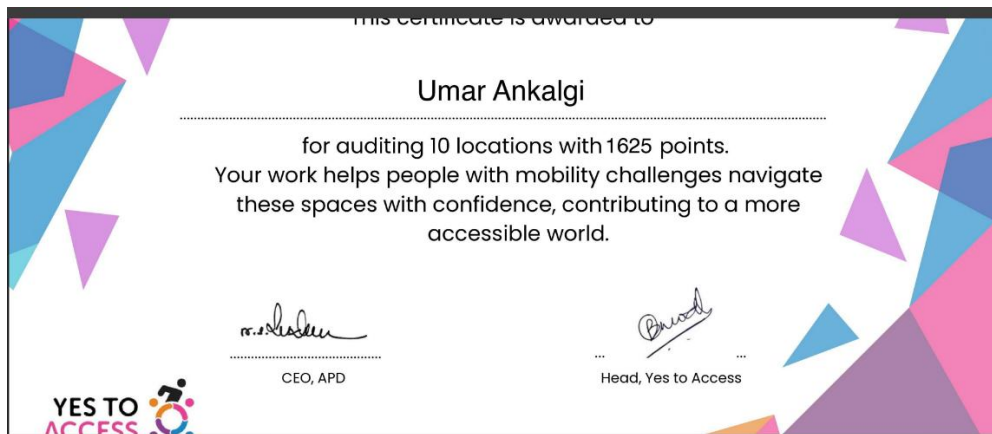
We believe this is a valuable opportunity for law students to engage meaningfully with constitutional values, social justice, and disability rights in practice.

We would be grateful if you could share a list of students with our office by 30th June who will be part of this access audit.

We look forward to your positive response and support in making this initiative a success.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Guruprasad R. Pawaskar
State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities



4. Session on SENSITIZATION & ORIENTATION ON RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Date: 29.09.2025

Time: 11 a.m

Resource person: Mr. Mahadev Sawant.

No. of Participants: 51. (3 CRPD members and 48 In charge and Deputy In charge of the Legal Aid Cells)

Objective:

The session was conducted to create awareness and sensitization about rights of persons with disabilities. It is intended that each Legal Aid Cell will in turn carry forward the message from the session that every person with disability counts. The members are expected to carry this message at all levels including schools, colleges, etc in their locality.

The session:

Session was arranged by Umar Ankalgi, Amogh Bawchikar and Kezia Pango (Members of CRPD).

The session began by welcome address by Principal Prof. Dr. Shaber Ali. G followed by Dr. Mrunmayi M. Vaidya (Director of CRPD) who spoke about the functioning of CRPD and the purpose of the session. Umar introduced the guest to the audience.

The speaker Mr. Mahadev Sawant explained to the students, the concept of disability and the 21 types of disabilities mentioned in the Rights of Persons with Disability Act. He sensitized the students about the difficulties which person with disabilities face by demonstrating it through an activity where students were blindfolded and asked to perform tasks which they were unable to understand and complete. The speaker than spoke to he students about the need to make special provisions and creation of various facilities. The session concluded with the speaker appealing the students to spread awareness about the law and direct the ones in need of help, to the appropriate authority.





Vote of thanks was delivered by Mr.Roshant Parwar (Associate Director, CRPD).

Attendance record:

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CENTRE FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY.
SESSION ON SENSITIZATION & ORIENTATION ON RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
Date: 29.09.2025 Resourse person: Mr. Mahadev Sawant. Time: 11 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Sl.No.	Name of the student	Legal Aid Cell	Signature
1	Anup Madhavi	Udgaon	[Signature]
2	Sahana Chumika	Santa Cruz	[Signature]
3	Siddhanta Shivadas	Santa Cruz	[Signature]
4	Shikharika Girish	Udgaon	[Signature]
5	Aishika Bhatia	Mudrem	[Signature]
6	Trishika Poojara	Pacham	[Signature]
7	Anus Madras	Pitruze	[Signature]
8	Adish Nikalge	Pitruze	[Signature]
9	Shreehar Vaman Vengarkar	Pitruze	[Signature]
10	Raj Chalgutkar	Sadun	[Signature]
11	Arthas Anur	Valpoi	[Signature]
12	Shreyas K. Shett	Old Goa	[Signature]
13	Chakrab Jyoti	Coimbat	[Signature]
14	Ashwathia Bhude	Guzgam	[Signature]
15	Vijaya Manu	Pacham	[Signature]
16	Saana Sutar	Tallegar	[Signature]
17	Rohit Karkade	Tallegar	[Signature]
18	Shrihanika Rao	Solapur	[Signature]
19	Shubhanga Kalagutkar	Solapur	[Signature]
20	Neel Bhanuwar	Margao	[Signature]
21	Dehika Bhaugawa	Margao	[Signature]
22	Anusha Sankarhas	Paitholera	[Signature]
23	Arundhan Bhaugawa	Coimbat	[Signature]
24	Ashika Anur	Mudrem	[Signature]
25	Shrihanika Bhaugawa	Mudrem	[Signature]
26	Shubhika Bhaugawa	Baratola	[Signature]
27	Subarna Kankatkar	Kastana	[Signature]
28	Esha Nani	Old Goa	[Signature]
29	Esparna Murgankar	Old Goa	[Signature]

31	Rajani Sawant	Saquarello	[Signature]
32	Anita Chini	Saquarello	[Signature]
33	Ashika Saha	Muxa	[Signature]
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35	Shreya P. Mack	Vasco	[Signature]
36	Prathamesh Naik	Vasco	[Signature]
37	Dresha Jitanti Nait	Socorro	[Signature]
38	Prachi Nait	Socorro	[Signature]
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40	Gaurav usapkar	Pitruze	[Signature]
41	Shivani S. Murgankar	Chandokra	[Signature]
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46	Harshada Mack	Pacham	[Signature]
47	Pattilsha Salgaopkar	Anjuna	[Signature]
48	Prinyak Sawal	Anjuna	[Signature]
49	Siddhi Murgankar	Mabusa	[Signature]
50	Uddhav Mandriker	Saquarello	[Signature]
51	Muskan Bhugawan	Paitholera	[Signature]

CRPD Members
 1) Umaz Ankalgi
 2) Amogh Sawchikar
 3) Kezfa Pango

Y. V. Vaidya
 29/09/2025

Post publicity:



14th February 2026.

5. STAKEHOLDER'S CONSULTATION ON RELAXATION OF THE 3-YEAR MANDATORY BAR PRACTICE RULE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS).

Stakeholder's Consultation on Relaxation of the 3-Year Mandatory Bar Practice Rule for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) was held in the college by the Centre for Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 14th February 2026.

Objectives of the Consultation:

1. To respond to the Supreme Court's call in *Bhumika Trust v. Union of India* (Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1110/2025, dated January 15, 2026), which invites suggestions from High Courts and Law Universities on relaxing the 3-year bar practice requirement for persons with disabilities candidates in judicial services.
2. To compile actionable, region-specific suggestions for submission to the Bombay High Court at Goa Bench, promoting equity, inclusivity, and judicial excellence while adhering to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Participants:

1. Mr. Vishant Nagvenkar (Member of Advisory Board of State Commission for Disabilities, Government of Goa).
2. Adv. Vibhav Amonkar (Advocate with 15 years of practice).
3. Adv. Amit Birje (PWD Visually impaired (100%), 2 ½ years legal practice working with Goa Legal Aid Services Authority of High Court of Bombay at Goa)
4. Adv. Krunal Thakur (PWD, Muscular Dystrophy (90%), with 1 ½ year of legal practice)
5. Dr. B. S. Patil, (Associate Professor with a Doctorate on Human Rights of Disabled Persons).
6. Dr. Mrunmayi M. Vaidya, (Director, Centre for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law).
7. Mr. Roshant Parwar (Associate Director, Centre for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law).
8. Members of Centre for Rights of Persons with Disability- (Amogh Bawchikar, Umar Ankalgi and Kezia Pango).
9. Members of Legal Aid Society of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law.



OBSERVATIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Following are the observations:

1. The practice rule is an essential pre-requisite to ensure judicial standards and necessary to acquaint the aspiring Judicial officers with the practical aspects of court functioning.
2. Enforcing the rule in the same manner to Persons with Disability and Persons without Disability, leads to practical disadvantage to Persons with Disabilities due to the following reasons:

a. Infrastructural barriers:

Presence of infrastructural barriers in the court premises and otherwise, which results in difficulties in access. Most of the Courts are functioning in old buildings for years together. These buildings were not designed to be disability friendly. Therefore, accessing such premises on different floors as well as commuting from one court to another is a serious issue which advocated with disabilities face due to lack of suitable means of transport. Even in buildings which are designed with suitable infrastructure to enable access to PwD, people do not exhibit sufficient civic sense; eg., other vehicles are parked in spaces reserved for PwD. Though there are rules in place to facilitate movement of PwD, these rules are not respected and effectively implemented.

b. Lack of suitable digitization:

The Judiciary as well as legal administration generally lacks suitable digitization resulting in denial of access to necessary documents as well as procedures. Persons with visual impairment have no access to legal documents like reporters, legal briefs etc. It is difficult to get opportunity to gain three years practice in such a scenario. Most of the courts do not have the system of online hearing. Therefore, it becomes virtually impossible for persons with specific disabilities to begin their practice.

c. Unwillingness of Advocates to employ PwD as an intern:

There is reluctance on the part of the Advocates to take Persons with Disability as their interns. It is a matter of practical difficulty for an advocate due to which they are mostly unwilling to take in a PwD as an intern. This amounts to a barrier for practice. Even if an Advocate employs a PwD as an intern, most probably he/she might be confined to the office rather than getting an opportunity of witnessing court proceedings. Thus, the PwD might practice with an Advocate but not have practical exposure to court proceedings.

When the system expects a particular eligibility criterion to be fulfilled as a basic condition, it should also create conditions conducive for the fulfillment of such condition and make the opportunity equally available to all aspirants.



To overcome the above problems, following are the suggestions unanimously and unequivocally recommended by all the members:

1. Law clerks' position:

Persons with disability should be employed as Law clerks in order to enable gaining requisite practical experience. This will ensure an avenue for understanding the court procedures etc. Position for Law clerks can be created in the subordinate Judiciary.

2. Placement with Legal Service Authority:

Persons with Disability can be placed with the Legal Services Authority on a stipend (Taluka/District/State level) as an alternative to internship with Advocates privately thus resolving the issue of reluctance of Advocates to take a PwD as an intern. For this purpose, the conditions for employment can be relaxed for PwD candidates.

Additionally:

i. Improving infrastructural accessibility:

All Courts and relevant structures should be made accessible to Persons with disabilities. Requirements regarding provision of lift, suitable parking etc, to be ensured for easy access.

ii. Digitization of legal documents and procedures:

Legal contents, documents, procedures should be suitably digitized so that they become easily available and accessible to all persons concerned.

iii. Sensitization and incentivization to remove attitudinal barriers:

Advocates as well as members of Judiciary to be sensitized towards the difficulties of persons with disabilities to remove the attitudinal barriers. There should be some encouragement to the Advocates to employ PwD's as interns, eg., recognition and honour from the Judiciary, Government, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, etc.

iv. Modification of judicial training curriculum:

Judicial training curriculum can be modified to make it more intensively practically oriented and effective so as to overcome any short-coming in the initial learning process.

v. Preparing database of PwD in Legal profession:

Prepare database of Law students with disabilities and practicing advocates with disabilities. This will give a clear picture of the present situation, as well as help to understand and work on the modalities necessary to accommodate the Advocates with disabilities in practice.

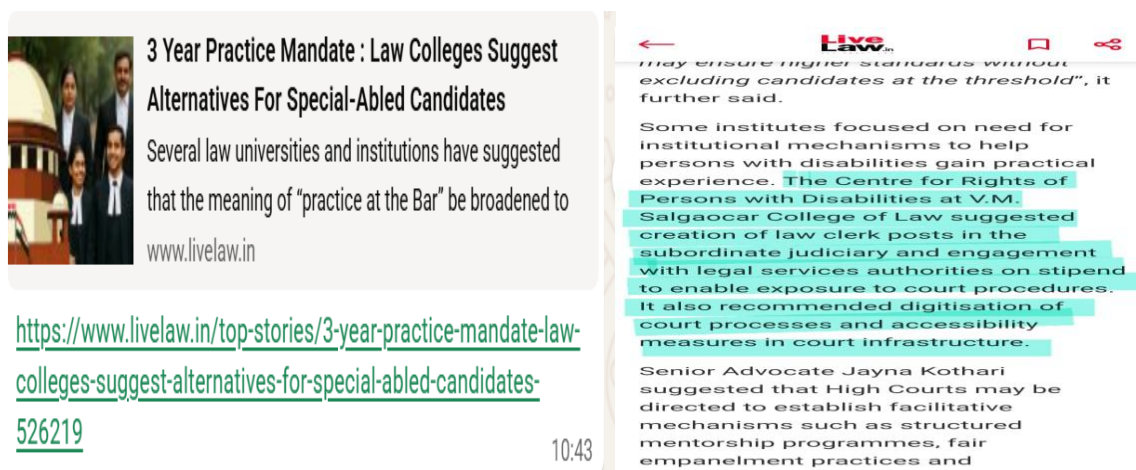
vi. Regularity in advertising judicial posts:

As Judicial posts are not advertised on regular basis the judicial aspirants might not get an opportunity to join the judicial services even after three years of practice. This adds up to the difficulties especially of the persons with disabilities. After completing 5 or 3 years of Law education it is expected that a person should be able to generate at least a moderate source of income for himself. However, even after completing three years of practice, a PwD might not be assured of being able to qualify for a judicial post as the post may not be advertised. This is all the more problematic for Advocates with disability as compared to advocates without disability. The posts therefore need to be advertised on regular basis.

Concluding remarks

The initiative of the honourable Supreme Court in inviting inputs from the various stakeholders; especially from the Law Colleges is a significant step which reflects the openness of the Judiciary in involving the relevant factions and the stakeholders on the subject of great significance. The present report attempts to lay down feasible suggestions to draw a balance between the requirement of maintaining high judicial standards as well as acknowledging the difficulties faced by the PwDs. The objective is to ensure substantive equality to all judicial aspirants with merit so as to create a level playing ground.

Suggestions in the report were quoted in submissions before the Supreme Court and reported in Live law



3 Year Practice Mandate : Law Colleges Suggest Alternatives For Special-Abled Candidates

Several law universities and institutions have suggested that the meaning of "practice at the Bar" be broadened to

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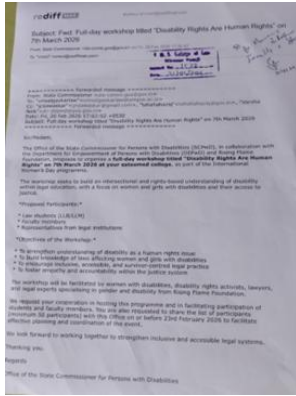
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may ensure higher standards without excluding candidates at the threshold", it further said.

Some institutes focused on need for institutional mechanisms to help persons with disabilities gain practical experience. **The Centre for Rights of Persons with Disabilities at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law suggested creation of law clerk posts in the subordinate judiciary and engagement with legal services authorities on stipend to enable exposure to court procedures. It also recommended digitisation of court processes and accessibility measures in court infrastructure.**

Senior Advocate Jayna Kothari suggested that High Courts may be directed to establish facilitative mechanisms such as structured mentorship programmes, fair empanelment practices and

6. Attended Workshop on 7th March 2026:



The members of the CRPD attended a Full Day Workshop titled “Disability Rights are Human Rights” on 7th March 2026 organised by Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Rising Flame Foundation as a part of International Women’s Day Programme at Court Premises, Mercers.

7.Copy of Brochure prepared for CRPD

Devi Sharvani Education Society's

V.M. SALGAOAR COLLEGE OF LAW

CENTRE FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (CRPD)

The Centre serves as a vital resource for promotion of rights of PWD by focusing on inclusion, accessibility and empowerment through sensitization and legal assistance.

The V. M. Salgaocar College of Law inaugurated its Centre for Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 04th February 2019. The inauguration was done by Shri. Ashok Agrawal, Member Secretary, National Legal Service Authority, New Delhi. Since then, the Centre has been actively involved in activities to promote rights of persons with disabilities (PWD).

Objectives of CRPD

- To train student members to raise awareness about the rights of PWD, empowering them to become effective advocates within their communities.
- To provide practical knowledge through first-hand experience by working with various government departments and lawyers.
- To sensitize the public to the challenges and rights of PWD, promoting understanding and empathy.
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- To assist PWD in accessing welfare schemes and legal benefits, bridging the gap between policy and practice.
- To contribute to a more informed, supportive, and inclusive environment for all persons with disabilities.

Modus operandi

The Centre is coordinated by a Director and Associate Director who see members of faculty along with selected student members.

Institutional Policy for Rights of Persons with Disability.

The policy aims to provide accessible and inclusive education at the Institution, free from all kinds of discrimination. It aims to formulate effective and resilient mechanisms to provide efficient services to students with disabilities by the teaching and non-teaching staff. The Centre has been established pursuant to the core requirement of the policy to be responsive to the needs of the persons with disabilities.

Collaboration:

The Centre has a collaboration with the Commissioner for Rights of Persons with Disability, Government of Goa.

What do we do?

Awareness drives:

- Talks to create awareness on rights of persons with disabilities.
- Celebration of International Day of Disabled Persons on 3rd December.
- Awareness through Poster/Pamphlets.

Volunteering for events:

The members of the Centre, volunteer for various events/sessions/programmes in relation to rights of persons with disability conducted by the Government

Department, the Office of Commissioner of Disability, State of Goa as well as other NGOs/Organizations working for rights of persons with disability.

Internships:

The members intern with the Office of Commissioner of Disability, State of Goa. They get hands on experience of functioning of the Commission in relation to implementation of Laws relating to Rights of persons with disability. The members also get to understand the specific issues in relation to the field.

Research:

The members under the guidance of the faculty, undertake research in the field of rights of persons with disability. The research relates to creating awareness material as well as preparing proposals for research projects.

Contact us at:

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7. Memorandum of Understanding:

Presently the Centre is in the process of considering an MOU received from the Office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for collaborative working toward the rights of persons with disabilities.

D. CONSUMER WELFARE CELL

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DATE: 4TH JULY 2025

The photo was taken with respected Principal Dr. Shaber Ali G., Faculty In-charges Dr. K.S. Rao, Asst. Prof. Roshant Parwar and Asst. Prof. Ujwala Pednekar, Student In-charge Ruhi R. Kamat Tarcar and Deputy Student In-charge Ummehani M. Javed and other members of the Cell.

12th July 2025

Complaint Filing Lecture by Mr. Ishan Kenkre

On July 12th, 2025, Mr. Ishan Kenkre, a former member of the Consumer Welfare Cell, guided the members on how to file a consumer complaint on the E-Jagruti website. He also talked about the limitation period, as well as the dos and don'ts, such as sending the notice through registered AD. Along with other documents, a letter of authority is also required to attach, as the complaint is being filed through the College's Cell. These were a few points among the many.

The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Swayam, a member of the Consumer Welfare Cell, and a group photo.



Consumer Rights and Duties Awareness talks in Schools and Colleges by Members of the Cell

The successful delivery of a lecture focused on Consumer Rights and Duties awareness within our local schools. The session aimed to equip young minds with essential knowledge regarding their protections and responsibilities as consumers. Participants engaged thoughtfully with the material, demonstrating a keen interest in understanding fair marketplace practices, consumer welfare and functioning of the College Consumer Welfare Cell. This initiative will foster a more informed and empowered generation of consumers. Further engagement opportunities are being considered to build upon this positive reception.

16th July 2025



Cell Members Alida and Divya have successfully conducted the awareness talk on Consumer Rights at Mandrem College.

18th July 2025



Cell Members Divya, Swayam and Sarthak successfully conducted an awareness talk on Consumer Rights and Duties at Sapteshwar Institute for Higher Secondary Education Deulwada-Mandre, Goa.

23rd July 2025



Cell members Joseph, Kashaf, Sejal and Annissa successfully conducted an awareness talk on Consumer Rights and Duties at Sridora Caculo College of Commerce & Management Studies, Khorlim, Mapusa, Goa.

8th August 2025



Sahil Bandodkar, a fourth-year student and member of the cell, visited Shree Saraswati High School, Kavlem, Ponda, Goa, to deliver an informative talk on Consumer Rights and the

Consumer Protection Act.

23rd September 2025



Cell members Rajal Kamat, Shreyash Lotlikar, Prachi Murgaonkar and Dixa Asolkar successfully conducted an awareness talk on Consumer Protection Act, highlighting Consumer Rights and Duties at Government High School, Donapaula-Goa.

25th September 2025



Cell members Sejal Tilve, Devishma Naik and Shreeya Gaikwad successfully conducted an awareness talk on Consumer Protection Act, highlighting Consumer Rights and Duties at S.S. Samiti's Smt. I. V. B. D. High School, Ponda-Goa.

6th August 2025

Mock Trial

A mock trial was held in the Moot Court Hall on the college premises on August 6 at 11:40 a.m. in the presence of the respected Principal and Administrator, faculty, and students. After a week of diligent practice, participants performed the mock trial, showcasing the brief facts of the case and the commission proceedings, which consisted of witness examinations and a final order. They were applauded for their hard work and performance. The mock trial concluded at 1 p.m. following a short speech by Rao Sir, the Principal, and a group photo before dispersing.

Facts Of The Case

Meera Sharma consumed "BrainBuzz," an energy drink advertised as natural and a brain booster. After one can, she experienced severe nausea and dizziness, leading to hospitalization and missing an exam. Tests showed the drink contained citric acid and synthetic caffeine. A friend from the Consumer Welfare Cell offered to help her take legal action.



Visit to Consumer Conciliation Committee

A batch of four members visited the Consumer Conciliation Committee at Junta House, Panjim on July 3rd, 2025 and July 17th, 2025. Several consumer complaints were heard, such as overcharging, deficiency in services, lack of documentation, and unhygienic conditions related to food products. To ensure thorough knowledge and proper action, and to provide an effective remedy, the Committee summoned the necessary Opposite Party along with the Department's assigned person and appropriate authorities for further compliance and supervision regarding report submission and observations that were to be made.



Visit to District and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission

Several members have visited the District and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission at Porvorim and Panjim, respectively, to witness the proceedings and understand the Commission's functioning. The proceedings commenced at 10:30 a.m., where all matters for the day were called out for attendance. Around two to three matters were argued before the District Commission on September 5, 2025, and most of the matters were adjourned for the next hearing with necessary directions by the President and members of the Commission that were to be complied with.



15th December 2025

Client Counselling Competition Organised by the Consumer Welfare Cell

The Consumer Welfare Cell of the college organised a Client Counselling Competition with the objective of providing students a practical understanding of consumer law and developing essential advocacy and counselling skills. The competition served as a learning exercise, enabling participants to engage with simulated consumer disputes in a professional and structured environment.

A total of four teams, each comprising two participants, were registered for the competition. The participants were required to assume the role of advocates and counsel a client based on a given consumer law problem. The competition was judged by Associate Prof. Pearl Monteiro and Asst. Prof. Amal Kazi. Emphasis was placed on adherence to procedure effective client interaction, identification of consumer rights and, clarity in legal advice. Each team was allotted 20 minutes to conduct client counselling.

The participants displayed a high level of professionalism, empathy, and preparedness while interacting with the client. They demonstrated an understanding of consumer protection principles and effectively communicated legal options and remedies in a manner accessible to a layperson. Thus, the results were as such, Team 1: Padmaja Chauhan and Britney Almeida were placed 2nd and Team 4: Khalid Desai and David De Souza were placed 1st.

The competition fulfilled the broader objective of the Consumer Welfare Cell, which is to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. It encouraged students to think critically, communicate confidently, and approach consumer disputes with sensitivity and responsibility.

Overall, the Client Counselling Competition was a successful initiative by the Consumer Welfare Cell and provided a valuable platform for students to enhance their practical legal skills. The event contributed meaningfully to legal education by promoting awareness of consumer rights and reinforcing the importance of client-centric legal practice.



22nd December 2025

Elocution Competition on “Misleading Advertisements and Consumer Protection”

The Consumer Welfare Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law conducted an Elocution Competition on “Misleading Advertisements and Consumer Protection” on 22nd December 2025 in the Moot Court Room at 10:50 a.m. The competition was organised by the members Rajal Kamat, Dixa Asolkar, Shreyash Lotlikar, and Prachi Murgaonkar. A total of nine students participated, highlighting the impact of misleading advertisements, the importance of consumer rights protection, and promoting awareness about ethical practices in advertising and informed decision-making among consumers. The competition was judged by Asst. Prof. Tanvi Khandolkar and Asst. Prof. Sachin Panicker, who evaluated the participants based on clarity of ideas, relevance to the topic, language and articulation, creativity and originality.

Following students were declared as the winners of the competition: Durva Gaonkar (1st Year B.A. LL.B.) secured First Place, while Britney Almeida (3rd Year B.A. LL.B.) secured Second Place.



“Consumer Quest 2026”

The Consumer Welfare Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law successfully organized a quiz competition titled “Consumer Quest 2026” on 8th January 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Hall. The event was organized by the members of the Consumer Welfare Cell, namely Shrutika Shetty, Shreeya Gaikwad, Pooja Raichur, and Joseph Fernandes.

The primary objective of the quiz competition was to create awareness of Consumer rights and responsibilities, and strengthen students' understanding of the Consumer Protection laws in an engaging and interactive manner.

A total of six teams participated in the competition, with two members in each team, making approximately twelve participants. Students from both B.A. LL.B. and LL.B. courses actively took part in the event. The quiz consisted of three rounds, namely an MCQ Round, a Written Round, and a Visual Round.

The visual round added an interactive element to the competition and was well received by both participants and the audience. The event was conducted under the guidance of the Faculty Coordinator, Asst. Prof. Ujwala Pednekar, who was present throughout the competition.

The audience response was highly encouraging. Participants and attendees were enthusiastic and actively engaged during the quiz. The event received positive feedback, with many appreciating the informative content, smooth conduct, and enjoyable format of the quiz.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Place - Rahul Kakode & Yash Karpe (TYLLB)

2nd Place - David De Souza & Kaushal Bathia (SYLLB)

3rd Place - Aman Kumar & Bhakti Bandodkar (SYBALLB)

Participation certificates were distributed to all the participants.

Consumer Quest 2026 was conducted successfully and fulfilled its objective of spreading consumer awareness while making learning enjoyable.



Reel Making Competition

The Consumer Welfare Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law organized a Reel Making Competition with the aim of creating awareness about consumer rights, particularly in relation to misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices, and to highlight that legal redressal mechanisms are available under the Consumer Protection Act.

The competition was announced through a brochure released on 7th December 2025, and participants were required to submit their entries by 8th January 2026. A total of three teams participated in the event, showcasing creative and informative reels based on the given theme.

The winners of the competition were Renuka, Chinmay, Shanaya, Sanika, and Vaishnavi from 1st Year B.A. LL.B., while Achal from 5th Year B.A. LL.B. secured the position of Runner-up.

The winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates, and all participants received participation certificates. The prizes were distributed during an event held on 9th January 2026, organised by the Government of Goa, Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, in association with V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Panaji, Goa, on the occasion of National Consumer Rights Day.

The competition successfully encouraged students to engage with consumer law issues and promoted awareness about responsible consumer practices.

National Consumer Rights Day Programme

The National Consumer Rights Day Programme, scheduled for January 9, 2026, at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law in Panaji, Goa, organized by Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs is designed as a comprehensive day of consumer advocacy and academic engagement beginning with registration and refreshments at 9:30 AM. The inaugural session, started at 10:45 AM, features a series of formal ceremonies including the lighting of the lamp and welcome addresses by prominent figures such as Shri. Jayant Tari, Director of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, and Dr. Shaber Ali G., the College principal. This morning segment transitions into a celebratory phase where Dr. Anant Sharma, the Guest of Honour representing the CCI and Bureau of Indian Standards, will address the gathering, followed by the distribution of prizes for student competitions in reel making, elocution, and ad films. The formal opening concludes with a vote of thanks by Asst. Prof. Ujwala Pednekar before noon.

The core of the afternoon's intellectual discourse revolves around a technical session titled "Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice," reflecting the 2025 theme for

consumer rights, led by legal experts Miss Rachna A.M. Gonsalves and Miss Rejitha Rajan from the State and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions, this session aims to bridge the gap between legal theory and modern digital application. Following this, the program shifts toward creative and practical advocacy through a street play at 1.00 PM. The event draws to a close at 1.30 PM with lunch and a group photo, effectively rounding out a day dedicated to consumer education and legal excellence.



Dark Pattern Detectives

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, an insightful online activity was conducted focusing on the deceptive digital marketing strategies known as "Dark Patterns." The session, which featured a digital quiz designed for completion within 20 to 25 minutes, centered on the theme "Trap-In-Cart." The primary mission was to educate participants on how to identify these "dark patterns"—subtle user interface designs crafted specifically to trick or deceive consumers into performing actions they did not intend, such as purchasing unwanted insurance, sharing sensitive personal data, or unintentionally signing up for recurring subscriptions.

The educational portion of the activity detailed how these tactics are now legally recognized and regulated. Under the 2023 guidelines issued by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), dark patterns are officially classified as Unfair Trade Practices. The report highlighted several of the thirteen specific types recognized by law, including "False Urgency," which uses fake timers to rush a purchase, and "Basket Sneaking," where items are added to a digital cart without explicit consent. Other manipulative tactics discussed included "Confirmshaming"—

using ridicule or guilt to sway a consumer's choice—and "Forced Action," which requires unnecessary sign-ups to access a product.

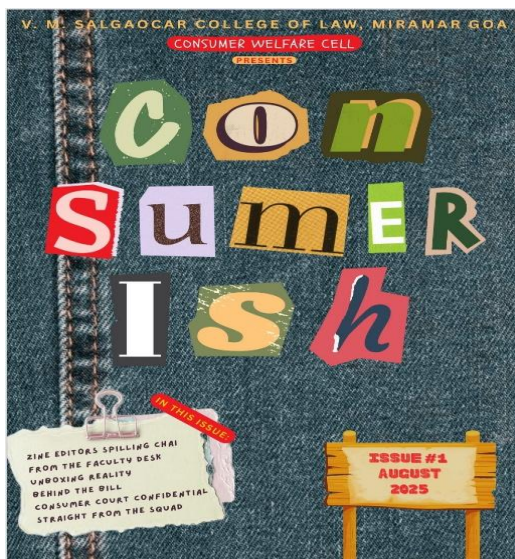
In conclusion, the activity emphasized that as digital commerce grows, the line between persuasive marketing and deceptive manipulation has become dangerously thin. The session served as a reminder that consumer awareness remains the most effective defense against these traps. A truly fair digital marketplace is defined as one where the consumer's autonomy is prioritized, ensuring that an informed "Yes" is respected and a "No" is never undermined by confusing interface designs.

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"Consumerish" - digital magazine

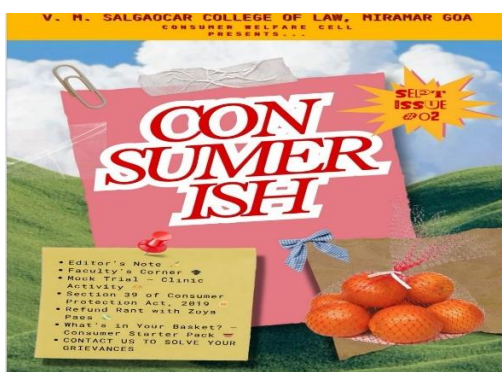
Created by Consumer Welfare Cell members Alisha, Nandita, and Alia—third-year BA.LL.B.



students at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law—Consumerish is a dynamic digital magazine. Designed to bridge the gap between complex legal jargon and everyday life, the publication blends informative cell updates with relatable, real-world content. From "spooky" October to "festive" December themed editions deep dives into influencer drama and refund rants, the magazine offers readers a mix of mock trial insights, "Consumer Starter Packs," and "handy bites" of law and the February issue includes the worst Valentine's betrayal, housing scams that trap students, breaking down exactly what FSSAI has banned (metanil yellow being concerning). Whether

it's rethinking a takeout order or navigating consumer rights like a pro, Consumerish serves as an essential, high-energy guide for the modern, informed citizen.

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CASE NAME: MR. SAYED AJMATHULLA & ANR. [Complainant(s)] V/S MR. PRASHANT PAI KAKODE & ORS. [Opposite Party(s)]

Complaint filed regarding compensation of damages for sale of adulterated fuel and defect in goods.

Hearing dated 23rd April 2025

On 23rd April 2025, the matter was called for arguments on the point of admission. However, the Complainant remained absent, and since both Members of the Commission were on leave

on that day, the case could not be heard on merits. The Commission granted the Complainant an opportunity and adjourned the matter for arguments on admission to 8th May 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 8th May 2025

On 8th May 2025, the Authorized Representative of the Complainant, Mr. Shreyash Lotlikar, appeared before the Commission. Arguments were heard on the point of admission. After considering the arguments, the Commission adjourned the matter for passing an order on admission to 16th May 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 16th May 2025

On 16th May 2025, the Authorized Representative Mr. Naik Deepam appeared on behalf of the Complainant. The Commission passed an order on Exhibit-1 (Exh-1) and formally admitted the complaint. Consequent upon admission, the Commission directed that notice be issued to the Opposite Party, returnable on 19th June 2025 at 2.30 p.m. The matter was adjourned for the appearance of the Opposite Party on that date.

Hearing dated 19th June 2025

On 19th June 2025, the Authorized Representative Mr. Shreyash Lotlikar appeared for the Complainant. The Opposite Party appeared before the Commission in person. A copy of Exhibit-6 (Exh-6) was furnished to the representative of the Complainant. The matter was then adjourned for the Complainant to file a reply to Exh-6, with the next date fixed as 1st July 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 1st July 2025

On 1st July 2025, Mr. Shreyash Lotlikar again appeared as the Authorized Representative of the Complainant. The Opposite Party was also present in person. During this hearing, the Authorized Representative of the Complainant filed a reply to Exhibit-16 (Exh-16), and a copy of the same was furnished to the Opposite Party. The matter was adjourned for arguments on Exh-6 to 14th July 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 14th July 2025

On 14th July 2025, a new Authorized Representative, Mr. Chodankar Swayam Shankar, appeared on behalf of the Complainant and filed a Letter of Authority. The Opposite Party was present in person. Part arguments were heard on Exh-6. However, the Representative of the Complainant orally sought further time, which was granted by the Commission. The matter was adjourned for further arguments on Exh-6 to 24th July 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 24th July 2025

On 24th July 2025, Shri. Shreyash Lotlikar appeared as the Authorized Representative of the Complainant. For the Opposite Party, Adv. Shri S. Karmali appeared, holding brief for Adv. Shri. P. Kakode, and filed a Letter of Authority. The Advocate for the Opposite Party orally sought time for arguments on Exhibit-6. The Commission granted the time and fixed the matter for arguments on Exh-6 on 13th August 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 13th August 2025

On 13th August 2025, Mr. Chodankar Swayam Shankar appeared on behalf of the Complainant. Notably, neither the Opposite Party nor the Advocate for the Opposite Party was present. In the interest of justice, the Commission granted a last and final opportunity to the Opposite Party to address arguments on Exhibit-6 and fixed the matter for 1st September 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 1st September 2025

On 1st September 2025, Mr. Chodankar Swayam Shankar was present as the Authorized Representative of the Complainant, and Adv. Shri. D. Keny appeared on behalf of the Opposite Party. During the course of arguments on Exh-6, the Advocate for the Complainant made an endorsement on Exhibit-8 (Exh-8) stating that he was withdrawing the document marked 'Annexure E'. An order was accordingly passed by the Commission. In view of this withdrawal, the application at Exhibit-6 was disposed of, and the withdrawn document was held to be not liable to be relied upon. The matter was then fixed for filing of written version by the Opposite Party on 5th September 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 5th September 2025

On 5th September 2025, Mr. Chodankar Swayam Shankar was present for the Complainant, and Adv. Shri. D. Keny appeared for the Opposite Party. The Opposite Party filed the written version on this date, and a copy of the same was duly furnished to the Advocate for the Complainant. The Commission fixed the next hearing for filing of Affidavit in Evidence by the Complainant on 15th September 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 15th September 2025

On 15th September 2025, a fresh Authorized Representative, Shri. Dr. K.S. Rao, appeared on behalf of the Complainant, filed an authorization letter, and also placed on record an application for steps. For the Opposite Party, Adv. Mr. S. Masurkar appeared, holding brief for Adv. Shri. F.B. Bhaangi, and filed a Letter of Authority. The Commission fixed the matter for filing of Affidavit in Evidence by the Complainant on 25th September 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

Hearing dated 25th September 2025

On 25th September 2025, Shri. Joseph Fernandes appeared as the Authorized Representative of the Complainant and filed an Application on Exhibit-15 (Exh-15). Adv. Mr. S. Masurkar, holding brief for Adv. Shri. F. Bhaangi, was present for the Opposite Party. The Commission posted the matter for reply to Exh-15 by the Opposite Party on 15th October 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

Hearing dated 15th October 2025 – Holiday

The hearing scheduled for 15th October 2025 could not be held as the day was declared a public holiday on account of the sad demise of Shri. Ravi Naik, the Hon'ble Minister for the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs. As a mark of respect to the departed soul, the office was closed vide Notification No. 25/4/95-GA and C/4419 dated 15th October 2025. The matter was consequently rescheduled to 20th November 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

Hearing dated 20th November 2025

On 20th November 2025, Shri. Joseph Fernandes appeared for the Complainant. However, both the Opposite Party and the Advocate for the Opposite Party were absent. The Commission granted a last opportunity to the Opposite Party to file a reply to Exhibit-15, and the matter was fixed for 8th December 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

Hearing dated 8th December 2025

On 8th December 2025, Shri. Joseph Fernandes appeared as the Authorized Representative of the Complainant. The Opposite Party remained absent initially. The Commission granted a last and final opportunity to the Opposite Party to file a reply to Exhibit-15. Subsequently, later during the proceedings, Adv. Shri. S. Masurkar, holding brief for Adv. Shri. F. Bhaangi, appeared for the Opposite Party and filed a reply to Exhibit-15. The matter was fixed for reply on Exh-15 or for arguments on Exh-15 on 29th December 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 29th December 2025

On 29th December 2025, Mr. Joseph Fernandes, the Authorized Representative, was present for the Complainant. The Opposite Party remained absent till the rising of the court. Arguments on Exhibit-15 were heard and completed. The Commission fixed the matter for passing an order on Exh-15 on 16th January 2026 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 16th January 2026

On 16th January 2026, Mr. Joseph Fernandes appeared for the Complainant and Adv. D. Keny appeared on behalf of the Opposite Party. The Commission passed an order, by which the application at Exhibit-15 was dismissed. The matter was thereafter fixed for filing of Affidavit in Evidence by the Complainant on 28th January 2026 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 28th January 2026

On 28th January 2026, both the Complainant and the Advocate for the Complainant remained absent till the rising of the Court. Adv. Shri. D. Keny was present on behalf of Opposite Party Nos. 1 and 2. The Commission granted an opportunity to the Complainant to file the Affidavit-In-Evidence and fixed the next date for filing the same on 9th February 2026 at 10.30 a.m.

Hearing dated 9th February 2026

On 9th February 2026, the Complainant appeared in person and placed on record the Revision Application filed before the State Commission. Adv. Shri. S. Masurkar, holding brief for Adv. Shri. F. Bhaangi, appeared on behalf of Opposite Party Nos. 1 and 2. The Commission fixed the next date for the Complainant to either file the Affidavit in Evidence or to place on record a copy of the stay order obtained from the State Commission, on 13th March 2026 at 10.30 a.m.

Administrative Note – 4th March 2026

On 4th March 2026, an administrative action was recorded. As per letter reference No. SC/4-1/2026/Records dated 26th February 2026, the original file pertaining to Case No. CC/19/2025 was dispatched and sent to the State Commission on 4th March 2026.

Hearing dated 13th March 2026

On 13th March 2026, Adv. Ms. V. Malik appeared on behalf of the Complainant and filed a memo of appearance. Adv. Shri. D.N. Kenny appeared on behalf of Opposite Party Nos. 1 and 2. It was noted that the matter was pending before the Hon'ble State Commission. The Commission fixed the matter for a Status Report on 27th April 2026 at 10.30 a.m.

Activities of the Clubs

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CLUB

The Constitutional Law Club at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law was established as a dynamic platform for students to critically engage with essential issues of law, governance, and social justice. Formally inaugurated on 22nd July 2025, the club focuses on fostering constitutional literacy, democratic values, and active citizenship within the student community. Under the guidance of faculty coordinators, the club seeks to bridge the gap between academic theory and civic responsibility, urging students to examine legal developments through an informed and empathetic lens. By emphasizing the foundational ideals of the Preamble, the club serves to remind the next generation of legal professionals of their duty to uphold constitutional principles in everyday life.

OBJECTIVES

- The club aims to foster constitutional literacy, promote democratic values, and encourage active citizenship among the student body.
- It seeks to serve as a dynamic platform for critical engagement with pressing issues of law, governance, and social justice.
- To serve as a dynamic forum for critical discussion and reflection on issues regarding law, governance, and social justice.
- To urge students to examine contemporary legal milestones and judicial approaches through an informed and empathetic lens.
- To conduct various academic and practical activities, including debates, legal awareness drives, guest lectures, and student-led competitions.

FACULTY COORDINATORS

- 1) Dr. Sandhya Ram SA, Associate Professor of Law
- 2) Sachin Panicker, Assistant Professor of Law

Members : 20

ACTIVITIES

INAUGURATION

On 22nd July 2025, the Constitutional Club of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law was formally inaugurated. The launch event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 30 student members.

Dr. Sandhya Ram, Associate Professor, and Mr. Sachin Panicker, Assistant Professor addressed the inaugural meeting. They introduced the vision and objectives of the Constitutional Club, emphasizing the importance of fostering constitutional literacy, democratic values, and active citizenship among students.

The faculty coordinators outlined the proposed activities for the academic year, which include debates, legal awareness drives, guest lectures, and student-led competitions focused on constitutional themes. The Club aims to serve as a dynamic platform for critical engagement with issues of law, governance, and social justice.



DISTINGUISHED LECTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Under the aegis of the Constitutional Law Club, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, had the privilege of hosting Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves for a distinguished lecture on “Recent Developments on Human Rights in the Supreme Court”, held on 26th July 2025 in the college conference hall.

In a deeply engaging and reflective address, Adv. Gonsalves explored key phases in India’s constitutional journey, shedding light on contemporary judicial approaches to human rights. Drawing from landmark Supreme Court cases, grassroots movements, and personal observations, he underscored the enduring relevance of constitutional literacy, civic courage, and active citizen engagement.

He also deliberated on issues such as the rights of tribal communities, the impact of communal violence, and urged students to critically examine legal developments through an informed and empathetic lens.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 120 students and faculty members, who benefited immensely from the insights of one of India's most respected human rights advocates.



'THE REPUBLIC'S VARTA'

The club also launched a new informative series, 'The Republic's Varta', where we dive into pivotal legal milestones.

Our first feature covered the landmark split verdict from the Supreme Court on Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. While Justice B.V. Nagarathna struck down the provision as unconstitutional for potentially shielding corruption, Justice K.V. Viswanathan sought to preserve it by 'reading it down'—suggesting that independent bodies like the Lokpal should handle sanctions instead of the government. This case highlights a fascinating tension between protecting honest officials and ensuring accountability.

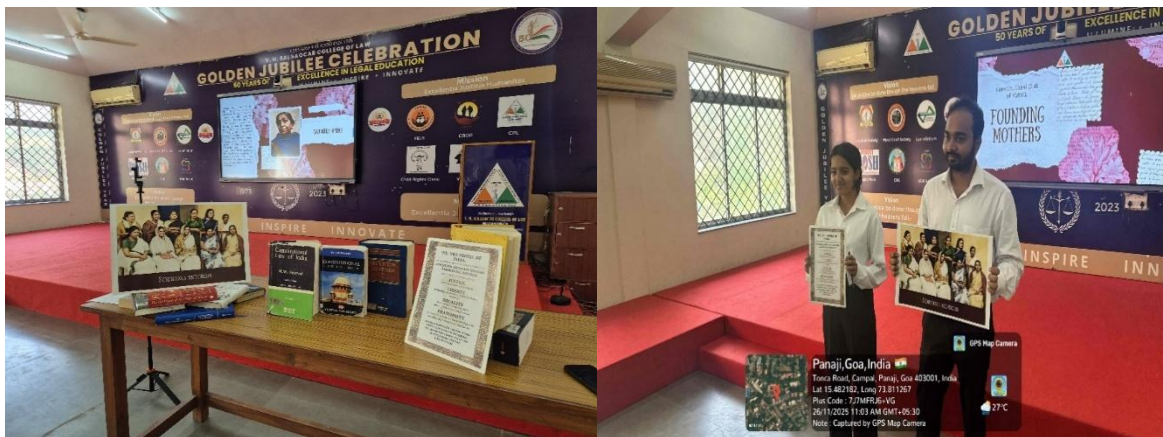
CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Constitutional Law Club commemorated Constitution Day with a series of engaging and thought-provoking activities aimed at spreading constitutional awareness and strengthening appreciation for our democratic values. The day began with the solemn reading of the

Preamble, reminding everyone of the ideals of Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity that form the foundation of our nation.

Participants then tested their legal knowledge through interactive crosswords, word puzzles, and activities designed to make constitutional learning both fun and intellectually stimulating. The celebrations concluded with a quiz on Constitutional Law, where students enthusiastically participated and showcased their understanding of India's constitutional framework.

This year's theme paid special tribute to the women members of the Constituent Assembly, honouring their invaluable contributions to the making of the Indian Constitution and acknowledging their role in shaping the future of the nation. The event served not just as a celebration, but as a reminder of our duty to uphold constitutional values in everyday life.



PROGRAMME ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE EMERGENCY

The clubs successfully organized a comprehensive commemorative programme to observe the



50th anniversary of one of the most significant periods in independent India's democratic history: the imposition of the National Emergency (1975-1977). This educational event was specifically curated for Second-Year BA LLB students, with the primary objective of providing a thorough legal and historical understanding of the Emergency provisions in the Constitution and their profound implications for fundamental rights and constitutional governance.

The programme was strategically divided into three distinct yet interconnected segments to maximize both academic comprehension and participant engagement: an expert lecture, followed by a knowledge-testing quiz, and concluding with an interactive, fun game. The session was conducted by Mr Sachin S. Panicker, Assistant Professor of Law, who provided the academic foundation, and Mr Joshua D'Souza, a TY BA LLB student, who expertly managed the interactive segments.

Quiz Club: AmiQuiz Curiae

Introduction

AmiQuiz Curiae is the quizzing forum of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Panaji. Beyond the traditional boundaries of a quiz club, it serves as a dynamic crucible where legal theory meets general awareness. The club is dedicated to fostering a culture of curiosity, critical thinking, and rapid-fire reasoning. By bridging the gap between classroom learning and global current affairs, AmiQuiz Curiae prepares students to be well-rounded legal professionals who are as informed about the world as they are about the law.

Faculty Coordinators

1. Siddesh Tari – Assistant Professor
2. Sachin Panicker – Assistant Professor

Objectives

- To encourage students to stay updated on national and international current affairs, fostering a sense of informed citizenship.
- To develop the ability to connect disparate facts, analyze historical milestones, and understand the geopolitical context of modern laws.
- To train and mentor students for state and national-level quiz competitions, moot courts, and academic debates.
- To provide a space where students across various batches can interact, collaborate, and engage in healthy intellectual competition.
- To deepen the understanding of the law of the land, landmark judicial pronouncements, and evolving legal doctrines through interactive formats.

Members:48

Activities

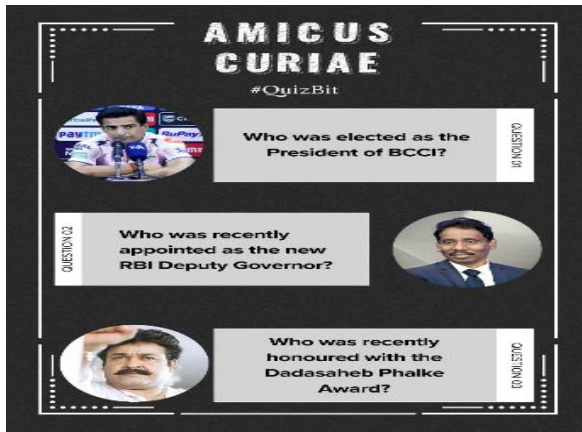


AmiQuiz Curiae, the Quiz Club of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, successfully conducted its inaugural event on 9th July 2025 at Hall Number 10, VMSCL.

The event featured a brief induction session followed by a general knowledge quiz open to students from all years. Conducted in a trivia format, the quiz tested participants on a wide

range of topics, including current affairs, history, pop culture, and legal awareness.

A total of 30 students actively participated in the 20-question quiz, which aimed to encourage critical thinking, teamwork, and interdisciplinary learning.



2) The Quiz Club hosted Amiquiz Curiae #Quizbit, a three-month marathon of knowledge featuring 100 questions shared directly within the club's group. Spanning a diverse array of topics, the series challenged members to test their wits across a wide spectrum of subjects.

Achievements



Maxson Pereira and Aman Kumar, students of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, secured the Fourth Place at the "All Goa Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition" held on February 20, 2026. The event, themed "Goa Vidhan Sabha @ 60," was organized by Goa Multi-Faculty College in association with the Goa Vidhan Sabha to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the assembly's democratic functioning. The duo was awarded certificates at the PAC Hall, Goa Legislative Assembly Complex, in the presence of Deputy Speaker Joshua de Souza.



Shreeja M. Narvekar and Durva Prabhu Bhat Gaonkar from F.Y.B.A. LL.B. participated in and won the consolation prize (4th place) at the All Goa Inter-Collegiate Quiz on "Life, Times and Legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj," held as part of the state-level celebration of the birth anniversary of the legendary Maratha warrior on 19 February 2026 at Farmagudi, Ponda.



Joshua De'Souza and Mahak Singh, students of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, secured the Third Place at the "All Goa Level Quiz Competition" held to commemorate Goa's Liberation Day. The event, which saw participation from 23 teams across the state, was organized by the Institute Menezes Braganza. Additionally, Durva Prabhu Bhat Gaonkar and Anushree Khandeparkar represented the institution with great merit, contributing to the college's successful performance at the state-level competition.



Our students, Joshua D'Souza and Diksha Mapsekar won 3rd place in All Goa Quiz Competition organised by GEDA on the topic "New And Renewable Energy".

❖ ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELL

ONE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME

Title of the Programme: Unlocking the Entrepreneurial Mindset in the Legal Profession

Date: 7th August 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. onwards

Venue: Conference Hall, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law

Organized by: Business and Entrepreneurship Club

In Collaboration with: Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Faculty coordinators: **Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Souza Cordeiro & Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar**

The primary objective of the programme was to inculcate an entrepreneurial mindset among law students and to sensitize them to emerging opportunities within the legal profession. The session also aimed to highlight the role of innovation, ownership skills, and adaptability in the context of evolving technological advancements such as artificial intelligence. 85 students participated in the training programme.

The programme commenced with a formal introduction by the compere, Ms. Hafsa (FY.BA LL.B.), followed by the welcome address. The Principal, Prof. Dr. Shabir Ali, addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship in contemporary professional practice. Dr. Ranjana Ferrao, Faculty Coordinator, also addressed the participants and highlighted the significance of such collaborative initiatives.

The poster is yellow with blue and white text. At the top left is the logo of Devi Sharvani Education Society's V.M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB. The main title is 'ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME' in a blue brushstroke font, followed by 'UNLOCKING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION'. Below this, it lists the 'RESOURCE PERSON' as Economic Development Corporation Ltd. A blue box indicates 'LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE'. The date and time are 'DATE: 7TH August 2025' and 'Time: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm'. The venue is 'CONFERENCE HALL, V.M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW'. A quote at the bottom reads: '“WHERE LAW MEETS INNOVATION - START YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY TODAY !”'. At the bottom, it lists 'Prof. Dr. Shabir Ali PRINCIPAL' and 'Dr Ranjana Ferrao Miss Tanvi Khandolkar Faculty coordinator'.

Subsequently, Ms. Amisha (TY.BA LL.B.) shared her learning experience from a three-day programme organized by the Economic Development Corporation. She then formally introduced the resource persons, namely Mr. Abdul Razzak, Ms. Durva, and Ms. Danushree. The introductory segment concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar, Faculty Coordinator.

The session was conducted by Mr. Abdul Razzak, who delivered an insightful talk on the integration of entrepreneurial thinking within the legal profession. He discussed the growing influence of artificial intelligence on professional practices and emphasized the need for law students to develop ownership skills, innovation, and adaptability. Drawing from his international experience, particularly in the United States, he provided practical insights into emerging

entrepreneurial avenues.

An interactive group activity was conducted towards the end of the session, wherein participants were divided into teams and encouraged to conceptualize innovative business ideas. Each group presented their ideas, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and presentation skills among the students.

Outcomes of the Programme:

- Enhanced awareness among students regarding entrepreneurial opportunities in the legal profession.
- Improved understanding of the impact of artificial intelligence on future career prospects.
- Development of critical thinking, teamwork, and presentation skills through group activities.

- Encouragement to explore innovative and self-driven career pathways.

The programme was informative and engaging, successfully achieving its objectives. It provided valuable insights into the relevance of entrepreneurship in the legal field and motivated students to adopt innovative approaches in their professional journey. Such initiatives contribute significantly to holistic student development and align with institutional quality enhancement practices.



START-UP AND LAW SESSION

Programme: Session on Start-Up and Law

Date: 02/03/2026

Time: 11 am

Venue: V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa

Organiser: International Legal Alliance in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development Cell of VMSCL

Faculty Coordinators: Asst. Professor Varsha Redkar, Asst. Professor Tanvi Khandolkar

Total Participants: 45

A seminar on **Start-Up Law** was organized by Entrepreneurship Development Cell of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law with the objective of familiarising students with the legal and regulatory framework governing start-ups in India.



RESOURCE PERSON The session was conducted by Ms Reshna Jehani and Jasbinder Neela, experts in the field of start-up law and entrepreneurship, who provided practical knowledge on legal compliance, business structuring, and regulatory requirements.

Professional Experience:

The speakers brought valuable experience in corporate law, start-up advisory, and regulatory compliance.

Their practical approach and industry exposure helped students understand the real-world application of legal principles in business operations.

PROGRAMME FLOW

The seminar commenced with an introduction to the topic, followed by detailed discussions on various aspects of start-up law. The session progressed in an interactive manner, encouraging active student participation through questions and discussions.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LECTURE

a) Legal Structure of Start-Ups

The session explained different forms of business structures available to start-ups, including sole proprietorship, partnership, LLP, and private limited companies. Emphasis was placed on selecting the appropriate structure based on business needs and legal implications.

b) Regulatory Compliance

The importance of compliance with legal requirements such as company registration, taxation (GST), labour laws, and regulatory approvals was highlighted. The speakers stressed that compliance is essential for sustainable growth and credibility.

c) Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

The session emphasized the need for start-ups to protect their innovations through patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Intellectual property was discussed as a valuable asset for business growth and competitiveness.

d) Funding and Investment Laws

The seminar covered legal aspects of funding, including venture capital, angel investment, and shareholder agreements. The importance of legal due diligence and compliance with foreign investment regulations was also discussed.

e) Challenges Faced by Start-Ups

The speakers highlighted challenges such as regulatory complexities, lack of legal awareness, and financial constraints, and discussed possible solutions and government support initiatives.




Students

actively participated in the seminar and found the session highly informative and relevant. The discussion helped them understand the practical application of legal principles in the business environment and enhanced their awareness of career opportunities in start-up law and corporate advisory.

It successfully enhanced students' understanding of the legal framework governing start-ups and highlighted the critical role of legal professionals in supporting entrepreneurial ventures. The programme achieved its objective of bridging the gap between legal education and industry practice.

The session, is highlighted in the article authored by Bencia Costa, focused on the growing importance of legal awareness in the entrepreneurial ecosystem and aimed to equip students with practical insights into start-up compliance and governance.

 *Allycaral :V.M. Salgaocar College of Law hosts an insightful session on legal foundations for emerging businesses.*

<https://allycaral.com/2026/03/04/startup-law-session-conducted-at-v-m-salgaocar-college-of-law-in-collaboration-with-international-legal-alliance/>

❖ LITERARY CLUB

Students' Participation in Goa Art and Literature Festival (GALF 2026)



Students of V M Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa participated in the XIV edition of Goa Art and Literature Festival (GALF) organized by International Centre of Goa, Doan Paula on 13th and 14th February 2026. A total of 50 students, 25 on each day, have attended the event.

The festival, every year, brings together writers, artists, publishers and reading aficionados from Goa and across the world to one platform to discuss, deliberate and enjoy the world of literature. V M Salgaocar College of

Law has the reputation of sending student participants every year to witness and learn this important conglomeration of literary figures and learn from the sessions.

Objectives of the Event:

- 1) Encourage students to participate in literary and artistic activities
2. Expose them to ideas that are global and social in nature
3. Facilitate interaction with writers, literary enthusiasts, artists etc from Goa and across the world

Outcomes of the Event:

- 1) Students got an opportunity to interact with world renowned writers
- 2) They participated in sessions that exposed them to ideas and perspectives

Ingenuity Conclave 2026



Students of F.Y.B.A.LL.B, Anushree Khandeparkar, Stuti Dey and Gauri Malik, won the 3rd place in **Ingenuity Conclave 2026**, an intercollegiate event organized by Speech Sparks, a Public Speaking Club, Agnel Institute of Technology and Design, Assagao, Goa on 28th February 2026. The students went through three elimination-based rounds comprising Debate, Idea/Solution pitch and Extempore.

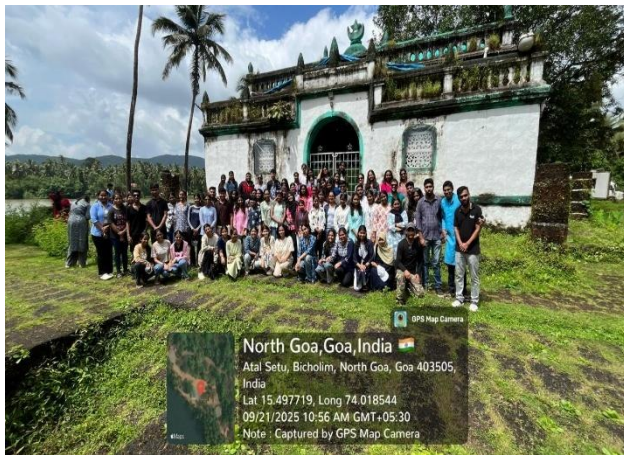
The conclave featured a series of engaging events designed to evaluate participants on public speaking skills, critical reasoning, social awareness, innovation capability, communication skills and civic responsibility.

➤ HISTORY CLUB

History Field Trip

The History Department, in collaboration with the Economics Department of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, successfully organized the Mhadei Heritage Trail on 21st September 2025. This initiative was designed to provide students with a meaningful and immersive educational experience by visiting historically significant sites that reflect Goa's rich cultural and archaeological legacy.

A total of 70 students from the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Year B.A. LL.B. programs actively participated in the trail. The event was efficiently coordinated by Asst. Professor Jarvis Mascarenhas. The selected destination included Surla Tar mosque, early human rock engravings at Mauxi in Sattari taluka, Harvalem Caves, Saptakoteshwar temple- Narve.



History Field trip

History Department on 13th November 2025 (Thursday), the Department of History, under the History Club, organized a Heritage Walk to Canacona for the students of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th year B.A. LL.B. During the visit, students explored key heritage sites including the Mallikarjun Temple (Canacona), the Betal Idol at Loliem, the Parshuram Temple, and Galjibag Beach.

The walk offered students valuable experiential learning, allowing them to gain first-hand insight into the cultural, religious, and natural heritage of the region. It enriched their understanding of local traditions, rituals, and historical landscapes. A total of 60 students and 8 faculty members benefitted from the programme.



History Field Trip



An Old Goa Heritage Walk was conducted by Asst. Professor Mr. Jarvis Mascarenhas for the SY B.A. LL.B. students of the academic year 2025-26 as part of their course on the History of Goa on 21st December 2025. The heritage walk covered important historical sites, including the Viceroy's Arch, the Kadamba-era temple gateway, the site of Adilshah's Palace, the Church of St. Cajetan, the ruins of the Augustinian Tower, the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, St.

Catherine's Chapel, Hatkatro Khambo (the Inquisition Pillar), the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se Cathedral, and the entry point associated with Afonso de Albuquerque.

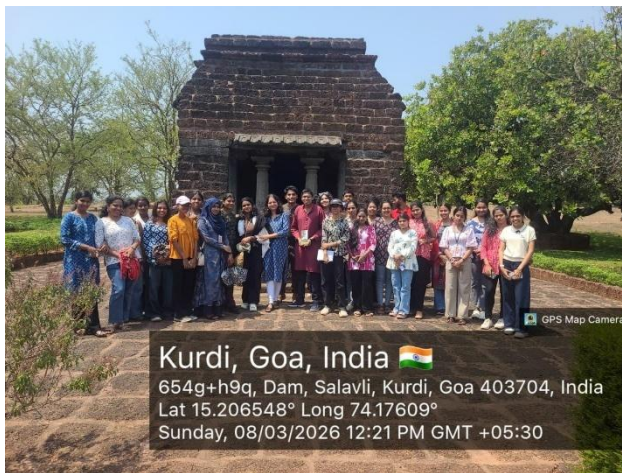
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The History Department of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, successfully organized the Kushavati Heritage Trail on Women's Day 8th March 2026. The tour began by invoking the blessings of the Mother Goddess at Verna. It was then followed by Goa's ancient port - capital Chandor, mahadev temple of Kurdi, and Early human rock engraving known as Dudhafator at Kajur.

A total of 33 students from the Second and Third Year B. A LLB participated in the trail.

The event was efficiently coordinated by Asst. Professor Jarvis Mascarenhas and Asst. Professor Meghana Kapdi.



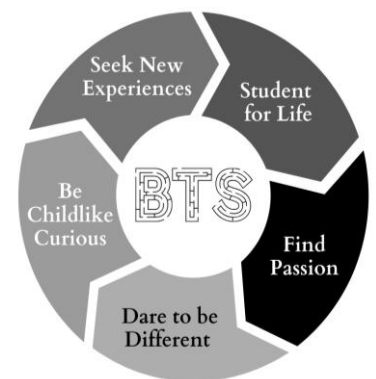
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➤ BEYOND THE SYLLABUS (BTS)

As part of the VMSCL Golden Jubilee Celebrations, the "Beyond The Syllabus" (BTS) club was established. Officially launched on 7 July 2023, BTS club aims to encourage students to engage in learning beyond their prescribed syllabus, inspiring them to explore subjects outside the standard curriculum.

BTS has organized diverse & innovative activities including workshops on logo design, mental health, and sea swimming; film screenings and discussions; insightful sessions on philosophy, AI, and alternative dispute resolution; field trips to art institutions; and a unique Inner Peace Challenge, providing a multidisciplinary learning platform. All BTS events are recorded and uploaded to the club's official YouTube channel, making them easily accessible for future learning.



Faculty Incharges: Asst Prof. Ramrai Naik & Asst Prof. Shreya Shah

For more, visit https://www.youtube.com/@BeyondTheSyllabus_in

1. Library Marathon



28-06-2025 - The BeyondTheSyllabus (BTS) initiative organized Library Marathon 2025, a focused three-hour, screen-free reading session held at the VMSCL Library, Miramar. Participants were invited to engage in uninterrupted reading with no phones, no screens, and no talking, creating a space for intentional solitude and deep intellectual engagement. The event was open to both students and the public, reinforcing BTS's commitment to inclusive and immersive learning experiences.

The session was conducted from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM and featured incentives such as certificates of completion, spot prizes, and two special hampers, along with book vouchers

sponsored by Broadway Book Store, Panaji. The event was hosted under the leadership of Prof. Shaber Ali G., with faculty coordinators Ramrai Naik and Nalin Phaldesai, and student coordinators Sangeet Grower and Arnav Dessai. Student volunteers Aditi Thakur, Nidhi Naik, Krupa Naik, Sachi Sawant, Tanuja Dhond, Komal Das, and Dareen Khattal played a key role in execution. Special thanks were extended to Dr. B. S. Patil, Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, Dr. Goretti Simoes e Morais, Dr. Aamod Shirali, and Dr. Ranjana Ferrao for their support. Ruhi Rajesh Kamat Tarcar and Rehaan Luke Fernandes were awarded special hampers, while Viplav Prabhugaonkar, Siddhi Korgaonkar, and Manasi Prahlad Naik received spot prizes. The hampers were designed by (GetYourDailyLooms - Krupa Naik), adding a collaborative community element to the initiative.

Promo: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DLaC7UtCXgl/?igsh=MW93a315eWkxYmppcw==>
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[Library Marathon | VMSCL's 3-Hour Screen-Free Reading Challenge #BeyondTheSyllabus](#)

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3) <https://livenewsgoa.com/vmscl-beyond-the-syllabus-announces-3-hour-reading-challenge/>

1. Screening and Discussion - Dead Poets Society



02-07-2025 - The BeyondTheSyllabus (BTS) initiative organized a screening of the film Dead Poets Society at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, followed by an engaging and interactive discussion. The session aimed to encourage critical thinking, reflections, and active student engagement through cinema. The event created a vibrant atmosphere with popcorn, ticketed entry, and collective participation, making it both intellectually enriching and socially engaging.

A highlight of the screening was the audience response to an iconic scene, where participants spontaneously stood up, reflecting deep emotional and intellectual connection with the film's themes of individuality and expression. The event was coordinated by faculty coordinator Ramrai Naik, with student coordinators Achal Candolkar and Jannat Bedi. The smooth execution of the event was supported by volunteers Nidhi Gawade, Saisha Mandrekar, Arya Nadkarni, Sankalp Gaonkar, Joshua Desouza, and Shraddha Yadav. The session successfully promoted dialogue, and community engagement in line with BTS's vision of learning beyond the classroom.

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2. Open Mic - Your Stage, Your Original Voice



07-07-2025 - The BeyondTheSyllabus (BTS) initiative at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar hosted a dynamic Open Mic Competition themed “Your Stage, Your Original Voice,” marking the two-year anniversary of the initiative. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity through original poetry, music, monologues, and comedy, with “Originality” as the sole guiding rule. Participants drew from personal experiences to present authentic and unique performances, creating a vibrant and expressive atmosphere on campus.


A distinctive feature of the event was its audience-driven evaluation system, where attendees actively participated in judging through a democratic Google Forms voting process, making engagement both interactive and inclusive. Mr. Kaushal Bathia secured first place with an average score of 8.46/10, followed by Ms. Saloni Sanjay Haldankar as first runner-up and Ms. Akansha Chari as second runner-up. Winners received cash prizes, and all participants were awarded certificates. The prizes were presented by faculty members Priscilla Fernandes, Siddesh Tari, and Ramrai Naik, in the presence of Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, Dr. Sonal Sardesai, and Mr. Sachin Panicker. The event was organized by a dedicated student team comprising Achal Candolkar, Nidhi Gawade, Arya Nadkarni, Shraddha Yadav, Joshua Desouza, Priya Shirodkar, Devanshi Harmalkar, and Saisha Mandrekar, under the leadership of Principal Prof. Shaber Ali G. and faculty coordinator Ramrai Naik. The event successfully reinforced BTS's vision of promoting originality, confidence, and holistic student development beyond the classroom. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DL2M2AizF9L/>

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3. Screening - Threat Level Midnight



Devi Sharvani Education Society's
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The Office

GET READY FOR AN EXCLUSIVE SCREENING OF
MICHAEL SCARN'S CINEMATIC MASTERPIECE

Threat Level Midnight

SEASON 7, EPISODE 17 **IMDB 9.3**

SEE YOU AT 12:30 P M .
IN HALL NUMBER 10 . . .
ON 25 JULY 2025 .


 FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR
SHREYA SHAHPRINCIPAL
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ACHAL CANDOLKAR

JUST THE MOVIE? PFFT. THAT'S A TOBY IDEA!

*Immediately after the credits roll, we're
launching into the ultimate showdown*

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HINT: Remember Michael Scott's infamous
"Diversity Day" disaster? You know, the one
with the hilariously awkward forehead cards.



Good news! We're doing that...
but it's ACTUALLY FUN!

25-07-2025 - The BeyondTheSyllabus (BTS) initiative organized a special screening of Threat Level Midnight, the iconic fictional film from TV Show The Office, at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar. Designed as a pop-culture engagement event, the screening aimed to blend entertainment with interactive learning, encouraging students to connect with popular media while promoting community participation.

The event was held at 12:30 PM in Hall No. 10 and attracted enthusiastic participation, particularly from fans of The Office. The screening was followed by a surprise engagement activity, creating an immersive and enjoyable experience for attendees. The event was coordinated by faculty coordinator Shreya Shah, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Shaber Ali, with student coordinator Achal Candolkar playing a key role in execution. The activity

successfully promoted informal learning, peer bonding, and creative engagement in line with BTS's objective of exploring unconventional educational formats.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1489355385390143>

4. AI vs Humans Debate - Lawyer's Duty: Client or Conscience?



07-08-2025 - The BeyondTheSyllabus (BTS) initiative organized a thought-provoking debate on the theme “Lawyer’s Duty - Client or Conscience?” at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar. The session uniquely positioned Artificial Intelligence against human intellect, featuring distinguished faculty members Dr. M. R. K. Prasad and Dr. B. S. Patil, creating an engaging and intellectually stimulating exchange of ideas.

Held at 12:45 PM in Hall No. 12, the debate explored the evolving ethical dilemmas in the legal profession, questioning whether legal practitioners should prioritize client interests or moral responsibility. The discussion highlighted tensions between logic-driven decision-making and human conscience, encouraging students to critically examine the role of AI in law. The event was conducted under the guidance of Principal Dr. Shaber Ali, with faculty coordinator Shreya Shah and student coordinators Rhea Rao and Achal Candolkar. The session

successfully promoted analytical thinking, ethical reflection, and active student engagement in contemporary legal issues.

5. Justice Adda - Game-Based Learning Session

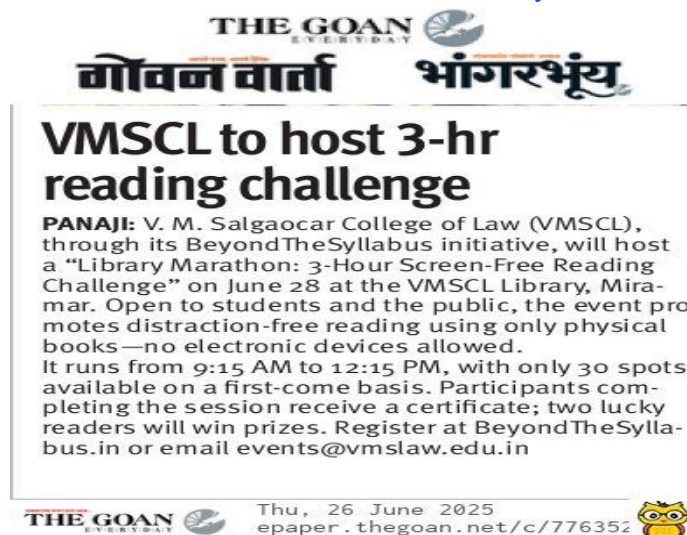


07-01-2026 - Justice Adda, in collaboration with the BeyondTheSyllabus (BTS) initiative, conducted an interactive game-testing session at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar. The session introduced students to a card-based simulation inspired by real non-state dispute resolution forums in India, creating an innovative and experiential learning environment.

Through structured and facilitated gameplay, participants collaborated to design justice forums capable of addressing real-world conflicts. The activity enabled students to engage with practical aspects of dispute resolution, decision-making, and institutional design, while encouraging teamwork and critical thinking. The session reflected BTS's continued focus on experiential learning methodologies and its commitment to exposing students to alternative approaches within the legal landscape.

BeyondTheSyllabus Media Coverage:

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4. [VMSCSL CELEBRATES 2 YEARS OF 'BEYOND THE SYLLABUS' INITIATIVE WITH OPEN MIC EVENT - News for Positivity!](#)



➤ **CENTRE FOR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP**

Recognising the contribution of our esteemed institution, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, in developing active citizenry in the legal profession and other walks of life — the Centre for Political Leadership (CPL) desires to further those efforts with a specific goal of nurturing next-generation political leadership. Centre for Political Leadership, founded on 19th December 2021 on the momentous occasion of 60th Goa Liberation Day, will push its members to inspire change from within and in society. The Centre will introduce students to processes and systems of Political Leadership. It will enable law students and instil the much-needed habit formation and skill set required for a political initiative. The Centre will push individual development and, at the same time, provide guidance for collective leadership.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) Centre For Political Leadership (CPL) seeks to provide for the students of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, a comprehensive exposure to what concerns political leadership.
- 2) CPL will decode the leadership styles of eminent political personalities.
- 3) Centre through its activities will foster an environment of teamwork and collaboration.
- 4) Student themselves will play a central role in their self-development by adopting the principle of ‘Learn By Doing’
- 5) The centre merely provides a platform that will enable its members to have a free flow of ideas through continuous discussion and debates on the contentious issues faced by society.
- 6) Special efforts will be made towards preparing and breaking the barriers for women’s participation in politics.

Student Incharge – Sankalp Gaonkar

Faculty Incharge- Siddesh Tari, Yogesh Varak, Saloni Banaulikar and Sachin Panicker



As part of its broader vision to foster holistic student development, the Centre for Political Leadership (CPL) has introduced the “CPL Wings” initiative, aimed at unlocking the true potential of students through structured co-curricular engagement. This initiative creates multiple platforms for students to explore, express, and refine their intellectual and creative abilities in the context of political and social awareness.

The CPL Wings initiative is divided into four distinct verticals:

Theatre Club- The Theatre Club focuses on storytelling through street plays and socio-political performances. It provides students with an opportunity to engage with real-world issues creatively, enabling them to communicate powerful messages and create social impact through performance art.

Book Discussion Club - This wing encourages students to engage with political, philosophical, and social literature. Through structured discussions, participants share perspectives, exchange ideas, and develop critical thinking skills, thereby fostering a culture of informed dialogue.

Group Discussion Club - The Group Discussion Club emphasizes open and meaningful conversations. It aims to enhance students' abilities in critical thinking, active listening, and collaborative engagement by exposing them to diverse viewpoints.

Debate Wing- The Debate Wing provides a platform for students to engage in structured arguments on pressing political and social issues. It focuses on sharpening logical reasoning, articulation, and persuasive communication skills.

ACTIVITIES

1. BOOK REVIEW ON WINGS OF FIRE

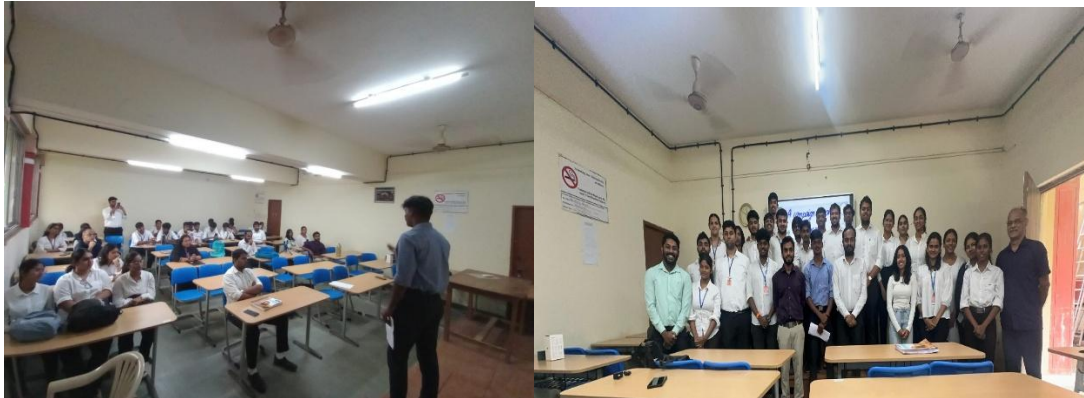
- The Book Club of the Centre for Political Leadership (CPL), V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, hosted an engaging book discussion on *Wings of Fire* by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on 15th July. The event provided students with a platform to explore and reflect on the inspirational life and legacy of Dr. Kalam—renowned scientist, visionary, and former President of India.
- During the session, participants delved into the central themes of the autobiography, such as determination, discipline, innovation, and service to the nation. Thoughtful discussions revolved around how Dr. Kalam overcame personal and professional challenges, and how his values can guide today's youth in leadership and nation-building.
- The event concluded with an interactive segment where students and faculty shared personal insights and lessons drawn from the book. It was a memorable and enriching experience, fostering a spirit of learning, leadership, and inspiration.



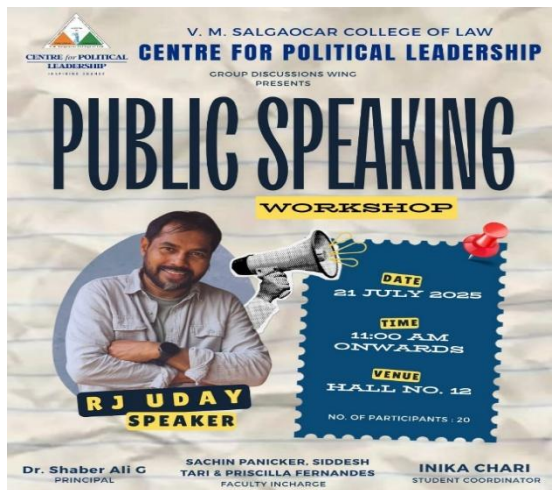
2) PRESENTATION ON NYC ELECTIONS

The Centre for Political Leadership hosted a session on 18th July 2025 titled "A Campaign Beyond Banners: Lessons for Goa from NYC's Political Drama." The speaker, Shoab Shaikh

(3rd year BA.LLB), discussed innovative campaigning strategies from New York City and their relevance to Goa, emphasizing the importance of moving beyond traditional methods through digital outreach and grassroots efforts. It concluded with an engaging Q&A session.



3) GROUP DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC SPEAKING



On 21st July 2025, the Group Discussions Wing of the Centre for Political Leadership at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law organized a specialized Public Speaking Workshop. The session featured RJ Uday as the resource person, who shared valuable insights and techniques with a select group of 20 participants in Hall No. 12.

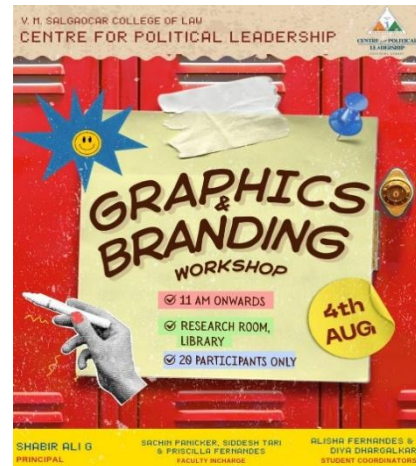


4) Graphics & Branding Workshop

The Centre for Political Leadership successfully conducted a Graphics & Branding Workshop on 4th August at the Research Room, Library, beginning at 11:00 AM. The workshop was designed to equip participants with foundational knowledge and practical skills in graphic design and branding, particularly in the context of digital communication.

The session witnessed active participation, with all 20 available seats filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The participants comprised students with diverse academic backgrounds, all of whom demonstrated keen interest in learning visual communication tools.

The workshop covered a range of essential topics, beginning with the fundamentals of design, including key principles such as balance, contrast, alignment, and hierarchy. It further introduced participants to branding essentials, including the development of color palettes, typography selection, mood boards, logo design, and the creation of a cohesive visual identity.



Book Review Session on “Shattered Lands”



The Centre for Political Leadership, in association with its Book Club, organized a Book Review Session on “Shattered Lands” by Sam Dalrymple on 7th August at 12:30 PM in Hall No. 10.

The session was conducted by Prof. Sachin Panicker, who led an engaging and insightful discussion on the themes, narratives, and historical context presented in the book. The

review provided participants with a deeper understanding of the complexities explored in Shattered Lands, encouraging critical thinking and academic dialogue among attendees.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, who actively engaged in discussions and shared their perspectives on the book. The interactive nature of the session fostered a vibrant intellectual environment, aligning with the Centre’s objective of promoting political awareness and analytical discourse through literature.

The event was coordinated by Ms. Richa Gomes, Student Coordinator, whose efforts ensured the smooth execution of the session.

DEBATE COMPETITION

A debate competition was organised by the N. S. S. Unit in collaboration with the Centre for Political Leadership (CPL) and conceptualised and organised by the Mog Foundation. The topic for the debate was “Should diagnosis of HIV be a pre-requisite for marriage in India?”

The competition was an intra-college event that saw widespread participation amongst students of the college. It was conducted over three days- 16th and 17th December, and finals on 7th January.



A) PRELIMINARY ROUND

The preliminary rounds of the much-anticipated Debate Competition were conducted on 16 December 2025 at 12:30 P.M., witnessing enthusiastic participation from six teams. The competition revolved around a socially relevant and thought-provoking topic: “Should diagnosis of HIV be a pre-requisite for marriage in India?”

The participants displayed commendable oratory skills, engaging in well-structured and passionate arguments both in favor of and against the motion. The rounds provided a platform for critical engagement and offered the audience meaningful insights into the ethical, legal, and social dimensions of the issue.

The rounds were conducted as follows:

Round 1: Deepam Naik and Saisha Mandrekar argued against the motion, while Neha Sharad Parab and Sofiya Jamaloddin Narangi spoke in favor.

Round 2: Diksha Dnyaneshwar Mapsekar and Aachal Kumari argued against the motion, while Ninoshka Bridget Pereira and Vernon Kevin Dias spoke in favor.

Round 3: Anushree Nilkanth Khandeparkar and Stuti Dey argued against the motion, while Britney Branca Aloma Almeida and Padmaja Chauhan supported the motion.

The preliminary rounds were adjudicated by Assistant Professor Dr. Mrinmayi Vaidya, Assistant Professor Shreya Shah, and Assistant Professor Ujjwala Pednekar, who evaluated the participants on various parameters including content, articulation, rebuttal skills, and overall presentation.

Following careful deliberation, the judges selected the teams with the highest scores to advance to the semi-finals, scheduled for 17 December 2025 at 12:30 P.M.

The following teams qualified for the semi-finals:

Anushree Nilkanth Khandeparkar and Stuti Dey

Deepam Naik and Saisha Mandrekar

Britney Branca Aloma Almeida and Padmaja Chauhan

Ninoshka Bridget Pereira and Vernon Kevin Dias

B) SEMI-FINALS

The Semi-Final rounds of the Debate Competition were conducted on 17 December 2025 at 12:30 P.M., featuring the top four teams shortlisted from the preliminary stage. The motion for the debate remained: “Should diagnosis of HIV be a mandatory pre-requisite for marriage in India?”

The rounds were marked by high levels of enthusiasm, intellectual rigor, and competitive spirit. Participants presented well-structured, concise, and compelling arguments, making the session both engaging and insightful.

In the first round, Team Ninoshka Bridget Pereira and Vernon Kevin Dias argued against the motion, while Team Britney Branca Aloma Almeida and Padmaja Chauhan spoke in favor. The second round featured Team Anushree Nilkanth Khandeparkar and Stuti Dey arguing against the motion, countered by Team Deepam Naik and Saisha Mandrekar, who defended the motion. Both rounds witnessed sharp rebuttals, confident delivery, and strong audience engagement.

The rounds were adjudicated by Assistant Professor Disha Nayak Sardesai, Counsellor Akila Sadik, Assistant Professor Jarvis Mascarenhas, and Assistant Professor Tanvi Khandolkar, who evaluated the participants on content, clarity, rebuttal, and overall presentation.

Following a closely contested session and careful deliberation by the judges, Team Britney Branca Aloma Almeida and Padmaja Chauhan, along with Team Deepam Naik and Saisha Mandrekar, secured their positions in the finals of the competition. Additionally, Team Anushree Nilkanth Khandeparkar and Stuti Dey were awarded Third Place for their commendable performance.

GRAND FINALS

The Grand Finale of the Debate Competition on the motion “Should HIV testing be a mandatory pre-requisite for marriage in India?” was held on 7th January 2026 at the V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Panaji.

The final round featured teams Deepam Naik and Saisha Mandrekar speaking in favour of the motion, and Britney Almeida and Padmaja Chauhan arguing against it, with both teams delivering compelling and well-researched arguments.

The event was judged by an esteemed panel comprising Madam Sayonara Telles-Laad, Mr. Peter F. Borges, Ms. Celina Rodrigues, and Prof. M. R. K. Prasad. Team Britney Almeida and Padmaja Chauhan secured first place, followed by Deepam Naik and Saisha Mandrekar in second place, while Stuti Dey and Annushree Khandeparkar secured third place for their semi-final performance. All participants received certificates, and the judges were honoured for their valuable contribution. The event was organised by NSS in collaboration with CPL and the Red Ribbon Club, and was successfully managed by The Mog Foundation student member



Verdicted

Verdicted is an interactive, discussion-based roleplay event inspired by the game Mafia, redesigned through a child rights and legal lens. Participants are assigned concealed roles representing different stakeholders involved in issues concerning children, media, and regulation.

❖ MOOT COURT SOCIETY

Director of Moot Court Society: Pearl Monteiro

Associate Director of Moot Court Society: Sachin S. Panicker

Total No. of students: 78

Objectives of Moot Court Society

- To harness the true potential of each student and help them enhance their advocacy skills in order to attain higher rate of success at National and International level.
- To organize skill development sessions in order to maximize the proficiency training imparted to the student.
- Training to be conducted to improve and augment the impact and accomplishment of moot court society.
- Specific training sessions in the area of Research development skills, Memorial Drafting Skills and Argumentation and Presentation skills.
- To encourage and train Students for participation in International/National/State Level Moot Court Competitions.

Registration Process

Students were invited to register for participation in the Selection Moot Court process in Physical/Offline mode for the academic year 2025-26 through the release of a Google Form via notice dated 9th July 2025. The Moot Court Society received 156 responses to the Google form by the registration deadline of 25th July 2025. The selection moot court for senior students was held on 29th & and on 30th July 2025 for the students of second year BA LL. B.

Moot Court Society Activity Schedule

The Event	Date
Release of Selection moot Court problem	9 th July 2025
Moot Court Orientation for Students of Second Year BA.LL.B. by Dr. B.S Patil	14 th July 2025
Moot Court Orientation for students of First Year LL.B (Degree) by	Not done - Late Admission
Selection Moot Court round for Third Year, Fourth Year, Fifth Year BA LLB, Second- & Third-Year Degree in college premises	29 th July 2025
Selection Moot Court round for Second Year BA LLB in college premises	30 th July 2025

Declaration of Result of Selection Moot Court	31 st July 2025
Training Session on SCC Online Digital Library – to familiarize participants with the effective use of the SCC Online platform for legal research, case law retrieval, and other academic purposes. The training is essential for enhancing legal research skills	11th August 2025
Total Participation in National Moot Court Competitions by VMSCL Moot Court Society members	27

Student Members:

The following students are a part of the moot court society, for the academic year 2025 -26, as they have been adjudged winners / semi-finalists / Progressed beyond Preliminary Round / at National / International Moot Court Competitions during the academic year 2024 – 25.

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| 1. Gaurav Kenkre | II DEGREE | 11. Jane De Souza | V BA LLB |
| 2. Khalid Dessai | II DEGREE | 12. Khushi Joshi | IV BALLB |
| 3. Alisha Fernandes | III BA LLB | 13. Pooja Raichur | IV BALLB |
| 4. Chloe Fernandes | III BA LLB | 14. Sanika Suresh Pednekar | IV BALLB |
| 5. Nandita Couto | III BA LLB | | |
| 6. Priya Shirodkar | III BA LLB | 15. Siya Kamat | IV BALLB |
| 7. Sejal Tilve | III BA LLB | 16. Udi Abhinav Narvekar | IV BALLB |
| 8. Astha S. Kamat | IV BALLB | | |
| 9. Cassius Fernandes | IV BALLB | 17. Ummehani Javed | IV BALLB |
| 10. Diya Amit Deulkar | IV BALLB | 18. Nidhi Gawade | V BA LLB |

The following students have been selected to be a part of the moot court society for the academic year 2025 – 26 from the rounds conducted on 29th July 2025

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| 1. Aarav Pangam | 17. Joshua De Sousa | 28. Rugved Jawdekar |
| 2. Aarushi Goyal | 18. Kate de Saldanha | 29. Ruhi Kamat Tarcar |
| 3. Amit Sukhtanker | 19. Klasha D'Souza | 30. Saba Shaikh |
| 4. Anuj Arolkar | 20. Liam Joseph Vas | 31. Saleena Ahamad |
| 5. Anushka Patil | 21. Lorene Sequeira | 32. Sangam Prabhudesai |
| 6. Ashhad Belwadi | 22. Lynella Kasey Gonsalves | 33. Sangeet Grover |
| 7. Ashraf Agha | 23. Manasvi Tanksale | 34. Sejal Naik |
| 8. Atharv Sawaiker | 24. Michelle Louanna Indrani D'Costa | 35. Shamik Pai |
| 9. Britney Almeida | 25. Nichelle Pereira | 36. Shoaib Shaikh |
| 10. Chiraj Tamonkar | 26. Prathamesh Nayak | 37. Shraddha Yadav |
| 11. Dareen Fathima | 27. Pratiksha Salgaonkar | 38. Shreya Gaikwad |
| 12. David De Souza | | 39. Tejaswi Bhandari |
| 13. Deepam Naik | | 40. Urvi Mahambre |

The following students have been selected to be a part of the moot court society for the academic year 2025 – 26 from the rounds conducted on 30th July 2025

Arya Prasad Nagvekar
 Devanshi Harmalkar
 Kimberley Elsa George
 Masood Kotwalia
 Nerita Lobo
 Ojas Desai
 Palak Shetkar
 Prithvik Medhekar
 Renuka Naik
 Resham Shetye
 Rimsha Faruqui
 Saanj Sawant
 Sanika Alornekar
 Saumyaa Mandrekar
 Shweta Malik
 Tanya Chopdekar
 Unnati Chodankar



Vaishnavi Pal
 Yashasvi Volvoikar



Special Moot Court Selection Round

Special Moot Court Selection Round was held on 4th August 2025 for the students participating in inter college table tennis tournament on 29th & 30th July for four students, out of which two were selected:

Amogh Bawachikari & Swayam Chodankar

Achievements In National / International Competitions

Name of Moot Court Competition	Date	Team	Stage/ Award	
Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar in collaboration with Competition Commission of India 1 st CCI-MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition. 2025	6 -7 & 28 Sep, 2025	Aastha Kamat Nandita Couto Udi Narvekar	Quarterfinals	
Lex Supreme National Moot Court Competition 2025 at S S Jain Subodh Law College, Jaipur	Sept 19-21	Swayam Chodankar Amogh Bawachikar	Quarterfinalists	
The Chamber of Tax Consultants Indirect Tax Law 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2025-26, ILS Law College, Pune	20th - 21st Decem ber 2025 17th & January 2026.	Gaurav Kenkre and Khalid Dessai	Semifinalists	

<p>20th Shankarrao Kanitkar Moot Court Competition Progressive Education Society's Modern Law College, Pune, organised in collaboration with the Late K.T. Girme Foundation, as part of Vidhi Manthan 2.0 – National Level Legal Trifecta Competition.</p>	<p>10th January 2026 –</p>	<p>Sanika Pednekar Pratiksha Salgaocar Kimberley George</p>	<p>Sanika Suresh Pednekar won the JUDGE'S SPECIAL APPRECIATION Certificate,</p>	
<p>Dr. A T Markose Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2025-26 Organised by School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi, Kerala</p>	<p>Prelims: 7th Feb 2026 (Online) Quarters, Semi & Finals: 20th–21st Feb 2026 (Offline)</p>	<p>Diya Deulkar Khushi Joshi Sanika Alonrnekar</p>	<p>Semi-finalists</p>	
<p>35th Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Competition, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala</p>	<p>11th to 14th February 2026.</p>	<p>Siya Sanjay Kamat Urvi Uday Mahambre Saanj Pritidas Sawant</p>	<p>Quarterfinals</p>	

Lok Jagruti Kendra(LJ) School Of Law, Ahmedabad – Gujarat Vidhwata - 2026	20th, 21st and 22nd February	Chloe Fernandes Joshua de Souza Ojas Desai	Quarter round emerged overall	final and 5th	
1 NLST Moot Court Competition— Organized By Noida Legal Service Trust.	Feb 28 March 1 Online	Isha Tamba Khalid Dessai Sangam Prabhudessai			
5th Justice N. Santosh Hegde Moot Court Competition, 2026, organised by the Alliance Moot Court Society, Alliance School of Law, Alliance University, Bengaluru	27 & 28 March	Jane De Souza, Saba Shaikh, and Tanya Chopdekar	Octa finalists		
Yaazhi II – Sports Law National Moot Court Competition at SIMATS, Chennai	25 – 28 March 2026	Shoaib Shaikh Anuj Arolkar	Semi- finalists	Anuj Arolkar Best Mooter	
5 th DYPLC Moot Court Competition, Dr. D. Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri Pune	28 & 29 March 2026	Ummehani Javed Ashraf Agha Gayatri Chari	Best memorial		

Participation In National / International Competitions

Serial no	Name of Moot Court Competition	Date	Participants	Stage/ Award
	Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar in collaboration with Competition Commission of India 1 st CCI-MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition. 2025	6 -7 & 28 Sep, 2025	Aastha Kamat Nandita Couto Udi Narvekar	Quarterfinals
	“Samvidhan Pe Charcha 2025”, Third Inter-University National Moot Court Competition organized by Parul Institute of Law, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat	12th – 14th September 2025	Mooter Ashraf Agha Deepam Naik Researcher Himanshu Salgaokar	Participated
	Alwardas National Moot Court Competition 2025 at Alwardas Moot Court Committee (AMCC), NVP Law College, Visakhapatnam	Sept 13-14; Offline Register by Aug 20	Vaishnavi Pal Palak Shetkar Yashasvi Volviokar	Participated
	4th MAIMS (New Delhi) Mock Trial Competition,	September-October 2025	Tejaswi Bhandari Cassius Fernandes Ummehani Javed	Participated

	Lex Supreme National Moot Court Competition 2025 at S S Jain Subodh Law College, Jaipur	Sept 19-21	Swayam Chodankar Amogh Bawachikar	Quarterfinalists
	18th NALSAR-Justice Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition at NALSAR, Hyderabad	Sept 26-28;	Alisha Fernandes Diya Dhargalkar Nerita Lobo	Memorial Round
	The Chamber of Tax Consultants Indirect Tax Law 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2025-26, ILS Law College, Pune	20th and 21st December 2025 respectively and the final round is scheduled at ILS Law College on 17th January 2026.	Gaurav Kenkre and Khalid Dessai	Semifinalists
	1st Lex Vedika Moot Court Competition 2025 organized by Lex Vedika in Association with Verma Legal Counsels	20 – 21 Dec 2025	Gayatri Chari Ruhi Tarcar Lynella Gonsalves	Participated
	20th Shankarrao Kanitkar Moot Court Competition Progressive Education Society's Modern Law College, Pune, organised in collaboration with the Late K.T. Girme	10th January 2026 –	Sanika Pednekar Pratiksha Salgaocar Kimberley George	Sanika Suresh Pednekar won the JUDGE'S SPECIAL APPRECIATION Certificate,

	Foundation, as part of Vidhi Manthan 2.0 – National Level Legal Trifecta Competition.			
	Marathwada Mitra Mandal’s Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune, invites your institution to participate in the Late Justice P. B. Sawant Twelfth National Moot Court Competition (2025–26)	24–25 January 2026	Amev Narulkar Prathamesh Nayak Shweta Malik	Participated
	20th AIMCC, Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	5,6,7 February 2026.	Alisha Fernandes, Priya Shirodkar, and Tanya Chopdekar,	Participated
	Dr. A T Markose Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2025-26 Organised by School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi, Kerala	Prelims: 7th Feb 2026 (Online) Quarters, Semi & Finals: 20th–21st Feb 2026 (Offline)	Diya Deulkar Khushi Joshi Sanika Alonrnekar	Semifinalists
	35TH Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Competition, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	11th to 14th February 2026.	Siya Sanjay Kamat Urvi Uday Mahambre Saanj Pritidas Sawant	quarterfinals

	The K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2026 Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi.	13th February 2026 - 15th February 2026	Kate de Saldanha Osorio Shraddha Yadav Devanshi Harmalkar	Participated
	M. P. Law College Moot Court Competition – 2026, organized by Marathwada Legal & General Education Society’s Manikchand Pahade Law College, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (Aurangabad), Maharashtra,	14th and 15th of February, 2026	Arya Nagvekar (61) Prithvik Medhekar (76) Resham Shetye (100)	Participated
	2nd Edition of the TNNLU National Insolvency Moot Court Competition, 2026 is set to take place on the theme “Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)	14th February, 2026 (online) and 7th March, 2026(offline)	Sangeet Growar, David De Souza and Dareen Fathima	Participated
	Lok Jagruti Kendra(LJ) School Of Law, Ahmedabad – Gujarat Vidhwata - 2026	20th, 21st and 22nd February	Chloe Fernandes Joshua de Souza Ojas Desai	quarter final round and emerged 5th overall

	4 th G.D. Kamat National Moot Court Competition	26, 27, 28 Feb 2026	Sangeet Growar, David De Souza and Dareen Fathima	Participated
	1 NLST Moot Court Competition— Organized By Noida Legal Service Trust.	Feb 28 March 1 Online	Isha Tamba Khalid Dessai Sangam Prabhudessai	
	6th Christ Academy St. Chavara Moot Court Competition, 2026 by Moot Court Committee, Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru	7 - 8 March, 2026	Rugved Jawdekar Jane De Souza Saba Shaikh	Participated in memorial selection
	5th Justice N. Santosh Hegde Moot Court Competition, 2026, organised by the Alliance Moot Court Society. Bengaluru	7th March 2026 27 – 28 March 2026	Jane De Souza Saba Shaikh Tanya Chopdekar	Participated
	XVI M. K. Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition 2026 organized by Raja Lakhamgouda Law College, Belagavi	13th, 14th and 15th March 2026	Liam Vas Lorene Sequeira Chiraj Tamonkar	Participated
	Narayan School of Law, Gopal Narayan Singh University is organizing the 4th Deo Mangal Memorial Nationwide Moot	15 March to 17 March 2026	Renuka Naik Ruhi Kamat Tarcar Amogh Bawachikar	Participated

	Court Competition, 2026 in Online Mode			
	3rd Shri O.P. Tandon Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2026, organized by Trinity Institute of Professional Studies (TIPS) affiliated with the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi	18th, 19th & 28th March	Masood Kotwalia Rimsha Farooqui Nerita Lobo	Participated
	3rd MCMTC B.L Purohit Memorial National Moot Court Competition Organised By: Faculty of Law, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan	20-22 March 2026	Amit Sukhtanker Aarav Pangam and Shamik Pai	Participated
	Yaazhi II – Sports Law National Moot Court Competition at SIMATS, Chennai	March 25 – 28	Shoaib Shaikh Anuj Arolkar	Semi- finalists Anuj Arolkar Best Mooter
	5 th DYPLC Moot Court Competition, Dr. D. Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri Pune	28 & 29 MARCH 2026	Ummehani Javed Ashraf Agha Gayatri Chari	Best memorial

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Best Member – Moot Court Society Award 2025 – 26



The candidates for the Best Member – Moot Court Society Award 2025 - 26

Anushka Patil

Anushka has made significant contributions to the Moot Court Society through her role as Student Convenor of the college moot court competition, demonstrating leadership, coordination, and organisational ability. In addition, she has participated in national-level moot competitions, reflecting her continued engagement with mooting alongside her organisational responsibilities.

Astha Kamat

Astha has demonstrated consistent performance in national-level moot court competitions, including securing a Runner-Up position, along with advancing to the semi-finals and quarter-finals in multiple reputed moots. Her record reflects strong research, advocacy, and sustained performance across competitions.

Khalid Ahmed Desai

Khalid has achieved notable distinction with a Best Speaker Award and a Runner-Up finish at the NLST National Moot Court Competition, 2026, in addition to reaching the semi-final stage in another national moot. His profile reflects both individual excellence and strong competitive performance.

Sanika Pednekar

Sanika has shown consistent participation in national-level moots, with achievements including a Quarter-Finalist position and a Judge’s Special Appreciation for her advocacy skills. She has also been actively involved in moot-related activities within the college.

Winner: Khalid Ahmed Desai



❖ 4th Edition – Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition – 2026

Faculty Coordinators: Sachin S. Panicker & Pearl Monteiro

Student Convenors: Swayam Chodankar & Anushka Patil

V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa, organised the **4th Edition of the Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition – 2026** from 26th to 28th February 2026 in collaboration with the Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial Trust, in honour of Justice Gurudas D. Kamat, the first Goan Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court. The competition continues to serve as a national platform for promoting advocacy skills, legal research, and professional excellence among law students across India.

The three-day competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from law colleges across India and provided a platform for students to demonstrate their skills in memorial drafting, legal analysis, and oral arguments before eminent members of the Bar and Bench. Through its rigorous format and high academic standards, the competition continues to uphold the tradition of encouraging professionalism, discipline, and intellectual growth among budding legal professionals.

Participating Teams

Army Law College, Pune

Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi

Christ (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa

Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

Government Law College, Kozhikode

Government Law College, Madurai

Government Law College, Mumbai

Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Goa

Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal

Keshav Memorial College of Law, Hyderabad
KLE Law College, Bengaluru
KLE Society's Gurusiddappa Kotambri Law College, Hubballi
Mar Gregorios College of Law, Kerala
MMM's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune
Modern Law College, Pune
National Law Institute University, Bhopal
Parul Institute of Law, Gujarat
Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai
Presidency University, Bangalore
Raja Lakhamgouda Law College, Belgaum
Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai
School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru
Symbiosis Law School, Pune
V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa
Each team consisted of two mooters and one researcher.

Faculty, Organising Committee and Volunteers

The successful conduct of the competition was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the faculty members, organising committee, and student volunteers who coordinated various departments including accommodation, competition, drafting, memorials, finance, hospitality, judges' coordination, logistics, scoring, digital media, press, production, registration, researcher's test, social media, and team management.

Faculty coordinators included Prof. Dr. M. R. K. Prasad, Dr. Kim Couto, Dr. K. S. Rao Dr. B. S. Patil, Dr. Sandhya Ram, Dr. Mrunmayi Vaidya Dr. Ranjana Ferrao, Dr. Aamod Shirali, Dr. Shruti Dalal, Amal Kazi, Dr. Shailendra Gaonkar, Meghana Kapdi, Ruhi Phadte, Siddhi Naik, Ujwala Pednekar, Rashmi Sawant, Disha Sardessai, Yogesh Varak, Varsha Redkar and other faculty members.

The student Organising Committee included Clive Fernandes, Ashraf Agha, Sean Gomes, Siddhant Sardessai, Achal Candolkar, Atharva Sawaikar, Raisa Mariette Pinto, Aayushi Sardessai, Sankalp Gaonkar, Samarth Manekar, Sahi Pagui, Amogh Bawachikar, Purva Todankar, Trusha Desai, Shamik Pai and other coordinators.

Deputy coordinators and volunteers from all years of the B.A. LL. B and LL. B programmes assisted in conducting the rounds, coordinating with judges, managing teams, handling logistics, scoring, hospitality, digital media, and overall administration of the event. More than 100 student volunteers contributed to the smooth conduct of the competition across different departments, and the detailed department-wise list of faculty members, organising committee members, and volunteers was maintained by the organising committee.

Inaugural Ceremony – 26 February 2026

The competition was inaugurated at the Conference Hall of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law on 26 February 2026 in the presence of Dr. V. Candavelou, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Goa,

as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. Shaber Ali, Shri Ramachandra B. Bhatkar, Shri Bhaskar Nayak, Pearl Monteiro, Anushka Patil, Members of Justice G.D Kamat's family and other dignitaries.

The speakers highlighted the importance of moot court training in developing advocacy, research, and professional ethics. The moot problem for the 2026 edition dealt with contemporary constitutional issues relating to caste-based and economic-based reservations.

Rounds of the Competition

The competition was conducted over three days and consisted of multiple stages designed to evaluate research ability, legal knowledge, drafting, and oral advocacy.

Day 1 included the **Researchers' Written Test**, consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions to assess legal knowledge and research aptitude. The top researchers qualified for an **interview round**, which was introduced for the first time in this edition to evaluate depth of research and conceptual clarity.

Day 2 included **two preliminary rounds**, in which all 26 teams argued from both sides. The top eight teams advanced to the **quarter-finals**, while the shortlisted researchers appeared for the interview evaluation.

Day 3 included the **semi-final rounds**, followed by the **final round**, where the top two teams argued before an eminent panel of judges.

The format ensured a comprehensive evaluation of memorial drafting, research, advocacy, and courtroom conduct.

Judges for the Competition

The rounds of the competition were judged by eminent members of the Bar and Bench, including senior advocates, academicians, and legal practitioners.

The Final Round was judged by Sr. Adv. Cleofato Almeida Coutinho, Sr. Adv. Sudin Usgaonkar, Sr. Adv. Surendra Desai, Sr. Adv. R. G. Ramani & Sr. Adv. Carlos Ferreira

The organisers also acknowledge the contribution of all judges who presided over the memorial evaluation, researcher's test, preliminary rounds, quarter-finals, and semi-finals.

Valedictory Ceremony – 28 February 2026

The Valedictory Ceremony was held at Z Square Banquets, Panaji, in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Justice R. M. S. Khandeparkar as Chief Guest, along with Dr. Shaber Ali, Shri Bhaskar Nayak, Shri Ulhas Kamat, Pearl Monteiro, Ms. Anushka Patil and other dignitaries.

The speakers appreciated the participation of 26 teams and congratulated the organisers for maintaining high academic standards. The Student Convenor presented a brief report of the three-day competition, recounting the researcher's test, interview round, preliminary rounds, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final round.

Results

At the conclusion of the competition, Government Law College, Madurai was declared the Winner of the 4th Edition of the Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition – 2026, while Jagran Lakecity University, Mugaliyachap, Bhopal was adjudged the Runner-up.

In the individual categories, the award for Best Mooter was conferred upon Madhava Ganesh S of Government Law College, Madurai, in recognition of his outstanding advocacy skills. The award for

Best Memorial was awarded to Keshav Memorial College of Law, Hyderabad, for excellence in legal research and drafting.

The award for Best Researcher was secured by Sarah Asnah of KLE Law College, Bengaluru, for demonstrating exceptional research ability and legal analysis.

All the winners were presented with trophies, certificates, and cash prizes by the Chief Guest during the Valedictory Ceremony.

The 4th Edition of the Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition – 2026 was successfully conducted with participation from institutions across India and continues to remain one of the flagship academic events of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, promoting excellence in advocacy, research, and legal education.

❖ **Compulsory Moot Court 2025-2026**

Faculty Incharges:

1. **Dr. Ranjana Ferrao**
2. **Asst. Prof. Roshant Parwar**

The Compulsory Moot Court for the academic year 2025-26 was conducted in two sessions. The first session took place on 6th September 2025 for LL.B. Degree students and on 8th September 2025 for B.A.LL.B. students. The second session was held on 2nd and 3rd February 2026. Before both sessions commenced, Prof. MRK Prasad provided a brief orientation to the faculty members to ensure smooth coordination and uniform evaluation across all courtrooms.



This practical exercise forms a vital and compulsory component of both the B.A.LL.B. and LL.B. degree programmes. It begins from the sixth semester for B.A.LL.B. students and from the third semester onwards for the LL.B. programme. As part of their practical paper, every student is required to participate in three moot courts during their course of study.

The main objectives of the moot court are to help students develop strong advocacy skills, sharpen their legal research and analytical abilities, and build confidence in a professional courtroom setting. A realistic court atmosphere was recreated for the exercise. Students received mock problems well in advance and were assigned clear roles as either petitioner or respondent. They prepared detailed memorials and presented their arguments before a bench, responded thoughtfully to questions from the judges, and participated in rebuttal sessions.

The sessions were judged by regular, contract-based, and visiting faculty members of the College. Each student was evaluated out of 10 marks based on several important criteria: depth of knowledge of law and facts, clarity and logical structure of arguments, courtroom etiquette, quality of responses to questions, and overall persuasiveness.

Students were expected to arrive on time, dress in proper court attire, maintain a professional journal, and conduct themselves with dignity and respect. This hands-on training plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world legal practice. It not only prepares students for the challenges of litigation but also nurtures essential qualities such as composure, clear thinking, and effective communication skills that will serve them well throughout their legal careers.



❖ **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD (ADR BOARD)**

Faculty Coordinators -

Dr. Kim Couto – Director

Asst. Prof. Shreya Shah– Associate Director

About ADR Board

The ADR Board of the College was established way back in 2005 with a view to cultivate and promote a culture of ADR among law students. Each academic year the Board creates a pool of select and committed students who are inducted as members of the ADR Board.

The ADR Board of the College provides comprehensive training and practical exposure to students in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) through structured client counselling, negotiation, and mediation exercises. The Board conducts orientation sessions for all students interested in joining, thereby encouraging their active participation in national and international ADR competitions. Membership on the ADR Board is determined through a rigorous selection process, in which candidates are presented with a case problem two days in advance and receive confidential information twenty minutes prior to their assessment. This process is designed to evaluate students' abilities to negotiate and develop innovative solutions to contemporary issues.

Upon successful completion of the selection rounds, students are appointed as members of the ADR Board. These members undergo additional training and are granted opportunities to represent the college at both national and international competitions. Faculty coordinators and institute members play a key role in conducting numerous training sessions for those representing the college in National and International ADR competitions. Additionally, students who have earned recognition during the

2024-2025 academic year actively contribute by facilitating the trial rounds. The ADR Board also organised three mandatory Client Counselling sessions for final-year students enrolled in the BALL.B. and LL.B. degree programmes, which formed an integral component of their practical coursework.

Advisory Committee –

Prof. Dr. M.R.K. Prasad – Professor

Dr. Sandhya Ram – Faculty, Former Director, ADR Board

Dr. B.S. Patil – Faculty, Former Director, ADR Board

Dr. Mrunmayi M. Vaidya - Faculty, Former Director, ADR Board

Orientation and Demo Sessions –



The orientation session for the students registered for the Selection rounds of the ADR Board was conducted by Dr. B. S. Patil on 4th August 2025 in Hall No. 12 and the Demo Session was conducted on 5th August 2025 by Dr. B. S. Patil in Hall No. 12. A fact sheet about a prior ADR problem was shared with all registered students through their class WhatsApp groups.

Final Year students of BALLB engaging the Demo session for the students registered for the ADR Board. To facilitate a clearer understanding of the Demo round, feedback on the session was provided by Dr. B.S. Patil.

ADR Board Selection –

A notice regarding registration for the ADR Board selection rounds was issued on 22nd July 2025, with 6th August 2025 as the deadline for submission of registrations. The selection rounds took place on 9th August 2025 across eight designated halls at the college. Results were announced on 11th August 2025.

A total of 45 students were selected. Additionally, exemption from the selection process was granted to 11 former members who had significant achievements in National or International Competitions during the previous year (2024-25).

Client Counselling and Negotiation Sessions –

The Board facilitated training and mock sessions in Client Counselling and Negotiation for final-year BALLB and LLB students as part of their practical coursework requirements. Client Counselling rounds were held on 14th and 16th March 2026, with Negotiation rounds taking place on 27th and 28th March 2026. A fact sheet outlining prior negotiation and client counselling scenarios,

accompanied by a secretarial note, was distributed to all final-year students via class WhatsApp groups. For the final evaluation, the Board organized sessions across 16 halls and coordinated with 30 faculty members to oversee the practical papers.

ADR COMPETITION PARTICIPATION LIST (2025-26)

Sr. No.	Name of the Students	Competition	Rounds Qualified	Competition Dates
1.	Sangeet Growar Khaled Ahmed Desai	3 rd International Negotiation Competition 2025, Manipal University Jaipur.	Quarter Finalist Khaled Ahmed Desai won Best Client trophy	4 th & 5 th September 2025
2.	Masood Katwalia Padmaja Chauhan Shreeya Gaikwad	6 th Kerala Law Academy ADR Competition (Virtual) 2025, by Kerala Law Academy, Thiruvananthapuram.	Preliminary	9 th , 10 th & 11 th October 2025
3.	Ruhi Kamat Tarcar Kajal Arondekar Astha Kamat	National Mediation Competition 2025, Presidency School of Law, Presidency University & IAMC, Bangalore	Quarter Finalist	15 th & 16 th November 2025
4.	Nandita Couto Kate De Saldanha Osorio Joshua Desouza	Pactum Concorde: 1 st Inter Collegiate Mediation Competition 2025, Hybrid Mode, Thakur Ramnarayan College of Law, Mumbai	Quarter Finalist	22 nd & 23 rd November 2025
5.	Kellyann Rodrigues Saumyaa Mandrekar Elsa George	Juris Open 2025:Eco Thinkers Fest, G R Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa.	Preliminary	11 th , 12 th & 13 th December, 2025
6.	Khalid Ahmed Desai David De Souza	Client Counselling Competition, Consumer welfare cell, V M Salgaocar College of Law in collaboration with Government of Goa – Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Goa	Winners	15 th December 2025

7.	Kimberley Elsa George Sanika Pednekar Pratiksha Salgaonkar	Vidhimanthan 2.0 National Level legal Trifecta Mediation Competition, Modern Law College, Pune	Finalist	9 th January 2026
8.	Roshan Luke Mathias Viplav Prabhugaonkar Neha Pomburphekar	Vidhi Samar, National Level Mediation Competition, 2025-26, Victor Dantas College of Law, Kudal, Maharashtra.	Preliminary	8 th & 9 th January 2026.
9.	Dareen Fathima David DeSouza	Lex Infinitum 2026, V M Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa	Preliminary	22 nd to 24 th January 2026.
10.	Ummehani Javed Ruhi Kamat Tarcar Tejaswi Bhandare	SAMANVAYA 1 st Nationwide Virtual Mediation Competition, Mumbai	Semi Finalist Ruhi Kamat Tarcar is awarded as 1st Place as Best Mediator.	29 th , 30 th & 31 st January 2026
11.	Trusha Desai Aayushi Sardessai	Louis M Brown & Forrest S Mosten international client consultation competition India 2026.	Preliminary	6 th – 8 th February 2026
12.	Shreeya Gaikwad Saisha Mandrekar Deepam Naik	FOX & MANDAL- NALSAR Mediation Tournament 5.0, Hyderabad.	Preliminary Deepam Naik was awarded with Best Mediation Strategy Award	6 th , 7 th & 8 th February 2026.
13.	Kaushal Bhatia Govind Sawant Viplav Prabhugaonkar	Parul University International Mediation Competition, Hybrid Mode, Vadodara, Gujarat	Quarter Finalist	7 th & 8 th February 2026
14.	Sangeet Growar Khalid Ahmed Desai	NUALS (The National University of Advanced Legal Studies) Mediation Competition 2025, Kochi, Kerala.	Preliminary	18 th January – 15 th February 2026

15.	Khalid Ahmed Desai David De Souza	Vidhi Samar-National Law Fest 2025-26 Client Counselling Competition, Victor Dantas Law College, Kudal, Maharashtra	Winners Khalid Ahmed Desai is awarded as Best Counsel	14 th February 2026
16.	Astha Kamat Ruhi Kamat Tarcar	Vidhwata 7.0, Client Counselling Competition, L.J. School of Law, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	2 nd Runners Up	20 th , 21 st & 22 nd February 2026
17.	Hiral Kenaudekar Vernon Kevin Dias	Client Counselling at Lex Communique 2026, Thakur Ramnarayan College of Law, Mumbai	Semi-Finalist	28 th February – 1 st March 2026
18.	Malisha Shirodkar Lorene Sequeira Khalid Ahmed Desai	APCAM International Metaverse Mediation Competition, 2026, New Delhi.	Preliminary	7 th March 2026
19.	Alisha Fernandes Ashraf Agha Shraddha Yadav	S K Mishra Memorial International Mediation & Negotiation Competition 7.0, Lloyd Law College, Meerut, U.P.	Preliminary	13 th , 14 th & 15 th March 2026.
20.	Iram Khatri Vernon Dias	2 nd Edition of Mediatrium-Corporate Client Counselling Competition.	Quarter Finals	14 th – 22 nd March 2026
21.	Aachal Candolkar Priya Shirodkar Trusha Desai	S K Mishra Memorial International Mediation & Negotiation Competition 7.0, Lloyd Law College, Meerut, U.P.	Preliminary	13 th , 14 th & 15 th March 2026.
22.	Britney Almeida Padmaja Chauhan	6 th Justice A S Anand National Mediation Competition 2026, 9 th National Law Fest, ARGUENDO 2026, ADR Board of UILS, Punjab University	Semi Finals	19 th – 21 st March 2026
23.	Anne Mattos David Desouza	2 nd Nithin Patil Memorial SymArbitrate Advocacy-Negotiation Competition, Symbiosis College of Law, Pune	Runners Up	13 th – 16 th March 2026
24.	Padmaja Chauhan	27 th edition Law Tryst 2026, Negotiation Competition, Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, Mumbai	Semi Finals	13 th , 14 th & 15 th March 2026

	Simran Fernandes			
25.	Ojas Desai Devanshi Harmalkar	6 th Justice J S Verma Memorial ADR & Client Counselling & Navitas Law Fest, 2026, MAIMS, Delhi	Semi Finals	13 th – 24 th March 2026
26.	Sanika Pednekar Palak Shetkar	SPARKLE 7.0 – Client Counselling Competition, KLE College of Law, Navi Mumbai.	Preliminary	27 th – 29 th March 2026

LEX INFINITUM 2026

Director – Dr. Kim Couto

Associate Director – Asst. Prof. Shreya Shah

President – Tashina Pinto Do Rosario (5th Year BALLB)

Vice President – Ashraf Agha (4th Year BALLB)

Participation – 24 Teams including one team from the host institution.

The 11th edition of Lex Infinitum International Dispute Resolution Competition was organised by V. M. Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCL) and was held from 22nd to 24th January 2026, Lex Infinitum (Edition XI) 2026.

Lex Infinitum overview: The VMSCL International Dispute Resolution Competition 2026 invites law students worldwide to demonstrate their mediation and negotiation abilities.

This year, 24 teams participated in the event, including leading law schools across India, national law schools, and international teams from USA, Sri Lanka and Singapore. The panel featured three international experts, national experts, as well as faculty members from VMSCL. Negotiating teams competed in five rounds: two preliminary rounds, followed by the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals. Mediator teams participated in four rounds, with the semi-finals serving as their final round.

Negotiating Teams –

Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Law School, Colombo, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, D.Y. Patil Law College, Navi Mumbai, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Lloyd Law College, Maharashtra National Law University,

Mumbai, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, National Law University, Delhi, National Law University, Jodhpur, National Law University, Odisha, National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi (NUALS), National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, National University of Singapore, National University of Study and Research in Law, Jharkhand, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Singapore Management University, Singapore, Symbiosis International University - Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, University at Buffalo School of Law, University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University.

Mediators –

Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Law School, Colombo, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, National Law University, Delhi, National Law University, Jodhpur, National Law University, Odisha, National University of Singapore, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Symbiosis International University - Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad.

Expert Assessors –

Mr. Claude Amar, Ms. Adeline Guilhen, Ms. Josephine Reyes (Knowledge Session), Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava (Knowledge Session), Dr. Apoorva Dixit, Adv. Mahak Rathee, Ms. Ashwini Parab, Dr. Chirag Balyan (Knowledge Session), Adv. Ketaki Deshpande-Lulay (Knowledge Session), Adv. Jawad AJ (Knowledge Session), Adv. Sambhaji Mohite, Adv. Poornima V, Dr. Vishwanath M, Adv. Aashna Pathak, Adv. Elton Furtado, Ms. Pearl Monteiro, Adv. Phiroze Loran, Adv. John James Samuel, Adv. Jayant Karn, Adv. Siddhant Shetye, Adv. Bernard Fernandes, Adv. Dr. Vassudev Amonkar (Knowledge Session), Adv. Gideon Noronha, Adv. EO Mendes, Adv. Nigel Fernandes, Adv. Arun Pandey, Dr. Sandhya Ram, Dr. BS Patil, Prof. MRK Prasad.

Inaugural –

The Inaugural Ceremony took place at the Conference Hall of VMSCCL on 22 January 2026. The occasion was attended by esteemed dignitaries including Shri Devidas Pangam, Advocate General for the State of Goa (Chief Guest), Mr. D.P.Pednekar, College Administrator at VMSCCL, Ms. Tashina Pinto Do Rosario, President of Lex Infinitum, Principal Dr Shaber Ali G, and Dr Kim Couto, Director of Lex Infinitum 2026.

LEX INFINITUM 2026 INAUGURATED AT VM SALGAONCAR COLLEGE OF LAW



Lex Infitum 2026: An international dispute resolution competition organised by VM Salgaoncar College of Law was inaugurated by Advocate General for the State of Goa Devidas Pangam in the presence of college Principal Dr. Shabbir Ali and other dignitaries.

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Valedictory –

The Valedictory Ceremony was hosted at Green Acres, St. Inez, Goa with Chief Guest Hon’ble Dr. Justice K. Manmadha Rao, Judge, High Court of Karnataka; Guest of Honour, Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, IIULER; Prof. Bhaskar Nayak Vice -President, Governing Council, VMSCL, Ms. Tashina Pinto Do Rosario – President Lex Infitum; Principal – Dr. Shaber Ali G & Dr. Kim Couto – Director Lex Infitum 2026. The Valedictory Programme was held on 24th January 2026.



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University at Buffalo clenches 'Best Negotiating Team' at Lex Infitum

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The 11th Edition of Lex Infitum 2026, hosted by VM Salgaocar College of Law, (VM-SCL), Miramar, concluded on January 24, with a grand valedictory ceremony held at Green Acres, Panaji.

After two days of rigorous competition, which featured 26 negotiating teams and 12 mediators, the team hailing from University at Buffalo, New York, USA emerged victorious for the title and trophy for the 'Best Negotiating Team' and a cash prize of Rs 20000 and the team from National Law University, Delhi were adjudged as runners-up negotiating team, winning a cash prize of Rs 20000, while the team from Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology Law



The team from University at Buffalo, New York, USA won the 'Best Negotiating Team' award and a cash prize of Rs 50000.

School, Colombo, Sri Lanka was awarded the trophy and title of 'Best Mediator', along with a cash prize of Rs 20000. The participant from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab bagging a cash prize of Rs 15000. All winners were also given certificates of merit to recognise their achievements along


with the respective trophies to take back home.

The chief guest of the function Dr Justice K Marmadha Rao, judge of the High Court of Karnataka in his address explained ADR as a modern form of India's traditional dispute resolution systems like village panchayats and shrDDis. Referring to laws such as the Mediation Act

2023, he stressed that justice should focus on dignity, empathy, and peaceful settlement rather than winning cases.

Other dignitaries included Dr. Prof R Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, HULER, the Principal of VM-SCL, Dr G Shafer Ali, Educational Advisor to VM Salgaocar Corporation Pvt. Ltd, Prof Bhaskar Naik, Director of Lex Infitum Dr Kim Couto, Miss Tashina Pinto Do Rosario President of Lex Infitum 2026, and Ashraf Agha, Vice-President of Lex Infitum 2026. In addition, the event witnessed the presence of the members of VM-SCL, management committee and other distinguished members from the bar.

The valedictory function was compared by Trusha Desai and Priya Shirodkar.

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Competition Rounds –

The Competition was conducted over 5 rounds 5 different problems. The Lex Infitum Problems were drafted by Thomas Valenti, Greg Bond, Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava, Dr, B.S.Patil, Prof. Ashwini Parab.

List of Winners –

	COLLEGE	PARTICIPANTS
Winner Negotiating Team	University at Buffalo School of Law	1. Richard Neri III 2. Francesca Manzella
Runner Up Negotiating Team	National Law University, Delhi	1. Ali Ahmed Chaudhary 2. Anushka
Winner Mediator	Asia Pacific Institution of Information Technology (APIIT) Law School, Colombo	Rakeeb Zawahir
Runner Up Mediator	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab	Mannreet Kaur
Best Negotiating Team (Preliminary Round)	Symbiosis Law School, Pune	1. Krish Hitendra Khubchandani 2. Vipra Vijay Daswani
Best Negotiating Team (Quarter Final Round)	University at Buffalo School of Law	1. Richard Neri III 2. Francesca Manzella

Best Mediator (Prelim Round)	National University of Singapore	Goh Xinying Cassandra
Upcoming Mediator	Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla	Arush Kalsotra
Spirit of Lex	Singapore Management University, Singapore	-
Most Popular Team	National Law University, Delhi	-

Knowledge Sessions –

The ADR Board of VMSCL, Goa offers a two – day Knowledge Sessions in hybrid mode which were held on 22nd and 23rd January 2026. The Faculty Co-ordinators for the knowledge sessions were Dr. Ranjana Souza Cordeiro & Asst. Prof. Ujwala Pedenkar. The sessions on 22nd January were in online mode while the sessions on 23rd January were in hybrid mode. There were three sessions per day. They are training sessions that are conducted for students from all fields. The sessions delve into the basics of negotiation and mediation and were conducted by trained professionals and experts in the field of mediation. They provide the opportunity to learn the essential skills and values to become an effective negotiator and a skilled mediator. These sessions were held on the following topics:

1. Effective use of Mediation and building a career in ADR
2. The importance of Pre-Mediation Interview and Conflict Coaching
3. Corporate and Business Peacecraft: High Impact Boardroom Mediation
4. Interest based conflict resolution
5. Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) & Future of ADDR – AI, Metaverse & Technology Ethics
6. The Mediation Act 2023, Drafting the Settlement : From Agreement to Enforceability

The sessions were engaged by,

DAY ONE –

Session one- Topic: Effective Use of Mediation and Building a Career in ADR

Speaker: Adv. Ketaki Deshpande-Lulay.



Summary:

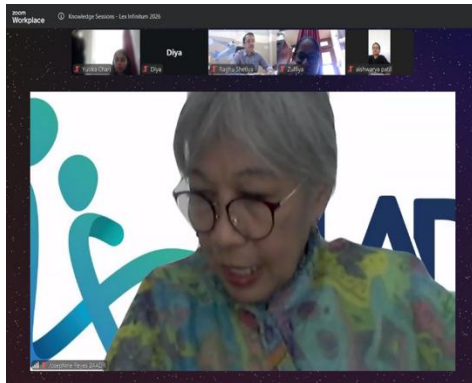
The session focused on practical approaches to mediation and how students can build a career in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Emphasis was placed on communication skills, neutrality, and emerging opportunities in the ADR field.

Session
2 -
Topic:
The

Importance of Pre-Mediation Interview and Conflict

Coaching

Speaker: Ms. Josephine Reyes



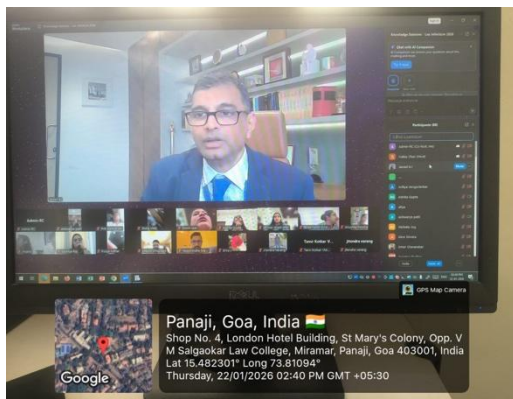
Summary –

This session highlighted the significance of pre-mediation preparation and the role of conflict coaching. It explained how understanding parties' perspectives beforehand improves the effectiveness of mediation outcomes.

Session
3 -

Topic: Corporate and Business Peacemaking: High-Impact Boardroom Mediation

Speaker: Mr. Jawad AJ



Summary:

The speaker discussed mediation in corporate environments, focusing on resolving high-stakes conflicts in boardrooms. Strategies for maintaining professionalism and achieving mutually beneficial solutions were emphasized.

DAY TWO –

Session 4 – Topic: Interest-Based Conflict Resolution

Speaker: Mr. Chirag Balyan



Summary:

This session introduced interest-based negotiation techniques, stressing the importance of identifying underlying interests rather than positions to reach sustainable and fair resolutions.

Session 5- Topic: Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) & Future of ADR – AI, Metaverse &

Technology Ethics

Speaker: Dr. Devanshu Shrivastava



Summary:

The session explored the growing role of technology in dispute resolution, including AI and virtual platforms. Ethical considerations and future trends in ODR were also discussed.

Session 6 - Topic: The Mediation Act 2023, Drafting the Settlement: From Agreement to Enforceability

Speaker: Adv. Dr. Vassudey Amonkar



Summary:

This session covered key provisions of the Mediation Act 2023 and the process of drafting legally enforceable settlement agreements, with a focus on clarity and compliance.

Total Number of Participants: 114 professionals and

students in hybrid mode.

DAY 1	DAY 2
Total - 114	Total - 114
Online attendees - 114	Online attendees - 103
	Campus Attendees - 11

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (LEX INFINITUM 2026)

1. Institutional Profile and Conference Foundation

The convening of the International Conference on ADR in 2026 marks a strategic milestone for the Devi Sharvani Education Society's V. M. Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCL), coinciding with the institution's Golden Jubilee. Since 1973, VMSCL has operated under the mandate of "*Excellentia, Justitia et Humanitas*" (Excellence, Justice, and Humanity). This conference serves as the intellectual manifestation of the "Humanitas" pillar, drawing directly from the college's 50-year legacy of social context legal education and its pioneering work through Legal Aid Cells and Clinics. This foundation of grassroots advocacy provides the necessary credibility to transition from traditional litigation toward a globalized ADR discourse, positioning the college as a vanguard of modern dispute resolution.

Recognized by the Bar Council of India and affiliated with Goa University, VMSCL's commitment to excellence is validated by a storied history of accolades. These include the first-ever All India Institutional Leadership Award (2011) from the Society of Indian Law Firms and the Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy, the Herbert Smith Freehills Community Engagement Award, and the Droit Penale Award. Notably, the institution has been consistently recognized with the Knowledge Steez Award in 2018, 2019, 2024, and 2025. This historical momentum has fuelled the ADR Board's mandate to evolve "Lex Infinitum" from a premier competition into an internationally acclaimed academic platform. By serving as the scholarly bridge between the 10th edition ("*Building Bridges: Mediation for Conflict Resolution*") and the 11th edition in 2026, this conference solidifies VMSCL's trajectory from a regional leader to a global hub for mediation and negotiation. These historical milestones and the institution's rigorous training frameworks provided the requisite foundation for the ambitious objectives of the 2026 international conference.

Lex Infinitum 2026: Shaping Global Justice through Alternative Dispute Resolution
An International ADR Conference hosted by V. M. Salgaocar College of Law

EVENT ESSENTIALS

Host Institution: V. M. Salgaocar College of Law
A premier Indian law school (Est. 1973) recognized for its pioneering Legal Aid Cells and the first to receive the All India Institutional Leadership Award.

Date & Venue: January 10th, 2026
The conference is fully digital, hosted via Zoom to facilitate international attendance.

Main Theme: Evolving ADR Mechanisms
Focuses on integrating law, education, ethics, and community to achieve global justice through alternative dispute resolution.

RESEARCH SUB-THEMES

- Commercial and International ADR:** Covers mediation, shipping, infrastructure (RIS), renewable energy, e-commerce, and enforcement of foreign awards.
- Labor, Employment, and Technology:** Focuses on new labor mediation, AI-driven algorithms, mediators, Smart Contracts, and Resonance virtual property disputes.
- Family, Social, and Community ADR:** Includes child custody, relative justice in conflict cases (e.g., Dowry, Indigenous land heritage), and refugee integration.
- Ethics in ADR:** Investigates mediator impartiality, confidentiality vs. privacy, Med-Dis conflicts of interest, and mandatory ADR in law corridors.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & DEADLINES

Oct 30, 2025: Registration Opens
All participants must register to receive a unique participating code for blind review.

Dec 10, 2025: Abstract Deadline
Submit a 250-word abstract with 8 keywords outlining objectives and methodology.

Dec 31, 2025: Full Paper Submission
Selected authors must submit full papers (4,000-6,000 words) using Bluebook 21st ed. citation.

Blind Peer Review Process
All abstracts and papers undergo a double-blind review by an expert panel to ensure academic integrity.

GLOBAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Prof. Alain Lemercier (USA/Italy):** CES Chair on Leadership and Negotiation and Harvard MBA Affiliate faculty expert in negotiating and mediating high-profile cases like the Apple-Oracle dispute.
- Srinivas Panchara (India):** Senior Advocate and pioneer of court-annexed mediation in India.
- Tara Chitambar (USA/India):** Co-founder of IAMP Arbitration & Mediation Practice and Harvard Mediating Disputes alumna.
- Dr. Gregory Biondi (Germany):** Renowned international mediator from the journal of ICDR, author, and editor of "Mediation Practice."
- Anil Xavier (India):** President of IAM and Chairman of ICDR, Chairman of the Asian Mediation Association (2019-2025).
- Thomas P. Valenti (USA):** Chicago-based attorney and mediator with 40+ years of experience. Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

REGISTRATION, FEES & AWARDS

Category	Participation Fee	Panel Review Fee (Single Author)	Panel Review Fee (Co-author)
Indian Institutions	₹ 800	₹ 1500 (Base) + ₹ 2000 (Panel)	₹ 1500 (Base) + ₹ 2000 (Panel)
International Participants	\$ 25	\$ 75	\$ 100

Awards:
 Best Paper Award: \$15,000 (1st research contribution) + \$25,000
 Best Presentation: \$6,000 (that includes and entitles you to \$25,000)

Publication Opportunity:
High quality papers will be published in the Salgaocar Law Review (ISSN: 2349-7103).

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2. Executive Leadership and Event Governance

The conference was predicated on a rigorous governance model that harmonized senior faculty expertise with high-level student leadership. This synergy ensured that the virtual proceedings maintained the same protocol-driven decorum as an in-person international summit. Under the strategic direction of Principal Dr. Shabir Ali G, the oversight of Dr. M.R.K Prasad and Dr. B.S. Patil

—who facilitated critical interactions with keynote speakers—the coordination team navigated the complexities of a multi-time zone, digital environment to deliver a seamless academic experience.

Conference Governance & Protocol

Role	Responsibility / Personnel
Faculty Coordinators	Assistant Professor: Varsha Redkar, Dhruva Naik, and Yogesh Varak
Institutional Oversight	Dr. B.S. Patil (International Liaison & Strategic Oversight)
Welcome Address	Dr. M.R.K. Prasad (Keynote Acquisition)
Student Coordinator	Mr. Khalid Desai (Keynote Acquisition & Fraternity Outreach)
Paper Presentation Judges	Dr. Kim Couto (Morning session) & Asst. Prof. Pearl Monteiro (Afternoon session)
Session Hosts	Asst. Prof. Dhruva Naik and Asst Prof Ms. Disha Sardesai
Timekeeper	Mr. Joseph Fernandes
Vote of Thanks	Dr. Shabir Ali G (Principal)
Zoom system management	Ms. Yutika Chari

This administrative registry provided the stable framework necessary to facilitate the transfer of knowledge from global ADR luminaries to the broader legal fraternity.

3. Global Keynote Symposia: Critical Insights from ADR Leaders

The conference theme, "Evolving ADR Mechanisms," was explored through a cross-disciplinary lens, inviting experts whose work directly informed the research

Prof. Alain Lempereur (The Law of the People: ADR for a Philosophy of Empowerment)
 Sriram Panchu (Mediation in Family Matters)
 Thomas Valenti (Ethics in ADR)
 Tara Ollapally (Beyond the Courtroom: Mediation for Workplace Disputes)
 Anil Xavier (Arbitration and Mediation in Commercial Disputes)
 Dr. Gregory Bond (Technology and the Mediator's Voice)

➤ **Keynote Knowledge Sessions: Global Leadership Perspectives –**

- **Commercial & International ADR:** Mr. Anil Xavier (President of IIAM and Chairman of APCAM) and Mr. Thomas P. Valenti (Chicago-based attorney and arbitrator) analyzed the shifting paradigms of international commerce
- **Negotiation & Humanitarian Leadership:** Prof. Alain Lempereur (Harvard PON Affiliate and EUI Chair) brought transformative value by detailing negotiation theory within peacebuilding efforts in Burundi and the West Bank.
- **Mediation Advocacy & Legislation:** Mr. Sriram Panchu, who led the drafting of India's Mediation Bill (2021), and Ms. Tara Ollapally, Co-founder of CAMP, addressed the

institutionalization of mediation. Their contributions linked the legislative future of Indian ADR directly to the ethical and clinical education themes explored by the participants.

- **Technological Integration & Institutional Legacy:** Dr. Gregory Bond (Germany) reinforced the college's international ties, having served as a Lex Infinitum coach and expert in 2017 and 2018. As Co-Chair of the ICC Paris Problems Working Group, his focus on the "mediator's voice" in a technological age underscored the conference's mission to integrate human empathy with algorithmic efficiency.

4. Analytical Review of Research Themes: The Four Pillars of ADR

1. Commercial and International ADR

- **Maritime and Shipping:** Arbitration under UNCITRAL frameworks.
- **Infrastructure and Energy:** FIDIC contracts, dispute boards, and renewable energy arbitration.
- **Investment and Finance:** ISDS reforms, trade wars (WTO), and cross-border loan disputes.
- **Emerging Sectors:** Intellectual Property mediation in entertainment and ADR for e-commerce platforms.

2. Labor, Employment, and Technology in ADR

- **Workplace Dynamics:** Collective bargaining, non-compete disputes, and harassment mediation.
- **Technological Integration:** AI-driven mediation, blockchain/smart contract arbitration, and virtual hearings.
- **Digital Assets:** Conflict resolution for Crypto, NFTs, and Metaverse property.

3. Family, Social, Community, and Human Rights ADR

- **Domestic Issues:** Divorce, child custody, and elder care.
- **Social Conflicts:** Restorative justice in ethnic conflicts (e.g., Manipur) and ADR in humanitarian zones (e.g., Gaza).
- **Community Disputes:** Religious tensions, interfaith mediation, and indigenous land rights.

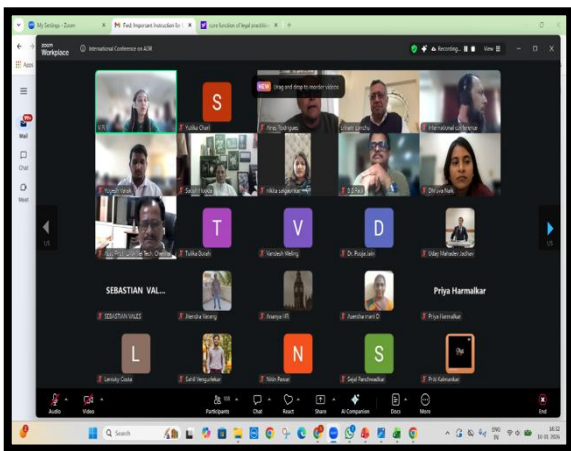
4. Ethics in ADR

- **Professional Integrity:** Mediator impartiality, neutrality, and the "Med-Arb" conflict of interest.
- **Governance:** Confidentiality vs. transparency and accountability mechanisms.
- **Education:** Integration of mandatory ADR in LL.B./LL.M. curricula.

Thematic Analysis of Research Presentations

The "Call for Papers" successfully surfaced innovative ADR frameworks and technology-driven solutions, reflecting a significant shift toward addressing 21st-century complexities. The research was organized into the following analytical clusters:

- **Technology & Innovation**
 - *Algorithmic Governance*: Parasrampuria & Gosh critiqued AI bias, advocating for fairness in automated mediation.
 - *Cybersecurity*: Meera & Khanna analyzed the efficacy of mediation in resolving data breach disputes.
 - *Virtual Assets*: Sada addressed the jurisdictional and legal challenges of property disputes within the Metaverse.
- **Socio-Political & Humanitarian ADR**
 - *Conflict Zones*: Sajith & Gupta analyzed the operational logic of Humanitarian ADR in the Gaza conflict.
 - *Gender-Based Justice*: Borah & Debbarma, alongside Ashwini Parab, evaluated ADR as a more effective vehicle for gender justice than traditional adversarial courts.
 - *Empirical Capacity*: Sharma & Kumawat presented a state-wise, data-driven analysis of community inclusion and institutional capacity in Indian ADR.
- **Commercial & Corporate Frameworks**
 - *Insolvency*: Anupama B U and the team of Nakshatra & Rajesh evaluated the evolving role of ADR within the Indian Insolvency and Bankruptcy *Banking and Finance*: Pai & Acarya examined whether ADR can replace fragmented mechanisms in cross-border banking chargeback conflicts.



Winners of Paper Presentation-

PLACE	NAME	PAPER TITLE
FIRST	PROF. DEEVANSHU SHRIVASTAVA AND DR. APOORVA DIXIT	ODR and the Future of Fair Process: Building Trust in Digital Justice
SECOND	MS. ASHWINI PARAB	Plea Bargaining: Negotiated Justice in Gender Based Crimes

5. Recognition, Publication, and Institutional Legacy

- **Scholarly Recognition**: The "Best Paper" was awarded ₹15,000 (₹9,000 for second place), and the "Best Presentation" received ₹6,000 (₹5,000 for second place). These awards were announced by faculty to recognize both written rigor and oratorical excellence.
- **Publication Pipeline**: Selected papers undergo further blind review for publication in the *Salgaocar Law Review* (ISSN: 2395-7263). Making these works available on theslr.com ensures global accessibility and impact.

- **The Altruistic Mandate:** In a profound commitment to the future of the legal fraternity, all event savings are dedicated to sponsoring VMSCS students for ADR and other international competitions, reinvesting in the next generation of practitioners.

6. Administrative Registry & Protocol

The following logistical data summarizes the execution parameters for the International Conference on ADR.

Conference Timeline & Deadlines

Milestone	Date
Registration Commencement	October 30, 2025
Deadline for Registration (Abstract Submission)	December 10, 2025
Acceptance of Abstracts (Blind Review)	December 12, 2025
Full Paper & Review Fee Submission Deadline	December 31, 2025
Notification of Selection for Presentation	January 05, 2026
Attendee Registration Deadline	January 08, 2026
Conference Date (Online via Zoom)	January 10, 2026

Registration Fee Structure

Category	Participation Fee	Paper Review Fee (Selected Authors)
Indian Faculty/Professionals (Single)	₹500	₹2,500
Indian Faculty/Professionals (Co-author)	₹500 (per author)	₹3,500
Indian Students (Single Author)	₹500	₹1,500
Indian Students (Co-authored Paper)	₹500 (per author)	₹2,000
International Participants (Single)	\$25	\$75
International Participants (Co-author)	\$25 (per author)	\$100

The conference established professional standards through rigorous formatting and submission requirements:

- **Abstract Standards:** Submissions were limited to a maximum of 250 words and required to include exactly five keywords to ensure concise thematic indexing.
- **Documentation:** Full papers were required to be 4,000–6,000 words, utilizing the Bluebook 21st Edition (2020) citation style.

- Evaluation: An expert panel conducted the final review, ensuring all selected work was original and unpublished.

The incentive structure was designed to cultivate high-quality scholarship through a tiered award system:

- Best Paper Award: ₹15,000
- Second Best Paper Award: ₹9,000
- Best Paper Presentation: ₹6,000
- Second Best Paper Presentation: ₹5,000

This rigor ensured that the scholarship presented was of a caliber suitable for long-term publication and the college’s broader academic goals.

7. Conclusion:

Lex Infinitum 2026 affirmed that the future of dispute resolution lies in integrating leadership, ethics, education, and community-oriented justice. The conference also set a clear blueprint for VMSCL’s next half-century, anchoring legal excellence in service to humanity. It reinforced V. M. Salgaocar College of Law’s commitment to “Illumine, Inspire, and Innovate” in pursuit of global justice.

By convening global experts and emerging researchers, the conference strengthened ADR’s place in a modern, ethical legal system and advanced jurisprudential discourse. Its impact will continue through the *Salgaocar Law Review* (ISSN: 2395-7263), with selected papers published in print and online to ensure lasting accessibility.

Any savings from the conference will sponsor students for future ADR competitions, extending the Golden Jubilee vision—“Illumine. Inspire. Innovate.”—and the college motto, “Excellentia Justitia et Humanitas.”

➤ CERTIFICATE COURSE

1.CERTIFICATE COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) “NAVIGATE THE LEGAL AND PRACTICAL LANDSCAPE OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION WITH IPR

Organised by Assistant Professor Varsha Redkar and Assistant Professor Shreya Shah

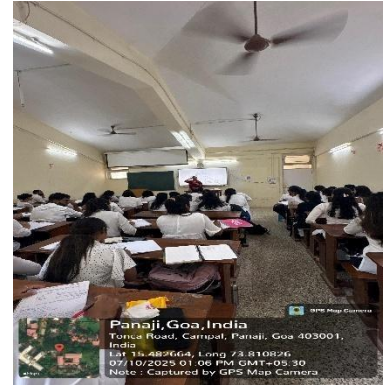
Dates: 10th July – 17th July 2025

No. Of. Students:70

A week-long Certificate Course on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was successfully conducted by Assistant Professors Varsha Redkar and Shreya Shah, with the aim of sensitizing law students to the importance and intricacies of IPR in legal practice and policy.



The course commenced on **10th July 2025**, auspiciously aligned with **Guru Purnima**, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge. The inauguration included an offline lecture by **Asst. Prof. Varsha Redkar**, introduced the concept of **Patents**, their scope, and relevance in innovation protection.



On **11th July**, the course proceeded with a detailed session on **Trademarks**, also delivered by **Asst. Prof. Varsha Redkar**, highlighting the essentials, registration procedure, and recent developments in trademark law.

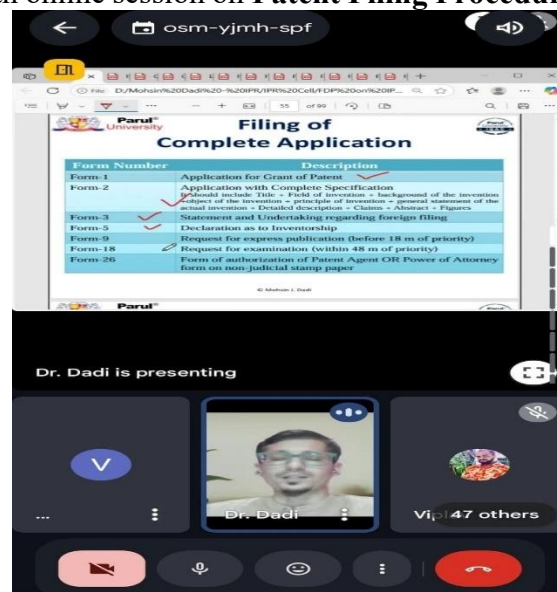
On **Saturday, 12th July**, a special guest session was held by **Ms. Rejitha Rajan**, who gave an inspiring talk on **Careers in Law**, motivating students to explore various opportunities within and beyond IPR law.



On **14th July**, two sessions were conducted:

- In the morning, an insightful offline session was led by **Mr. Deepak Parab**, the **Nodal Officer for GI Applications in Goa**, who discussed the practical challenges and procedure for **Geographical Indications (GI)** registration.
- In the evening, from **7:30 PM to 8:30 PM**, an online session on **Patent Filing Procedure** was conducted by **Dr. Dadi Mohsin Jamilahmed**, Associate Professor at Parul University and a registered Patent & Trademark Agent. He explained the procedural formalities and various forms involved in filing patent applications.

On **15th July**, the **Trademark** session was continued by **Asst. Prof. Varsha Redkar**, focusing on **remedies for infringement** and important case laws. In the evening, **Dr. Dadi Mohsin Jamilahmed** returned to conduct an **online session on Trademark Filing Procedures**, from **7:30 PM to 8:30 PM**.





On **16th July**, **Copyright Law** covered in a comprehensive offline lecture by **Asst. Prof. Varsha Redkar**, explaining the basics, authorship rights, fair and infringement. This was followed by an engaging and interactive **IPR Quiz**, curated conducted by **Asst. Prof.**



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Shreya Shah, which tested students’ knowledge in a fun and competitive format.

The course concluded on **17th July 2025** with a **Final Exam of 40 marks**, prepared by **Asst. Prof. Shreya Shah**. Students enthusiastically participated and showcased the knowledge they gained throughout the week. The day concluded with a **delicious lunch** and a warm vote of thanks from the students, expressing their appreciation for the well-structured and enriching sessions.

Shreya Shah designed a certificate for the course, which was then emailed to the registered students.

The Certificate Course proved to be a great success, offering practical and theoretical insights into various aspects of Intellectual Property Law, and was well-received by the participants.



➤ **Lectures/ Talks/ Seminars**

● **SEMINAR ON IT LAWS AND CYBER CRIMES**

Programme: Seminar on IT Laws and Cyber Crimes by Rahul Gupta, IPS, SP Goa

Date: 12/08/2025

Time: 11-1 pm

Venue: V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa

Organized by: Asst. Professor Varsha Redkar, Asst. Professor Rhucha Garde

Total Participants: 125

A seminar on IT Laws and Cyber Crimes was organised for the students of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law with the objective of creating awareness about the growing challenges posed by cyber offences and the legal framework governing them. The session aimed to equip students with practical knowledge of cybercrime prevention and legal remedies available under Indian law.

The seminar was delivered by Rahul Gupta, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Goa, who possesses extensive experience in handling cybercrime cases and law enforcement.

Professional Experience:

As a senior police officer, he has led numerous cybercrime investigations and contributed significantly to raising awareness of digital safety and cyber laws. His practical insights and real-life case references made the session highly relevant and informative. The session commenced with a warm welcome. The student coordinator, Shibani Singh, efficiently managed the programme. The resource person was introduced, followed by the commencement of the lecture. The seminar progressed interactively with active student participation.

a) Social Media Crimes

The speaker elaborated on the increasing misuse of social media platforms for offences such as cyber harassment, identity theft, and online defamation. He cautioned students about the risks of sharing personal information online and emphasized responsible digital conduct.



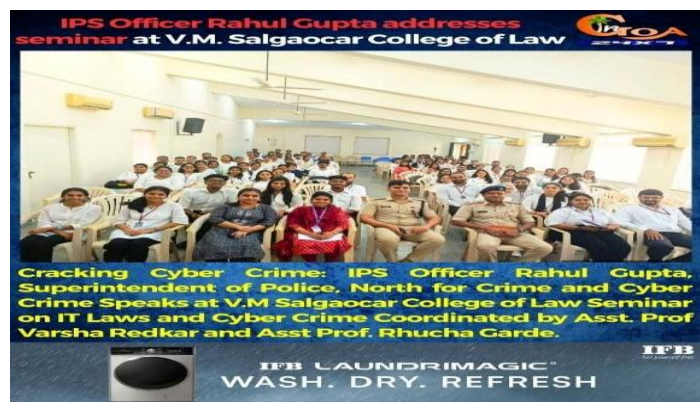
b) Online Banking and Financial Frauds

A major focus of the seminar was on financial cybercrimes, including phishing scams, OTP frauds, and fraudulent links. The speaker explained common techniques used by cybercriminals and highlighted precautionary measures to avoid such frauds.

c) Cybercrime Targeting Senior Citizens

Special emphasis was laid on the vulnerability of senior citizens to cyber fraud. The speaker explained how fraudsters exploit their lack of digital awareness and trust. He stressed the importance of awareness, vigilance, and timely reporting of cyber offences.

Students actively participated in the seminar and showed keen interest in the subject. The interactive session allowed them to clarify doubts regarding cyber laws, reporting mechanisms, and preventive strategies. The session was appreciated for its practical orientation and relevance in today's digital age. Mr. Joseph Fernandes proposed a vote of thanks.



The seminar on IT Laws and Cyber Crimes was highly informative and beneficial to the students. The college acknowledges the valuable contribution of Rahul Gupta, IPS, SP Goa and extends sincere

gratitude for sharing his expertise. The programme successfully achieved its objective of enhancing awareness about cyber laws and promoting digital safety among students.

- **WORKSHOP ON “NUANCES OF DRAFTING AND PLEADING”**

Devi Sharvani Education Society’s V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar–Goa in collaboration with Beyond Barriers-Towards Hope (NGO) successfully organized a workshop titled “Nuances of Drafting and Pleading” on 22nd December 2025, from 12:30 a.m. to 1:30pm, at the conference hall of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law. The workshop aimed to equip law students and young practitioners with essential skills required for effective pleadings and drafting. The workshop was attended by a total of 51 Participants.



The resource person for the workshop was Adv. Shri. Ashwani Dubey, Advocate Supreme Court of India, who brought valuable practical insights into the art of legal drafting. Participants were introduced to the importance of clarity, precision, and legal reasoning in pleadings. The speaker emphasized how proper drafting plays a crucial role in litigation and judicial outcomes.

The workshop was highly interactive, encouraging participants to engage in discussions and develop analytical thinking. At the end of the session, a practical drafting activity was conducted, allowing participants to apply the concepts they had learned. This hands-on exercise enhanced their understanding and boosted their confidence in legal writing. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, with limited seats ensuring focused interaction. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Dhruva Naik, under the guidance of Dr. G. Shaber Ali, Principal of the College. Overall, the workshop proved to be an enriching experience, preparing participants for both academic and professional challenges in the legal field.





- **“MASTERING JUDGMENTS: WORKSHOP ON JUDGMENT READING & LEGAL ANALYSIS”**

Devi Sharvani Education Society’s V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar–Goa, successfully organized a workshop titled “Mastering Judgments: Workshop on Judgment Reading & Legal Analysis” on 15 December 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Hall No. 12. The workshop aimed at enhancing students’ skills in understanding, interpreting, and critically analysing judicial decisions an essential competence for law students and budding legal professionals. The workshop was attended by a total of 46 Participants.

The resource person for the workshop was Shri Edgar Fernandes, Retired District and Sessions Judge, whose vast judicial experience enriched the session with practical insights. Shri Fernandes explained the structure of judgments, focusing on identifying material facts, issues framed, ratio decidendi and obiter dicta. He also guided students on reading judgments analytically rather than mechanically.



The session was highly interactive, with the resource person engaging students through examples from landmark judgments and encouraging questions and discussion.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, with limited seats ensuring focused interaction. The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Dhruva Naik and Asst. Prof. Siddhi Naik, under the guidance of Dr. G. Shaber Ali, Principal of the College.

Overall, the workshop was a valuable academic initiative that significantly contributed to strengthening student's legal analytical skills and appreciation of judicial decision-making.



- **Session on Cyber law**

Name of the Resource Person: Mr. Gokul Narayan,
Cyber Expert **Date:** 2/12/2025

Faculty Incharges: Asst. prof. Siddhi Naik & Asst. Prof. Dhruva Naik
Number of participants: 14

A Cyber Law awareness session was conducted on 2/12/2025 to make students aware about the increasing significance of legal protection in the digital age. The session was addressed by Mr. Gokul Narayan, Cyber Expert. The purpose of the session was to raise awareness about a variety of cybercrimes, including identity theft, phishing, hacking, online fraud, cyber stalking, and cyberbullying. The resource person outlined the fundamental elements of Indian cyber laws and emphasized how these laws aid in combating technological abuse and safeguarding people's rights online. Additionally, the significance of responsible internet use and the legal consequences of cybercrimes were explained to the students.

Practical advice on how to maintain security online was given throughout the event, including safeguarding personal information, avoiding suspicious links, creating strong passwords, and exercising caution. The session proved to be very helpful for the students to grasp the legal knowledge about digital safety in today's technologically advanced society.

- **SEMINAR ON CAREER IN LABOUR LAW**

Programme: Seminar on Career in Labour Law by Adv. Ajay Prabhugaonkar

Date: 07/11/2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: Moot Court Room, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa

Organized by: Asst. Professor Varsha Redkar, Asst. Professor Sachin Panicker

Total Participants: —55

A seminar on “Career in Labour Law” was organised for the TY LL.B Degree students at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law. The session aimed to provide students with insights into the scope, opportunities, and practical aspects of pursuing a career in labour and employment law.

The session was delivered by Ajay Prabhugaonkar, an experienced legal practitioner specializing in labour law matters.

The speaker has extensive experience in handling labour disputes, industrial relations issues, and advisory roles for organisations. His practical exposure to labour law litigation and compliance matters made the session highly relevant and informative for students.

The seminar commenced at 11:00 AM in the Moot Court Room. The session began with a brief introduction of the speaker, followed by the lecture. The programme was conducted in an interactive manner, encouraging students to actively participate and engage with the speaker.



Key Highlights of the Lecture

a) Scope of Labour Law as a Career

The speaker explained the wide scope of labour law, including opportunities in litigation, corporate advisory, human resource management, and compliance roles.

b) Practical Aspects of Labour Law Practice

Students were introduced to the practical side of labour law, including handling industrial disputes, drafting legal documents, and representing clients before labour courts and tribunals.

c) Important Labour Legislations

The session covered key labour laws and recent developments, emphasizing their relevance in today’s employment landscape.

d) Skills Required for Labour Law Professionals

The speaker highlighted essential skills such as negotiation, drafting, communication, and understanding of industrial relations.

e) Career Opportunities and Guidance

Valuable guidance was provided on building a career in labour law, including internships, networking, and specialization strategies.

Students actively participated in the seminar and showed keen interest in exploring labour law as a career option. The session provided clarity on practical aspects and career pathways, making it highly beneficial and engaging.

The seminar on “Career in Labour Law” proved to be highly informative and beneficial for the students. The college expresses sincere gratitude to Ajay Prabhugaonkar for sharing his valuable insights and practical knowledge. The programme successfully achieved its objective of guiding students towards potential career opportunities in labour law.



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• GUEST LECTURE: BHARTIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM

Programme: Guest Lecture on Bhartiya Sakshya Adhinyam by Prof Dr. C.M.Rao

Date: 29/11/2025

Time: 9:40 AM onwards

Venue: College Premises Hall No. 16

Organized by: Dr. M.R.K. Prasad, Varsha Redkar

Total Participants: 37

A guest lecture on the Bhartiya Sakshya Adhinyam was organised for the LL.B. students to enhance their understanding of the new evidence law and its practical applications in criminal justice. The session aimed at giving students clarity on key evidentiary principles, especially in the context of identification procedures and the distinction between relevant facts and facts in issue.



The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. C. M. Rao (B.Com, M.L., Ph.D.), an eminent academician with extensive experience in the field of law.

Academic Background:

- B.Com and LL.B. from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam
- Master of Laws (Business Law) from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University
- Ph.D. on “*A Study of Doctrine of Promissory Estoppel and Its Application in the Domain of Public Law in India*” from Andhra University

Professional Experience:

Dr. Rao joined service as a Lecturer in Law on 08/03/1988 and possesses 24 years of rich teaching experience. His deep understanding of doctrinal and practical aspects of law made the session academically enriching and highly relevant.

- The session commenced with a warm welcome. Ms. Fathima Dareen, student of Second Year LL.B Degree Program, formally introduced the guest speaker. Mr. Sangeet Grower welcomed Prof. Dr. Rao by presenting a bouquet.

Prof. Dr. Rao delivered an insightful and structured lecture focusing on:



a) Identification Parade

He explained the 17 essential steps required to be followed during an identification parade, emphasising procedural fairness, safeguarding the rights of the accused, and maintaining evidentiary value.

The lecture provided clarity on the distinction between *facts in issue* and *relevant facts* under the Bhartiya Sakshya Adhinyam. Students were guided on how evidence becomes admissible and how courts evaluate the link between facts and the issues in dispute.

The session was highly interactive with examples drawn from practical cases, enabling students to appreciate the significance of proper evidence gathering and procedural compliance. The guest lecture by Prof. Dr. C. M. Rao was highly informative and beneficial to the students of LL.B Degree Program. The college acknowledges his contribution and extends sincere gratitude for sharing his expertise. The programme successfully achieved its objective of deepening student understanding of the Bhartiya Sakshya Adhinyam.

SEMINAR ON “LITIGATION REVOLVES! MEDIATION RESOLVES”

Date: 25th March 2025

Time: 11:40 AM

Keynote Speaker: Shri K. C. Sharma

Guest: Adv. Savio Lobo

Guest of Honour: Ms. Sayonara Telles Laad, Former District and Sessions Judge

Participants:36

Faculty Coordinators: Ms. Varsha Redkar , Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar & Ms. Saloni Banaulikar



The V. M. Salgaocar College of Law organized a seminar titled “Litigation Revolves! Mediation Resolves” with the aim of promoting awareness about Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), particularly mediation as an effective tool for resolving disputes.

Objective of the Programme

The primary objective of the programme was:

- To create awareness about mediation as an alternative to litigation
- To highlight the advantages of ADR mechanisms
- To encourage law students to adopt mediation in legal practice

The programme commenced at 11:40 AM with a formal welcome of the dignitaries.

The keynote address delivered by Shri K. C. Sharma emphasized the growing challenges of prolonged litigation and the need to shift towards mediation. He highlighted mediation as a cost-effective, time-saving, and confidential process that helps in preserving relationships between parties.

Adv. Savio Lobo shared practical insights from the legal profession, stressing the importance of integrating ADR mechanisms into regular legal practice.

Ms. Sayonara Telles Laad, Former District and Sessions Judge, provided valuable perspectives from judicial experience, emphasizing the role of mediation reducing case backlog and ensuring speedy justice.

The session was highly interactive and informative, providing students with both theoretical and practical understanding of mediation.

Outcome of the Programme

The programme successfully:

- Enhanced awareness about mediation
 - Encouraged students to consider ADR as a viable career and practice option
 - Highlighted the importance of resolving disputes amicably
- Conclusion

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the esteemed speakers, dignitaries, and participants. The session proved to be highly enriching and aligned to promote mediation as an essential component of the modern legal system.



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- **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR NEWLY RECRUITED TEACHERS**

The Human Resource Development Cell, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, organized a two-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on 24th and 26th June 2025. The FDP was specially designed for newly recruited faculty members to equip them with the essential skills and institutional values necessary for effective teaching and professional growth. It was attended by a total of 9 participants. The FDP spanned for 2 days from 11am to 4:30 pm.



Day 1: 24th June 2025

Session I: Inaugural Address

The program commenced with an inaugural address by Mr. Bhaskar Nayak, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of faculty development in the context of changing legal education paradigms. His address underscored the evolving role of educators in promoting academic excellence and holistic student development.

Session II: Legal Pedagogy – Learning Outcomes

Dr. M.R.K. Prasad led an engaging session on the significance of aligning legal pedagogy with specific learning outcomes. He emphasized the importance of outcome-based education and practical skill.

Session III: Using Simulations and Clinical Methods

Dr. B.S. Patil shared his expertise on incorporating simulations and clinical methods in the teaching of law. He discussed practical approaches to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world legal practice, advocating for experiential learning models.

Session V: Role of the Teacher

Dr. Shaber Ali delivered a thought-provoking session on the multifaceted role of the teacher in modern legal education. He highlighted the teacher's responsibility as a mentor, facilitator, evaluator and lifelong learner.

Day 2: 26th June 2025

Session IV: Teaching with Empathy

Dr. Kim Couto opened the second day with a reflective session on teaching with empathy. She explored how understanding student perspectives can enhance classroom engagement, foster inclusivity and support learner well-being.

Session V: Assessment and Developing Rubrics

Mr. Ramrai Naik conducted a practical on developing effective assessment tools and rubrics. He demonstrated how structured assessment strategies can help in transparent objective evaluation.

Session VI: Managing Classroom Teaching

K.S. Rao focused on classroom management techniques. He shared tools to maintain discipline, encourage participation and adapt teaching styles to cater to diverse learners.

Session VII: Faculty Code of Conduct and Institutional Mechanism for Grievance Redressal

Dr. Sandhya Ram gave a comprehensive overview of the faculty code of conduct and the existing institutional mechanisms for grievance redressal. She emphasized the importance of ethics, transparency and accountability in academic institutions.

Session VIII: Inclusive and Respectful Work Culture – Navigating Personal Biases and Preferences

final session was led by Dr. M.R.K. Prasad, sensitized the participants to the importance inclusivity and respect in the workplace. He conducted a scenario-based activity for the participants which helped them recognize and navigate unconscious biases, encouraging self-reflection and empathy in professional interactions.

The two-day FDP provided newly recruited faculty members with valuable insights into essential skills and institutional values necessary for effective teaching and professional growth. The program successfully met its objectives of orienting young educators towards a more holistic, empathetic and student-centric approach to legal education. The organizers extend their gratitude to all resource persons and participants for making the FDP a resounding success.



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- **CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING FOR FACULTY**

The Research Development Cell, in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Cell of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, organised a Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal Writing for Faculty on 1st August 2025 from 11:30am to 1:15pm in Hall No. 12 of V.M Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Panaji. The objective of the workshop was to build the capacity of faculty members in conceptualising, structuring and drafting high-quality research proposals suited for funding opportunities. The workshop was attended by a total of 32 Faculty members.



The workshop was inaugurated with a welcome address by Dr. MRK Prasad, followed by a keynote session by Prof. Dr. Malapati K. Janarthanam, Chairperson Goa State Research Foundation. He emphasised the relevance of research and encouraged the faculty to undertake research. The workshop covered essential aspects as Elements of a Research Proposal, Research Design and Methodology, Ethical Considerations in Research and Budgeting and Financial Planning. At the end of the session participants raised their queries which were addressed by speaker to their satisfaction.



The workshop concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude towards the resource person, all faculty participants and the organising team.

- **“UNDERSTANDING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS & MSME COMPLIANCES”**

Programme: Knowledge Session on **Understanding Legal Frameworks & MSME Compliances**

Date: 26/09/2026

Time: 11 am

Organiser: ASSOCHAM Goa Council, in collaboration with V.M. Salgaocar College of Law

Faculty Coordinators: Asst Professor, Dr. Sonal Sardessai, Asst. Professor Varsha Redkar

Total Participants: 36

The ASSOCHAM Goa Council, in collaboration V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, organised a knowledge session on “Understanding Legal Frameworks & MSME Compliances”.



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The objective was to create awareness on significant compliance challenges faced by startups and MSMEs and how this can be addressed with the support of necessary regulations and tax frameworks.

Smt. Geeta Joshi, Planning Officer, Directorate of Industries, Trade & Commerce, Government of Goa, was invited as the Special Guest and addressed entrepreneurship development and opportunities.

Dr. Sonal Sardessai and Prof. Varsha Redkar guided how to legally protect new ideas through the patent process and business identity through trademark registration.



The session

concluded with an emphasis on equipping startups and MSMEs with the right legal

knowledge to strengthen their journey towards growth and sustainability.



POSH COMPLIANCE CLINIC

Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad, Director | Dr. Sandhya Ram, Associate Director

Establishment of the POSH Compliance Clinic

Background

The college had initiated Project POSH in association with GIPARD and conducted training programs for the Internal Committee members of all educational institutions in the State of Goa on the law and procedure relating to the prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplace. Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad and Dr. Sandhya Ram S.A were the Project Coordinators. Ten students were taken as interns in the conduct of Project POSH.

The project was launched in September 2022 and was conducted in three phases. The project was completed in October 2024. A total of 242 IC members from 54 HEIs , 268 IC members from 109 HSS and 812 IC members from 395 High Schools were trained.

On the successful completion of the project, the Team submitted its recommendations to the Directorate of Education and informed them that the college would be establishing a POSH Compliance Clinic in the college. Thereafter, the Directorate of Education, Government of Goa notified the POSH Compliance Clinic of V.M.Salgaocar College of Law as the Consultancy Centre on POSH matters

Admission of students

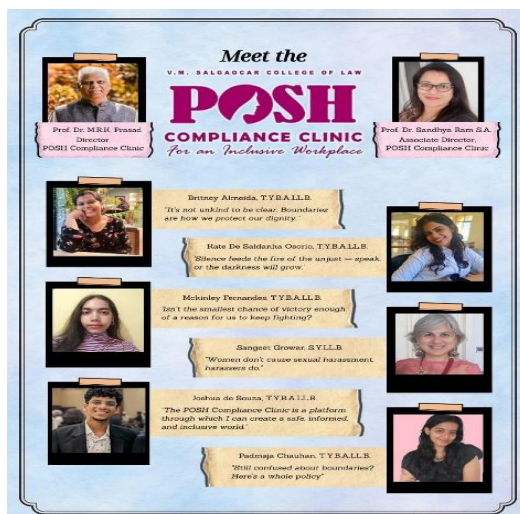
A google form was circulated to students informing them that the POSH Compliance Clinic will be involved in assisting all institutions and individuals in the State of Goa in matters relating to prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplaces. The work undertaken by the students would be considered as legal aid work. Students who wish to enrol as members of the POSH Compliance Clinic are required to fill the google form on or before February 8, 2025. Eligibility - Student of FY Degree, SY BA LL.B and TY BA LL.B (and not a member of any other

clinic); Skills required – Research and Writing skills, Computer and soft skills; Aptitude required - Sensitivity to the subject matter and interest in working for it; Benefits – Enriching learning experience and a certification to be an IC member in institutions.

Selection was based on the student responses in the google form and an interview to verify the aptitude and suitability of the student for PCC. Following this process, 13 students were selected to the PCC.

Members

1. Abigail Fernandes
2. Britney Branca Aloma Almeida
3. Christina Ajay Khandolkar
4. Joshua de Souza
5. Kate de Saldanha Osorio
6. Manasvi Tanksale
7. Mckinley Lisa Fernandes
8. Natalia Silveira e Sachdeva
9. Padmaja Chauhan
10. Priya Shirodkar
11. Richa Gomes
12. Sangeet Growar
13. Vernon Kevin Dias



Training and Orientation

Prof. MRK Prasad and Dr. Sandhya Ram S.A conducted orientation and training sessions for the members. The members were trained to conduct awareness programs on the POSH Act. The members gave several mock presentations, revised, and finalised the content. This equipped them to be resource persons at various institutions.

Awareness Sessions on POSH/Gender Sensitization/ POC SO/Related laws conducted in other educational institutions

Sl No.	Speakers (PCC members)	Date	Venue	Audience
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1.	Christina Khandolkar, Natalia Silveira & Sangeet Growar	18 th December 2025	Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Panjim	Students and faculty
2.	Manasvi Tanksale & Mckinley Fernandes	15 th January, 2026	MES Vasant Joshi College, Zuarinagar, Vasco	Third year students of B.A. and B.Com courses
3.	Priya Shirodkar & Padmaja Chauhan	28 th January 2026	St. Andrews HSS, Vadem, Vasco	Students of Class XI
4.	Richa Gomes & Britney Amleida	28 th January 2026	Don Bosco College, Panjim	TY Students
5.	Priya Shirodkar & Abigail Fernandes	2 nd February 2026	Goa College of Home Science & culinary Education, Dona Paula	FY & TY students
6.	Padmaja Chauhan & Richa Gomes	7 th February 2026	St. xaviers College, Mapusa	Students of TY Psychology Honors
7.	Priya Shirodkar & Abigail Fernandes	17 th February 2026	Goa College of Arts, Altinho, Panjim	FY students
8.	Manasvi Tanksale & Mckinley Fernandes	09 th March, 2026	MES Vasant Joshi College, Zuarinagar	Students of self-financed courses and faculty members
9.	Manasvi Tanksale & Mckinley Fernandes	14 th March, 2026	Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim	Students of B.Com course
10.	Joshua de Souza & Katede Saldanha Osorio	3 rd October, 2025	HPSM's Ganpat Parsekar College, Arambol	Students of 2 nd and 3 rd year
11.	Joshua de Souza & Kate de Saldanha Osorio	20 th March 2026	Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim	Students of 2 nd year students of B. Com
12.	Joshua de Souza & Kate de Saldanha Osorio	20 th March 2026	Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim	Students of 1 st year B. Com
13.	Priya Shirodkar & Abigail Fernandes	2 nd February 2026	Goa College Of Hospitality and Culinary Education, Dona-Paul, Panjim	Students of FY and TY
14.	Priya Shirodkar & Abigail Fernandes	17 th February 2026	Goa College of Art, Altinho-Panjim	Students of FY
15.	Priya Shirodkar & Abigail Fernandes	5 th March 2026	Parvatibai Chowgule	FY & TY students of all streams

			College of Arts and Science, Margao-Goa	
16.	Priya Shirodkar & Abigail Fernandes	10 th March 2026	Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho-Panjim	Students of FY and SY B.Ed (150-200 teacher trainees)
17.	Vernon Diaz & Britney Almeida	10 th March 2026	Parul University, Betul	Students of B.Tech (CSE & IT) & BCA
18.	Richa Gomes & Natalia Silveira	10 th March 2026	Parul University, Betul	Students of BBA & MBA
19.	Vernon Diaz & Britney Almeida	10 th March 2026	Parul University, Betul	Students of BPT
20.	Richa Gomes & Natalia Silveira	10 th March 2026	Parul University, Betul	Students of B.Pharm & B.Sc Nursing
21.	Sangeet Growar & Christina Khandolkar	10 th March 2026	Parul University, Betul	Students of MCA, GNM, Applied Science (Micro, Biotech, OTT, MLT)
22.	Dr. Sandhya Ram S.A (Faculty)	10 th March 2026	Parul University, Betul	Faculty of all streams & Office Staff

POSH Awareness Drive at Parul University, Betul on 10th March 2026

On invitation, Dr. Sandhya Ram (Associate Director, Posh Compliance Clinic) and a team of 6 students visited Parul University at Betul, situated around 50km from the college. The program that commenced at 9.30 am was completed at 4.30pm. A total of 6 sessions were scheduled for the entire students, faculty, and staff of Parul University. The details in the circular of the host institution is added below.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT COMMITTEE CELL

On the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8), observed under the theme "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls", the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) Cell will be conducting a Sensitization Program for students, faculty, and office staff.

The program is designed to raise awareness about the provisions of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013 and to highlight the roles and responsibilities of the Internal Complaints Committee in fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus environment.

The program will be conducted by Dr. Sandhya Ram S. A., Associate Professor and Director, Centre for the Rights of Older Persons & Associate Director, PoSH Compliance Clinic, V.M Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Panaji, Goa, along with her teamates.

The program aims to educate students, faculty and office staff about:

- Key provisions of the POSH Act, 2013
- Roles and responsibilities of students and employees
- Procedure for filing complaints
- Inquiry and redressal mechanisms
- Importance of confidentiality
- Preventive measures to ensure a safe and respectful campus environment


The details of the program are as follows:

Date: 10th March 2026
Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Venue: Seminar Hall

All students, faculty and office staff members are required to attend the session mandatorily. Attendance will be recorded.

Date: 26/02/2026

[Signature]
26/2/2026
Dr. Jeyalakshmi K.
Presiding Officer, ICC



[Signature]
26/2/2026
Dr. Lalit Lata Jha
Vice Chancellor

PARUL UNIVERSITY, GOA
INTERNAL COMPLAINT COMMITTEE CELL
SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME SCHEDULE
TARGET AUDIENCE: STUDENT, FACULTY AND OFFICE STAFF

Date: 10th March 2026

TIME	STUDENT/ FACULTY/ OFFICE STAFF	STREAM	RESOURCE PERSON	VENUE
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Student	B.Tech (CSE & IT) + BCA	Ms. Padmaja Chauhan & Ms Britney Almeida	SEMINAR HALL
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Student	BBA + MBA	Ms.Richa Gomes & Ms.Natalia Silveria	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Student	BPT	Ms.Padmaja Chauhan & Ms.Britney Almeida	
LUNCH BREAK				
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Student	B.Pharm + B.Sc Nursing	Ms.Richa Gomes & Ms.Natalia Silveria	
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Student	MCA + GNM + Applied Science (Micro, Biotech, OTT, MLT)	Ms.Sangeet Growar & Ms.Christina Khandolkar	
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Faculty & Office Staff	All Streams	Dr. Sandhya Ram S. A.	CLASSROOM NO: 103/117

Note:

1. All faculty members who have lectures scheduled during the faculty session time slot are requested to assign appropriate classwork or assignments for that hour and attend the above-mentioned program.
2. All MFTs are responsible for ensuring that students are seated in the Seminar Hall as per the allotted time slots.
3. All MFTs are responsible for taking the attendance of their respective classes.
4. Student – Co-ordinator/ Faculty members assigned by respective Deans are responsible for taking geo-tagged photographs and submitting them to ICC Cell.

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PCC members felicitated by Parul University

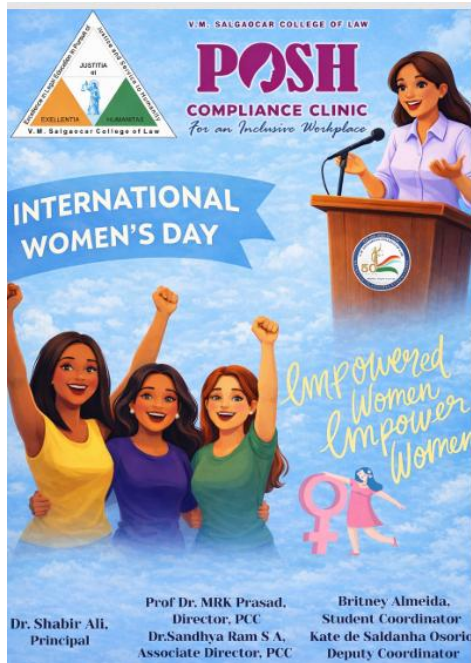


Awareness sessions conducted in V.M.Salgaocar College of Law

Sl No.	Class	Speaker/s	Date
1.	FY B.A. LL.B	Dr. Sandhya Ram S.A	7 th January 2026
2.	SYBALLB – A	Richa Gomes Padmaja Chauhan	9 th January 2026
3.	SYBALLB – B	Manasvi Tanksale & Mckinley Fernandes	9 th January 2026
4.	TY BA. LL.B – A	Priya Shirodkar Abigail Fernandes	9 th January 2026
5.	TY BA. LL.B – B	Britney Almeida Natalia	9 th January 2026
6.	4Y B.A LL.B - A	Joshua de Souza & Sangeet Growar	9 th January 2026
7.	4Y B.A LL.B - B	Kate Christina	9 th January 2026
8.	5Y B.A LL.B - A	Priya Shirodkar Abigail Fernandes	8 th January 2026
9.	5Y B.A LL.B - B	Richa Gomes Padmaja Chauhan	8 th January 2026
10.	FY LL.B Degree- A	Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad	8 th January 2026
11.	FY LL.B Degree - B	Prof. Dr. MRK Prasad	
12.	SY LL.B Degree - A	Kate de Saldanha Osorio & Christina Ajay Khandolkar	8 th January 2026
13.	SY LL.B Degree - B	Joshua de Souza & Sangeet Growar	8 th January 2026
14.	TY LL.B Degree - A	Britney Almedia NataliaSilveira	8 th January 2026
15.	TY LL.B Degree - B	Manasvi Tanksale & Mckinley Fernandes	8 th January 2026

International Women’s Day Celebration, 2026

POSH Compliance Clinic conducted a Gender Sensitisation and POSH Awareness Programme in celebration of International Women’s Day – 8th March 2026. The theme of the program was “Let’s come together to promote awareness, equality, and respect.” As part of the celebrations, PCC hosted a series of exciting competitions leading up to the occasion - Poster Making, Quiz, Elocutio, Debate, Reel Making. The students of all classes were invited to participate and contribute to creating awareness about gender sensitivity and the importance of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) framework.



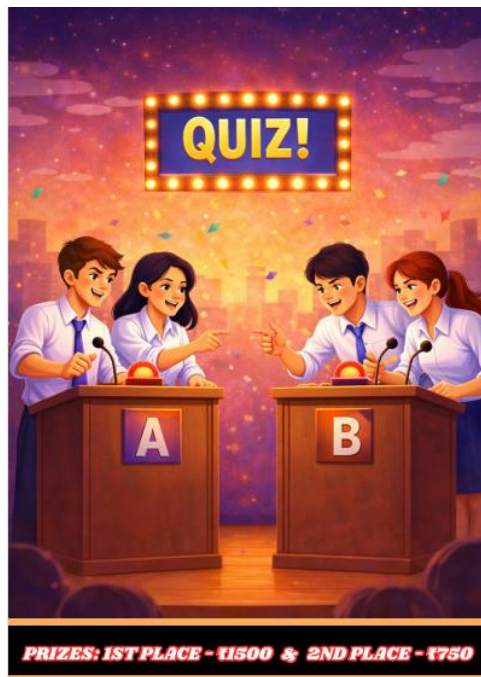
The POSH Compliance Clinic at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law celebrates International Women's Day by hosting a Gender Sensitization and POSH Program.

This program includes various exciting competitions: poster making, quiz, reel making, debate, and elocution competitions.

Students are encouraged to participate and sign up through the given Google Form below by or before 3rd March 2026.

Registration link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYapROxH4iWxYmH2r9ZclemN6wor_EpucieXOLHJ4ncR_g/viewform?usp=header



Theme: Women's Day
Date : 5th March 2026
Venue: Hall no. 12

Rules:

- The quiz will consist of 6 teams, in a first come first serve basis
- Teams will consist of 2 members
- Quiz will consist of 3 rounds:
 1. Direct questions
 2. Personalities
 3. Visual round
- In case of a tie, tie breaker questions will be used
- The quiz will cover themes of: POSH Act, women - personalities, Rights, contributions, schemes.

Student Coordinators: Joshua de Souza (9130021062)
Richa Gomes (9284877145)

Debate



Theme: - POSH Act: Necessary Shield or Career Barrier?

Venue: Hall no. 12

Rules:

- 6 teams Max (first come first serve) -Two participants per team
- 4 best teams move to Semis-Two best teams move on to Finals

Prelims : 30 mins Date: 6/03/2026

- 1 mins opening statement
- 10 mins open discussion
- 3 mins rebuttal
- 1 mins closing statement

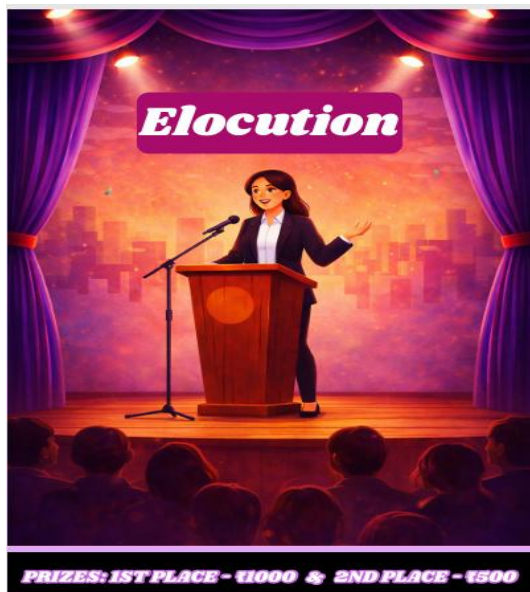
Semis- Date: 6/03/2026 & Finals : 40 mins Date: 7/03/2026

- 2 mins opening statement
- 10 mins open discussion
- 6 mins rebuttal
- 2 mins closing statement

Criteria for Evaluation:

1. Content & Ideas
2. Delivery and Presentation
3. Rebuttal and Responsiveness
4. Team Coordination
5. Decorum and Professionalism

Student Coordinators: Britney Almeida (9657554917)
Padmaja Chauhan (9623225423)



**Theme: 1. Deepfakes & Digital Consent:
The new frontier of violence against women in the virtual world.**

2. Feminism is not a Brand: Critiquing the commercialization of Women's Day.

3. The Pink Tax: the hidden cost of being a woman.

Date: 7th March

Venue: Conference Hall

Rules:

1. The competition is open to all students.
2. The language for the competition will be English.
3. Participants may choose to speak on any one of the topics provided.
4. Participants may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes only.

Judging Criteria:

- Clarity of ideas
- Relevance to the topic
- Language and articulation
- Creativity and originality

Student Coordinators: Kate de Saldana Osorio (9075925015)
Priya Shirodkar (8888958833)

Poster Making



Debate



International Women's Day 2026 – PCC members took a pledge



PLEDGE

*On this International Women's Day, I solemnly pledge -
To uphold the dignity and rights of every woman, both within this institution and in society at large.
To commit myself to equality and recognizing that every individual, regardless of gender, is entitled to the same rights, opportunities, and respect as enshrined in the Constitution of India
To ensure safety by upholding the POSH guidelines and ensuring that any campus, workplace and the community is free from harassment, discrimination, and fear by calling out gender stereotypes, bias & discrimination.
To encourage the leadership, education, and professional growth of women in all fields.
To elevate & celebrate women's achievements and to forge positive visibility of women.*

To uphold the dignity of all women and challenge stereotypes and biases in my thoughts, my words, and my actions and recognize that the progress of our nation is inseparable from the progress of its women.

Prize distribution and Valedictory Function



The competitions were judged by the faculty members. A valedictory function was held on 7th March 2026. Prof. Dr. Joanna Coelho, Professor, Goa University & Presiding Officer of Internal Committee of Goa University was the Chief Guest. She addressed the audience on the issues and challenges faced by women Tibetan refugees. The cash prize and certificate for the winners were awarded. The faculty members who judged the various competitions were felicitated. Principal Dr. Shaber Ali congratulated the PCC on its remarkable work. Dr. Sandhya Ram highlighted the relevance of POSH Compliance Clinic in a law college. Ms. Britney Almeida gave the vote of thanks.



Gallery – Awareness Sessions conducted by PCC Members



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❖ Report on Official Events Conducted by the Students' Council

The Students' Council for the academic year 2025-26, under the leadership of General Secretary Swayam Fal Dessai, Ladies Representative Saanj Sawant, Sports Secretary Swayam Naik, and the dedicated guidance of Faculty In-Charge Dr. Ranjana Ferrao successfully executed a series of

official events. These initiatives were designed to integrate new students, celebrate cultural heritage, foster entrepreneurial skills, and promote athletic excellence within the legal fraternity.

Detailed Elaboration of Official Events

1. Socials (Freshers' Day) – 20th September 2025

The Council organized the "Socials" to formally welcome the first-year BALLB and LLB students.

- **Objective:** To alleviate the initial inhibitions of new students and facilitate a healthy interaction between the various batches.
- **Highlights:** Under the supervision of the GS and LR, the event featured ice-breaking sessions and games that encouraged juniors to engage with their seniors. This event was pivotal in establishing a supportive and inclusive college community.

2. Saraswati Poojan & Traditional Day – 30th September 2025

Reflecting the cultural roots of the institution, the Council observed Saraswati Poojan to seek divine blessings for the academic year.

- **Objective:** To promote cultural values and unity among the students and faculty.
- **Role of the Council:** General secretary swayam fal dessai took a lead role in coordinating the Traditional Day celebrations. Students attended the campus in diverse ethnic attire, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of the student body while participating in the solemn rituals of the Poojan.

3. Bazaar Day – 9th December 2025

The Council transformed the college premises into a bustling marketplace for "Bazaar Day," a flagship event promoting student entrepreneurship.

- **Objective:** To provide a practical platform for students to test their business acumen and teamwork.
- **Execution:** Led by General Secretary Swayam Fal Dessai and Ladies representative Saanj sawant, the event saw various student-led stalls offering a mix of Goan cuisine, handmade merchandise, and creative games. The event emphasized financial literacy and collaborative planning.

4. Champions Cup (Futsal Tournament) – 17th February 2026

The sports highlight of the year, the "Champions Cup," was a high-intensity inter-class futsal tournament.

- **Objective:** To encourage physical fitness, sportsmanship, and inter-batch camaraderie.
- **Coordination:** Under the direct management of Sports Secretary Swayam Naik, the tournament saw fierce yet disciplined competition. The event drew a massive crowd, fostering a vibrant spirit of healthy rivalry and collective support for the participating teams.

5. Valedictory & Farewell Ceremony – 10th April 2026

A formal farewell was organized to honor the graduating students of the final year BALLB and LLB programs. This event served as a poignant conclusion to their journey at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law.

- **Leadership:** The ceremony was **directly led by the Students' Council Faculty In-Charge, Dr. Ranjana Ferrao**, ensuring a prestigious and well-coordinated atmosphere.
- **Event Highlights: * Valedictory Speeches:** Outgoing students shared their experiences, legal journey, and words of wisdom, reflecting on their growth over the years.
 - **Entertainment & Engagement:** To celebrate the bond shared between students, the Council organized various interactive games and vibrant dance performances.

Conclusion: The 2025-26 academic term was marked by a series of high-impact events that enriched the student experience. Through the collective efforts of the student leadership—Swayam Fal Dessai, Saanj Sawant, and Swayam Naik—and the constant mentorship of Dr. Ranjana Ferrao, the Council successfully maintained the institution's legacy of excellence and camaraderie.

❖ KAUSHALYA 2025

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal

Organising Committee: Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal

Asstt. Prof. Reshmi Sawant

About the Event

“*Kaushalya*” is an Annual Inter-Collegiate art and cultural event, which has added a new dimension to the institution’s cultural and creative ethos. “*Kaushalya*”, began its journey in 2022, now in its 5th edition, the event has grown significantly in scale, impact, and participation, wherein students from across the State of Goa showcase their knack and ingenuity.

Objectives:

1. The event provided an opportunity to showcase talent that nurtured artistic voices and revived traditional as well as contemporary forms of expression.
2. The event was designed to encourage students to step beyond the classroom and engage with diverse art forms, enabling them to explore identity, history, and society through the lens of creativity.

About the 5th Edition Event theme:

“*Kaushalya 5.0*” embraces the theme “***Chitragatha: Humanity Through Timeless Tales***”. Drawing from the deep-rooted tradition of storytelling, Chitragatha invites participants to explore how human experiences, emotions, and histories are narrated visually through cinema, theatre, and performance.

Inspired by retro Bollywood and Hollywood cinema, Indian folk traditions, and visual storytelling, the theme celebrates the timeless power of narratives. It encourages young artists to breathe life into characters, recreate iconic scenes, or craft entirely new stories—each act becoming a reflection of humanity itself. “**Chitragatha**” brings a vibrant mix of events ranging from intellectually stimulating competitions like quizzes and debates, to creatively rich showcases such as digital art, photography, and reel-making. The stage shall come alive with powerful performances, including monologues, flash parades, and stand-up comedy, celebrating storytelling in every form.

Date & venue of the event: 10th September, 2025, Inaugural and the valedictory ceremony were held at the college conference hall.



Inaugural Ceremony



Trophy Reveal

Chief Guest: Ms. Varsha Usgaonker, Versatile Artist of Film, Television & Music



Ms. Varsha Usgaonker addressing the audience



Ms. Varsha Usgaonker addressing the audience



Chief Guest receiving the memento at the hands of Shri Bhaskar Nayak (Vice-President, Devi Sharvani Education Society)

Flyers:

The Management, Principal, Staff and Students of
 Devi Sharvani Education Society's
 V. N. SALGAOCCAR COLLEGE OF LAW
 Miramar, Panaji, Goa

Cordially invite you to the

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

of the

5th EDITION OF KAUSHALYA

STATE LEVEL INTER-COLLEGIATE ART AND CULTURAL EVENT

10 Sep 2025 | 10:00 A.M. IST
Conference Hall, VMSC, Miramar, Goa

CHIEF GUEST
Ms. Varsha Usgaonker

Versatile Artist of Film, Television & Music

INAUGURAL SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
10:00 - 10:03 A.M.	Invocation Song
10:03 - 10:05 A.M.	Lighting of the lamp
10:05 - 10:17 A.M.	Cultural program (Goan culture)
10:17 - 10:21 A.M.	Inviting Dignitaries on Dais followed by floral welcome
10:21 - 10:26 A.M.	Welcome address by Prof. Bhaskar Nayak Advisor - Education V.M.Salgaocar Corporation Pvt. Ltd.
10:26 - 10:30 A.M.	Address by Principal Dr. Shaber Ali G.
10:30 - 10:35 A.M.	Event Overview by Ms. Nidhi Gawade Student Coordinator, Kaushalya
10:35 - 10:50 A.M.	Address by Chief Guest Ms. Varsha Usgaonker
10:50 - 10:52 A.M.	Presenting Memento to the Chief Guest
10:52 - 10:55 A.M.	Trophy Reveal
10:55 - 11:00 A.M.	Vote of Thanks Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal Faculty Coordinator, Kaushalya

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VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

of the

5th EDITION OF KAUSHALYA

STATE LEVEL INTER-COLLEGIATE ART AND CULTURAL EVENT

10 Sep 2025 | 04:00 P.M. IST
Conference Hall, VMSC, Miramar, Goa

VALEDICTORY SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
04:00 - 04:10 P.M.	Address by Principal Dr. Shaber Ali G.
04:10 - 04:20 P.M.	Address by Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal Faculty Coordinator, Kaushalya
04:20 - 04:30 P.M.	Event Overview by Ms. Nidhi Gawade Student Coordinator, Kaushalya
04:30 - 04:50 P.M.	Prize Distribution
04:50 - 05:00 P.M.	Vote of Thanks Asst. Prof. Reshmi Sawant Faculty Co-Coordinator, Kaushalya

No. of Competitions scheduled: 08

Details:

Sr. No.	Event
1	Flash Cinema
2	Debate
3	Quiz
4	Monologue
5	Digital Art
6	Stand Up Comedy
7	Photography (off stage – pre-event)
8	Reels (off stage – pre-event)

Participants: 04

Sr. No.	Event
1	Agnel Institute of Technology and Design
2	Sridora Caculo College
3	Carmel College of Arts and Science
4	India International University of Legal Education and Research

Result:

Winner - India International University of Legal Education and Research



Winner College

Runner up college-Sridora Caculo College

Excellence Awards 2025–26 (An Initiative of IQAC) and Annual Prize Distribution

Date: 4th and 6th of April 2026.

Venue: Conference Hall.

The College organised the Excellence Awards 2025–26 (an initiative of the IQAC) along with the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on 4th and 6th April 2026. The programme aimed at recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievements of students across various fields of academic excellence and co-curricular activities.

The Excellence Awards were instituted by the IQAC Cell to acknowledge and encourage meritorious and all-round performance among students. The selection process was systematic and transparent. Students were first nominated by the respective faculty in charge. This was followed by a scrutiny process, after which shortlisted candidates appeared for a panel interview. The panel notably included alumni representatives, ensuring a fair and holistic evaluation.

A special highlight of the event was the Student of the Year (SOTY) awards, presented separately for the LL.B. Degree and B.A. LL.B. programmes. These awards recognised exceptional overall performance, leadership, and contribution to institutional activities.

The ceremony also included the distribution of merit scholarships to the top seven students from each programme, namely LL.B., B.A. LL.B., and LL.M., thereby encouraging academic excellence.

The function was graced by Shri Bhushan Savoikar, Director of the Directorate of Higher Education, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, Vice President of the Devi Sharvani Education Society, as the President. The other dignitaries on the dais included the College Principal, Dr Shabir Ali G., and the Director of IQAC, Dr B. S. Patil.



The College organised the Excellence in Sports Awards 2025–26 along with the Awarding of Research Incentive for Teachers Ceremony on 6th April 2026. The programme aimed to recognise achievements in sports and to appreciate the research contributions of faculty members.

The Excellence in Sports Awards were conferred upon students who demonstrated outstanding performance and brought laurels to the institution in various sporting disciplines. The initiative highlighted the importance of physical education, discipline, and teamwork in student development.

Alongside, the institution also honoured faculty members by awarding research incentives in recognition of their academic and research contributions. This initiative aimed at motivating faculty to actively engage in research and scholarly activities.

The programme was graced by Shri Balachandra Jadar, Director of Sports, Goa University, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, Vice President of Devi Sharvani Education Society, as the Presidential speaker. The other dignitaries on the dais included the College Principal, Prof. Dr Shaber Ali G., and the Director of Sports, Dr Shailendra Gaokar.

Both events concluded, inspiring students to continue striving for excellence in all spheres of their academic journey. It reinforced the importance of academic performance, leadership qualities, and active participation in institutional activities. The initiative contributed towards strengthening a culture of meritocracy and holistic development.



❖ GUEST LECTURE SERIES REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinators:

Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal

Asst. Prof. Rhucha Garde

Objectives:

- To encourage continuous learning and professionalism among the students.
- To discuss the evolving roles of advocates under new laws and procedural reforms.
- To sensitize the students towards access to justice and community service through legal aid.
- To instil respect for professional ethics, dignity of courts and rule of law.

Sr. No.	Date	Resource Person	Topic	Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries
1	19/07/2025	Adv. Suresh Lotlikar (Senior Advocate)	Intricacies of Legal Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Year BALLB • LLB Degree 	205 students
2	09/08/2025	Adv. Shivraj P. Gaonkar (AOR)	Donning the Robe: Navigating the Journey from Law Student to Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Year BALLB • LLB Degree 	200 students
3	11/08/2025	Mr. Deepak Pednekar (PI, Cyber Cell – Ribander)	Cyber Crime: Prevention and Investigation	SY and TY LL.B. Degree	183 students
4	23/08/2025	Chief Justice of India visit	Golden Jubilee Valedictory Event	4 th , 5 th Year B.A LLB and 2 nd , 3 rd Year LLB Degree	Link shared in the mail report
5	20/09/2025	Adv. Shashikant N. Joshi (Advocate)	Law of Comunidades	TY LL.B. Degree	90 Students
6	27/09/2025	Adv. Jatin Ramaiya (Advocate)	Pleadings in different Jurisdictions	TY LL.B. Degree	94 students
7	30/09/2025	Adv. Shivam Singh (Author of Book – Sports Law in India)	Sports Law in India	5 th Year B.A.L.L.B	74 students

Guest Lecture Series

1. Resource Person – Sr. Adv. Shri. Suresh Lotlikar

Title: Intricacies of the Legal Profession

On 19th July, 2025, Senior Advocate Shri Suresh Lotlikar delivered an engaging session on “Intricacies of the Legal Profession” for the final-year students of the Law Programmes at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law.

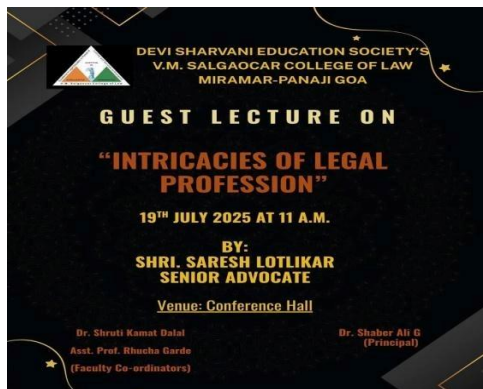
The session emphasized hard work as the key to success and explored the distinct qualities that make the legal profession unique. It concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing students to gain valuable insights from the esteemed speaker.

At the institute, we believe in inspiring and motivating law students to achieve their goals. To broaden their learning experience, the college regularly invites experts from the legal fraternity and allied fields to share their knowledge and real-world experiences.

Special thanks to Assistant Professor Sachin Panicker for his support in organizing the session.

Introductory Note: Mr. Siddhant N. Sardesai (5th Year B.A. LL.B.)

Photography: Mr. Rajen R. Mandrekar (5th Year B.A. LL.B.)



2. Resource Person – Adv. Shivraj P. Gaonkar (AOR)

Title: Donning the Robe: Navigating the Journey from Law Student to Advocate

On 9th August, 2025, Adv. Shivraj P. Gaonkar (Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India) delivered an insightful session on “Donning the Robe: Navigating the Journey from Law Student to Advocate” for the final-year students of the B.A. LL.B. and LL.B. Degree Programmes at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law.

Drawing from his own professional experiences, Adv. Gaonkar emphasized that when a law student chooses to enter the legal profession, they must be prepared to embrace its challenges with courage and perseverance. He highlighted the importance of finding inspiration through the autobiographies of eminent legal luminaries, such as M.C. Chagla’s “Roses in December” and Fali S. Nariman’s “Before Memory Fades.”

The speaker further underscored the value of a dedicated and attentive mind, particularly during court proceedings, and reminded students that an advocate is always a learner. Encouraging the audience to pursue excellence and integrity, he urged them to cultivate merit through consistent effort and ethical practice.

Special thanks to Assistant Professor Sachin Panicker for his coordination and support in organizing the event.

Introductory Note: Mr. Joseph Fernandes (T.Y. LL.B.)

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Dishanka Vernekar (T.Y. LL.B.)

Photography: Mr. Rajen R. Mandrekar (5th Year B.A. LL.B.)



3. Resource Person – Mr. Deepak Pednekar (PI, Cyber Cell)

Title: Cyber Crimes: Prevention and Investigation

On 11th August, 2025, Mr. Deepak Pednekar, Police Inspector – In-Charge, Cyber Crime Police Station (Ribandar), delivered an insightful guest lecture on “Cyber Crimes: Prevention and Investigation” at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law. The session was attended by the Second and Third Year LL.B. Degree students.

Mr. Pednekar emphasized the importance of vigilance and awareness in the digital age, urging students not to fall prey to fraudulent calls, phishing attempts, and online scams meticulously crafted by cyber fraudsters. He further enlightened the audience on the technical and procedural aspects of cybercrime investigations and discussed the legal framework governing cyber offences.

The session concluded with an engaging interaction, where students clarified their doubts and gained valuable insights into real-world challenges faced in cybercrime prevention and investigation.

Special thanks to Assistant Professor Sachin Panicker for his coordination and support.

Introductory Note: Mr. Joseph Fernandes (T.Y. LL.B.)

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Shruti Naik (S.Y. LL.B.)

Photography: Mr. Gaurav Kenkre (S.Y. LL.B.)

The session commenced with an overview of Goa's land laws, tracing the origin and evolution of Comuidades and Alvara lands. Adv. Joshi elaborated on the historical context, administrative structure, and contemporary challenges surrounding these traditional landholding systems. He also highlighted the need for legal reforms, particularly concerning lands situated in eco-sensitive zones, and emphasized the growing concerns and complexities of Comuidades land issues within today's legal and commercial framework.

The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, where students engaged in meaningful dialogue and clarified their queries.

Introductory Note: Mr. Joseph Fernandes (3rd Year LL.B. Degree)

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Akanksha Gaonkar (3rd Year LL.B. Degree)

Photography: Mr. Jay Dabholkar (3rd Year LL.B. Degree), Mr. Rajen R. Mandrekar (5th Year B.A.



LL.B.)



6) Resource Person: Adv. Jatin Ramaiya

Topic: Pleadings in different Jurisdictions

A guest lecture on “Pleadings in Different Jurisdictions” was organized by V. M. Salgaocar College of Law on Saturday, 27th September 2025, for the Final Year LL.B. Degree students. The session was conducted by Adv. Jatin Ramaiya, who delivered an insightful and interactive lecture on the essentials of pleadings across various jurisdictions.

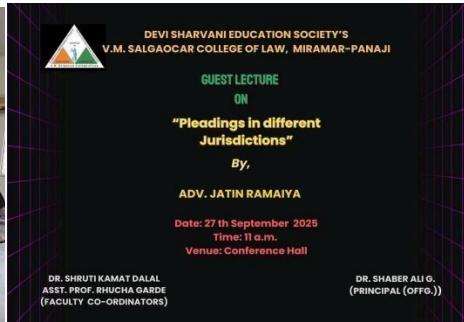


Adv. Ramaiya elaborated on the key components of pleadings, including the cause of action, reliefs sought, and the admissions and denials in a written statement. He further offered a word of caution to aspiring advocates, emphasizing the need for diligence and precision in drafting pleadings—both to safeguard the client’s interests and to ensure the efficient use of the court’s valuable time.

Introductory Note: Ms. Alciya Aranha (3rd Year LL.B. Degree)

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Dishanka Vernekar (3rd Year LL.B. Degree)

Photography: Mr. Jay Dabholkar (3rd Year LL.B. Degree)



7) Resource Person: Adv. Shivam Singh

Title: Sports Law in India

Students of 5th Year B.A.L.L.B attended a public lecture on 30th September, 2025 at the International Centre Goa on “Sports Law in India”. Dr. Shailendra Gaokar - Director of Sports Education and faculty member of V.M.Salgaocar College of Law were also present along with the students. An intriguing and informative session was engaged by Adv. Shivam Singh who has also authored a book, Sport Law in India, published with Thomson Reuters, 1st Edition 2025, Bharat Law House.



❖ PLACEMENT CELL

FACULTY COORDINATORS –

1. DR. RANJANA FERRAO SOUZA CORDEIRO (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)
2. DR. SHRUTI KAMAT DALAL (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR)
3. UJWALA PEDNEKAR (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR)

ACTIVITY : 1

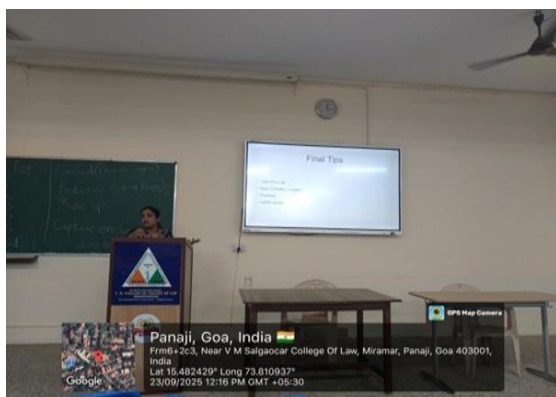
Skill Enhancement Workshop/Training Session on CV Writing and Interview Skills.

Date – 13 August & 23 September 2025 Speaker – Asst.

Prof. Nikita Shirodkar

Total number of students who benefited – 29 (first session) & 20 (Second session)

Class of the students – Final Year B.A. LL.B & TY Degree Students Venue – Hall No. 12, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law



The Placement Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law organized a Skill Enhancement Workshop on CV Writing and Interview Skills on 13th August and 23rd September 2025 at Hall No. 12. The sessions were conducted by Asst. Prof. Nikita Shirodkar for final year B.A. LL.B and degree students, with active participation from 49 students across both sessions.

The primary objective of the workshop was to equip students with essential interview skills and provide practical guidance on drafting effective and professional CVs. The workshop was conducted in two sessions, each focusing on a key employability skill.

The first session focused on interview skills. The resource person explained the concept and importance of interviews as the first opportunity to create a strong impression. Students were guided on structuring self-introductions, maintaining honesty, and presenting themselves confidently. Through interactive activities such as “two truths and a lie” and mock interviews, students gained practical insights into how interviewers assess candidates.

The session emphasized the importance of research about the organization, clarity in responses, positive presentation of strengths and weaknesses, and maintaining professional



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etiquette, body language, and eye contact. Students were also trained to handle difficult questions and respond effectively even when unsure of answers.

The second session focused on CV writing. The speaker highlighted that a CV is a marketing tool designed to secure an interview rather than a job. Emphasis was laid on clarity, relevance, and proper structuring of CV content, including contact details, education, skills, experience, and achievements. Students were advised to tailor their CVs according to job requirements and avoid common mistakes such as spelling errors, lengthy content, and poor formatting. A practical CV drafting exercise enabled students to apply the concepts learned. Overall, the workshop was highly interactive and beneficial. It enhanced students' confidence, communication skills, and



understanding of professional expectations, thereby significantly improving their readiness for interviews and career opportunities.

The Skill Enhancement Workshop on CV Writing and Interview Skills proved to be highly beneficial for the participants. Over the two days,

students gained valuable insights into the techniques of drafting a professional CV and preparing effectively for interviews. The sessions helped participants understand how to highlight their strengths, achievements, and competencies in alignment with industry expectations.

Through interactive discussions and practical exercises, students developed greater confidence in both written and oral communication. The mock interview segment allowed them to identify areas for improvement and receive constructive feedback. The workshop also emphasized the importance of professional etiquette, presentation, and body language in interview settings.

Overall, the sessions significantly enhanced the students' employability skills, boosted their self-confidence, and prepared them for future academic and career opportunities.

ACTIVITY 2

Date: 20 September 2025

- Venue: Hall no. 12 of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar
- Resource Person: Ms. Mrigya Mishra, Recruitment Manager, TEACH FOR INDIA
- Number of Participants: 20 students of Final year BA.LLB.

Pre-Placement Talk (Teach For India)



The Placement Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, in association with Teach For India, organized a Pre-Placement Talk on 20th September 2025 at Hall No. 12, Miramar. The session was conducted by Ms. Mrigya Mishra, Recruitment Manager at Teach For India, for 20 final-year B.A. LL.B students.

The primary objective of the session was to create awareness about the challenges in the Indian education system, particularly the lack of access to quality education, and to introduce students to alternative career opportunities in the social sector through the Teach For India Fellowship.

The session commenced with the introduction of the resource person, followed by an interactive discussion on the mindset required to pursue a career in social impact. The speaker emphasized the need to move beyond conventional career paths driven solely by self-interest and instead adopt a purpose-driven approach aimed at bringing meaningful change in society.

The resource person highlighted the mission of Teach For India in addressing the education gap by engaging motivated individuals in a collective effort towards social transformation. Through



data and statistics, including insights from NEP 2020, the speaker shed light on issues such as lack of foundational learning, school dropouts, and the broader impact of educational inequality leading to unemployment and poverty. The importance of quality education as a tool for empowerment and societal development was strongly emphasized.

The session further focused on the Teach For India Fellowship, a two-year full-time programme that places fellows in under-resourced schools. The fellowship not only contributes to improving educational outcomes for students but also helps fellows develop essential leadership qualities such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and empathy. The speaker also discussed additional opportunities including internships, mentorship, entrepreneurship, and career prospects in public policy and organizational roles after completion of the fellowship.

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The talk concluded with guidance on the application and selection process, along with encouragement for students to reflect on their personal goals and consider careers that create social impact. The session was informative and engaging, broadening students' perspectives on career choices and inspiring them to explore meaningful opportunities beyond traditional legal practice.



The session conducted by TEACH FOR INDIA at our college was highly engaging and insightful. It provided students with a deeper understanding of the challenges in the education sector, especially the gap in access to quality education. Through interactive discussions and real-life examples, participants learned about the impact of social initiatives and the importance of community engagement in bringing about meaningful change.

ACTIVITY : 3

CONVERGE 3.0

Date – 13th February 2026

Speakers – Shri Cedric Vaz, Rajat Kumar, Alistair Fernandes, Deepa Kankumbikar, Keelan Gareth Dias, Shri D.S. Prashant, Shri Ashley Gomes, Shri Rayes Eftie, Shri Rajesh Chheda, Shri Rohan Khaunte (Minister)

Total number of students who benefited – 60

Venue – Conference Hall of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law & closing ceremony of Converge at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium

TIP Coordinator: Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Souza Cordeiro

Converge 3.0 – Academia-Industry Summit

The Placement Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, in collaboration with the Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC) and Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), organized *Converge 3.0 – Shiksha Udyojak Sangam*, an Academia-Industry Summit from 30th January to 24th February 2026. The event aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by providing students with exposure to emerging trends and career opportunities.

The program was conducted in our college on 13th February 2026. It was graced by Shri Rohan Khaunte, Minister for Tourism, IT, printing & stationery MLA Porvorim.

The summit comprised multiple sessions conducted by distinguished professionals from diverse fields such as technology, real estate, finance, and entrepreneurship. The inaugural session set the tone for the event, followed by insightful discussions on topics including business development, automated workplaces, startup ecosystems, and financial planning.

A key session on “Vision before Venture – The Business Rulebook” highlighted the importance of strategic thinking and practical approaches in entrepreneurship. Another session on “Law in the Age of Automation”

focused on the impact of technology and intelligent systems on the legal profession, emphasizing the need for adaptability in a rapidly evolving work environment. The session on the startup ecosystem provided valuable insights into government initiatives and support systems available for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The panel discussion on “Lawyers as Financial Architects” explored investment strategies, asset allocation, and financial literacy, encouraging students to understand the financial dimensions of



Photographs of closing ceremony of Converge 3.0 at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium



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GOA BENCH
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STUDENTS INTERESTED IN
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Dr. Ranjana Ferrao
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Dr. Ranjana Ferrao
Coordinator, Placement Cell

Details: 10 students applied for the post of Law clerks.

➤ **V. M. Salgaocar College of Law Celebrates Valedictory Function of Golden Jubilee with Chief Justice of India as Chief Guest**

The V. M. Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCL), a premier institution under the aegis of the Devi Sharvani Education Society, marked a monumental milestone on Saturday, 23rd August 2025, as it celebrated the **Valedictory Function of its Golden Jubilee** with grandeur, reflection, and inspiration at a glittering ceremony held at its Conference Hall in Miramar, Panjim

The event was graced by the **Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India**, who



honored the occasion as the **Chief Guest**, lending immense prestige and distinction to the Celebration. In his keynote address, the Chief Justice commended the college for its five-decade-long contribution to legal education and nation-building.

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai Address

CJI Gavai paid rich tribute to the **visionary founder of VMSCL**, who, in an era when Corporate Social Responsibility was unheard of, contributed his wealth selflessly to spread legal education. Describing him as a **visionary industrialist and philanthropist**, CJI highlighted:

- His vision built a **lasting empire of knowledge**, a true **wealth for society**.
- The **five-year integrated law course** has brought about a **paradigm shift**, enabling lawyers to become **well-rounded professionals with depth of knowledge**.
- The **incubation centre** at VMSCL addresses challenges faced by young lawyers and stands as a **model worth emulation for law colleges and senior advocates across the country**.
- The college's commitment to **legal aid** is exemplary; legal aid must reach even the remotest parts of the country to uphold the **right to legal remedy**.
- He commended the achievement of the college as a **Research Centre**, VMSCL's blend of **academic rigour with community engagement** sets a benchmark.
- He urged stakeholders to focus not merely on revenue but on **strengthening legal education**, particularly in **tribal and marginalized areas**.
- He mentioned about his visit to foreign universities and observed that tribal students from India had opportunity to attend the same due to fellowships. He impressed upon senior lawyers to contribute through **fellowships, scholarships, and mentorship** programs.

CJI concluded by stating it was a **privilege to be amidst young law students**, who represent the **future of the country and the destiny of India**. CJI reminded the young students that hard work, determination and commitment to profession matters more than examination ranks.

Also present was the **Hon'ble Shri Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court**, who lauded the institution's enduring commitment to academic rigour and legal excellence.

Chief Justice Alok Aradhe congratulated the institution on completing 50 years and commended its role in **encouraging women’s participation in legal education** Among the distinguished **special invitees** were:

- **Hon’ble Shri Justice Mahesh S. Sonak**, Sitting Judge, Bombay High Court
- **Hon’ble Smt. Justice Bharati Dangre**, Sitting Judge, Bombay High Court



Their presence underscored the college’s pivotal role in shaping generations of jurists, advocates, and thought leaders.

Justice Bharati Dangre expressed profound appreciation for the **quality of lawyers produced by VMSCL**. She reminded the students that a lawyer’s duty is to uphold **fundamental rights, women’s dignity, and social causes**, while continuously

investing in learning. She poignantly remarked:

“Justice needs a voice, which is often a lawyer’s voice.”

Justice Mahesh Sonak, himself an alumnus of VMSCL, expressed pride and gratitude. He paid tribute to the **visionary founder** and lauded the **Salgaocar family for their social responsibility in carrying forward his noble legacy**.

The function was a culmination of year-long jubilee Celebrations, reflecting on the illustrious journey of VMSCL since its inception in 1973. Over the past fifty years, the college has emerged as a beacon of legal education in Goa and beyond, known for its academic excellence, progressive pedagogy, and commitment to justice and ethical lawyering.

Welcome Address by Shri Dattaraj Salgaocar President of the Devi Sharvani Education Society Shri Dattaraj Salgaocar expressed his immense pleasure and pride at celebrating **50 years of dedicated service to legal education in Goa**. He conveyed his gratitude to **Hon’ble Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai**, for consenting to be the Chief Guest and inspiring law students through his presence. Shri Salgaocar emphasized the focus of the management on **inculcating ethics, responsibility, and commitment to serve the cause of justice**.

Presentation by Dr. Kim Couto

Dr. Kim Couto traced the glorious journey of the institution, highlighting the milestones achieved over the past five decades. These included:

- Establishment of **27 permanent free legal aid cells**;

- Extensive **community engagement initiatives**;
- Launch of an **incubation centre for young lawyers**;
- Prestigious **awards and recognitions** received by the college;

A strong commitment to **green initiatives among others**

Introduction of the Chief Guest

Senior Advocate Shri Nitin Sardesai introduced the Chief Guest, **Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai**.

Principal, Prof. Dr. Shaber Ali G delivered the vote of thanks.

He expressed his deep gratitude, emphasizing the collective efforts of the faculty, students, and stakeholders in shaping the college's distinguished legacy.

The function also included the **felicitation of distinguished alumni who have gone on to serve as judges**, in recognition of their contributions to the judiciary and the legal fraternity, by Hon'ble. Shri. Justice. Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai, Chief Justice of India.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration witnessed an enthusiastic and distinguished audience comprising a vibrant gathering of **students, faculty members, administrative staff, alumni, and esteemed members of the legal fraternity**. The presence of **senior advocates, retired judges, and legal luminaries** from across the state lent an atmosphere of reverence and intellectual fervor to the occasion. Current students listened intently, inspired by the powerful speeches and the rare opportunity to engage with the highest echelons of the Indian judiciary. Faculty members and staff, many of whom have been long-serving pillars of the institution, took immense pride in the recognition of their collective efforts. The occasion became a moment of unity and reflection, where generations of the VMSCL community came together to celebrate a legacy of excellence and envision its future.

The function marked the grand culmination of a year-long Celebration that began with an inspiring inaugural address by **Hon'ble Justice B.V. Nagarathna**, Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Throughout the academic year, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law hosted a series of impactful events that celebrated its legacy while engaging students and faculty in shaping its future. Notable among them was the Golden Jubilee **Logo Designing Competition**, the inauguration of an **Incubation Centre** for budding lawyers, and the highly participative **essay competition titled "My Vision for VMS: Gold to Platinum"**, where students, alumni and staff articulated their aspirations for the institution's journey ahead.

The **Valedictory Function** of the Golden Jubilee was a fitting tribute to the visionaries who laid the foundation of the college, as well as a clarion call to the next generation of legal scholars to carry forward the torch of justice and wisdom.

About V. M. Salgaocar College of Law

V. M. Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCCL) is a premier **government-aided law institution** located at **Miramar, Panjim, Goa**, committed to nurturing excellence in legal education. Established in **1973** by the **Devi Sharvani Education Society**, the college was originally named **Mahadevrao Salgaocar College of Law** and was renamed in **1997** to honour the late philanthropist Vassudev M. Salgaocar. The college is approved by the **Bar Council of India (BCI)** and offers a range of professional law programs including the **three-year LL.B., five-year integrated law courses**, and **LL.M.** degrees. With a rich legacy of over five decades, VMSCCL stands firmly on the ideals of its **vision** — *"Let justice be done though the heavens fall"* — and its **mission** — *"Excellentia, Justicia et Humanitas"* — Excellence, Justice, and Humanity. The institution remains a cornerstone of legal scholarship in Goa, producing generations of ethical, skilled, and socially conscious legal professionals.

A significant academic achievement during the jubilee year was the college being awarded an **'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in May 2025**, reaffirming its position as one of India's premier legal education institutions. These events reflected the college's commitment to not only honouring its past but also investing in the promise of its future.

The Judges felicitated were

J. Mahesh S. Sonak,

Justice Mahesh S. Sonak is a sitting judge on the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court, enrolled as an advocate in 1988 and later elevated as an Additional Judge in June 2013. He brings extensive experience across civil, constitutional, labor, service, environmental, commercial, tax, company laws, and public interest litigation. In 2024, he became the first person in Goa to register a "living will," a significant step toward end-of-life planning, signalling his advocacy for advance medical directives

J. Valmiki Menezes,

Born on 29 July 1967 in Goa Velha, Justice Valmiki Menezes earned his LL.B. from M.S. College of Law, Panaji, and enrolled as an advocate in 1992. He specializes in civil, constitutional, labor, service, environmental, commercial, taxation, company law, PILs, and matters under the Portuguese Civil Code. He's also practiced in district courts, tribunals, and held leadership roles in the Goa High Court Bar Association. Elevated as an Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court on 19 July 2022, he was sworn in as a permanent judge in March 2024.

J. Ashwin Bhobe

Advocate Ashwin Damodar Bhobe of Panaji was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium and elevated as an Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court in October 2024. He has over 26 years of legal practice, with approximately 45 reported judgments, and extensive experience appearing before the High Court of Bombay at Goa, district courts, and various tribunals

Former Judges –

J. Filomeno Reis,

Justice F. I. Reis served as one of the early prominent judges from Goa on the Bombay High Court. He is noted among key judicial figures from Goa who contributed significantly to establishing the Goa bench's legal legacy

J. Utkarsh Bakre

Born on 26 February 1953 in Sanguem, Goa, Justice Utkarsh V. Bakre had an extensive judicial career—from Assistant Public Prosecutor (1983–1988) to Civil Judge (Junior and Senior Divisions), Additional District & Sessions Judge, Law Secretary of Goa, Principal District & Sessions Judge, and finally elevated to the Bombay High Court on 17 March 2011, retiring 25 February 2015. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Goa Human Rights Commission, a role reflecting his continued dedication to justice and human rights in the state

❖ OTHER COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED/ PARTICIPATED

➤ All-Goa Model Youth Gram Sabha Competition 3.0



V. M. Salgaocar College of Law secured Second Place in the All-Goa Model Youth Gram Sabha Competition 3.0, competing among 20 participating colleges. A total of 45 students represented the institution in this event. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Faculty In-Charge, Asst. Prof. Yogesh Varak and Assistant Professor Reshmi Sawant.

➤ Essay Competition

DEVI SHARVANI EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
**V. M SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW
 ORGANISES ESSAY COMPETITION**

THEME:
**Rationalism and Critical Inquiry: Reimagining
 the future of Indian Democracy**

RULES

1. Essay must be typed in English.
2. Word limit: maximum 1500 words.
3. Any submission found to include plagiarised or AI generated content will be disqualified from consideration.
4. All the participants will receive certificates

SUBMISSION: ON OR BEFORE 14 FEBRUARY, 2026

Registration Link-
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COORDINATORS:
 MISS. SALONI BANAUЛИKAR
 MISS. RUHI PHADTE

PRINCIPAL:
 DR. SHABER ALI G.

V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar had organised Essay Competition on the topic, "*Rationalism and critical inquiry: Reimagining the future of Indian Democracy*" on 14th February, 2026 in order to select two students for essay competition organised by St. Xavier's



College Mapusa. There were 10 participants out of which Nikita Agarwadekar, Rugved Jawadekar and Sejal Gadekar secured the first, second and third places respectively. The competition was organised online through google forms.

Nikita Agarwadekar and Rugved Jawadekar were selected for the all Goa essay competition organised by St. Xavier's college, Mapusa, out of which Nikita Agarwadekar won the 3rd place. Faculty in charges were Assistant Professor Saloni Banaulikar and Assistant Professor Ruhi Phadte

➤ Photography Competition

V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar had organised Photography Competition on the theme "*One Defines Another: Reality captured through real world contrast*" based on the ideas of Philosopher Jacques Derrida's "Deconstruction" on 23rd February, 2026. There were 10 participants out of which Kaushal Bathia, Ajinkya Raut and Deepesh Divkar secured the first, second and third places respectively.

DEVI SHARVANI EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
 V. M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW
 organizes
"Photography Competition"

Theme: *One Defines Another: Reality captured through real-world contrast*

Rules:

1. Open to all the students.
2. Each participant must submit only One photograph along with the caption.
3. The photograph must be original and captured by the student.
4. Mobile phone photography is allowed.
5. Editing or use filters are not allowed.
6. All the Participants will receive certificates.

Submission: 23 February, 2026

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Principal:
 Prof. Dr. Shaber Ali G.



The competition was conducted online through google forms. Faculty in charges were Assistant Professor Saloni Banaulikar and Assistant Professor Tanvi Khandolkar.

❖ National Service Scheme

The NSS Unit of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law has demonstrated exceptional commitment to community service and social welfare throughout the reporting period from August 2025 to May 2026. Through diverse initiatives spanning health awareness (head injuries, blood donation, stress management), environmental conservation (beach cleanups), disaster management training, women's rights, legal literacy, and citizen engagement, the volunteers have positively impacted thousands of individuals and communities across Goa. The coordinated efforts of faculty coordinators Siddhesh Tari, Reshmi Sawant, and Yogesh Varak, along with the dedicated NSS volunteers, have exemplified the true spirit of service and social responsibility. This comprehensive report documents the transformative journey of our NSS unit in fostering civic consciousness and creating meaningful social change at both grassroots and institutional levels.

August 2025

Rakhi Sale Initiative (Aug 5–6)

Students were encouraged to purchase beautifully crafted Rakhis made by the children of Peace Heaven Special School. This initiative not only celebrated the festival but also provided financial support and appreciation for children with special needs.

Participants: General participation.

Head Injuries Awareness Program & Rally (Aug 6)

Held at the Goa University Auditorium, this high-profile event was addressed by the Health Minister, Vice-Chancellor, and Goa DGP. It featured a student-led bike rally to promote road safety and the mandatory use of helmets.

Participants: ~72 students (including 10 bike riders).



Mass Pledge Activity (Aug 12)

Volunteers gathered in Hall No. 12 for a synchronized mass pledge On Nasha Mukta Bharat. The activity served to instill a sense of civic duty, unity, and commitment to the core values of the NSS program.

Participants: General participation 83 students.



Independence Day Flag Hoisting (Aug 15)

The college hosted its annual Independence Day flag hoisting ceremony early in the morning. Volunteers gathered to pay their respects to the nation and celebrate India's freedom struggle. Digital poster Competition was held on 14th August.



Felicitation of Chief Justice of India (Aug 23)

Students attended a special felicitation program honoring the Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai. The prestigious event took place at the NIO Goa auditorium in Dona Paula and was also streamed live.

Participants: ~72 students.



September 2025

Blood Donation Camp (Sept 25)

A blood donation drive was held In the college Campus. Students underwent medical checks before donating, contributing significantly to the state's blood bank reserves.
 Prof/Coordinator: Siddhesh Tari, Reshmi Sawant, and Yogesh Varak
 Participants:45

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Stress Management Program (Sept 18)

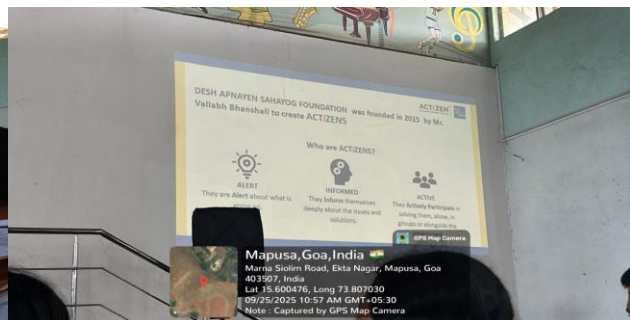
A targeted seminar on stress management and emotional stability was held for students. The session provided volunteers with practical tools to manage academic pressure and maintain mental well-being through mindfulness and meditation techniques.

Participants: ~70 students.



Actizens Collective Orientation (Sept 25)

An informative orientation session was hosted at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa. The program was designed to encourage civic engagement, active citizenship, and voter awareness among the youth. Participants: ~65 students.



Beach Clean-up Drive (Sept 27)

In a collaborative effort with the Rotary Club and Sharada Mandir High School, volunteers assembled early at Miramar circle. The students actively cleared plastic and debris from the beach to promote environmental conservation. Participants: ~79 students.



October 2025

El-Shaddai Donation Drive (Oct 6–15)

A donation box was set up outside the college office to collect stationery and toys for underprivileged children. The drive successfully channeled student generosity to the EL-Shaddai charitable trust.

Prof/Coordinator: Siddhesh Tari, Reshmi Sawant, and Yogesh Varak

Participants: General



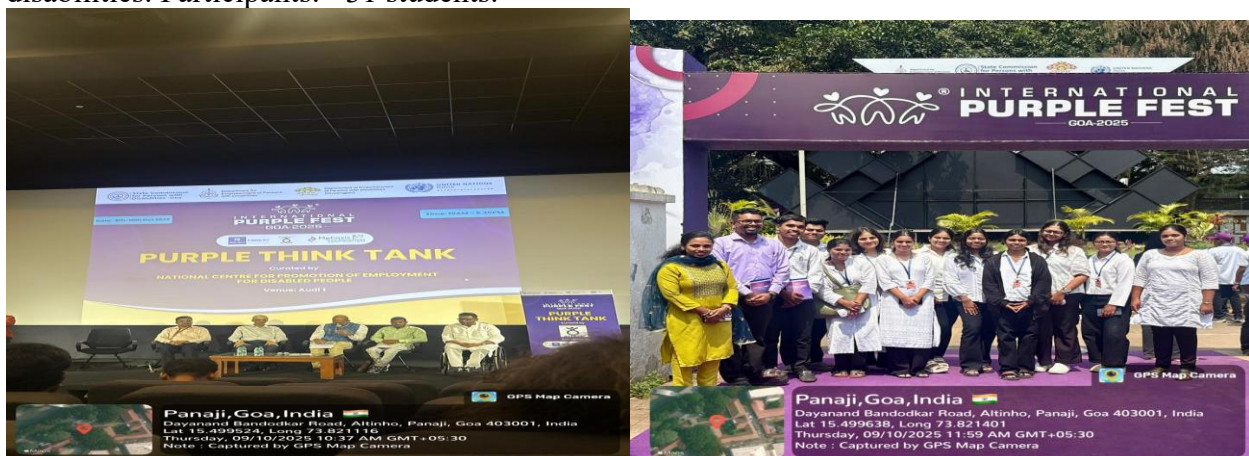
National Conference on Indian Constitution (Oct 9–10)

Hosted at Goa University, this two-day national conference celebrated 75 years of the Indian Constitution. It provided a platform for students to engage with themes of constitutional reforms and the road ahead. Participants: ~3 students.



Purple Fest Volunteering (Oct 9–10)

Student volunteers dedicated two days to assist with the logistics and management of Purple Fest at ESG. They played a crucial role in ensuring a smooth and inclusive experience for persons with disabilities. Participants: ~31 students.



November 2025

National Adventure Camps (Nov)

Selected NSS volunteers had the opportunity to represent Goa at National Adventure Camps located in Kullu and Dharamshala. The camps focused on building leadership, resilience, and teamwork through thrilling outdoor activities including mountaineering and rock climbing.



Sardar@150 Unity March / Padyatra (Nov 12)

To commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a unity march was organized from Azad Maidan to Miramar beach. The padyatra was officially flagged off by Union Minister Shri Shripadji Naik. Participants: ~12 students.

Navy Flag Sticker Distribution (Nov 27)

Volunteers supported the welfare of naval families by purchasing and distributing small and large Navy flag stickers. The funds raised during this initiative were contributed directly to the armed forces welfare fund.

December 2025

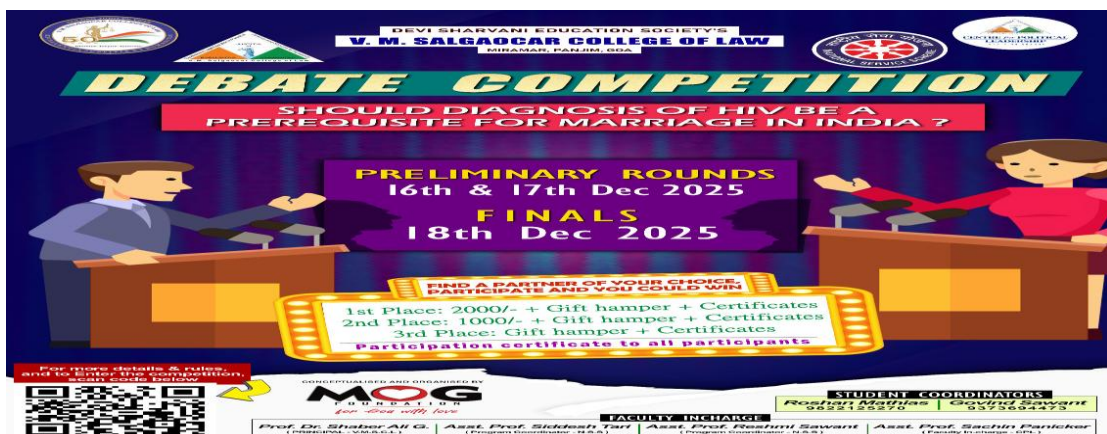
Youth Festival Inauguration (Dec 2)

Students gathered at the Kala Academy to attend the vibrant inauguration of the state Youth Festival. The event featured various cultural performances and provided excellent exposure to local arts. Prof/Coordinator: Siddhesh Tari, Reshmi Sawant, and Yogesh Varak
Participants: ~26 students.



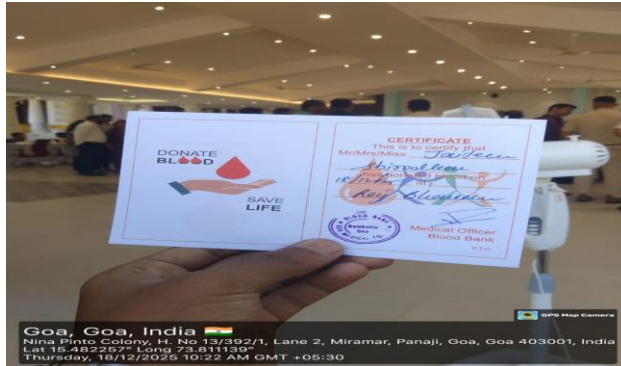
Debate Competition - Preliminary & Final Rounds (Dec 16-18)

A prestigious debate competition on the topic "Should diagnosis of HIV be a mandatory pre-requisite for marriage in India?" was held. Preliminary rounds (Dec 16-17) engaged multiple teams in critical discourse on health policy and constitutional rights, culminating in grand finals on Dec 18



Blood Donation Camp (Dec 18)

A highly organized blood donation drive was held at Raj Bhavan under the patronage of the Governor of Goa. Students underwent medical checks before donating, contributing significantly to the state's blood bank reserves. Participants: ~28 students.



Goa Liberation Day (Dec 19)

To mark the historic liberation of Goa, an early morning flag hoisting ceremony was conducted on campus. Volunteers gathered in full discipline to honor the sacrifices of the freedom fighters. Participants: ~31 students.



Christmas Greeting Card Fundraiser (Dec)

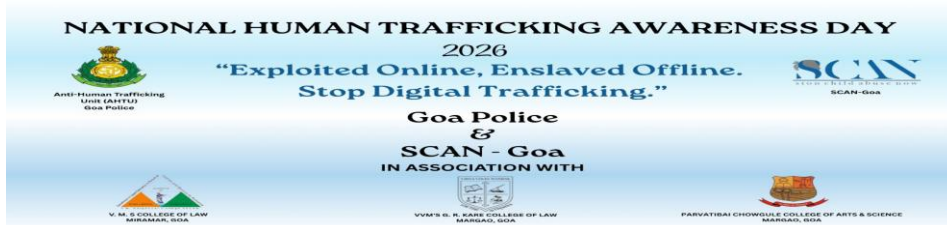
Students purchased handmade greeting cards and books to raise funds for the NGO Bailancho Ekvott. This festive initiative helped support the NGO's ongoing social welfare projects.

January 2026

Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness (Jan 6)

As part of the college's Golden Jubilee celebration, a special awareness program on human trafficking was organized. Legal and law enforcement experts discussed the menace of online and offline trafficking, with students actively engaging in awareness-raising activities.

Participants: ~50+ students and faculty members.



Fire Safety Drill (Jan 11)

A comprehensive safety awareness program was conducted at the Goa University Auditorium featuring a special lecture on head injuries prevention. The event showcased the importance of preventive safety measures and emergency preparedness.

Participants: ~100+ students



Drug Abuse Awareness Rally (Jan 13)

Volunteers marched from the college campus to Bal Bhavan to spread vital awareness about the dangers of drug abuse. The rally was energized by students chanting impactful slogans and raising consciousness about substance abuse prevention.

Participants: ~56 students.



Republic Day Flag Hoisting (Jan 26)

The college community came together for the Republic Day flag hoisting ceremony. Volunteers celebrated the adoption of the Indian Constitution and the democratic values it upholds.

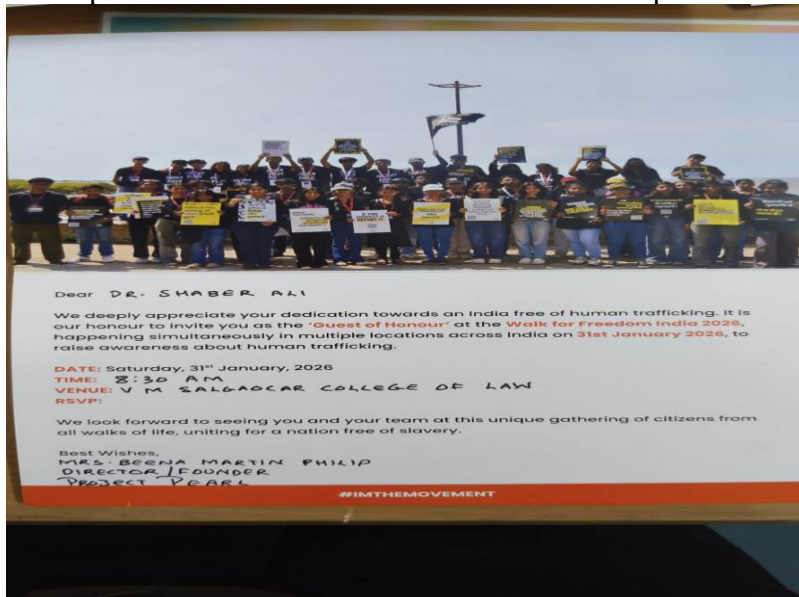
Prof/Coordinator: Siddhesh Tari, Reshmi Sawant, and Yogesh Varak

Participants: General participation.

Freedom India 2026 - National Anti-Human Trafficking March (Jan 29)

A grand unified march organized across multiple locations in India to raise awareness about human trafficking and slavery. Dr. Shaber Ali was honored as the "Guest of Honour" for his dedicated efforts toward combating trafficking and promoting citizen engagement in this critical social movement. The march featured powerful placards and street performances highlighting the urgency of combating digital and offline trafficking.

Participants: ~40+ students as part of the national movement.



Career Conclave (Jan 30–31)

A massive two-day career guidance summit took place at the SPM Stadium in Bambolim. The college mobilized a large group of students to explore diverse professional pathways and gain industry insights from leading organizations.

February 2026

Blood Donation Drive (Feb 5)

A successful on-campus blood donation camp where students stepped up as both donors and administrative volunteers. The volunteer team expertly handled donor coordination, form-filling, and post-donation refreshments. The initiative was organized in association with MOG Foundation and Loving Hearts Goa.



Miramar Beach Cleanup Drive & Environmental Initiative (Feb 13)

An environmental initiative to clean up Miramar Beach was organized with multiple NGO partners. Volunteers worked diligently to remove plastic, marine debris, and microplastics from the shoreline, demonstrating commitment to coastal conservation and sustainable environmental practices.



❖ Intra Semester Assessment (ISA)

Faculty Coordinators:

1. Pearl Monteiro
2. Dr. Priya Onsker

3. Ms. Siddhi Naik

During the academic year 2025–26, a total of four Internal Semester Assessments (ISA) were successfully conducted for the B.A. LL.B. and LL.B. Degree programme, with two assessments held in each semester. The examinations were systematically planned and executed in accordance with the academic calendar, ensuring smooth coordination between faculty, administrative staff, and students. The first set of ISA examinations (ISA I) was conducted in August–September 2025, followed by ISA II in September 2025. The timetable covered all five years of the B.A. LL.B. programme, and three years of LL.B. Degree with examinations scheduled across multiple subjects including core law papers, interdisciplinary subjects, and minor papers. Each paper was conducted for a duration of one hour, adhering strictly to institutional guidelines. During the second term, the first set of ISA examinations (ISA I) was conducted in February 2026, followed by ISA II in March 2026. The law subjects were assessed through problem-based questions designed to test analytical and application skills, while the non-law subjects followed a descriptive format focusing on conceptual understanding and articulation.

The ISA process involved the participation of approximately 1000+ students across all years, distributed across multiple examination halls with a structured seating arrangement to ensure discipline and avoid overcrowding.

Adequate invigilation was ensured through the involvement of both full-time and contract faculty members, along with lecture-basis faculty, demonstrating strong institutional collaboration.

Comprehensive administrative planning supported the conduct of the ISA. This included preparation of detailed timetables, printing of attendance sheets, arrangement of answer scripts, classroom seating plans, and supervisor allotments. Approximately 10,000 answer scripts were arranged to meet assessment requirements across sessions, ensuring no logistical constraints during the examinations. Clear communication was maintained with students and faculty through notices and digital platforms.

Strict guidelines were enforced to maintain the integrity and discipline of the examination process. Students were required to adhere to dress code norms, carry valid ID cards, and comply with examination rules prohibiting the use of electronic devices and malpractice. Invigilators ensured adherence to these rules, contributing to a fair and transparent assessment environment. Overall, the conduct of the four ISA examinations was efficient and well-coordinated.

❖ TRIAL ADVOCACY REPORT

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 2025

Venue: Moot Court Hall

Subject: Procedural Overview of Criminal Trials under BNSS and NDPS Act

The session was designed to provide a comprehensive observation of criminal procedure, tracing a case from the initial scene of the offense to the final judgment. The mock trial opened with two critical scenes illustrating the initiation of a criminal case. The narrator noted that the NDPS Act requires stringent adherence to sampling procedures and rights notification; any lapse constitutes a major illegality. Subsequently, an FIR was registered under Section 173 of the BNSS. The transition to the courtroom illustrated the jurisdictional nuances between

general crimes and NDPS cases. The core of the advocacy exercise focused on the examination of witnesses and the burden of proof. The process included Chief Examination by the Public Prosecutor, followed by Cross-examination by the Defense. The Judge dictated the substance of the testimony to the Steno. Both the Prosecution and Defense submitted oral and written arguments. The Judge pronounced the substance of the judgment in open court. The programme concluded with the adjournment of the court and a vote of thanks by Dr. K. S. Rao.



GOA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

In collaboration with

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Organized

State Level Seminar on the Topic

'HUMAN RIGHTS OF TRAFFICKED VICTIMS'

To Celebrate

Human Rights Day

Date - 10th December, 2025 Time

: 9.30 to 1.30 p.m

**Convenors – Shri Pramod V. Kamat, Member Goa Human Rights
Commission and Dr. Ranjana Ferrão Souza Cordeiro**

REPORT

Goa Human Rights Commission observed the 71st International Human Rights Day by organizing a State Level Seminar on the Topic “Human Rights of Victims of Trafficking held on 10th December at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law.

Prof Dr. Shaber Ali, officiating Principal of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law welcomed the gathering. In his address he stressed the need to protect human rights. He stressed that while human rights are those rights given to all human beings, fundamental rights are specifically enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Shri Desmond D’Costa, Chairperson of the Goa Human Rights Commission. In his keynote address on the topic **Human Rights of Trafficked women** Shri Desmond D’Costa emphasized that Human trafficking is an organized crime. It is a grave violation of human rights. While trafficking is a process, exploitation of women and children is the result. He explained the constitutional provisions available to trafficked women. He went on to discuss the legislative enactments meant for creating a protective and rehabilitative mechanism for women. He stressed on the urgent need to strengthen the legal system and coordinate with neighbouring states to disrupt trafficking networks. To stop this crime, information is power. It’s not just about being informed, it’s about spreading the word. Regular checks at hotels drives

to gather intelligence can help curb illicit activities. The more people understand what trafficking is and how to recognize the risks it will help prevent the crime. Goa is a place where traditions and modernity intertwine, and it is our collective duty to ensure that human rights flourish in this evolving landscape.

Shri Pramod Kamat, Member Goa Human Rights Commission proposed the vote of thanks. Mrs. Biju Naik, Secretary Goa Human Rights Commission Inaugurated the Interactive art exhibition on the theme ‘Journey of Sex Trafficking Victims.’ She congratulated the students on their efforts and projecting the plight of victims of sex trafficking in a unique way.

Dr. Ranjana Ferrao convenor of the seminar curated the Interactive Art exhibition on the Title “The journey of sex trafficking.” The exhibition showcased the challenges faced by victims of sex trafficking which involve recruitment, transportation and finally exploitation. Traffickers use various means including force, fraud and coercion to control the victims. The exhibition highlighted how technology can be harnessed to detect, rescue, and support exploited trafficking victims. The exhibition had sculptures, models, murals, posters. This exhibition shared powerful stories of survivors who had recovered from exploitation. Every display at the exhibition spoke a story of survival, vulnerability and hope. The students Kate De Saldanha Osorio, Joshua De Souza, Priya Shirodkar, Alisha Fernandes, Diya Dhargalkar, Urvi Shenvi Mauzekar explained how art can be used as a powerful tool for catharsis, empowerment, and social change. This enhanced the viewer experience.

Dr. Rupesh Bhatkar in his session on the topic **Sex Trafficking-Concept Clarity** spoke about the challenges faced by survivors, the difficulties they face in their married life and the emotional distress they undergo. He highlighted society's double standards, where men with multiple partners face little judgment while women are shamed. Many survivors come from vulnerable backgrounds, sometimes even linked to traditional systems like devdasi practice. He also pointed out how they face insensitive treatment in healthcare settings and how there is a need to focus on the mental health of sex workers.

Mr. Arun Pandey in his session on the topic **Law Related to Sex Trafficking in India and Status of its Implementation** spoke about the rising number of sex trafficking and exploitation cases in Goa and India. During his address, he explained how the Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act, 1956 aims to combat human trafficking and protect women and children from exploitation in the commercial sex trade. Mr. Pandey also presented statistics on sex trafficking giving a clear understanding of the scale of the problem. The program concluded with the valedictory function.

ARZ also displayed the creative art work done by the survivors of human trafficking. This was a conscious effort to raise awareness, support healing, and provide livelihood opportunities to them.



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Lighting of the lamp by Shri Desmond D'Costa, Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission.

Shri Desmond D'Costa, Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission delivering the keynote address.

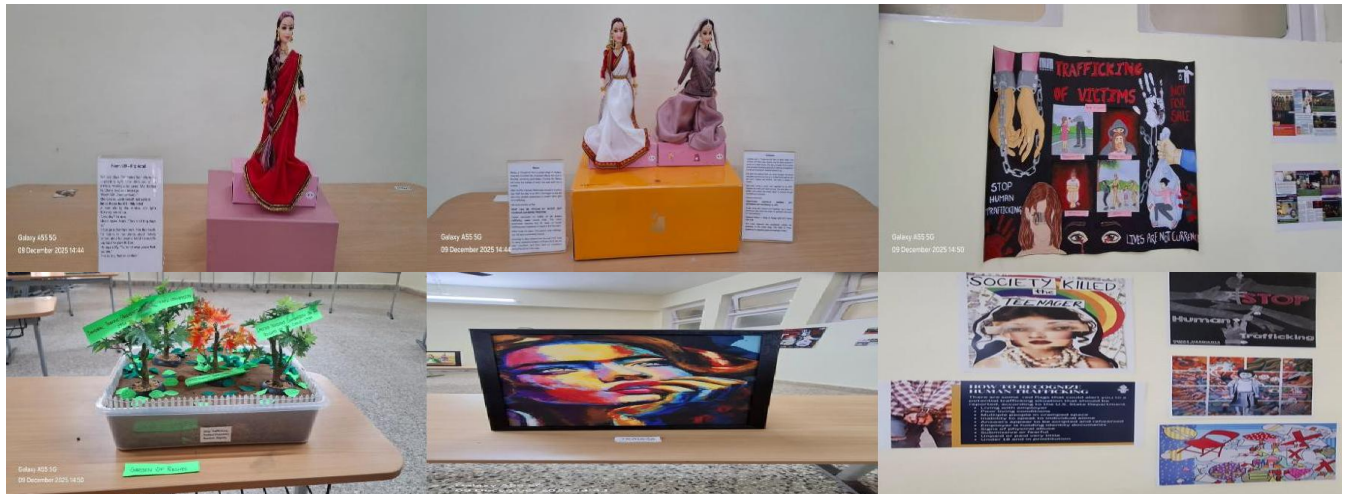


Shri Pramod V. Kamat ,Member Human Rights Commission delivering the Vote of thanks.

INTERACTIVE ART EXHIBITION ON THE THEME – JOURNEY OF SEX TRAFFICKING



Mrs. Biju Naik, Secretary, Goa Human Rights Commission Inaugurating the Interactive Art Exhibition on the Topic Journey of Sex Trafficking . Also seen are Shri Desmond D’Costa, Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission and Shri Pramod V. Kamat ,Member Human Rights Commission along with students



Some Exhibits at the Art Exhibition



**Students explaining the posters and Art work to the Dignitaries Shri Desmond D'Costa
Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission, Shri Pramod V. Kamat, Member Goa Human
Rights Commission, Biju Naik, Secretary Goa Human Rights Commission**



Dr. Ranjana Ferrao explaining the paintings to the Dignitaries Shri Desmond D'Costa Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission, Shri Pramod V. Kamat, Member Goa Human Rights Commission, Biju Naik, Secretary Goa Human Rights Commission, Dr. Shabir Ali Principal of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law and students.

Session I – Resource Person Dr. Rajesh Bhatkar



Dr. Rajesh Bhatkar delivering his session on Sex Trafficking-Concept Clarity Session II -

Resource Person Dr. Arun Pandey



**Dr. Arun Pandey delivering his address on the Topic Law Related to Sex Trafficking in India
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Shri Desmond D'Costa Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission, Shri Pramod V. Kamat, Member Goa Human Rights Commission, Biju Naik, Secretary Goa Human Rights Commission, Dr. Shaber Ali, Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Convenor of the seminar along with the student volunteers.



Participants of the program



Participants raising questions during the sessions



Shri Desmond D'Costa Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission, Shri Pramod V. Kamat, Member Goa Human Rights Commission, Biju Naik, Secretary Goa Human Rights Commission, Dr. Shaber Ali, Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Convenor of the seminar along with the participants of the seminar.



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Trafficked women judged, not helped, says Dr Rupesh Bhatkar

Seminar on Human Rights Day exposes the prejudice that fuels exploitation

Team Herald

PANDEM: A simple question exposes an uncomfortable truth about Indian society. If two women stand before us — one raped by a businessman and another raped and later forced into prostitution — who is more likely to get married?

"The general public will say the rape survivor," says Dr Rupesh Bhatkar, a mental health professional who has worked extensively with trafficked women. "That tells us something disturbing — we don't see trafficked women as victims at all. We see them as socially damaged."

He was speaking at a seminar organised to mark Human Rights Day at V M Saligrama College of Law.

Dr Bhatkar said society's usual complex functions with stark double stan-

ards. A man with multiple sexual partners is praised as "manly", while a woman in the same situation is branded "characterless". "These judgments are not just social — they seep into our institutions, hospitals, and even textbooks," he said.

Growing up in a middle-class home, he recalls these conversations around sex work, trafficking or prostitution never took place. Like many others, his early understanding came from whispered conversations among friends — that sex workers were "bad women" responsible for spreading disease.

In medical college, sex workers were spoken of only in the context of HIV and STDs," he said. "We learned about condoms and prevention — never about where these women

came from, why they were there, or whether they had a choice."

His perspective changed after he began working at a government mental health institution, where social activists brought women rescued from brothels and trafficking networks.

One young woman undergoing treatment for severe depression improved significantly. On the last day of her treatment, she unexpectedly fell in his lap.

"She told me, 'Doctor, you cured me — but more importantly, you didn't look at me the way other doctors do.'"

What she described next shocked him. During a previous medical examination elsewhere, a doctor had said, "She wasn't ashamed to sleep with so many people — why should she be

ashamed now?"

"That was the day I realised how deep the stigma runs — even among healthcare professionals," he said.

As he continued working closely with rescued women, he encountered stories that challenged his understanding of morality, consent and exploitation — particularly those rooted in the *Cheruvu* system.

Girls from poor families are 'dedicated' to temples in the name of faith. In reality, this marks the beginning of sexual exploitation.

"The mother believes she is doing something sacred," he explained. "But in practice, the girl is introduced into prostitution. Trafficking hides behind religion."

Many of these girls never go to school, are denied choices, and grow up believing exploitation is their

destiny.

Dr Bhatkar admitted that even as a trained professional, he had never examined the system deeply until he began listening to survivors.

"We spoke about HIV, infections, gynecological problems — but not about trauma, coercion, caste

poverty or gender violence," he said.

What he learned was unsettling. Most women in prostitution did not choose to be there. Many were trafficked as minors, sold by relatives, abandoned after rape, or pushed into exploitation through ritual practices.

APPOINTMENTS

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has invited applications for recruitment to various posts in Mechanical / Electrical / Signal and Track section Central Office from all eligible candidates. Details are as under:-

Notification No. COP/R/1202025, Dated: 01.12.2025

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts	Date of Walk-in-Interview
1	Jt. Technical Assistant / Mech.	2	11.12.2025
2	Assistant Electrical Engineer	1	12.12.2025
3	Assistant Mechanical Engineer	1	13.12.2025

Candidates may see the details of vacancies, eligibility criteria, etc. on the ECL's website www.konkanrailway.com or the site www.krcil.com

Chief Personnel Officer

Press Release of the Seminar on Human Rights of Victims of Trafficking published in Herald dated 11th December, 2025

Campus Placement/Recruitment Drive 2025 – 2026

REPORT

Faculty Coordinator of Campus Placement Drive: **Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal**

Organizing Committee of Campus Placement Drive: **Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal**

Asst. Prof Ujwala Pednekar

Placement Cell Coordinators	
1.	Dr. Ranjana Ferrao Souza Cordeiro
2.	Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal
3.	Asst. Prof Ujwala Pednekar

Brochure



Objectives of Campus Placement/Recruitment:

(i) to ensure fair and transparent recruitment process thereby providing students with an equal opportunity to participate and compete, based on merit.

(ii) to facilitate employment opportunities aligned with student's qualifications, skills and career aspirations, while upholding the principles of equality and unbiased selection.

About the Company involved in Campus Recruitment: Adi Law LLC is a Singapore law practice specialised in the areas of investment funds and wealth management, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and family offices. (Ref. <https://www.adilawgroup.com/about-us>)

Adi Law LLC is one of the first Singapore law firm to have a focused approach to the needs of the ecosystem of asset managers, corporates, and family offices. (Ref. <https://www.adilawgroup.com/about-us>)

Hiring manager: Mr. Amit Dhume, Founder and Managing Director of Adi Law LLC.

Profile of the hiring manager: Mr. Amit Dhume, is the Founder and Managing Director of Adi Law LLC and leads a multilingual and a multicultural team. Amit has over 20 years' legal practice experience in the areas of investment funds, corporate law, M&A, and family offices. He is enrolled as an Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore; as a Solicitor in England and Wales; and as an Advocate in India. He holds the Master of Laws (Corporate and Financial Services Law) degree from National University of Singapore, Juris Doctor (Cum Laude) degree from Singapore Management University, and Bachelor of General Laws and LLB (Hons) degrees from VMS College of Law, Goa - India. Amit's expertise has been recognised in various publications, including the Chambers Asia-Pacific, Asialaw Profiles, and Legal 500 Asia Pacific, as a notable practitioner and recommended lawyer. (Ref. <https://www.adilawgroup.com/about-us>)

Details of Campus Placement

a) Post: Legal Associate, Adi Governance Private Limited, Singapore or its affiliate entity in India

b) Location of employment: Remote (the candidates will work remotely in Goa with Singapore team)

c) Interview venue: Governing Council Room, V.M.Salgaocar College of Law

d) Interview date and time: 15th April 2026 at 3.30 pm

e) Recruitment next round: 4th May 2026

f) Communication date of offer letter by company to the candidate: 13th May, 2026

g) Communication date of acceptance letter by candidate to the company: 13th May, 2026

Applicants: 08 (Eight)

Sr. No	Name	Programme	PR. No
1.	Raisa Mariette Pinto	B.A.LL.B.	202103319
2.	Lamisah Vasim Almeida	B.A.LL.B.	202142047
3.	Rajal Pravin Kamat	B.A.LL.B.	202103320
4.	Kiran Patil	B.A.LL.B.	202103253
5.	Aditi Harshal Gawde	B.A.LL.B.	202103263
6.	Sankalp R. Gaonkar	B.A.LL.B.	202103337
7.	Advait Ghildiyal	B.A.LL.B.	202103248
8.	Achal Amod Dalal	B.A.LL.B.	202103260

Shortlisted candidates who appeared for the interview (15th April 2026) at college

Sr. No	Name	Programme	PR. No
1.	Raisa Mariette Pinto	B.A.LL.B.	202103319
2.	Lamisah Vasim Almeida	B.A.LL.B.	202142047
3.	Rajal Pravin Kamat	B.A.LL.B.	202103320
4.	Kiran Patil	B.A.LL.B.	202103253

Shortlisted candidates who answered Recruitment next round (4th May 2026) conducted by the company

Sr. No	Name	Programme	PR. No
1.	Raisa Mariette Pinto	B.A.LL.B.	202103319
2.	Lamisah Vasim Almeida	B.A.LL.B.	202142047

Selected candidate

Sr. No	Name	Programme	PR. No
1.	Raisa Mariette Pinto	B.A.LL.B.	202103319

Photographs



Mr. Amit Dhume, Managing Director of Adi Law LLC along with Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal & Asst. Prof. Ujwala Pednekar



Raisa Mariette Pinto interviewed by Mr. Amit Dhume



Lamisah Vasim Almeida interviewed by Mr. Amit Dhume



Miss Rajal Pravin Kamat interviewed by Mr. Amit Dhume



Miss Kiran Patil interviewed by Mr. Amit Dhume

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

✓ **Prof. (Dr.) G. Shaber Ali**

Articles Published:

1. Joint author of an article titled 'Norms Regulating and Controlling, Port, infrastructure and Tourism', Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research & Advocacy (CEERA), NLSIU (Bangalore), ICSSR (New Delhi), Prof. Sairam Bhat (EDS) Atma Nirbhar Bharat: Promotion, Protection and Standardization (2025), **ISBN No. 978-93-91111-88-5** at 232 to 248 (Digital copy).

Resource person:

International Level:

1. Participated and presented a research paper titled 'Geographical Indications Protecting Goa's Indigenous and Cultural Heritage' on the theme Synergies in research, A Multidisciplinary approach to Contemporary issues, on **28th March, 2026** at Multi-Disciplinary International Conference (Hybrid mode) organized w in association with Ateneo de Naga University, Philippines and Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim, Salcete, Goa
2. Two-day international Interfaith Conference, Sadbhav Sammelan, 2026, presented a joint paper on 'Environmental Stewardship Through Faith: Embodying Cultural Ecology and Legal Consciousness' organized by Sadbhav, Pilar Piligirm Centre, Pilar, Goa, Nirmala Institute of Education, Panaji, Fr. Agnel College of Arts & Commerce, Pilar, Goa, on **6th February, 2026**
3. Two days International Conference on 'Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspective' at VMSCS, Miramar, Panaji, Goa on **29th and 30th January, 2026** at the college Conference Hall, organized by Mithradev Publications, Sivakasi, in collaboration with School of Liberal Arts, Shinwatra University, Thailand, Centre for Educational Research, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, Department of Education, MS University, Tirunelveli, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, Tamilnadu.

National Level:

1. Invited as speaker to give keynote address on 'Concept of Consumer and his rights under CP Act, 2019' on National Consumer Rights Day, organised by Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Goa, in association with VMSCS, Panaji, Goa on **9th January, 2026** at 10 am at the college conference hall.

2. Invited as a Chief Guest to deliver key note address about ‘Spell bee and Writing’ during National spell bee prize distribution, held at Ravindra Bhavan, at Madgao, on **22nd June, 2025**, organised by Extra School, Bangalore and International Human Rights Association, Goa.

State Level:

Resource Person:

1. Invited as resource person to present on ‘Rights, Duties under the Constitutional to Protect our Environment’ on **4th February, 2026**, at 10.00 am to 11.30 am during 125th FIP Orientation program for teachers, at Goa University, HRDC, Conference hall, through offline mode.
2. Invited as resource person to present on ‘Constitutional remedies and other remedies available under special legislation to protect environment’ on **4th February, 2026** at 11.30 am to 1.15 pm am during 125th FIP Orientation program for teachers, at Goa University, HRDC Conference Hall, through offline mode.
3. Invited as a resource person to deliver a talk on ‘Subject matter of Intellectual Property and subject matter of Artistic work’ for the students of Government College of Arts, at GCA Conference Hall, Altinho, Panaji, Goa on **2nd February, 2026**
4. Invited as resource person to present on ‘Constitutional Remedies and other provisions related to Environment’ on **23rd September, 2025** at 10.00 am to 11.30 am during 124th FIP Orientation program for teachers, at Goa University, through online mode.
5. Invited as resource person to present on ‘Provisions to protect Environment with reference to Rights, DPSP and Fundamental Duties’ on **22nd September, 2025** at 3.45 pm to 5.30 pm during 124th FIP Orientation program for teachers, at Goa University, through online mode.
6. Invited as a resource person to talk on ‘Protection and preservation of environment from carbon prints: Issues and Challenges’ on **13th July 2025**, at Gera School, Bainguinim, Old Goa, organized by International Model United Nations (IIMUN - 2025), for students from various school in Goa and other states.
7. Invited as resource person to deliver a talk on ‘Role of the Teacher’ organized by HRDC of VMSCL, Miramar, Panaji, Goa, as a part of two days FDP for faculty members of VMS College of Law, on **24th and 25th June, 2025**.
8. Invited as resource person to deliver a talk on ‘Responsibilities of Teacher’ organized by HRDC of VMSCL, Miramar, Panaji, Goa, as a part of two days FDP for faculty members of VMS College of Law, on **16th and 17th June, 2025**.

Programmes Organized:

1. Organized as organizing Secretary for Two days International Conference on ‘Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspective’ at VMSCCL, Miramar, Panaji, Goa on **29th and 30th January, 2026** at the college Conference Hall, organized by Mithradev Publications, Sivakasi, in collaboration with School of Liberal Arts, Shinwatra University, Thailand, Centre for Educational Research, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, Department of Education, MS University, Tirunelveli, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, Tamilnadu.

Seminar/Workshops Attended:

1. Actively participated and attended ‘India International Symposium on Democracy and Election Management (IISDEM) on 20th April, 2026 organized by Election Commission of India, IISDEM, Government of India, International IDEA, online mode.
2. Actively participated and attended two days International Conference on ‘Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspective’ at VMSCCL, Miramar, Panaji, Goa on 29th and 30th January, 2026 at the college Conference Hall, organized by Mithradev Publications, Sivakasi, in collaboration with School of Liberal Arts, Shinwatra University, Thailand, Centre for Educational Research, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, Department of Education, MS University, Tirunelveli, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, Tamilnadu.
3. International Conference on “Mediation’ by the ADR Society of VMSCCL, at VMSCCL, Miramar, Panaji, Goa online mode 10th January, 2026
4. Actively participated and attended the National Conference and Symposium on “***Mediation, How Far Significant in present day Context***” being organized by Bar Council of India along with Bar Council of India Trust-PEARL FIRST, New Delhi, and IIULER, Goa, at Ravindra Bhavan, Sancoale, Goa, on 26th and 27th December, 2025
5. Actively participated and attended a session on ‘*Mission Life – Mindful Consumption and Behavioural Change*’ organized by The Department of Environment & Climate Change, in collaboration with the Energy Swaraj Foundation, on **18th November 2025**, at the Bal Bhavan Auditorium, Campal–Panjim, Goa, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The session was conducted by **Prof. Chetan Solanki**, Founder of the Energy Swaraj Foundation and former IIT Bombay Professor, popularly known as the “*Solar Man of India*”.

Membership in the State and University Level:

1. Member, Goa Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Property (GCEIP), Goa College of Pharmacy, June 18th Road, Goa
2. Member of BOS in Law at Dempo College of Commerce, Cujira, Autonomous College.
3. Invited Member, Board of Studies (Law), Goa University, 2022 to 2026

4. Member, Grievance Committee, Goa University, matters relating to election from 2020
5. Legal Member, Goa State Biodiversity Board, Saligao, Goa (2nd term)
6. Malpractices Committee, Member, Director of Technical Education, Goa
7. Representative, Goa State Consumer Protection Council, nominated by DCSCA, by the GOG from 27.07.2023 onwards
8. V.C. Nominee, Doctoral Research Committee (Ph.D.), Goa University
9. Member of Fee Fixation Committee, Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim, Goa from 2020 onwards
10. Member of Wetting Committee, Goa University, Goa

✓ **DR.KIM ROCHA COUTO**

Resource Person

- 1.Resource Person at VM Salgaocar College of Law on the topic Teaching with Empathy: Strengthening relationships for better Learning, on 15/06/25 at the FDP conducted for Law teachers.
2. Resource Person at Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho on the topic POCSO Act and related Child protection laws on 14th January 2026 at 3.30 pm for the PG Diploma in Guidance and Counselling students.
3. Resource Person at the State Level Seminar on Child Rights organised by the National Commission on Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi in association with the Directorate of Education, Goa, on 29th January 2026
4. Session Chair, at the International Conference on ADR : Lex Infinitum 2026, held on 10th January 2026 at the VM Salgaocar College of Law.

Publications

- Co-authored a chapter titled, “Norms regulating and controlling Port, Infrastructure and Tourism, published in the book Atma Nirbhar Bharat: Promotion,Protection and Standardization (2025),National Law School of India University.
- Co-authored a chapter titled “Serving Justice, Shaping Lawyers: A sustainable model for institutionalization of Legal Aid Clinics in Indian Law schools- Published in a Global Handbook of Interactive Models of Clinical Legal Education (Devinder Singh& Balwinder Kaur eds.)Eucalypt Press 2026.

Paper Presentation

1. Presented Paper titled Rejuvenating Non -Adversarial Justice: Re-interpreting Bhartiya Nyaya shastra for the Digital Age, at the National Conference on Yugdharma: Aligning Bhartiya Nyaya shastra with Demands of the Digital Era, organized by Department of law, Central University of Karnataka and VP Trust, Martur, on 7/11/2025.

Government of Goa Assignments

□ Member of the Preliminary Assessment Committee, constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, for the State of Goa by the Director, Women and Child Development, Government of Goa.

□ Member, Legal Expert on Ethics Committee of Directorate of Health Services, Goa.

Academic Memberships:

1. Member, Board of Studies (Law) at Goa University

2. Member, Board of Studies, (Interdisciplinary Studies), Goa University

College Assignments:

1. Director, Child Rights Clinic, VM Salgaocar College of Law

2. Member, Grievance Redressal Committee VM Salgaocar College of Law

3. Director, Lex Infinitum- International Dispute Resolution Competition

4. Mentor for FY BALLB student

5. In charge of Socials Department for Justice GD Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition

6. Chairperson, Women Empowerment Cell of the College

7. Member, IQAC

8. Member, Student Grievance Redressal Cell

9. Presenter of 'Milestones of VM Salgaocar College of Law', on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Valedictory Ceremony of VM Salgaocar College of Law held on 23rd August 2025 in which CJI Hon'ble Justice BR Gavai was the Chief Guest.

10. Research Supervisor for 04 LL.M. students for academic year 2025-26

Programme Co-ordinator

1. Co-ordinator, World Suicide Prevention Day 2025, Programme on 18th September at the College.

2. Co-ordinator of World Mental Health Programme on 3rd October 2025 held at the college.

3. Coordinator of National Girl Child Day programme held at the College in association with DLSA, North Goa.

4. Coordinator of the Programme on She Inspires, She Leads-The Trailblazers, held at the College on 6/08/25.

5. Co-ordinator of Programme for Anti Human Trafficking rally organised by SCAN and Goa Police in collaboration with the Child Rights Clinic of the College.

Completed 21 hours of Karma Yogi modules initiated by the Government of India and obtained 13 certificates.

✓ **Dr.Kotagiri Srinivasa Rao , Associate Professor**

A) Certificate of Registration of Design – “ARTIFICIAL INTELLEGENCE BASED JUDICIAL HEARING INFORMATION SYSTEM” Registered Number 468251-001 dated 2nd August 2025 in Class 14-02 by Patent Office Government of India.

B) Article Published -- “Reconstructing Sanity: Multidisciplinary perspectives on mental health policy and practice in India” – article published in a (Scopus) book “Humanities and Social Sciences” A multidisciplinary approach, First Published 2026 by Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, London and New York. ISBN -978-1-041-29925-7(hbk).

C) Presented a Paper—

- i) Presented a paper entitled “A techno-pedagogical framework for the RTI Act 2005- Reducing Administrative Latency Via Digital Repositories and Assessment Rubrics” at International Conference on Educational Transformation: Legal Reform and 21st century global perspectives held at V.M.Salgoacar college of Law on 29th January 2026.
- ii) Presented a paper on Digital Rights in the Shadows: An analysis of online sexual violence and systematic impunity on the dark web in the 3day international conference on “right of wronged- Protecting Human Rights and Empowering Women and Girls for a just future (HYBRID MODE) organized by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai from 10th to 12th December 2025.

D) Expert /Member/resource person of various committees

- i) Member of Selection Committee for selection of Associate professor and Assistant professors in Law in SDM Law College, Mangalore on 17th Feb 2026.

- ii) Panel Expert for Career Advancement held on 5th February 2026 at Rosary College, Navelem, Goa.
- iii) Panel Expert for Career Advancement held on 31st January 2026 at G.R. Kare College of law, Margao.
- iv) Member of peer review committee for Lex Plus, a student law review 2025 Volume VI, SDM Law College, Mangalore.
- v) Resource person at the 7-day online faculty development programme organized by SDM Law college Mangalore on 5th Jan.2026 on the topic of current trends in socio legal research.
- vi) Resource person at the refresher Course in Commerce/Management (online) organized by UGC- Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Goa University on 9th August 2025 on the topic of Recent Advances in Legal Issues.
- vii) Session Chair in the international conference on Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspective (ICET 2026) organized by Mithra Dev Publications held on 29th -30th January 2026.

E) Organized –One day workshop at state level on rights of consumers organized on the eve of National Consumer Day in association with Consumer Affairs State of Goa on January 9th, 2026, at VM Salgaocar college of law

F) Responsibilities undertaken –

- i) Chief Proctor
- ii) In charge of Practical Papers
- iii) In charge of Consumer Clinic
- iv) In charge of Mock Trial
- v) In charge of Timetable Management

In charge of college elections

✓ **Dr. Sandhya Ram S A, Associate Professor**

1. Positions held

- a) Presiding Officer, Internal Committee, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law (till October 4, 2025)
- b) Member, Internal Committee, Goa University

- c) Member, Departmental Research Committee, V.M.Salgaocar College of Law
- d) Subject Expert, Goa Chief Ministers Fellowship Programme
- e) Associate Director, Posh Compliance Clinic
- f) Director, Centre for the Rights of Older Persons (CROP)

2. Accepted for Publication

- a) Authored a chapter titled “Advancing a “Society for All Ages”: Aligning Human Rights of Older Persons with SDGs in India” in the edited book “Traversing the Trial - Law and Justice in a Globalizing World” (Springer Nature, scheduled for print in May 2026)

3. Resource Person/ Guest Speaker/ Chairperson for Technical Session

- a) Engaged a session on POSH Act at the “Administrative Training Workshop” held on July 24, 2025 at Indian Institute of Technology, Ponda
- b) Engaged a session on Anti Ragging Law and NDPS Act at the Anti-Ragging and Anti-Drugs Workshop organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Ponda at the “Administrative Training Workshop” held on August 18, 2025.
- c) Acted as Chairperson for the Technical Session at the two-day National Conference titled “75 years of Indian Constitution: Reflections, Reforms and Road Ahead” organized by Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Goa University, in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education, Goa held on October 9-10, 2025.
- d) Served as resource person for the workshop titled “Settle With respect: Resolving Differences Without Conflicts” for all teaching and non-teaching staff of Government College Borda, Margao, Goa, organized by their IQAC on October 24, 2025.
- e) Acted as resource person and chair for the two day National Seminar on Constituent Assembly Debates, “From Deliberations to Destiny: The Constituent Assembly and Beyond” 8th edition, organized by the Department of Law, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, conducted on 25th and 26th November 2025.
- f) Conducted session titled “Ageing With Dignity: Upholding Rights of Senior Citizens” at the One Day Training Program on “Empowering Youth for Human Rights: Awareness and Sensitization on the Concerns of marginalized Group” organized by Carmel College of Arts, Science and commerce for Women in association with National Human Rights Commission, held on February 3, 2026.

- g) Engaged a session on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013 for the faculty and staff members of Parul University, Betul-Goa on March 10, 2026 at Parul University
- h) Engaged a session on March 18, 2026 on the topic “Disciplinary Proceedings Against Employees” at the Goa University Officers Training Program held during February 2 – March 25, 2026.
- i) Engaged a session on March 23, 2026 on the topic “Administrative Discretion: Concept and Exercise” at the Goa University Officers Training Program held during February 2 – March 25, 2026.
- j) Invited Speaker at the Panel Discussion on the theme :From Women Development to Women Led Development through Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023” organised by the Directorates of PM-USHA (D-RUSA) of Goa University on April 13, 2026 at Goa University
- k) Engaged a session on Prevention of Sexual Harassment to the employees of Our Lady of Rosar HSS, Dona Paula, Panaji-Goa on 16th April 2026.

4. Participation in Seminars, Conferences

- a) Participated (on invitation) in the Community Mediation Conclave Goa 2026 themed “Community Mediation– The Path to Conflict Resolution and Peace” organized by Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM) in collaboration with Beyond Barriers – towards Hope, held on March 28, 2026 at Double Tree by Hilton, Panaji-Goa.

5. Expert Assessor

- a) Judge at the National Selection Round at the Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition held from February 6-8, 2026 at Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal
- b) Expert Assessor for Lex Infinitum 2026, International Dispute Resolution organized by V.M.Salgaocar College of Law, Goa from January 22-24, 2026

6. Nominations

- a) Nominated by the Vice Chancellor of Goa University (7/7/25) as the Chairperson of Ph.D. Viva voce Examination in respect of Ms. Geeta Pathak Sangroula, student in the subject of law
- b) Nominated by the Vice Chancellor of Goa University (28/7/25) as the Chairperson of Ph.D. Viva voce Examination in respect of Ms. Sonia Anant Kamat, student in the subject of law

7. Other institutional assignments

- a) Member, IQAC
- b) Member, Student Grievance Redressal Committee
- c) Member, College Grievance Cell
- d) Member, Scrutiny Committee for ISA
- e) Member of Research, Development & Innovation Cell
- f) Faculty in charge of Competition Department, Justice GD Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition
- g) Coordinator of Criteria 7 team for NAAC

Faculty Representative in the panel for Selection

✓ **Dr. Mrunmayi M. Vaidya**

Resource person:

1. Keynote speaker at National Seminar organised by KILPAR in association with Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura on 12th March 2026 on the topic Prohibition of Child Marriage and Devdasi System.

Judging/Moderator:

1. Expert assessor for Lex Infinitum 2026 conducted by the V.M.Salgaocar College of Law, Goa.
2. Session Chair in the International Conference on Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspective (ICET 2026), organised by Mitradev Publications in association with Monanmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil nadu, Sinawatra University Thailand on 29th and 30th January 2026.
3. Judge for XVI M.K.Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2026 organised by Raja Lakhamgouda Law College, Belgavi from 13th to 15th March 2026.

Paper presentation:

1. Paper Presentation on the topic "Uniform law in family matters: Its Constitutional and Human rights perspective and impact on gender neutrality" at the National Seminar on "75 Years of the Indian Constitution: Reflecting on Democratic Ideas, Institutional Challenges and the Road Ahead", held on 25th and 26th November 2025 at the National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi.

2. Presented a paper on the topic “Access to justice for Child victims of crime- The perspective from State of Goa” in the International Conference on Justice, Protection & Empowerment: The Global, Regional and Local Responses to Crime organised by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu, India in collaboration with Indian Society of Criminology, Tirunelveli Branch on 2nd & 3rd March, 2026.
3. Presented a paper titled “Child Marriage in India: A Barrier to Childhood Rights and Sustainable Development Goal” at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Institute of Management and Research, New Delhi organised National Conference on “Advancing the SDGs in India: Management, Sustainability, Law, and Technology Perspectives” held in April 16-17, 2026.
4. Presented paper at International Conference on Constitutionalism to Transformative Constitutionalism: Rethinking the Constitutions across time and world on 18th -19th April 2026 organised by Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai in collaboration with Centre for Environmental Law and Policy, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka on the topic Personal Laws and the Constitution: The transformative Judicial perspective.

Faculty Development Programme:

1. Completed the Third Virtual Seven-Day Faculty Development Programme on Human Rights, organized by the Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Chair on Human Rights, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, from May 26 to June 1, 2025.

Institutional responsibilities:

1. Director, Centre for Rights of Persons with Disability.
2. Faculty representative in Internal Committee under POSH Act.
3. Member of IQAC.
4. Adhoc member of College Proctorial Board.
5. Member of Internal Academic Review Committee of the College.
6. In charge of Criterion IV for NAAC.
7. Mentor for IV year B.A.LL.B.
8. Faculty In charge for Memorials Department for G. D. Kamat Memorial National
9. Moot Court Competition 2026.
10. Faculty In charge for Scoring Department for Lex Infinitum 2026.
11. Expert Assessor at Lex Infinitum 2026.
12. Paper-setter and Assessor for Goa University LL. B Exams.
13. Member of Parents Teachers Association-Executive Committee
14. Member of the Legal Aid Cell Inspection Committee
15. Chairperson of Uniform Committee.

16. Assessor for Practical papers in Moot Court, Negotiation and Client Counselling for Vth yr and T.Y LL. B Degree

✓ **Pearl Monteiro- Associate Professor (Law)**

Institutional Responsibilities

- Director, Moot Court Society
- Director Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial Moot Competition 2026
- Incharge of conducting Intra Semester Assessment (ISA)
- In charge of Experts Department at Lex Infinitum 2025
- In charge of Socorro Free Legal Aid Cell
- In charge of Criteria II (NAAC)
- Minute keeper at faculty meetings
- Member, Teaching, Learning and Educational Technology (TLET) Teaching, Cell for Higher Education Institutes in Goa
- Member, Internal Committee of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, constituted under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Work-Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, from 2022 till 2025
- Presiding Officer Internal Committee of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, constituted under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Work-Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, from 2025 till date
- Faculty Member, Press Department on occasion of the Valedictory Ceremony of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of our esteemed institution with Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India as the Chief Guest on Saturday, 23rd August, 2025
- Judged a monologue competition at inter-collegiate event, 'Kaushalya' on 10th September 2025
- Chairperson, Paper Presentation Sessions at International Conference on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) organized by Devi Sharvani Education Society's V. M. Salgaocar College of Law in Association with Lex Infinitum 2026, on January 10th, 2026

Goa University Responsibility

- BOE Scrutiny, Examination Supervision, paper setting & assessment

Karmayogi Bharat Certificate Courses Completed

1. AI Daksh Badge
2. AI for Social Sector Transformation by Wadhvani Foundation
3. AI in Government: Transforming Public Service Delivery by Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
4. Artificial Intelligence in Finance By XLRI- Xavier School of Management
5. Artificial Intelligence for Karmayogis by Karmayogi Bharat
6. Artificial Intelligence for Public Governance by Kyndryl

7. Bridging the Gap During Disasters: Media Messaging and Mitigation by National Institute of Disaster Management – NIDM
8. Common Yoga Protocol – Konkani by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)
9. Conduct Rules by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management
10. Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM)
11. Introduction to Indian Knowledge Ecosystem by Capacity Building Commission
12. Leading with Clarity: Svadharma in Public Service by Capacity Building Commission
13. Leading with Collaboration: Sahakaryata in Public Service by Capacity Building Commission
14. Panch Pran and India's Civilizational Reawakening for Viksit Bharat by Capacity Building Commission
15. Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management
16. Purpose-Driven Leadership by ISB Hyderabad
17. Time Management by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management
18. Work Ethics Work by the Indian Railway Institute of Transport Management (IRITM)

FDP

- International Faculty Development Programme on Law, Technology, and Governance in Digital Space. Organized by The School of Law, Bennett University Noida. from March 16–21, 2026.
- One Week Online Capacity Building Programme/FDP on Interpretation Of Statutes Jointly Organised By HRSPM'S Sarsenapati Hambirao Mohite Law College Rajgurunagar Pune & Law Teachers India from 12 to 18, January 2026
- Five-Day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on IPR – Copyright Organized by Goa University Manohar Parrikar School of Law Governance and Public Policy LLM Programme in Collaboration with Goa University Research Park Unit (GURU) from 12th – 16th January 2026
- One Week Online National Level Faculty Development Programme for Law Teachers on Use of AI In Teaching & Research Jointly Organised by HSNCB's Nari Gursahani Law College & Law Teachers India January 3 to 9, 2026
- One Week Online International Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Multidisciplinary Aspects of International Law, organized by the Department of Law, Central University of Karnataka in collaboration with University of Technology, Mauritius, from December 10 to December 16, 2025., and has secured A+ Grade in the final assessment

- One Week Online Capacity Building Programme / Faculty Development Programme on Access to Justice Jointly Organized by KLE Society's Law College, Chikodi, Belagavi, Karnataka and PROBONO India from 8-14, December 2025
- Faculty Development & Capacity Building Program on "Quantitative Research Using SPSS: A Multidisciplinary Initiative for Social Science and Security Research" Organised by Law Teachers India and Directorate of Research & Publications, Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar Gujarat from 10th - 22nd November 2025
- 11 Day Online Capacity Building Programme (CBP)/ Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Developing Pedagogical and Research Skills Organized by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala in Collaboration with Law Teachers India from 23 October – 4 November, 2025
- Ten Days Capacity Building Programme / FDP On Legal Research With special reference to Citation, Referencing, and Scholarly Writing: Best Practices and Methodologies in Law Citation, Jointly Organised by Institute of Law, Rabindranath Tagore University, Madhya Pradesh & Law Teachers India from October 10-19, 2025
- 6-days National Online FDP on "AI Driven Innovative Teaching Approaches in Management & Social Sciences" organised by the DCT's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College (Autonomous), Cujira, Bambolim, Goa from 6th to 13th October 2025
- Trainers' Training Certification Course on RTI Act, 2005 organized by Faculty of Law, Kalinga University, Naya Raipur is scheduled to be held on 20th September to 11th October, 2025
- FDP on Constitutionalism and Human Rights: Looking through the Prism of SDGs for Global Development organized by Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Development Research (CESDR) under the aegis of Department of Law (IIIJS), University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata in association with the HRDC, IEM-UEM Group from 22.09.2025 to 26.09.2025.
- One Week Online Capacity Building Programme/FDP On Jurisprudence & Legal Theory Jointly Organised by SNBP Law College, Pimpri, Pune, Maharashtra (Department Of IQAC) & Law Teachers India September 8 to 14, 2025
- Three Days Online Capacity Building Workshop on Techniques of Forensic Evidence in Crime Scene Investigation and New Criminal Law organized by Faculty of Law and Department of Forensic Science, Faculty of Science, Kalinga University, Naya Raipur is scheduled to be held 23rd August, 2025 to 6th September, 2025
- One Week Capacity Building Programme on Developing MOOC Programmes Jointly Organized by Law Teachers India and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab August 30 to September 5, 2025
- 6th International Virtual Mediation Summer School, hosted by NIVAARAN (Mediators of the Supreme Court of India) with support of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) & Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC). from 1st to 10th August 2025.

- Two Weeks National Level Online Faculty Development Program On “Alternate or Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR)” conducted by Faculty of Law, SRM University, Sonepat Haryana In Collaboration with Law Teachers India from July 28 to August 10, 2025
- 10 Day Online Capacity Building Programme on Disability Laws Jointly Organized by PROBONO INDIA and GNLU Centre For Disability Studies, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, from JULY 21-31, 2025
- One Week Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Transcending Borders: Global Trends Driving Change in Management and Commerce” held from 21 -25 July, 2025 at Sushant University, Gurugram, India.
- National Capacity Building Workshop on Forensic Linguistics for Crime Prevention, Justice, And Media Integrity Organised By: School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies (SLFJPS), National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar In Association With: Law Teachers India July 16-20, 2025
- International Faculty Development Programme (FDP) Global Perspectives on Contemporary Legal Challenges: An FDP for Indian Law Academicians, organized by Centre for Constitution and Administrative Law (CCAL) in collaboration with International Association of Social Protection (IASP), Washington, Peace: NMD and Guj Jurix from July 14th, 2025 - July 20th, 2025.
- 2nd Edition of 11 Day Online Capacity Building Programme / FDP On Indian Knowledge System Jointly Organized by Law Teachers India & Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab from June 30 to July 11, 2025
- 2nd National Level One Week Online CBP on POSH Act 2013 Jointly Organized by Surendranath Law College, Kolkata Affiliated to University of Calcutta and PROBONO India Supported by GNLU Legal Services Committee, GNLU, Gandhinagar, from June 16-22, 2025
- Third Seven Days Faculty Development Programme on Human Rights (Online) organized by Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Chair on Human Rights, School of Legal Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, May 26 - June 1, 2025
- Six-Day Online Capacity Building Program on "Empowering Professionals: Well-being and Resilience Strategies," organized by the School of Law and Public Policy, Avantika University in collaboration with Naitram - Mindful Space, from May 12th to 17th, 2025.
- Online Faculty Development Programme on Entrepreneurship Organized by Law Teachers India, May 5-16, 2025
- One Week Online National Capacity Building Programme on Data Privacy Laws and Artificial Intelligence jointly organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India from 28 April,2025 to 5th May,2025.

Publication

- Chapter in edited book *Strategies for Teaching Law in The Twenty-First Century* Publishers: Thomson Reuters, Legal (A division of Thomson Reuters South Asia Private Limited), 2026 ISBN: 978-81-994850-0-6

Resource Person / Invited Lectures

- Moot Judge of the XVI M. K. Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2026 at Raja Lakhamgouda Law College (Belagavi) from 13th to 15th March 2026
- Resource Person at B.L.D.E. Association's A.S. Patil College (Vijayapur) on 12 March 2026
- Resource Person at School of Law BLDE (Deemed to be University), Vijayapura on 12 March 2026

Training

- Training Session on Mediation and Community Service which was conducted by Dr. Ravindranth Shanbogue, Founder, Human Rights Protection Foundation, Udupi® and Basrur Consumers' Forum, Udupi®, organized by V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa on 31st January and 1st February 2026,
- One-day training program on the Sexual Harassment (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) on Saturday, November 29, 2025, organized by Tech Trainers and Testers Pune.

Certificate Courses Attended

- Five-Day [40 Hours] Online Mediation Training Certificate Course organised by the Faculty of Law, Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh, from 27th January 2026 to 31st January 2026.
- Two-Credit Course on Law of the Sea organized by Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH) & Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, from 9th August – 7th September 2025
- EU-IndoPac Jean Monnet Teaching Module, organized by UCLouvain, IEE St Louis, Brussels, Belgium, and the Department of Studies in Law, University of Mysore, India from June 2 to June 4, 2025 with a grade of A.

Paper Presentation & Participation in Seminars / Webinars

- International Conference on Constitutionalism to Transformative Constitutionalism: Rethinking the Constitutions Across Time and World organized by Centre for Research in Public Law, Policy and Jurisprudence, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai in Collaboration with Centre for Environmental Law and Policy, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka scheduled for 18th-19th April 2026
- National Conference on “Advancing the SDGs in India: Management, Sustainability, Law, and Technology Perspectives” organized by Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be

University) Pune, Institute of Management and Research (BVIMR), New Delhi, scheduled from April 16-17, 2026

- The 2nd National Conference on Gender Justice: Breaking Stereotypes, Discriminations and Prejudices organized by Centre for Gender Justice Studies of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur on 20th March 2026
- Two Days International Conference (Hybrid Mode) on “Justice, Protection & Empowerment: The Global, Regional and Local Responses to Crime” organized by Department Of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University – Tirunelveli on 2nd & 3rd March 2026
- International Doctoral Consortium and International Conference on Sustainability and Regenerative Businesses, with a focus on the Global South, *Beyond Sustainability: Creating and Sustaining Regenerative Businesses*, hosted by Centre for Excellence in Responsible Organizations (CERO) and Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon, India, in collaboration with Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH), Switzerland, and The Energy and Resources Institute – School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS), supported by the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) and Sustainable Advancements, from 20–24 February 2026
- International Conference on “Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspectives”, organised by Mithra Dev Publications, Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa; the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Shinawatra University, Thailand; the Centre for Educational Research, Madurai Kamaraj University; the Department of Education, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University; and Thiagarajar College of Preceptors (Aided), Madurai. held on 29–30 January 2026 at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Panjim, Goa, India.
- International Seminar on Empowering Vulnerable Communities (Hybrid) organized by Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College, in collaboration with the Department of Legal Science, Techno India University, West Bengal, to be held on 14th -15th November, 2025.
- National Seminar On “75 Years of the Indian Constitution: Reflecting on Democratic Ideals, Institutional Challenges, And the Road Ahead” held on November 26, 2025
- National essay writing competition on “Safeguarding Constitutional Values in A Plural Society” organised by School of Law, Galgotias University in collaboration with S.K. Singhi & Partners (established in 2009) in November 2025
- Participated in The International Conference on ADR: Lex Infinitum 2026, organized by Devi Sharvani Education Society’s V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, held online (via Zoom) on January 10, 2026. Chaired paper presentation sessions.

Webinars

- Two-Day International Webinar on Legal Governance and Green Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture organized by the Department of Studies in Law, University of

Mysore, in collaboration with JSS Law College (Autonomous) and Greenlife Cropotech Pvt. Ltd., Mysore, Karnataka, India on 12th and 13th November 2025

Submitted for publication:

“*Santhara in the Light of Constitutional Morality and the Protection of Pluralism in India*” for consideration in the edited volume *Safeguarding Constitutional Values in a Plural Society*.

✓ **Dr. Shruti Kamat Dalal**

I) Publications

Authored a Chapter titled, “*Efficacy of Gram Nyayalayas’ in India & Access to Justice through Lens of Technology: A Critical Study with Special Reference to The State of Goa*” in a Book “*Law and Technology: Ethics, Regulation and Innovation*”, ISBN: 978-81-994586-6-6, 2026, Published by Universal Academic Books Publishers & Distributors.

Authored an article titled, “*An Unknotted Transformative Journey of Clinical Legal Education in India*” in Journal of The Indian Law Institute, UGC-CARE List, ISSN 0019-5731, Vol. 67: 1 2025.

II) Paper Presentation International Level

Presented a paper titled, “*Efficacy of Gram Nyayalayas’ in India & Access to Justice through Lens of Technology: A Critical Study with Special Reference to The State of Goa*” at the 6th International Conference on “*Law and Technology: Ethics, Regulation and Innovation*” organized by IPEM Law Academy, Ghaziabad, India in collaboration with Uttara University, Dhaka (Bangladesh) and RV University, Bengaluru on 12-13th December 2025.

III) Faculty Development Programme

Participated & attended Faculty Development Programme organized by Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) of V.M.Salgaocar College of Law on 16th & 17th June 2025.

IV) Training Session

Attended a Training Session organized by SCC online in association with V.M.Salgaocar College of Law on 11th August, 2025.

V) Membership

- a) Member of Local Managing Committee, Sridora Caculo College of Commerce & Management Studies, Goa.
- b) Member of Student’s Counselling Committee at V.M.Salgaocar College of Law, Goa.

VI) Institutional Assignments

- 1) Faculty Coordinator “Kaushalya 5.O” a State Level Annual Cultural Event held on 10th September, 2025.
- 2) Faculty Coordinator Placement Cell
 - i) Conducted Workshop / Training Session on CV Writing and Interview Skills on 13th August & 23rd September, 2025.
 - ii) Organised Pre-Placement Talk on 20th September, 2025, session engaged by TEACH FOR INDIA.
 - iii) In association with Goa State Higher Education Council and Directorate of Higher Education organised CONVERGE 3.0- Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, an Academia – Industry Summit on 13th February, 2026.
 - iv) Organised Business Fete on 13th February, 2026 as part of CONVERGE 3.0- Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, an Academia – Industry Summit.
 - v) Organised an APP Development Competition as a part of CONVERGE 3.0- Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, an Academia – Industry Summit.
 - vi) In association with Adi Governance Private Limited, Singapore, Organised On-Campus Placement / Recruitment Drive on 15th April and 1st week May, 2026.
- 3) Faculty coordinator Guest lectures for final year students of B.A.LL.B. & LL.B. Degree Programme.
- 4) Faculty Incharge of Thivim Legal Aid Cell.
- 5) Faculty incharge of Social Media Handle (Facebook & Instagram) at V.M.Salgaocar College of Law.
- 6) Mentor of S.Y. (A) B.A.L.L.B.
- 7) Engaged lectures on courses Contract II (Sem III) & Professional Ethics (Sem IX) ; Labour Law I (Sem VI) and Law and Education (Sem X).
- 8) Jury member for ‘Selection moot’ held on 29th & 30th July, 2025.
- 9) Attended Legal Aid Cell Inspection on 2nd August 2025.
- 10) Jury member for ADR Selection round held on 8th August, 2025.
- 11) Judged Compulsory moot for LL.B. Degree on 6th September, 2025; and for B.A.LL.B. on 19th September, 2025 and 2nd February, 2026.
- 12) Invigilator for 1st ISA conducted from 18th to 20th August and 9th September, 2025 (odd semester) ; Invigilator for 2nd ISA conducted on 16th, 17th and 24th September 2025 (odd semester); Invigilator for 1st ISA conducted from 9th to 11th Feb 2026 (even semester) and 2nd ISA conducted from 23rd and 25th March 2026 (even semester).
- 13) Examiner / Assessor at the Viva (odd semester) held on 7th and 8th October 2025, for the final year L.L.B. Degree and B.A.L.L.B. Programmes.
- 14) Incharge of Finance & Media Committee for “Lex Infinitum – International Dispute Resolution Competiton 2026” held from 22nd – 24th January, 2026.

- 15) Incharge of Hospitality Department for Justice GD Kamat Memorial Moot Court Competition scheduled from 26th – 28th Feb 2026.
- 16) Examiner / Assessor for Client Counseling Rounds (Practical Component) held on 13th & 16th March 2026, for the final year B.A.L.L.B. and L.L.B. Degree Programmes.
- 17) Examiner / Assessor for Negotiation Rounds (Practical Component) held on 27th and 28th March 2026, for the final year B.A.L.L.B. and L.L.B. Degree Programmes.
- 18) Examiner / Assessor at the Viva (even semester) held on 7th and 8th April 2026, for the final year B.A.L.L.B. and L.L.B. Degree Programmes.

✓ **Dr. Aamod M. Shirali, Assistant Professor (Law)**

Faculty development Program

Participated in 6 Days (Online) Short Term Programme/ Faculty Development Programme in Indian Knowledge System organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (UGC-MMTTC), Central University of Kerala, from 18.06.2025 to 24.06.2025.

Activities and Responsibilities

1. Director, Legal Aid Society, Coordinated the activities of the 27 Free Legal Aid Cells for the academic year.
2. Submitted the data on All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) for the survey year 2024-25.
3. Coordinated the content on Institutional website.
4. Faculty Incharge of Competition Department for the Lex Infinitum 2026.
5. Faculty Incharge of Finance Department for the Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition 26th to 28th February, 2026.
6. Presentation for Criteria 3 and 7 (Extension Activities) for NAAC Peer Team visit (online) held on 20-21 May, 2025, for NAAC 4th Cycle and in Legal Aid Exhibition.

Resource Person

1. Conducted Training session (Court Visit) for the trainees of Naval Police and Regulating School (NPRS), at INS Mandovi, Verem, Goa, on 13th February, 2026.
2. Conducted Training session for the trainees of Naval Police and Regulating School (NPRS), at INS Mandovi, Verem, Goa, on 23rd December, 2025, on the topic '*Official Secrets Act.*'
3. Conducted Training session for the trainees of Naval Police and Regulating School (NPRS), at INS Mandovi, Verem, Goa, on 17, 18, 25, 28, November 2025 on the topic *Criminal Procedure Code and BNSS.*

Positions appointed

1. Nodal Officer, All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) for the survey year 2024-25.
2. Nodal Officer, for NIRF 2026, for period 2024-25.

3. Director, Legal Aid Society
4. Secretary of the Library Committee for Academic Year 2025-26.
5. Faculty Representative, Internal Committee.
6. V-C Nominee, Research Advisory Committee.

Achievements

1. The Knowledge Steez Award of Excellence for Contribution in Social Justice and Legal Aid. The ' Legal Aid Award' 2025. The award was presented at the 14th International Conference on Human Rights and Gender Justice organized by Knowledge Steez Edu Hub LLP, The award ceremony was held on 7th September, 2025, at Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi.
2. Coordination of the Nyay Frames- 2nd KIIT Legal Aid Reel Making Competition organized by KIIT School of Law, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with ProBono India. In this Competition Ms. Arya Nadkarni and Ms. Devishma R. Naik, were adjudged Best Content (Overall) and awarded Certificate of Merit and Rs. 3000/- Prize money in, held during August-September, 2025
3. Contribution in securing 2nd Place in the Street Play College Competition organized by the Goa State Legal Services Authority (GSLSA). This competition was a cornerstone of the "30-Day Special Awareness Campaign" addressing the theme: "Drug Abuse – Drugs: A Menace to Society." The Award was presented by the Hon'ble Justice Shri Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court of India, on 25th January, 2026.
4. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law was one of the three Colleges selected for presentation at 20th Edition of Professor S P Sathe National Consultation on "Clinical Legal Education and Access to Justice: Strengthening Legal aid Centres through community Engagement and legal Reform" organized by ILS Law College ,Pune.
5. Participated in two 10 Km Swimathons in June, 2025 Chennai (Tamil Nadu), at Malvan, (Maharashtra) in December, 2025. Also Participated in 15 Kms Swimathon in Vijaydurg (Maharashtra). A major milestone in his marathon swimming was in the Coastal Odyssey, in which he swam 20 Kms solo sea swim on 11th January, 2026, held in South Goa.

✓ Prof. Meghana Kapdi- Assistant Professor

Activities conducted:

- Organized the IQAC Excellence Awards 2026 (an IQAC Initiative) in the College Conference Hall on 4th March 2026.
- Organized Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on 6th March 2025, in the College Conference Hall.
- Paper Setter for the B.A.LL.B. Examination April 2026 conducted by Goa University.

Responsibilities handled in 2025-26 (From 5th December 2026 onwards)

- a) Member of the Library committee
- b) Co-coordinator of the IQAC Cell of the College.
- c) Member of the Proctorial Board of VMSCL.

- d) Faculty in charge of the Registration Team for the G.D. Kamat Moot Court Competition 2026.
- e) Faculty in charge of the Socials Team for Lex Infinitum 2026.

✓ **Roshant Parwar- Assistant Professor of Law**

I. RESOURCE PERSON:

- Served as Resource Person at St. Joseph Vas College, Cortalim, Goa, and delivered a session on the topic “Stay Informed, Stay Safe: Decoding the NDPS Act for Young Minds” for staff and students on 8th August 2025.

II. ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED:

- Conducted a Training Programme for members of the Centre for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on 15th July 2025 on the topic “Accessible Audit of Public Spaces using Sugamya Yatra App”.
- Conducted a Mock Trial for the Consumer Welfare Cell on the theme of Consumer Rights on 6th August 2025.
- Organised a compulsory Moot Court for LL.B. students on 6th September 2025.
- Organised a compulsory Moot Court for B.A.LL.B. students on 19th September 2025.
- Organised a Sensitisation and Orientation Talk on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, focusing on Accessibility, Digital Accessibility, and Reasonable Accommodation under the CRPD on 29th October 2025.
- Organised an Elocution Competition on Consumer Rights on 22nd December 2025.
- Organised a Quiz Competition on 8th January 2026.
- Organised a Consumer Sensitisation Programme in association with the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs on the occasion of National Consumer Rights Day on 9th January 2026.
- Organised a Round Table Discussion under CRPD on the topic “Three Years’ Mandatory Practice for Judicial Service” on 14th February 2026.
- Served as Faculty In-Charge for a Disability Audit conducted by the students of the college, in which 224 different public spaces were audited.
- Organised compulsory Moot Courts for LL.B. and B.A.LL.B. students on 2nd and 3rd February 2026.

III. PUBLICATIONS & PAPER PRESENTATION:

- Presented a research paper titled “Rights and Realities: A Study of Higher Education Access for Persons with Disabilities in the State of Goa, India” at the *Global Convergence on Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Law and Contemporary Challenges*, organised by The Kerala Law Academy Law College in association with the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo (Sri Lanka), Global Research Conference Forum (GRCF), and Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (CAL SAR) on 13th September 2025
- Published a research paper titled “A Socio-Legal Exploration of Accessible Tourism for People with Locomotor Disabilities in the State of Goa” in the *Journal of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions* (UGC-CARE Listed Journal)

IV. PROGRAMS ATTENDED:

- Attended a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organised by the Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) of the College on 18th and 19th June 2025.
- Attended a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organised by CMR University, School of Legal Studies from 14th to 21st July 2025.
- Attended a Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal Writing for Faculty, organised by the Research Development Cell in collaboration with the HRDC of the College.
- Attended the International Purple Fest organised by the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, and Social Welfare Department, Government of Goa, from 9th to 12th October 2025.

- Attended a One-Day Workshop organised by the Office of the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities on 7th March 2026 at the Conference Hall of the District and Sessions Court, Mercers.

V. INSTITUTIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Faculty In-Charge of Old Goa Free Legal Aid Cell and Margao Free Legal Aid Cell.
- Mentor for TY B.A.LL.B. (Division B) for the academic year 2025-26.
- Associate Director of the Consumer Rights Clinic.
- Associate Director of the Centre for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Associate Director of Compulsory Moot Court.
- Member of the Labour Law Club.
- Member of the Lawyers Incubation Cell.

- Judged the Selection Moot Court on 29th July 2025.
- Member of the Legal Aid Cell Inspection Team for the inspection conducted on 2nd August 2025. The team inspected the following Legal Aid Cells: Panaji, Santa Cruz, Mercedes, Vasco, and Margao.
- Judged the Selection ADR Competition on 9th August 2025.
- Chief Conductor for LL.B. Degree Semester End Examination (October/November 2025).
- Served as an invigilator for the 1st ISA (9th to 11th February 2026) and 2nd ISA (23rd to 25th March 2026).
- Served as Examiner/Assessor for Client Counselling Rounds (Practical Component) held on 14th and 16th March 2026 for final year B.A.LL.B. and LL.B. students.
- Served as Examiner/Assessor for Negotiation Rounds (Practical Component) held on 27th and 28th March 2026 for final year B.A.LL.B. and LL.B. students.
- Served as Examiner/Assessor for the Viva held on 7th and 8th April 2026 for final year B.A.LL.B. and LL.B. students.

✓ **Asst. Prof Ruhi Phadte**

Certificate course completed.

1. Completed one week Certificate course on Sports Law in India from 10th to 16th November 2025 organised by Maharashtra National Law University in collaboration with Sports Authority of India.
2. Completed Four-week Certificate course on Antitrust & Competition Law organised by Simulegum conducted from 11th January, 2026 to 10th February, 2026
3. Certificate course completed on Common Yoga Protocol provided by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) on 11th February 2026.
4. Certificate course completed on Conduct Rules provided by the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management on 15th February 2026.
5. Certificate course completed on Prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplace (POSH) provided by the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management on 17th February 2026.
6. Certificate course completed on Time Management provided by the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management on 17th February 2026.

Resource Person/Reviewer

1. Delivered a lecture on “Ethics in the classroom: Teachers conduct, Students rights and the RTE framework” on 22/10/2025 at CICS College of Teacher Education Kozhikode Kerala.
2. Appointed as Reviewer for conference by International conference on social research and Innovation.

Paper presentation

1. Presented paper on State-Led Teacher Education reforms and marginalized communities in India at CICS College Kerala.

Participation in Workshop /Faculty Development Programs.

1. Participated in a six day Faculty Mentor Development programme under the EDC – CSR Initiative scheduled from 9th march 2026 to 14th March 2026 at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII Head Office, Ahmedabad).
2. 1st One-week online National level Faculty development program on “Exploring Forensic Linguistics: Language Law and Evidence” organised by Gokul Global University, Gujarat from 1st May to 7th May 2025.
3. Participated in online National Workshop on “POSH: Prevention of sexual harassment” organised by Gokul Global University Gujarat on 12th October 2025.
4. Participated in online National Workshop on “From Practice to Publication: Exploring Action Research in the Classroom” organised by Gokul Global University Gujarat on 9th November 2025.
5. Participated in online National Workshop on “Flipped classroom for transformative teaching: Embracing the shift from Sage on stage to Guide by side” organised by Sree Narayana Guru college of Commerce, Chembur on 15th November 2025.
6. Participated in online National Workshop on “From Articles to Insights: Methodical approaches to Literature Review” organised by Nucleus of Learning and Development on 16th November 2025.
7. Participated in online National Workshop on “Curriculum Design for Quality and Global relevance: Aligning NAAC, NBA, NIRF with Qs & the frameworks” organised by Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Punjab on 23rd November 2025.

Institutional Assignments

- 1) Appointed as a Chief conductor of examinations for BALLB Course from 15th October to 04th December 2025.
- 2) Editor of Salgaocar Law Review for the Academic year 2025 – 2026
- 3) Appointed as a Chief conductor of examinations for LLB Degree Course from 15th April to 16th May 2026.
- 4) Appointed as a member of POSH Committee.
- 5) Faculty Incharge of the Practical Paper Viva for the academic year 2025 - 2026, of the final year B.A.L.L.B. and L.L.B. Degree Programmes.
- 6) Faculty Incharge for creation of Timetable for B.A.L.L.B Programme for the academic year 2025 - 2026
- 7) Faculty Incharge of Hospitality Department during Lex Infinitum 2025 - 2026
- 8) Faculty Incharge of Scoring Department during Justice GD Kamat Memorial Moot Court Competition scheduled from 2025 - 2026
- 9) Faculty Incharge of Vasco and Usgao Legal Aid Cells.

- 10) Mentor of Fifth Year (B) B.A.L.L.B. for the academic year 2025-26.
- 11) Engaged counselling session during admission process for TYBALLB for the Academic Year 2025 - 2026
- 12) Engaged lectures on courses Competition Law (Semester VIII) and Law of Copyright (Sem X).
- 13) Examiner for Negotiation Rounds (Practical Component) for the academic year 2025 – 2026 for the final year B.A.L.L.B. and L.L.B. Degree Programmes.
- 14) Examiner for Client Counselling Rounds (Practical Component) for the academic year 2025 – 2026, for the final year B.A.L.L.B. and L.L.B. Degree Programmes.

✓ **Ramrai Naik -Assistant Professor, Political Science**

Paper Presentation and Research Engagements:

16-07-2025 - Paper titled “Community Notes on X as a Model for Fact-Checking on New Media: Limitations and Recommendations” was presented at the 28th World Congress of Political Science, held from 12-16 July 2025, in Seoul, South Korea.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JCFfRMvnL/>

01-08-2025 - Published research paper titled “Transforming Presentations Through Explicit Assessment Criteria” in Lecture Notes in Educational Technology. (ISSN 2196-4963 / ISBN 978-981-96-5760-5) https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-96-5761-2_31 (Scopus-indexed)

07-12-2025 - Contributed an essay on “New Media and Political Socialisation” for the book “Theory of India,” a collection of 30 essays that critically examine India's socio-political landscape. Published by Walnut Publication (India-UK-USA). ISBN 978-935911162-9.

<https://www.flipkart.com/theory-of-india/p/itm675a018e0fcb0>

07-12-2025 - Paper titled “Informal Political Education, Media Influence and Voter Reasoning: Insights from an Online Civic Simulation,” has been presented at the International Conference on Technology 4 Education (T4E 2025) held at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India, and organized by the EdTech Society.

31-01-2026 - Presented a paper titled “Democratizing Truth in the Global South: Evaluating Crowdsourced Verification as a Model for BRICS Nations” at the International Conference on “BRICS @ 2026: India’s Leadership and the Future of the Global South,” organized by the Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies, School of International Relations and Politics Mahatma Gandhi University, held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India.

Workshops Participated:

19-04-2025 - participated in the UGC-sponsored Refresher Course in Political Science (Interdisciplinary) conducted online by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, NEHU, Shillong.

02-11-2025 - Completed 3-month course titled Practitioner Research Idea Summit (PRISM) 2025, organized by the EdTech Society, IIT Bombay.

19-09-2025 - Completed ICSSR Fully Sponsored 12-Day Capacity Building Programme on Research Methodology for Faculty Members in Social Sciences, organized by IGNOU Regional Centre, Panaji, in collaboration with Goa State Research Foundation, held from 8th to 19th September 2025.

13-10-2025 - Participated in the National Online Faculty Development program on "AI Driven Innovative Teaching Approaches in Management Studies & Social Sciences" from 6th to 13th October, 2025, organized by Dempo AI Business School of DCT's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College (Autonomous), Goa.

18-02-2026 - Completed participation in the One Day National Workshop on “Research Methodology and Academic Writing in International Relations Pedagogy and Peer-Reviewed Publishing,” organized by the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University.

16-02-2026 - Completed participation in the Five-Day National Faculty Development Programme on “Research Structuring & Publication Process” (Theme: Research - The Recourse for Continuous Learning), created and powered by the Centre for Research and Training and the National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India

Resource Person

27-06-2025 - Served as a resource person during the two-day Faculty Development Programme at VMSCL. Contributed to sessions focused on promoting innovative, inclusive, and outcome-based assessment practices in legal education.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1191390836342589&set=pcb.1191391036342569>

31-01-2026 - Moderated a panel discussion on “Passion vs Profession” at the Career Conclave 2026, organized by the Office of the Commissioner Labour and Employment Goa, Regional Employment Exchange Goa, and the Model Career Centre Goa, Government of Goa.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DUSji3JgUVQ/?igsh=MTZ6NXR5anpxbWJwMA==>

Initiatives:

28-06-2025 - Conceptualized the Library Marathon 2025, a focused three-hour, screen-free reading initiative held at the VMSCL Library, bringing together participants to promote immersive reading, organized by VMSCL BeyondTheSyllabus -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTNUpB814ug>

30-05-2025 - Facilitated a discussion on the Israel-Iran conflict with Shailesh Tanpure, hosted by Rugved Jawdekar, organized under the Centre for Political Leadership at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmgmUO2AQgw>

07-07-2025 - Initiated the Open Mic: Show Your Original Talent event, encouraging original performances including music, poetry, comedy, and storytelling, organized by VMSCL BeyondTheSyllabus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txa9O6X2kfY>

02-07-2025 - Initiated a screening & discussion of the film Dead Poets Society under the VMSCL BeyondTheSyllabus initiative. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DLm-9IJHMh/?igsh=Yml3ajN1OHZ2aDhl>

✓ **Ms. Tanvi Khandolkar, Assistant Professor**

Paper Presentation

Presented paper in titled “Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities: A Comparative Analysis of Education and Employment” in 66th Annual Conference of The Indian Society of Labour Economics held at Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune India from 19-21 January.

Workshops/Capacity building Programme

Participated in national level panel discussion on “Gen Z: Mental Health and Resilience” held on 21st September, 2025 by Council of Teacher’s Professional Development.

Participated in national webinar “Financial Empowerment Through Wealth Creation” organized by Ashadayaka Seva Trust in collaboration with Association of Mutual Funds in India on 8th October 2025.

Participated in webinar on “Harmony Within: Meditative Tools for Stress Relief” organized by National Legal Rights Consortium-WICCI on 31st May 2025.

Participated in one day national level workshop on “Qualitative Research Methods” organized by the department of commerce Gopal Govind Poy Raiturcar College of Commerce and Economics Ponda on 05/07/2025.

Participated in faculty knowledge sharing program on Innovation Mindset and Behavioural Competencies to navigate the AI Era organized by ICFAI Business School on 12th July 2025.

Participated in Faculty Mentor Development Programme under Mukhyamantri Swayam Rojgar Yojana in association with EDC Limited & Directorate of Industries, Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Goa conducted during 9th -14th March 2026 at EDII Campus, Ahmedabad-Gujarat.

Attended 5 days National Level Virtual Faculty Development Programme on the topic “Navigating Modern Research: Methods, AI Technologies and Plagiarism Ethics” from 23rd to 27th March 2026, organized by Anveshana Cell of Sheshadripuram College of Tumakuru Karnataka,

Seminars and workshops organized

- Organized One Day Training Programme in Collaboration with EDC and the Business and Entrepreneurship club of the college on the title “Unlocking the Entrepreneurial Mindset in the Legal Profession” on 7th August 2025.
- Organized a session on “Startups and Law” in collaboration with The International Legal Alliance on 3rd March 2026.
- Coordinated in organizing a session on Litigation Resolves! Mediation Resolves! on 25th March 2026.
- Organized photography competition on the theme “One defines another: Reality captured through real world contrasts” on 23rd February 2026.
- Organized a field trip along with history department in South Goa (historical places) on 21st September 2025.
- Mentored students to participate in quiz competition and PPT presentation competition organized by Dnyanprassarak Mandal’s College and won 1st place in PPT presentation competition.
- Mentored students to participate in Intercollegiate Economics Fest organized by Goa University on 6th March 2026 and won 1st PLACE

Institutional assignments

- Induction ceremony
- Coordinator for E-Samarth (LLB Degree Programme)
- Nodal Officer India Today Survey
- Nodal officer for Scholarships
- Member of Core team of Best Student Award Ceremony
- In charge for Annual Report Preparation
- Faculty incharge of Scoring Department, Lex Infinitum
- Faculty incharge of Finance Department, G.D. Kamat National Moot Court Competition

✓ Pisipati Jyoti Kiran – Asst. Professor in English

Literary Achievements and Publications:

- Contributed a Telugu – English translated short story to an anthology titled **'Contemporary Short Stories (published between 1975-2024) – to be published in April 2026.**
- Telugu – English translated short story long-listed for **The Hope Prize 2026**, a global short story competition, March 2026.

- Telugu – English translated short story “**The Bus Journey**” in *Saaranga*, an online bilingual magazine, on 30th December 2025.
- Telugu – English translated short story “**The Silent Hills**” in *hākārā*, a bilingual online journal for creative expression, (a UGC CARE-listed journal) 4th May 2025.

Conference participation:

- Participated in “**Bashavaad 2.0**”, a National Translation Conference organised by The Ashoka Centre for Translation, Ashoka University on 29th and 30th August 2025 in New Delhi.

Editorial Work:

- Edited 07 novels, 01 novella and 01 anthology of short stories for Anonym Publications, Kolkata.
- Edited 04 anthologies of short plays and 01 anthology of short stories for Kamfucious Productions, Ahmedabad.

Institutional Responsibilities:

- Member, Debate Society
- Mentor for F.YB.A.LL.B
- Paper-setter and Assessor for Goa University B.A.LL.B Examinations

✓ **Asst. Prof. Amal Kazi**

1. LL.M Co-ordinator
2. Pursuing PhD from Symbiosis International University, Pune
3. Invited as a Guest Speaker for delivering a talk on “Pivotal role of Intellectual Property in the Growth and Global Competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises” organised by the MSME-DFO, Margao under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, in association with the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI).
4. Invited as a Resource Person as a part of Training of Trainers program sponsored by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to assist the Police Force in upskilling in criminals laws as per the BNS and BNSS on the topic “Role of Forensic Science in Investigation and Trial” and “ Role of Digital Forensics”.
5. Presented a paper titled “Judicial Scrutiny of Scientific Evidence: Standards of Proof and Reliability in India” at the “Two-Day International Conference on Interface of Forensic and Law” organised by the Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur.

6. Attended a webinar on “Can Robots Be Guilty? The Future of Law, Ethics and AI”, organised by Alliance School of Law, Bangalore.
7. Attended Webinar on “Navigating the Landscape of Generative AI: Unlocking Insights into Academic Misconduct Detection” by Turnitin.
8. Organised a guest lecture for the final year students of LL.M on Open Access Publishing.
9. Attended a workshop on “Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal Writing for Faculty” by the Research Development cell in association with the Human Resource Development of the V.M. Salgaocar College of Law.
10. Attended a lecture on the “Recent Developments on Human Rights in the Supreme Court” by Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves.

✓ **Asst Professor Disha Sardesai**

Publication

The silent strain: burden of caregiving and beauty norms and its impact on mental health of women in India, Swayamprakash luminescence peer reviewed journal of research (Multidisciplinary), ISSN 2249-9016, Vol VIII, Issue III (October 2025)

Resource Person

1. Awareness and prevention of sexual harassment at workplace, P.E.S colleges of Arts & science, Farmagudi Ponda.
2. Sec 20, NDPS Act: legal implications and social impact on 31st January 2026 at Government college of arts, science and commerce, Sanquelim
3. Legal rights and empowerment of Minority communities in Goa on 13th February 2026 at Nirmala Institute of Education, Panjim
4. Burden of caregiving and Beauty norms and its Impact on the Mental Health of Women in India on 6th March 2026 at Carmel College, Nuvem
5. Burden of Caregiving and Beauty norms and its Impact on the Mental Health of Women in India on 7th March at Goa Institute of Nursing Education, Bambolim.

Positions held

1. Associate Director -CRC 2025-2026
2. Faculty In charge of the timetable committee (2025-2026) for LL.B. Deg.
3. FY LLB (A) Degree Mentor 2025-2026
4. Legal Aid Cell In-charge 2025-2026
 - i. Moira Legal aid cell
 - ii. Valpoi legal aid cell
5. College social media in charge
6. Ad Hoc Women empowerment cell co-in charge (November 2025 – May 2026)

Participation in Seminar/ Conferences/ workshop

1. Attended Faculty Development Programme held on 24th & 25th June 2025 organized by Human Resource development Cell, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law.
2. Attended a capacity building workshop on Research Proposal writing for faculty on 1st August 2025 organized by Research Development Cell in association with Human Resource development Cell, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law.
3. Attended 13th International conference on Issues and challenges in Doctoral Research (ICICDR-2025) on 25th and 26th August 2025 held at Amity University, Mumbai
4. Attended programme & lecture on research methodology organized by V.M. Salgaocar Konkani Samshodhan Kendra on 12th March 2026.

Institutional Assignments

1. Engaged lectures for 1st to 3rd year LLB Degree for Academic year 2025-2026
2. Engaged lectures for LLM Course (odd semester) for Academic year 2025-2026
3. Compered at the valedictory ceremony of the golden jubilee celebrations at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law in the presence of Shri. B.R. Gavai (former CJI) on 23rd August 2025
4. Drafted ADR selection problem and Compulsory Moot Court Problem for Academic year 2025-2026
5. Judged Compulsory moot court for the academic year 2025-2026
6. Judged selection moot court for the academic year 2025-2026
7. Judged selection Negotiation for the academic year 2025-2026
8. Faculty coordinator for Induction programme of FY LLB Degree batch 2025-2026
9. Attended a major programme conducted by the Moira Legal Aid Cell and addressed the audience on the role and functioning of Legal Aid Cells at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar.
10. Compered at the International conference on ADR as a part of Lex infinitum held at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar on 10th January 2026
11. Faculty In-charge of competitions department for Lex Infinitum 2026
12. Compered at the International conference on educational transformation: Legal reforms and 21st century global perspectives held at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar on 29th January 2026
13. Faculty In-charge of social media department for G.D. Kamat memorial moot court competition 2026
14. Judged compulsory Negotiation for the academic year 2025-2026 for 5th year BALLB & TY LLB Degree
15. Judged compulsory client counselling for the academic year 2025-2026 for 5th year BALLB & TY LLB Degree

Events Organised

1. Coordinated an expert interaction session with Ms. Anusha Almeida (CRC Torch Bearer) on the *Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015*, including overall planning, logistics, and participant coordination held on 1st August 2025.
2. Coordinated a mental health awareness programme in association with the Women Empowerment Cell and COOJ Mental Health Foundation to mark *World Suicide*

Prevention Day 2025, including management of keynote speaker Ms. Donella Noronha and thematic dance performance held on 18th September 2025

3. Organized and coordinated an inter-class poster-making and poetry competition in collaboration with the Counselling Centre to commemorate *World Mental Health Day* held on 1st October 2025
4. Coordinated the formal observance of *World Mental Health Day 2025*, including arrangements for Resource Person Dr. Ravindra Agarwal and the lecture on “Resilience as a Shield: Protecting Mental Health in the Face of Adversity” held on 3rd October 2025
5. Coordinated the academic event “*VERDICTED – Censorship vs Liberty: Where is the Line?*” in collaboration with CPL, including participant management, role allocation, and pre-event orientation sessions; supported student coordinators in execution held on 5th & 6th January 2026
6. Coordinated student participation in the *National Human Trafficking Awareness Rally* organized by Goa Police in collaboration with SCAN Goa, including facilitation of a street play on “Exploited Online, Enslaved Offline: Stop Digital Trafficking” held on 29th January 2026
7. Organized and coordinated a poster-making and poetry competition to mark *National Girl Child Day* on the theme “Empowering Girls for a Sustainable Future” held on 3rd February 2026
8. Coordinated a guest lecture by Adv. Vahida Elgar on sex-selective practices and prevention of child marriage, including speaker and session management held on 4th February 2026.
9. Faculty in charge for the nomination and selection process for the annual CRC award, ensuring transparency through a structured Google Form-based system (3 applications received).
10. Contributed to the *VMSCL Excellence Awards* social media team, assisting in content coordination and online engagement.

Academic: Currently pursuing PhD (Law) – Part time -Jan 2025 batch at Amity University, Mumbai.

✓ **Reshmi Sawant, Assistant Professor Law**

Institutional Responsibilities

1. N.S.S Programme Officer for the Academic year 2025-2026.
2. LEX INFINITUM- Faculty Incharge of Transport Department.
3. G.D. KAMAT National Moot Court Competition- Faculty Incharge for Press and Media Departments.
4. KAUSHALYA- Associate Director of the Event.
5. Mentor of Fifth Year BA.LLB
6. Faculty In-charge for coordinating the All-Goa Gram Sabha Competition organised by the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development.

7. Co- Faculty In- Charge for organizing a blood donation programme at VMSCCL on 12 September 2025.
8. Faculty In- Charge for organizing a blood donation programme at VMSCCL on 5th February 2026.
9. Faculty Incharge for blood donation camp held at Raj Bhavan.
10. Co-ordinator of Debate Competition organised on Aids Awareness.
11. Judged Compulsory Moot and Negotiation rounds.
12. Incharge of Practical Papers for fifth Year Students.
13. Incharge of Pilerne & Anjuna free Legal aid cell.

Resource Person/paper Presentations :

1. Resource Person at Goa Nursing College, organised by Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy - Goa University, on topic Legal First Aid Kit For Women.
2. Presented paper at National Conference on Integrated Teacher Education :A Professional Trajectory Towards Viksit Bharat. On topic State-Led Teacher Education Reforms and Marginalised Communities in India.
3. Presented paper at “International Conference on Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspectives.” On topic, A TECHNO-PEDAGOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE RTI ACT, 2005: REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE LATENCY VIA DIGITAL REPOSITORIES AND ASSESSMENT RUBRICS.

Seminar/ Workshop/Training Attended

1. Participated in a rally on 10th January 2026, centered on the theme “Exploited Online, Enslaved Offline: Stop Digital Trafficking,” organized by Goa Police and SCAN-Goa.
2. Participated in a rally organized by the District Legal Services Authority, North Goa on the topic “Drug Abuse – A Menace to Society.” 13th January 2026
3. Attended a one-day national workshop on “Research Methodologies and Academic Writing in International Relations, Pedagogy, and Peer-Reviewed Publishing.” Organised by the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University. 18 February 2026)
4. Attended a State-level training program conducted under the National Tobacco Control Programme.
5. Conducted the orientation and Mock Fire Drill through the Goa Fire Service Department.

✓ **VARSHA SHANTARAM REDKAR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, LAW**

➤ **RESOURCE PERSON**

- 22nd Sept 2025- Keynote speaker for Orientation -cum-talk on **Anti Ragging Act** in Sant Sohirobanath Ambiyee Government College of Arts and Commerce, Virnora Pernem, Goa.
- 6th November 2025, guest speaker for a one-day seminar on IPR organised by Pernem Legal Aid Cell with DM's College of Management Studies, Mapusa.
- 19th Nov 2025- Delivered a special invited lecture on the topic “**Fire Laws in the light of the Constitution of India**” in the Department of Fire, Panaji-Goa
- 13th Jan 2026- Delivered a special invited lecture on the topic “**Constitution of India**” as a part of the certificate course Litigation in Business and Contract Act in Dnyanprasarak Mandal’s College and Research Centre, Mapusa-Goa
- 17th Jan 2026- Delivered a special invited lecture on the topic “**Company Law**” as a part of the certificate course Litigation in Business and Contract Act in Dnyanprasarak Mandal’s College and Research Centre, Mapusa-Goa
- 27th Jan 2026- Delivered a special invited lecture on the topic “**Labour Law**” as a part of the certificate course Litigation in Business and Contract Act in Dnyanprasarak Mandal’s College and Research Centre, Mapusa-Goa
- 23rd Feb 2026 – Delivered a special invited lecture for a workshop “**IPR In Business**” in V M Salgaocar College Institute of International Hospitality Education, Manora- Raia, Goa.
- 30th Apr 2026- Delivered a special invited lecture on the topic “**Fire Laws in the light of the Constitution of India**” in the Department of Fire, Panaji-Goa

➤ **PUBLICATION**

Editor of book titled Multimodal Pedagogy: Curriculum Assessment Technology in Education, Published by Mithra Dev Publication, Tamil Nadu, with ISBN 978-93-49052-96-3, August, 2025

➤ **FDP/WORKSHOP/WEBINAR ATTENDED**

- November 17-22, 2025 - Attended a 1-week National Level Faculty Development Program on “AI tools for Research: Enhancing Academic Productivity and Innovation”, organized by the Institution’s Innovation Council and R & D Cell, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Saheb, Punjab, India in collaboration with NLD.
- November 17-28, 2025 - Attended a 2-week National Level Faculty Development Program on “Integrating IKS in Academia through NEP 2020: A Vision for Civilizational Reclamation”, organized by the Indian Knowledge Systems Cell, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Saheb, Punjab, India, in collaboration with NLD.

- January 22-28, 2026 - Attended a 1-week National Level Faculty Development Program on “AI tools for Research: Enhancing Academic Productivity and Innovation”, organized by the R & D Cell, I.N.M College, Meerut, India, in collaboration with NLD.
- March 22nd, 2026 - Attended a 1-Day National Level Workshop on “AI in the classroom: Teaching Smarter Streamlining Instruction, Assessment and Feedback”, organized by NLD.
- March 19th -25th, 2026 - Attended a 1-week National Level Faculty Development Program on “Exploring use of AI tools for Research”, organized by Shree Narayan Guru College of Commerce in Collaboration with NLD.
- March 19th -25th, 2026 - Attended a 1-week National Level Faculty Development Program on “Design Thinking Pedagogy: Reimagining Teaching and Learning in Higher Education”, organized by IQAC Cell of Smt K L Tiwari Degree College of Commerce and Science, Nalasopara West, in Collaboration with NLD.
- March 12th-13, 2 Days Hands-on Workshop on Data Driven research and Publication Strategies in Law and Social Sciences, organised by Manohar Parrikar school of Law.
- 15th April 2026- Attended a National Level Workshop on “Gemini for Educators: Enhancing Teaching and Productivity with everyday AI”, organized by NLD.
- April 16th - 22nd 2026- Attended a 1- week National Level FDP on “Harnessing AI Tools: A Step towards Strategic teaching Approach”, organized by NLD.
- April 16th - 22nd 2026- Attended a 1- week National Level FDP on “Empirical Data Analysis using Primary Sources(including ANOVA & ANCOVA”, organized by B.R.B College of Commerce, Raichur, Karnataka, in collaboration with NLD

➤ **INITIATIVES**

- 2nd August 2025 - Co-ordinated a Seminar on “IT Laws and Cyber Crimes” by IPS Rahul Gupta, SP Goa.
- 10th July - 16th July 2025 – Conducted a Certificate Course on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, on the topic “Navigate the Legal and Practical Landscape of Creativity and Innovation with IPR” wherein 70 students had enrolled.
- 26th September 2025 - Co-ordinated a Seminar on “Understanding Legal Frameworks and MSME Compliances” by ASSOCHAM in collaboration with VMSCL.
- 29th November 2025 - Co-ordinated a Guest Lecture on “Bhartiya Saksh Adhinyam.” Delivered by Dr. C.M.Rao.
- 2nd March 2026 - Co-ordinated a Session on “StartUp & Law” delivered by Rashna Jehani & Jasbinder Neela.

- 25th March 2025 - Co-ordinated a Seminar on “Litigation Revolves, Mediation Resolves” by K S Sharma, Mediator & collaboration Coach.

➤ **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Associate Director of Legal Aid Society for the Academic year 2025-26(for 6 Months)
2. Associate Director of CROP for the Academic year 2025-26 (for 6 Months)
3. Working Committee Member, NAAC Criteria 6
4. Legal Aid Cell In-Charge Teacher (6 months): Porvorim, Guirim
5. Faculty Coordinator for International Conference on ADR.
6. Faculty Co-in charge of Time Table 2025-26
7. LEX INFINITUM- Faculty Co-Incharge of Media department
8. G.D.KAMAT National Moot Court Competition-Faculty Co-Incharge of Teams Department
9. Mentor of SY LL.B Degree A div.

✓ **MS. DHRUVA SURESH NAIK**

Resource Person

1. Invited as resource person for workshop on exploring the intersection of law and society theme “Legal Rights and Empowerment of minority communities in Goa: Challenges and Perspectives” organized by Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and public policy, UGC centre for the study of social inclusion of DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Directorate of equal opportunity at Nirmala Institute of Education, Panjim-Goa on 13th February 2026.

Workshop Attended

1. Participated in Two Day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on 24th and 26th June 2025 organized by the Human Resource Development Cell, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, on 24th and 26th June 2025.
2. Participated in Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal Writing for Faculty organized by the Research Development Cell, in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Cell of V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, on 1st August 2025.
3. Attended Webinar on Demystifying Cybercrime Laws in India organized by Uttarakhand Cybersecurity and Digital Transformation Council, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) DNLU and Women’s Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) on 20th January 2026.

Initiatives

1. Organized a cyber law awareness session on 2nd Dec 2025.
2. Organized workshop on judgement reading and legal analysis on 15th Dec 2025.
3. Organized a workshop on Nuances of drafting and pleading in collaboration with Beyond Barriers-Towards Hope (NGO) on 22nd December 2025

4. Organized a workshop on exploring the intersection of law and society theme “Strengthening access to justice and legal empowerment of vulnerable sections of society.” in collaboration with Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and public policy, UGC centre for the study of social inclusion of DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Directorate of equal opportunity.

Institutional Responsibilities

1. Faculty Co-Incharge for Human Resource Development Cell of VM Salgaocar College of law for academic year 2025-2026
2. Faculty Co-Incharge of Practical Papers for the academic year 2025-26
3. Faculty Coordinator for International Conference on ADR in association with Lex Infinitum 2026.
4. Legal Aid Cell Faculty Incharge: Pernem and Mercedes Cell
5. Mentor of TY LLB Degree (A Division)
6. Lex Infinitum- Faculty Co-Incharge of Transportation and Accommodation Department.
7. G.D. Kamat National Moot Court Competition-Faculty Co-Incharge of Graphics Department.
8. G.D. Kamat National Moot Court Competition-Faculty Co-Incharge of Press Department.

✓ **Mrs. Shreya Kamat Dhakankar**

Publication

Advantages, challenges and future of AI in Educational Institutions in India published in SLR – Vol X

Position held

1. Associate Director of Lex infinitum 2026
2. Associate Director of ADR Board 2025-26
3. Associate Director of BeyondTheSyllabus
4. Faculty in charge of Hospitality Department for G D Kamat National Moot Court Competition 2026.
5. Faculty in Charge of Legal Aid Cells –
 - Mala legal aid cell
 - Siolim Legal aid cell
 - Calangute legal aid cell
5. Mentor of TYLLB Ddegree

Participation in Seminar/ Conferences/ workshop/FDP

1. Completed Faculty Development Programme for newly recruited teachers organized by HRDC & IQAC at V M Salgaocar College of Law on 24th and 25th June 2025.

2. Attended Workshop on Capacity Building and Research Proposal Writing for Faculty organized by Research Development Cell in association with Human Resource Development Cell at V M Salgaocar College of Law on 1st August 2025.
3. Attended a talk on “Resilience as a Shield: Protecting Mental Health in the Face of Adversity” by Dr. Ravindra Narayan Agarwal on 3rd October 2025.
4. Participated in Research Fellowship & Best Project Award by Dr. Pandurang Phaladesai as Chief Guest organized by V M Salgaocar Konkani Samshodhan Kendra on 12th March 2026.

Institutional assignments

1. Attended legal aid cell inspection on 2nd August 2025
2. Engaged lectures on Investments and Securities Law for SYLLM (odd semester)
3. Engaged lectures for TY Degree on Practical Paper II – Professional Ethics in Semester V, Optional Subject of Interpretation of Statutes for SY Degree in Semester III, Public International Law in FY Degree for Semester II and Law of Taxation for TY Degree in semester VI.
4. Assessor for the Viva held for final year BALLB & LLB degree students
5. Judged Compulsory Moot Courts held for Final Year BALLB & LLB
6. Served as compere for the retirement function of Shri. D.P. Pednekar Sir.
7. Certain students from the ADR Board were selected to receive the Best Member ADR Board award.
8. Served as a panel judge during interviews to select the top student from NSS, Legal Aid, and CRC clinic.
9. Assessor for the Preliminary Rounds for a debate competition held on 16th December 2025 on the topic “Should diagnosis of HIV be a pre-requisite for marriage in India?”.
10. Assessor for Poetry & Poster making Competition on account of World Mental Health Day on 1st October 2025
11. Conducted Orientation and Demo on Client Counselling for Final Year Students of LLB Degree
12. Conducted Orientation on Negotiation for the final years of LLB Degree
13. Drafted Law of Taxation Syllabus for the Academic Year 2026-27

Courses Conducted

Conducted a Certificate Course on Intellectual Property Rights, titled "Navigate the Legal and Practical Landscape of Creativity and Innovation with IPR," was conducted for over 70 student participants from VMSCL from 10th – 16th July 2025.

Initiatives Taken

1. Organized a special screening of Threat Level Midnight, the iconic fictional film from TV Show The Office, at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar on 25th July 2025. Designed as a pop-culture engagement event, the screening aimed to blend entertainment with interactive learning, encouraging students to connect with popular media while promoting community participation.

2. Organized a thought-provoking debate on the theme “Lawyer’s Duty - Client or Conscience?” at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar on 7th August 2025. The session uniquely positioned Artificial Intelligence against human intellect, featuring distinguished faculty members Dr. M. R. K. Prasad and Dr. B. S. Patil, creating an engaging and intellectually stimulating exchange of ideas.
3. Conducted an interactive game-testing session at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar in collaboration with Justice Adda on 7th January 2026. The session introduced students to a card-based simulation inspired by real non-state dispute resolution forums in India, creating an innovative and experiential learning environment.
4. Organised a talk on “Rights, Duties & Process of Tenant Verification” at Siolim Panchayat Hall on 13th February 2026 with PSI Sahil Warang as Guest Speaker.
5. Organised a talk on “Consumer Protection Act, 2019” in collaboration with Department of English at DMC College, Mapusa on 27th January 2026.
6. Organised a lecture on “Drug Prevention and Abuse” in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority at Don Bosco College, Panjim with PSI Sahil Warang as Guest Speaker on 15th January 2026.
7. Organised a programme on “Cyber Crime awareness” in collaboration with SFX High School, Siolim on 25th February 2026.
8. Conducted a Certificate Course on IPR titled – Navigate the legal and practical landscape of Creativity and Innovation with IPR from 10th July 2025 – 16th July 2025.

✓ **Miss. Rhucha R. Garde, Assistant Professor in Law**

Initiatives

- Co-ordinator for arranging a Seminar on “IT Laws and Cyber Crimes” by IPS Rahul Gupta, SP Goa on 12th August 2026.

Resource Person

- Guest Speaker on the Topic “Women in the Kitchen – A Journey of love and tradition: highlighting Women’s Rights” organised by Bicholim Legal Aid Cell in Collaboration with Adv. Ajay Prabhugaonakar at Chodan – Madel Village Panchayat on 25th March 2026.
- Gave a talk on “Public Hearing” for the Major Programme organised by Sankhali Legal Aid Cell on 6th January 2026.

Institutional Responsibilities

- Faculty Co-ordinator for Guest Lecture Department 2025-20226 wherein organised for 6 guest lecture in the college

-Co-ordinated in the arrangements of students to the seminar held in ICG, Dona-Paula on the topic “Sports Law in India” on 30th September 2025.

-Faculty In - charge of Bicholim Free Legal Aid Cell and Sankhali Free Legal Aid Cell.

-Mentor for FY (B) LLB Degree 2025-2026

-Faculty Co-ordinator of Hospitality Department for Lex Infinitum

-Judged Moot Court, Negotiations and Client Counselling of Final Year LL.B and B.A LLB students.

-Engaged Lectures on IT Law for the SY LLB Degree and Law of Torts for FY LLB Degree along with Professional Ethics for TY LLB Degree in Third Semester. Also, Law of Taxation for TY LLB Degree, Law of Evidence for SY LLB Degree and Family Law II for FY LLB Degree in the Fourth Semester.

✓ **Asst Prof. Siddhi G. Naik**

Paper presentation:

Presented a paper titled “Role of women in politics and public policies” at the “National Level Online Multidisciplinary Seminar themed, “Role of Women in National Development: A foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat” at the Bharati Vidyapeeth New Law College, Sangli, held on 25th March 2026.

Lectures delivered:

1. Delivered a lecture on the topic, “Juvenile Delinquency in India” at Fr. Agnel College, Pilar, Goa on 22nd September 2025.
2. Delivered a 7 hours long lecture on the topic, “Contract Law and Negotiable Instruments Act” at DMC, Assagao, Goa on 5th January 2026.

Programmes/Workshops Organized:

1. Organized workshop for students themed “Mastering Judgments: A workshop on Judgment reading and legal analysis” on 15th December 2025.
2. Organized workshop for students themed “Cyber Law” on 2nd December 2025.

Seminars/FDP/Workshops attended:

1. Participated in the FDP themed “Faculty Development Programme for newly recruited teachers,” organized by the VMSCL, on 24th and 25th June 2025.
2. Participated in the workshop themed “Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal writing for faculty,” organized by the VMSCL, on 1st August 2025.

Institutional responsibilities:

1. Faculty incharge of ISA 2025-26.
2. Faculty incharge of Legal aid 2025-26 (Associate Director).
3. Faculty incharge of Salgaocar Law Review 2025-26.
4. Faculty incharge of for Annual Day (Part of core team) 2025-26.
5. Faculty incharge of Graphics department for Lex Infinitum 2025-26.
6. Faculty incharge of Scoring department for G. D. Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2025-26.
7. Faculty Incharge of Mapusa and Mandrem Free legal aid cells 2025-26.
8. Judged Selection Moot Court 2025-26.
9. Assessed Compulsory Moot Court, Client Counselling, and Negotiation 2025-26.
10. Supervised Semester examinations 2025-26.
11. Co-Mentor of First Year LLB Degree Division A.

✓ **Ms. Saloni S. Banaulikar, Assistant Professor**

❖ Achievement

- i. *7 February, 2026* - Was awarded GU-J Goa University Prize for Obtaining highest marks in Political Science at M.A. Examination at the Goa University for 36th Annual Convocation

❖ Participation in Conference/Course

- i. *9 January 2026* - Attended one day national conference “Constitutionalism and Federalism in India” organised by Government College of arts, science and commerce, Khandola, Marcela- Goa
- ii. *23rd March 2026 till 31st March 2026* – participated in one credit course on POL 1001 “Political Sociology of Modern India” organised by Goa University, Directorate of Visiting Research Professorship Programme

❖ Activities Organised

- i. *23 February, 2026* - Organised photography competition on the theme “One defines another: reality captured through real world contrast” based on the ideas of Jacques Derrida
- ii. *14 February, 2026* – organised essay writing competition on the topic “Rationalism and critical inquiry: reimaging the future of Indian Democracy”
- iii. *30 March, 2026* – organised inter class poem writing competition (F.Y. B.A. LL.B.) on the theme “Women and Urban Space”

❖ Institutional Responsibilities

- i. Faculty In charge of Scoring department of Lex Infinitum 2025-2026
- ii. Faculty In charge of Socials Department of Justice G.D. Kamat Moot Court Competition 2025-2026
- iii. Co- coordinator for VMSCCL annual awards, an IQAC initiative
- iv. Co – Coordinator for India today Survey AY 2024-2025
- v. Co-ordinator for the International Conference on Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21 Century Global Perspectives
- vi. Judged poster making competition organised by POSH Compliance Clinic
- vii. Mentor of SYBALLB - B

✓ **Sachin S. Panicker**

Institutional Responsibilities

- Deputy Director, Moot Court Society
- Deputy Director, Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition
- Faculty in charge of the Researchers’ Department for the Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition
- Faculty in charge of the Transportation Department for Lex Infinitum 2026.
- Faculty in charge of AmiQuiz Curiae, Quiz Club of VMSCCL.
- Faculty co-coordinator of Centre for Political Leadership
- Faculty co-coordinator of Constitutional Law Club
- Faculty in charge of Taliegao Free Legal Aid Cell and Bastora Free Legal Aid Cell
- Faculty Co-coordinator for the International Conference on "Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspectives" (ICET 2026), hosted at V. M. Salgaocar College of Law organized in collaboration between a prestigious consortium of institutions, including Shinawatra University (Thailand), Madurai Kamaraj University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, and Mithra Dev Publications.
- Faculty co-coordinator for the Goa Spatial Planning Course organised by the Justice Adda in collaboration with Act for Goa and the Goan Philosophical Society.
- Served as a Judge for the Elocution Competition on “Misleading Advertisements and Consumer Protection,” organized by the Consumer Welfare Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law on December 22, 2025.

FDP/ Workshops

- Participated in a three-day Reflective Workshop on Advancing Constitutional Values organized by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), India, in Gujarat from April 2nd to 4th, 2026. The workshop engaged constitutional workers in deep-dive sessions on the Art of Reflection—utilizing the Gibbs and Rolfe models—and explored identity integration through the Mandala framework, alongside field visits to the Dalit Shakti Kendra Museum.
- Successfully completed a One Week Multi-Disciplinary Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Emerging Trends in Ocean Studies" held in February, 2026. The programme was organized by the AIU-Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AIU-AADC) at Berhampur University, in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Department of Marine Science (BU), and the Estuarine and Coastal Studies Foundation (ECSF)

Resource Person

- Delivered a guest lecture as a resource person for the "Real Talk Tuesday" session organized by COHAS (Community of Hope and Support) on March 17, 2026. The topic of the session was "Lesser Asked Questions About the Constitution," conducted as part of the #Har_Din_Samvidhan campaign to enhance constitutional literacy among the youth.
- Judged the preliminary rounds of the 3rd Sir Syed National Moot Court Competition 2026, organized by the Faculty of Law, Aligarh Muslim University.

Paper Presentation

- Presented a research paper titled "Climate Change and Hydropolitics in South Asia: Rethinking India–Bangladesh Water Relations through Climate Justice" at the Two-Day National Conference on "From Environment Protection to Climate Justice: Articulating the Right to be Free from Adverse Impacts of Climate Change in India." The conference was organized by the National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata, and sponsored by the NHRC of India.
- Presented a research paper titled "A Judiciary of All by a Few – Women’s Representation and the Democratic Deficit in the Indian Judiciary" at the National Conference on "75 Years of Indian Judiciary: Reforms and Road Ahead." The conference was organized by the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Goa University, in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, on October 9th and 10th, 2025.

✓ **Mr. Yogesh B. Varak, Assistant Professor**

Institutional Responsibilities

- N.S.S Programme Officer for the Academic year 2025-2026.

- LEX INFINITUM- Faculty CO- Incharge of Lex Conference
- G.D. KAMAT National Moot Court Competition- Faculty Incharge of Accommodation and Transport Department
- Co-Incharge of India Today Survey
- Mentor of FY BA.LLB
- Faculty In-charge for coordinating the All-Goa Gram Sabha Competition organised by the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development.
- Co- Faculty In- Charge for organizing a blood donation programme at VMSCL on 12 September 2025.
- Co- Faculty In- Charge for organizing a blood donation programme at VMSCL on 5th February 2026.

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Initiatives

- Co-ordinator for “International Conference on Educational Transformation: Legal Reforms and 21st Century Global Perspectives.”
- Faculty Incharge in All Goa Gram Sabha Competition.

Resource Person:

- Resource Person at Village Panchayat Netorlim- Sanguem, organised by Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy - Goa University on 29th March 2026, titled Workshop on “Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society,” with the theme “Forest Rights Act and Legal Policies for the Welfare, Protection, and Empowerment of Tribal and Forest-Dwelling Communities.”
- Resource Person at Village Panchayat Cavrem-Pirla, Sanguem, Goa, organised by Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy- Goa University on 23rd March 2026, titled Workshop on “Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society,” with the theme “Enhancing Legal Rights, Tribal Policies, and Governance.”

Seminar/ Workshop/Training Attended

- Attended a programme on the topic “Nasha Mukt Bharat – Nasha Mukt Goa,” organized by Goa University. 8th January 2026
- Participated in a one- day national conference on “Constitutionalism and Federalism in India,” organized by the Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce. 9th January 2026.
- Participated in a rally and street play on 10th January 2026, centered on the theme “Exploited Online, Enslaved Offline: Stop Digital Trafficking,” organized by Goa Police and SCAN-Goa.

- Participated in a rally organized by the District Legal Services Authority, North Goa on the topic “Drug Abuse – A Menace to Society.” 13th January 2026
- Attended a one-day national workshop on “Research Methodologies and Academic Writing in International Relations, Pedagogy, and Peer-Reviewed Publishing.” Organised by the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University. 18 February 2026)
- Attended a certificate course titled “Political Sociology of Modern India,” organized by the D.D. Kosambi School of Social Science and Behavioural Studies, from 24th March 2026 to 31st March 2026.
- Attended a State-level training program conducted under the National Tobacco Control Programme. 09 April 2026.
- Attended the orientation session on the “Citizens Collective Action-based project organized by St. Xavier College, Mapusa.

Achievement

1. Served as Faculty In-Charge for the All-Goa Gram Sabha Competition organized by the Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development.
2. Attended the Adventure Camp in Manali, Himachal Pradesh, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa. 27th November 2025 to 06 December 2026)

✓ Ujwala Prasad Pednekar, Assistant Professor of Law

1. Resource Person

- Delivered a two hours lecture on the topic “Gender Equality under the Constitution” at Govt Higher Secondary School Pernem, Goa on 22nd December 2025.

2. Judged Events

- Judge at VVM’s Damodar College of Commerce & Economics for national-level inter-college competition Money Matters 8.0 - Reformia on 20th January 2026.

3. Faculty Development Program

- Participated in the FDP themed Faculty Development Program For newly recruited teachers organised by VMSCL on 24th and 25th June 2025.

4. Seminars/ Workshops

- Organised two day workshop for students themed “Skill Enhancement Workshop on CV Writing and Interview skills” on 13th August and 23rd September 2025.

5. Institutional roles and responsibilities

- Faculty in charge of Piligao Legal Aid Cell and Honda Legal Aid Cell.
- Mentor of FY LLB (B) Degree for academic year 2025-2026.
- Faculty co-in charge of Consumer Clinic.

- Faculty co-in charge of Placement Cell.
- Faculty co-in charge of Knowledge Sessions Lex Infinitum.
- Faculty co-in charge of Competition Department G.D Kamat National Moot Court Competition.
- Attended Legal Aid Cell Inspection.
- 6. Programs/Workshops attended**
- Participated in “Effective Public speaking workshop, at Ideal High School Piligao on 8th February 2026.

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National Achievements

Ms. Khushi Naik – 4th Year BALLB and **Ms. Arya Nadkarni** – 3rd Year BALLB represented Goa University at **West Zone Inter-University Table Tennis** Championship, held at Veer Narmad University South Gujarat, 16th to 19th December 2025.



Ms. Priti Ramnath Kalmankar (3rd LLB), **Ms. Isha Fernandes** (4TH BALLB) and **Mr. Advait Kumar** (5th BALLB) after winning **Gold Medals** at InterCollegiate Judo Men/Women championships all three students qualified to represent Goa University at **South-West Zone Inter- University** Judo championship, held at SAGE University Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 10th to 13th November 2025.



Ms. Priti Ramnath Kalmankar and Ms. Isha Fernandes participated at All India Inter-University, held at Chandigarh University, Mohali, 18th to 22nd March, 2026.

Ms. Iram Khatri 5th Year BALLB

Represented Goa State and Won Bronze Medal at the All-India Asmita Khelo India Women's Weightlifting League (Senior Category), 12th January 2026, held at Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh.



Represented Goa State and Won Bronze Medal at the West Zone Asmita Khelo India Weightlifting League 2025, held at Kota, Rajasthan, in the +86 kg Senior Category, 15th – 19th, December 2025.

Participated in the Inter-University South West Zone Women's Weightlifting Championship held at SAGE University Bhopal, MP and Qualified for the All-India University Championship, held on 7th – 11th January, 2026.

Ms. Sakshi Haldankar FY LLB

Represented Goa State and Won Gold Medal at the West Zone Asmita Khelo India Weightlifting League 2025, held at Kota, Rajasthan, in the +76 kg Senior Category, 15th – 19th, December 2025.



Represented Goa University at South West Zone Inter-University Weightlifting Championship at SAGE University Bhopal, MP held on 11th January 2026.

Represented Goa University at All India Inter University Weightlifting Championship at Panjab University, Chandigarh on 29th January 2026.

Ms. Sanvi Vilas Prabhu Naik

Represented Goa University at West Zone Inter University Cricket Women Championship 2025-2026 from 12th to 16th January, 2026 at Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan.



Mr. Asutosh Omprakash Narvekar SY LLB

Represented Goa University Men's Hockey team at South-West Zone Inter-University Championship 2025-2026 held at L.N.C.T University, Bhopal from 12th to 16th January 2026.



Ms. Rifa Shaikh, FY LL.B.

Represented the Goa University Badminton team at West Zone Inter-University Women's Badminton Championship 2025-26, held from 26th to 30th December 2025 at Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune, Maharashtra.



Advait Kumar Galdiyal 5TH Year Ballb

Represented Goa University, at the South West Zone Inter-University Judo Championship 2025, held at SAGE University, Bhopal, MP from 10th to 16th November 2025.



Ms. Richa Gawade FY LLB

Represented Goa State at 23rd Senior Volleyball Championship held at Pondicherry from 9th to 12th March 2026



Inter-Collegiate Achievements

College **Women's Judo** team emerged as overall **Winners** for the **3rd consecutive year** at Inter-Collegiate Judo championship organized by Goa University held at Jubilee Hall Taleigao, 12TH to 14TH August 2025.

1. Ms. Priti Ramnath Kalmankar (3rd LLB) **1st Position**- Gold Medal
2. Ms. Isha Fernandes (4TH BALLB) **1ST Position**- Gold Medal
3. Ms. Iram Irshad Khatri (5TH BALLB) **2nd Position**- Silver Medal
4. Ms. Ahlia Hussain (5TH BALLB) **3rd Position**- Bronze Medal
5. Ms. Sanskruti Amonkar (4TH BALLB) **3rd Position** - Bronze Medal

VM Salgaocar Law College triumph in judo



The winners pose with the trophy alongside officials.

NT Reporter
Taleigao

VM Salgaocar College of Law, Miramat, powered their way to the women's overall title at the Goa University Inter-Collegiate Judo Championship 2025-26, held from August 12-14 at Jubilee Hall.

Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Navelim, battled hard to claim

the runners-up position, while Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna, and VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao, shared third place.

Inter-Collegiate Judo (W)

The competition's standout performer, Juliet Varghese from Goa Medical College & Hospital,

Bambolim, was named Best Judo (Women) after storming to gold in the 52 kg division.

Gold medals were spread across several institutions — Tanishka Shivkar (Don Bosco College, Panjim) dominated the 46 kg category, while Kalpti Naik (Rosary College) edged an all-Rosary final in the 57 kg class. In the 63 kg division, Isha

Fernandes (VM Salgaocar) produced a flawless run to the top of the podium.

Aditi Sadekar (Padre Conceicao College) took gold in the 70 kg bracket, while VM Salgaocar's Priti Kalmankar reigned supreme at 78 kg. In the >70 kg class, Numa Subba (Shree Damodar) out-muscled her opponents to strike gold.

CHAMPIONS	
Up to 46 kg	→ Tanishka Shivkar
Up to 52 kg	→ Juliet Varghese
Up to 57 kg	→ Kalpti Naik
Up to 63 kg	→ Isha Fernandes
Up to 70 kg	→ Aditi Sadekar
Up to 78 kg	→ Priti Kalmankar
Above 78 kg	→ Numa Subba

College **Men's Judo** team emerged as **Runner Up** champions at Inter-Collegiate Judo championship organized by Goa University held at Jubilee Hall Taleigao, 12th to 14th August 2025.



1. Mr. Advait Kumar (5th BALLB) **1st Position**- Gold Medal
2. Mr. Vedarsh Naik (3rd LLB) **2nd Position** – Silver Medal
3. Mr. Marc Sousa (2nd BALLB) **3rd Position** – Bronze Medal
4. Mr. Khalander Shaikh (4th BALLB) **3rd Position** – Bronze Medal



College Men's Weightlifting team secured **3rd place** team championship at the Inter-Collegiate Weightlifting Championship held at Goa University Jubilee Hall on 9th & 10th September 2025, organized by Goa University

1. Mr. Manjish Otavanekar (TY LLB) – **Gold Medal**
2. Mr. Swayam Naik (TY LLB) – **Bronze Medal**
3. Mr. Advait Kumar (5th BALLB) – **Bronze Medal**



Inter-Collegiate **Table Tennis** Championships Organized by Goa University at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium Taleigao, from 29th July – 31st

July 2025

Women's Team – Winners

Women's Team emerged as **Champions** for the second consecutive year, defeating St. Xavier's College, Mapusa.



Ms. Khushi Naik (4th Year BALLB) awarded **Best Player** of the Tournament for the second year in a row

Team Members:

1. Ms. Khushi Naik – 4th Year BALLB
2. Ms. Simran Kanekar – 1st Year LL.M.
3. Ms. Arya Nadkarni – 3rd Year BALLB
4. Ms. Anisha Kalangutkar – 2nd Year BALLB
5. Ms. Akshata Jog – TY LL.B.

Men's Team – Third Position

Our Men's Team showcased a commendable performance and secured the **third place** in the tournament.



Team Members:

1. Mr. Swayam Chodankar – 4th Year BALLB
2. Mr. Amogh Bawachikar – 4th Year BALLB
3. Mr. Aman Shirgaonkar – 2nd Year BALLB
4. Mr. Sarthak Shetgaonkar – 5th Year BALLB
5. Mr. Leandro Lobo – 4th Year BALLB

Ms. Varada Natekar 5th Year B.A. LL.B. student bagged the **Bronze Medal** in the Women's Taekwondo Inter-Collegiate Championship conducted by Goa University on 22nd to 25th July 2025 at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Taleigao.



Ms. Sparsh Naik, 3rd year B.A.LL.B. student secured **Bronze Medal** in the Breaststroke Event at the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Championships held on 18th July 2025, organized by Goa University at sports complex Campal.



College Men's Physique team emerged as **Runner Up** Inter-Collegiate Men's Physique championship organized by Goa University held at Jubilee Hall Taleigao, 23rd December 2025.

- † Mr. Mrac Sousa 2nd Year Ballb – Gold Medal in +85kg Category
- † Mr. Vansvardhan Mandekar 2nd Year LLB – Silver Medal in -85kg Category



Men's
Powerlifting
Inter-Collegiate
Championship
2025–2026

✚ Mr. Mrac
Sousa 2nd Year
Ballb – **Gold
Medal** in Upto
93kg Category

✚ Mr. Swayam
Naik (TY LLB) –
Bronze Medal
in Upto 83kg
Category





Women’s Powerlifting Team clinch the Goa University Inter-Collegiate Women’s Powerlifting Winners Championship 2025–2026.

- ✚ Ms.Sakshi Haldankar FY LLB Gold Medal set new record of total weight 342.5kg in 84kg category
- ✚ Ms. Iram Khatri 5th BALLB Gold Medal set new record of total weight 370kg in +85kg category
- ✚ Ms.Priti Kalmankar 3rd year LLB Silver Medal

VM Salgaocar Law College lift title

They triumph in Goa University inter-collegiate women’s powerlifting championship

NT Reporter
Taleigao

VM Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, powered its way to the Goa University Inter-Collegiate Powerlifting (Women) Championship 2025-26 title after a commanding show at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Goa University Campus.

IC Powerlifting (W)

Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science, Margao, and Don Bosco College, Panjim, finished joint runners-up, as the competition witnessed intense battles across weight categories and three new meet records.



The women’s powerlifting team of VM Salgaocar Law College receives the winner’s trophy from Sunder Dhuri.

The spotlight belonged to Rajashree Pednekar of Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce & Economics, Cujira-Bam-

WEIGHT IN GOLD						
Category	Name	College	Squats	Bench Press	Dead-lift	Total
47 kg	Pushpa V	DBC, Panjim	80	32.5	110	222.5
52 kg	Khushi N	Damodar College	90	45	117.5	252.5
57 kg	Rajashree P	SS Dempo College	117.5	47.5	142.5	307.5
63 kg	Siya Nalk	PES college	110	47.5	135	292.5
69 kg	Tishea F	Chowgule College	117.5	55	107.5	280
76 kg	Durva S	Vidya Prabodhini	117.5	47.5	125	290
84 kg	Sakshi H	VMS Law College	127.5	60	155	342.5
+84 kg	Iram K	VMS Law College	180	60	130	370

bolim, who was crowned the ‘Strongest Woman’ (2025-26) after producing a standout performance in the 57 kg category.

A total of three records were broken, with Pednekar

setting the tone in 57 kg (307.5 kg total), while Salgaocar’s Sakshi Haldankar rewrote the books in 84 kg (342.5 kg total) and Iram Khatri topped it off with a massive 370 kg total in the

+84 kg division.

The prize distribution was graced by Sunder Dhuri, along with KS Rao, Manoj Hegde, Govind Ramnath and Balachandra Jadar.



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Salgaocar College of Law win Powerlifting Women's C'ship

Rajashree of Dempo College of Commerce and Economics wins the 'Strongest Women' title

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BAMBOLIM: V M Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, won the Inter-Collegiate Powerlifting Women Championship 2025-26 organised by the Goa University at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Goa University campus, here, recently.

Runners-up position was jointly won by Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao, and Don Bosco College, Panjim. Rajashree Pednekar of Dempo Charities Trust's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira-Bambolim, won the 'Strongest Women' title 2025-26.

The chief guest for the presentation ceremony was Goa University Registrar Prof Sunder Dhuri, guest of honour Assistant Prof VM Salgaocar College of Law Dr K S Rao, College Director of Physical Education and Sports, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, Dr Manoj Hede, and Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sports, Goa University, Balachandra Jadar graced the occasion and presented trophies to the winners and runners-up.

New records: A total of three records were broken. Upto & including 57kg: Rajashree Pednekar, SS Dempo College, with total performance of 307.5kg. Upto and including 84kg: Sakshi Haldakar, V M Salgaocar College of Law with a performance of 342.5kg. Above 84kg: Iram Khatri, V M Salgaocar College of Law with a performance of 370kg.

The results: Upto & including 47kg: Pushpa Vishwakarma of Don Bosco College, Panjim, bagged gold medal. Sneakshi Kinlekar of Rosary College silver and Blazia Rebello of Rosary College bronze medal.

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The winners and joint runners-up (below) along with chief guest Goa University Registrar Prof Sunder Dhuri, guest of honour Assistant Prof VM Salgaocar College of Law Dr K S Rao, College Director of Physical Education and Sports, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, Dr Manoj Hede, and Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sports, Goa University, at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Goa University campus, Bambolim, recently



GU INTER-COLLEGIATE POWERLIFTING WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEW RECORDS

Rajashree Pednekar of S S Dempo College, Sakshi Haldakar of V M Salgaocar College of Law and Iram Khatri of V M Salgaocar College of Law broke three records with total performance of 307.5kg, 342.5kg and 370kg respectively

Upto & including 52kg: Gold medal: Khushi Nambiar of Shree Damodar. Silver: Gauri Shetgaonkar of St Xavier's College. Bronze: Blessendra Carvalho of Government College Quepem. Upto & including 57kg: Gold: Rajashree Pednekar of S S Dempo College. Silver: Lakshada Shirodkar of G R Kare College. Bronze: Elita Coelho of St Xavier's College. Upto & including 63kg: Gold: Siya Naik of PES Pharmacy. Silver: Eva Fernandes

of P Chowgule College. Bronze: Simran Sawant of Vidya Prabodhini. Upto & including 69kg: Gold: Tishea Fernandes of P Chowgule College. Silver: Vaishnavi Girap of MES College. Bronze: Joyce Martins of Agnel Institute. Upto & including 76kg: Gold of Durva Salgaonkar of Vidya Prabodhini. Silver: Priti Kalmankar of V M Salgaocar Law. Bronze: Nilaya Dessai of Shree Damodar. Upto and including 84kg: Gold: Sakshi Haldankar of V M Salgaocar Law. Silver:



Rajashree Pednekar, winner of 'Strongest Women' title 2025-26

Joviette Moniz of Don Bosco Panjim. Bronze: Anushka Naik of Government College Quepem. Above 84kg: Gold: Iram Khatri of V M Salgaocar Law. Silver: Anflia Pereira of Rosary College. Bronze: Arya Narvekar of VMS Hospital.

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Inter-Collegiate Participation

1. Chess Mix held on 15th to 16th July 2025.
2. Taekwondo Men held on 22nd to 25th July 2025.
3. Badminton Men/Women held on 5th to 8th August 2025
4. X-Country Men/Women held on 6th August 2025.
5. Basketball Men held on 19th August 2025.
6. Kabaddi Men/Women held on 2nd to 5th September 2025.
7. Football Men held on 22nd September 2025.
8. Cycling Men held on 11th December 2025.
9. Athletics Men/Women held on 16th to 18th December 2025.
10. Volleyball Men/Women held on 24th to 27th February 2026. 11. Handball Women held on 2nd March 2026
12. Cricket Men held on 14th March 2026.



Football Men's Team

Cycling Men's Team





Taekwondo Men



Volleyball Women



Volleyball Men's Team



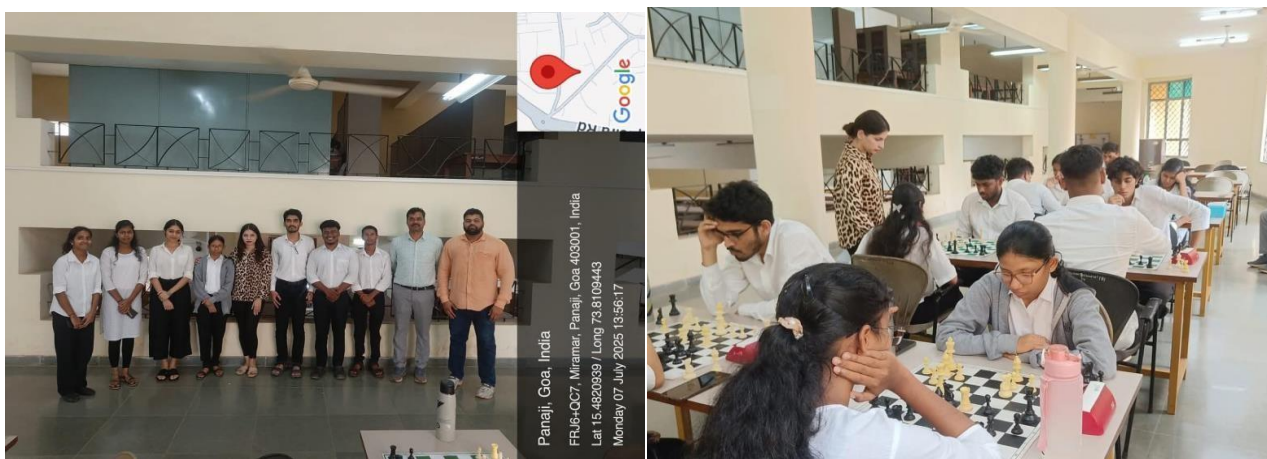
Chess (Mix)



Inter-Class Competitions

Organized Inter-Class **Chess (Mix)** competition on 7th July 2025 in college library hall. Final standing after round 4, all 5 students were selected to represent Inter-Collegiate Chess (Mix) Championship.

1. Mr. Shreyash Lotlikar **4 points** (5th BALLB)
2. Ms. Tanya Naik **3 points** (1ST BALLB)
3. Mr. Aman Kumar **3 points** (2ND BALLB)
4. Ms. Saini Naik **3 points** (1ST BALLB)
5. Mr. Ajinkya Raut **2 points** (5TH BALLB)



Organized **Badminton Men/Women** competition at Sharada Mandir High School, Miramar on 26th & 28th July 2025.

Men's Final match was played between Mr. Niraj Humraskar 1st year BALLB vs Mr. Aalok Harlankar 4th BALLB, match won by Mr. Niraj Humraskar 1st year BALLB with a game score of 2-0, match score 21-17,21-13.

Women's Final match was played between Ms. Nirmity Naik vs Ms. Mokshada Bhaidkar. Game won by Mokshada Bhaidkar with a game score 2-0, match score

21-18,21-19.



State Level Championships

Students participated in Asmita Khelo India League Inter-Collegiate Championship held at Vidya Prabodhini High School, Porvorim on 7th August 2025.

1. Ms. Iram Irshad Khatri (BALLB) **1st Position**- Gold Medal
2. Ms. Priti Ramnath Kalmankar (LLB) **3rd Position**- Bronze Medal



Iram Khatri was also announced as the Heaviest Overall Lifter of the League.

Isha Fernandes 4th BALLB, Priti Kalmankar TY LLB and Iram Khatri 5th BALLB secured **Gold Medal** at All Goa Judo championship held at Peddem sports Complex, 3rd March 2026. organised by Judo Association Goa.

11th International Day of Yoga Celebration

Department of Physical Education, under the guidance of Dr. Shailendra R. Gaonkar (Director of Physical Education & Sports) and Mr. Lavu D. Govekar (Instructor in Physical Education & Sports), in collaboration with the Art of Living organization, Goa, successfully organized the International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025.

The session commenced with an inaugural address by Principal Dr. Shaber Ali G., followed by a series of guided Yoga asanas, pranayama, and meditation sessions, emphasizing the holistic benefits of yoga on physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

The College extends its sincere gratitude to the esteemed resource persons:

Adv. Neela Navelkar – Art of Living Teacher



Mr. Latika Bhashyam – Yoga Instructor

Dr. Sujata Amod Borkar – Art of Living Volunteer

