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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 “Strengthening Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment of Vulnerable
Section of Society”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Strengthening Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment of Vulnerable Section of Society.
2. Date and Time	22 nd February 2026, Time: 09.30 am, Venue: Mahapurush Hall, Bandolwada, Pernem, 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. Pernem Free Legal Aid Cell of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar- Goa.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Chief Guest Shri. Pravin Arlekar Hon'ble MLA, Pernem Constituency, Goa Legislative Assembly. Guest of Honour Dr. Pravin H. Parab, GC.S. Additional Collector- II, North-Goa. Smt. Vishaka Visharam Gadekar Councillor, Pernem Municipality.

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	Resource Person Mr. Sapresh Devidas, Assistant Professor Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law Margao Goa. MS. Dhruva Naik Assistant Professor V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar- Goa Dr. Vijay Madhu Gawas, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University Mr. Saprem Shrivoikar, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	04 faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	85
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	89
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Strengthening Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment of Vulnerable Section of Society has the following objectives: 1. To Promote Legal Awareness: To educate participants about constitutional guarantees, fundamental rights, welfare legislations, and statutory protections available to vulnerable and marginalized communities. 2. To Enhance Understanding of Legal Aid Mechanisms: To create awareness about free legal aid services, Lok Adalats, fast-track courts, and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that facilitate affordable and timely justice. 3. To Identify Barriers to Accessing Justice: To critically examine socio-economic, cultural, procedural, and systemic obstacles that prevent vulnerable groups from



effectively seeking legal remedies.

4. To Strengthen Capacity of Stakeholders:

To equip community leaders, NGOs, paralegal volunteers, and social workers with knowledge and tools necessary to assist marginalized populations in accessing justice mechanisms.

5. To Encourage Legal Empowerment and Confidence:

To empower vulnerable individuals to assert their rights, report injustices, and engage with legal institutions without fear of discrimination or retaliation.

6. To Foster Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration:

To build partnerships among legal experts, policymakers, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and community representatives for sustained justice outreach initiatives.

7. To Facilitate Policy Dialogue and Reform-Oriented Discussions:

To generate constructive recommendations aimed at strengthening institutional frameworks and making justice delivery systems more inclusive, accessible, and responsive.

8. To Promote Social Inclusion and Equality Before Law:

To reinforce the principle of equality before law and equal protection of laws by addressing structural discrimination and exclusion within the justice system.

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11. Description of the Program/activity/event	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Strengthening Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment of Vulnerable Section of Society is designed as an academic-cum-extension initiative aimed at promoting legal awareness, inclusivity, and social justice. The programme focuses on addressing the systemic barriers faced by economically disadvantaged groups, marginalized castes, tribal communities, women, children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities in accessing justice delivery mechanisms. The event seeks to create a structured platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and capacity building by bringing together legal experts, academicians, policymakers, representatives of legal services institutions, social workers, and community leaders. Through expert lectures, panel discussions, interactive sessions, and case-based deliberations, the workshop will examine constitutional guarantees, welfare legislations, and institutional mechanisms that ensure equal access to justice. Special emphasis will be placed on sensitizing participants about free legal aid services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the role of Lok Adalats and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, protection laws for vulnerable groups, and government welfare schemes. The programme will also highlight practical challenges such as socio-economic barriers, discrimination, procedural complexities, and lack of awareness that hinder effective justice delivery. The workshop adopts a participatory approach, encouraging active engagement, discussion of real-life issues, and identification of grassroots-level solutions. It aims not only to disseminate knowledge but also to empower community representatives and stakeholders to function as catalysts for legal literacy and rights-based advocacy within their respective communities. Overall, the programme contributes to strengthening democratic values, promoting social inclusion, and enhancing institutional accountability. By fostering awareness and
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	collaboration among stakeholders, the event aspires to build a more accessible, responsive, and equitable justice system
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	1. Promotion of Constitutional Values The program reinforces the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India, particularly equality before law, protection of fundamental rights, and access to justice. It strengthens awareness regarding Article 14, Article 21, and Article 39A relating to free legal aid. 2. Increased Legal Literacy among Vulnerable Communities Participants will develop a clearer understanding of their legal rights, welfare schemes, and grievance redressal mechanisms, thereby reducing ignorance and misinformation about legal remedies. 3. Bridging the Gap between Law and Society The workshop will help translate complex legal provisions into accessible knowledge, enabling marginalized groups to practically engage with the justice delivery system. 4. Strengthening Utilization of Legal Aid Mechanisms Awareness regarding institutions such as Legal Services Authorities, Lok Adalats, mediation centers, and fast-track courts will encourage greater utilization of existing justice mechanisms. 5. Capacity Building of Stakeholders Community leaders, NGOs, social workers, and student volunteers will be equipped with knowledge and skills to function as legal awareness ambassadors at the grassroots level. 6. Empowerment and Confidence Building Vulnerable individuals will be

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	encouraged to assert their rights, report injustices, and seek legal remedies without fear of retaliation or stigma. 7. Promotion of Social Inclusion and Equity The program contributes to reducing systemic discrimination and exclusion by fostering inclusive dialogue among policymakers, legal professionals, and community representatives. 8. Policy-Oriented Insights and Recommendations Deliberations during the workshop may generate constructive suggestions for improving outreach, infrastructure, and procedural accessibility in the justice delivery system. 9. Strengthened Institutional and Community Linkages The event fosters collaboration between academic institutions, legal aid authorities, civil society organizations, and government bodies, ensuring sustained engagement beyond the workshop.
13. Enclosures with report	Geo-tagged photos, Attendance Sheet and Flyer, acceptance Letter



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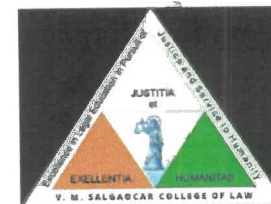
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OF VULNERABLE SECTIONS OF SOCIETY".**

Date: 22nd February 2026 Time: 9.30 am, Venue: Mahapurush Hall, Bandolwada, Pernem, Goa.

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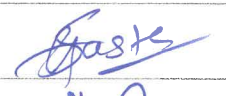
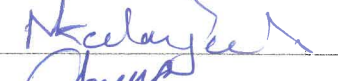
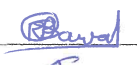
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All are cordially invited

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Venue: Mahapurush Hall, Bandolwada, Pernem, Goa.

Chief Guest

Shri Pravin Arlekar

**Hon'ble MLA, Pernem Constituency,
Goa Legislative Assembly**

Guest of Honour

**Shri. Pravin H. Parab, GC.S.
Additional Collector -II,
North-Goa**

**Smt. Vishaka Vishram Gadekar
Councillor, Pernem Municipality**

In the Distinguished presence of:

**Dr. G. Shaber Ali, Principal (Officiating), V.M. Salgaocar College of Law,
Miramar-Goa**

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

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Ms. Dhruva Naik, Assistant Professor

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Date: 7th February 2026

To,

Ms. Maria Norma Menezes

Directorate of Equal Opportunities

Goa University

Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Subject: Acceptance of Proposal for Workshop on "Strengthening Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment of Vulnerable Sections of Society"

Dear Madam,

We sincerely thank you for your communication expressing your interest in collaborating with us to organize a workshop on "Strengthening Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment of Vulnerable Sections of Society" scheduled on 22nd February 2026 at 9.30 a.m. at Mahapurush Hall, Bandolwada, Pernem, Goa.

We are pleased to convey our formal acceptance of your proposal. We appreciate the initiative taken by the Directorate of Equal Opportunities, Goa University, in promoting legal awareness and access to justice for vulnerable sections of society. We believe that this workshop will significantly benefit the local community and contribute meaningfully to legal empowerment efforts in the region.

We also acknowledge that the expenses in connection with the programme shall be borne by the Directorate of Equal Opportunities, Goa University, and we are grateful for your support in this regard.

Kindly consider this letter as our confirmation of participation and collaboration. We look forward to a fruitful association.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. G. Shaber Ali



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