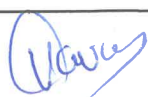


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Report on “Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Awareness Workshop on Welfare Schemes and Development Policies.”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Awareness Workshop on Welfare Schemes and Development Policies.
2. Date and Time	1 st February 2026, Time: 9.30 am, venue: Alakh Niranjana Hall, Saridao, 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. Shree Sateri Ravalnath Sports and Cultural Club.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Chief Guest Shri Vasudev Meng Gaonkar Chairman GSSTFDCL Guest of Honour Shri Francisco Chairman GSMFDCL. In the distinguished Presence Of Dr. Maria Norma Menezes e Rebello, Director, D.E.O.C Mr. Chandan Vargaonkar, Board of Director GSSTFDCL. Mr. Aanad Verlekar, Social Worker Mr. Gauresh Kankonkar, President, SSRSCC Special Invitee Mr. Jagdish Gauns Social Worker Mrs. Teja Kankonkar Panch Member, V.P. Saridao Resource Person Mr. Vasu Kunkolikar Social Worker.

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7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	03 faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	03
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	46 other participants
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Awareness Workshop on Welfare Schemes and Development Policies 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: 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	Legal Empowerment of Tribal Communities: Awareness Workshop on Welfare Schemes and Development Policies is conceived as a focused legal awareness and capacity-building initiative aimed at addressing the persistent socio-legal challenges faced by tribal communities. 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 To examine gaps in the implementation

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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 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,

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	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, acceptance Letter



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Date: 1st February 2026 Time: 9.30 am, Venue: Alakh Niranjana Hall, Saridao, Goa

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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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