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Report on “Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Senior Citizens Rights: Legal Framework and Welfare Policies.”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Senior Citizens Rights: Legal Framework and Welfare Policies.
2. Date and Time	17 th January 2026, Time: 9.30 am, venue: Fr. Agnel college of Arts and Commerce, Pilar- Tiswadi- Goa.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy and UGC Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion of D. D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies.
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	1. Directorate of Equal Opportunity Cell 2. North Goa District Legal Services Authority 3. Fr. Agnel college of Arts and Commerce, Pilar- Tiswadi- Goa.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Chief Guest Shri Bhiku Lumo Gavas Deputy Collector, SDO & SDM, Tiswadi Taluka. Guest of Honour Dr. Fr. Fredrick Rodrigues OFFG. Principal Fr. Agnel college of Arts and Commerce, Pilar- Tiswadi- Goa. Resource Person Advocate Vahida Yelgar Dr. Sonal Sardessai, Assistant Professor, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Panjim, Goa Mr. Due Gawde Officer Director Directorate of Social Welfare. Dr. Vijay Madhu Gavas, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University Mr. Saprem Shrivolkar, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University

7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	05 faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	62 Students
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	67 other participants
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The Workshop on Senior Citizens Rights: Legal Framework and Welfare Policies is designed with the following objectives: 1. To create awareness among senior citizens about their legal rights, welfare legislations, and government schemes, with a view to promoting informed access to social security and legal entitlements. 2. To sensitise senior citizens, caregivers, and community stakeholders on issues relating to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and to disseminate information on available legal safeguards and redressal mechanisms. 3. To facilitate improved access to welfare, healthcare, and legal support services, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas, through institutional linkages with government agencies, legal aid authorities, and civil society organisations. 4. To promote financial security and legal empowerment of senior citizens by enhancing awareness of pension schemes, maintenance rights, and social protection measures under existing statutory frameworks. 5. To contribute to effective implementation of senior citizen welfare policies and legislations by identifying ground-level challenges, encouraging community participation, and generating recommendations for strengthening service delivery and monitoring mechanisms.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Senior Citizens Rights: Legal Framework and Welfare Policies is designed as a legal awareness and empowerment initiative focusing on the rights, welfare, and protection of senior citizens. It seeks to address the growing challenges faced by the elderly, including lack of awareness of legal entitlements, instances of abuse and neglect, financial insecurity, and limited access to welfare and legal support systems, particularly in



	rural and semi-urban areas. Through interactive sessions, expert lectures, and community-oriented discussions, the programme will disseminate information on existing laws, government schemes, and institutional mechanisms available for the protection and well-being of senior citizens. The event will also sensitise participants to issues of elder abuse, social isolation, and implementation gaps in welfare policies, while highlighting the legal remedies and support services available under the prevailing legal framework. Special emphasis will be placed on empowering senior citizens to assert their rights with dignity and confidence, as well as on building the capacity of caregivers, NGOs, and community leaders to provide informed and compassionate support. By fostering dialogue among senior citizens, legal professionals, government representatives, and civil society organisations, the programme aims to strengthen community engagement, promote respect for the elderly, and encourage effective implementation of welfare measures. Overall, the activity aspires to contribute to social justice, protection of human dignity, and improved access to justice for senior citizens.
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12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	1. Enhanced Legal Awareness Participants, especially senior citizens, will gain a clear understanding of their legal rights, protections, and remedies under existing laws, including maintenance, protection from abuse, and access to justice mechanisms. 2. Empowerment of Senior Citizens The programme will empower elderly persons to assert their rights with dignity and confidence, enabling them to make informed decisions regarding their welfare, finances, healthcare, and living arrangements. 3. Prevention and Addressal of Elder Abuse Increased awareness about forms of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, along with knowledge of reporting mechanisms and legal remedies, will contribute to early identification, prevention, and redressal of such violations. 4. Improved Access to Welfare Schemes Senior citizens and caregivers will be informed about relevant government schemes, pensions, healthcare benefits, and social security measures, thereby reducing exclusion caused by lack of information or procedural barriers. 5. Capacity Building of Caregivers and Community Stakeholders Caregivers, NGOs, community leaders, and volunteers will develop a better understanding of legal obligations and compassionate care practices, strengthening community-based support systems for the elderly. 6. Bridging Urban-Rural and Institutional Gaps By focusing on rural and semi-urban contexts, the programme will help bridge gaps in access to legal aid, welfare services, and institutional support for senior citizens in underserved areas. 7. Strengthened Community Engagement and Dialogue Interaction among senior citizens, legal professionals, government officials, and civil society organisations will foster dialogue, collaboration, and shared responsibility in addressing elderly welfare issues. 8. Sensitisation to Social and Human Rights Concerns Participants will develop greater sensitivity towards issues of ageing, social isolation, and
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	human dignity, promoting respect for senior citizens within families and communities. 9. Awareness of Institutional Mechanisms The programme will familiarise participants with institutions such as Maintenance Tribunals, legal services authorities, helplines, and welfare departments, encouraging effective utilisation of these mechanisms. 10. Contribution to Social Justice and Policy Implementation By highlighting implementation gaps and ground realities, the programme will support more effective enforcement of welfare policies and contribute to the broader goals of social justice, human dignity, and inclusive access to justice for senior citizens.
13. Enclosures with report	Geo-tagged photos, Attendance Sheet and Flyer, acceptance Letter



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Date: 17th January 2026 Time: 9.30 am, Venue: Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, - Tiswadi-Goa

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All are cordially invited

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Chief Guest

Mr. Bhiku Lumo Gavas
Deputy Collector,
SDO & SDM, Tiswadi Taluka

Guest of Honour

Dr. Fr. Fredrick Rodrigues
OFFG. PRINCIPAL

Fr. Agnel College of Arts & Commerce, Pilar, Goa

In the Distinguished presence of:

Dr Maria Norma Menezes e Rebello, Director, D.E.O.C.

SESSION SPEAKERS

Adv. Vahida Yelgar
Dr. Sonal Sardessai, Assistant Professor
Ms. Rashmi Rawal, Assistant Director
Mr. Xavier Gracias, Social Worker
Dr. Vijay Madhu Gawas, Assistant Professor
Mr. Saprem Shirvoikar, Assistant Professor

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Dated: 08th January, 2026
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To,
The Director,
Directorate of Equal Opportunities,
Goa University, Taleigao Plateau, Goa.

Sub : Request for Collaboration for organizing
Legal Awareness Workshops.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your letter No.GU/DTT/DEO/ Workshop/2026/021 dated 05th January, 2026 on the above subject, I am to inform that this Authority has agreed for Collaboration for organising Legal Awareness Workshops with Goa University, Taleigao, Plateau, Goa, to promote basic legal literacy among students and the general public.

(Shantashri S. S. Kudchadkar)
Secretary,
North Goa District Legal Services Authority,
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08th January 2026

To
The Director
Directorate of Equal Opportunities
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Subject: Acceptance of Collaboration for Workshop on Senior Citizen Legal Rights and Welfare Policies

Sir/Madam,

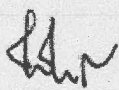
We are pleased to confirm our acceptance to collaborate with the Directorate of Equal Opportunities for the upcoming workshop on *'Senior Citizen' Legal Rights and Welfare Policies* scheduled to be held on 17 January 2026.

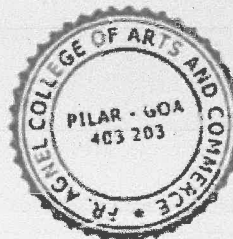
As requested, we will extend full logistic assistance required for the successful conduct of the workshop. To ensure smooth coordination, **Mr. Jonas Rodrigues, Assistant Professor, and Ms. Sylvia Antao, Assistant Professor**, both from the Department of Political Science, will assist in organizing the programme.

We look forward to working together towards the meaningful objective of empowering senior citizens through awareness of their legal rights and welfare policies.

Thank you for this opportunity to collaborate.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Fr. Fredrick Rodrigues
Offg. Principal





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