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Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy
Report on “Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society
theme on Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Issue, Challenges
and Strategic Approaches.”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Workshop on Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Issue, Challenges and Strategic Approaches.
2. Date and Time	18 th January 2026, Time: 9.30 am, venue: Om Shri Shakti Vinayak Devasthan Hall Divar -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
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Chief Guest Shri Rajesh Faldessai Chairman Goa Rehabilitation Board MLA Cumbarjua- Constituency. Guest of Honour Shri Vasudev Meng Gaonkar Chairman GSSTFDCL Special Invitee Ms. Tanuja Chetan Kerkar, Mr. Ranjeet Korgankar, Mr. Sunil Mardolkar and Mr. Mahesh Kavalekar. Panch Members, V.P. Goltim, Navelim. Social Worker Mr. Rohidas Priolkar Resource Person Mr. Pritidas Upasso Gaonkar, Managing Director GSSTFDCL. Mr. Vasu Kunkolikar Social Worker. Mr. Umesh Kholkar Social Worker. Dr. Vijay Madhu Gawas, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University.

	Mr. Saprem Shirvoikar, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University.
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	03 faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	61
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	64
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	Workshop on Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Issue, Challenges and Strategic Approaches have the following objectives: 1. To Enhance Legal Awareness among Tribal Communities: To educate tribal participants about their constitutional and statutory rights, particularly under the Forest Rights Act, PESA, and related welfare legislations, enabling them to understand and assert their legal entitlements. 2. To Strengthen Protection of Land and Resource Rights: To create awareness and dialogue on issues of land alienation, encroachment, and forest resource management, with the objective of safeguarding traditional land rights and promoting sustainable use of natural resources. 3. To Build Capacity for Legal and Policy Advocacy: To equip tribal leaders, representatives, and community members with advocacy skills necessary to engage with local self-governance institutions, administrative authorities, and policy-making processes. 4. To Improve Access to Justice and Legal Aid: To address barriers such as geographic isolation, illiteracy, and lack of legal support by highlighting the role of legal aid services, dispute resolution mechanisms, and institutional remedies available to tribal communities. 5. To Promote Inclusive and Effective Implementation of Welfare Schemes. 6. To examine gaps in the implementation of government welfare and development programmes and encourage collaboration between tribal communities, government agencies, and civil society organisations for inclusive and accountable development.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	The Workshop on Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Issues, Challenges and Strategic Approaches is conceived as a focused legal awareness and capacity-building initiative aimed at addressing the persistent socio-legal challenges faced by tribal communities.

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12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	1. Improved Legal Literacy and Rights Consciousness Tribal participants will develop a clear understanding of their constitutional and statutory rights under laws such as the Forest Rights Act, PESA, and allied welfare legislations, enabling them to identify violations and assert their entitlements effectively. 2. Strengthened Protection of Land and Forest Rights The programme will contribute to greater awareness and safeguarding of tribal land, forest, and resource rights, reducing instances of land alienation, encroachment, and unlawful displacement while

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	promoting sustainable and community-based resource management. 3. Empowered Tribal Leadership and Advocacy Capacity Tribal leaders and community representatives will be equipped with advocacy and negotiation skills to engage confidently with Gram Sabhas, Panchayats, administrative authorities, and policy-making bodies, fostering participatory governance and accountability. 4. Enhanced Access to Justice and Legal Support Systems Participants will become familiar with legal aid institutions, grievance redressal mechanisms, and dispute resolution forums, helping overcome barriers of geographic isolation, illiteracy, and lack of legal assistance. 5. Better Utilisation of Welfare and Development Schemes Increased awareness of government welfare programmes will enable tribal communities to access benefits more effectively, reducing exclusion caused by procedural delays, lack of information, or administrative inefficiencies. 6. Strengthened Community-Institutional Linkages The workshop will foster dialogue and collaboration between tribal communities, government officials, legal professionals, and civil society organisations, leading to more responsive and inclusive policy implementation. 7. Promotion of Social Justice and Human Dignity By addressing systemic marginalisation and reinforcing legal protections, the programme will contribute to social justice, protection of cultural identity, and recognition of tribal communities as rights-holders. 8. Long-Term Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development The knowledge and skills gained through the programme will have a lasting impact, enabling tribal communities to protect their rights, participate meaningfully in development processes, and pursue sustainable, self-determined growth.
13. Enclosures with report	Geo-tagged photos, Attendance Sheet and Flyer,

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Asst. Prof., MPSLGPP, Goa University



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All are cordially invited

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Chief Guest

Shri Rajesh Faldessai

Chairman

Goa Rehabilitation Board

MLA Cumbarjua-Constituency

Guest of Honour

Shri Vasudev Meng Gaonkar

Chairman

GSSTFDCL

In the distinguished presence of:

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

Special invitee

Ms. Tanuja Chetan Kerkar

Mr. Ranjeet Korgankar

Mr. Sunil Mardolkar

Mr. Mahesh Kavalekar

Panch members

V. P. Goltim, Navelim

Mr. Rohidas Priolkar

Social Worker

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Mr. Pritidas Upasso Gaonkar, Managing Director (GSSTFDCL)

Mr. Ravji Gaonkar, Assistant Professor

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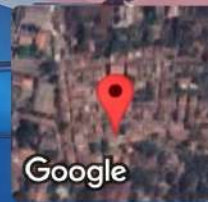
To,
The Director,
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Goa University, Taleigao Plateau, Goa.

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,
Mercas, Tiswadi, Goa.



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