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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 Women Empower Through Legal Awareness and Health Initiatives”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Women Empower Through Legal Awareness and Health Initiatives.
2. Date and Time	07 th March 2026, Time: 09.30 am, Venue: Institute of Nursing Education Bambolim, 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. Institute of Nursing Education Bambolim, Goa.
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Chief Guest Mrs. Jivi S Jethaji Joint Director of Accounts Goa Handicraft Rural Small Scale Industries Development Corporation. Guest of Honour Mrs. Bertha T.A. D'Mello e Daniel Deputy Registrar Goa University. Dr. Wilson N. Fernandes, Principal Institute of Nursing Education Bambolim, Goa. Resource Person Dr. Sonia Kamat, Assistant Professor, Rosary College Navelim. Mrs. Disha Sardesai, Assistant Professor Scalgaocar College of Law. Ms. Rashmi Sawant, Assistant Professor Scalgaocar College of Law. Adv. Divya Bharati Naidu

	Dr. Vijay Madhu Gawas, Assistant Professor, MPSLGPP, Goa University
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	05 faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	194
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	199
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Women Empower Through Legal Awareness and Health Initiatives has the following objectives: 1. To Promote Legal Awareness among Women To educate women, particularly from marginalized and vulnerable communities, about their legal rights relating to health, gender equality, and protection against discrimination and violence. 2. To Strengthen Access to Justice Mechanisms To enhance understanding of available legal remedies, institutions, and procedures that enable women to seek justice in matters related to health rights and gender-based violations. 3. To Address Barriers in Healthcare Access To identify and analyze socio-economic, cultural, and institutional barriers that prevent women from accessing adequate healthcare services and legal support. 4. To Raise Awareness on Gender-Based Violence and Legal Protections To sensitize participants about various forms of gender-based violence and the legal frameworks

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available for prevention, protection, and redressal.

5. To Foster Interdisciplinary Collaboration

To create a platform for dialogue and cooperation among legal professionals, healthcare providers, policymakers, and community stakeholders for a coordinated approach to women's empowerment.

6. To Enhance Advocacy and Capacity Building

To equip participants with practical tools and strategies for community advocacy, enabling them to promote legal literacy, health rights, and gender justice.

7. To Encourage Policy Dialogue and Reform

To generate informed discussions that contribute to policy recommendations aimed at strengthening the implementation of laws related to women's health and rights.

8. To Promote Leadership and Empowerment of Women

To identify and encourage women leaders who can act as change agents in their communities, advocating for access to justice and equitable healthcare.

9. To Address Intersectional Challenges

To highlight the compounded challenges faced by women from marginalized groups and promote inclusive strategies that ensure equitable access to justice and health services.

10. To Bridge the Gap between Law and Society

To translate legal knowledge into practical awareness, ensuring that women can effectively claim their



	rights and access available institutional support systems.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Law and Society theme on Women Empower Through Legal Awareness and Health Initiatives” is designed as an interdisciplinary and participatory initiative aimed at addressing the critical intersection between law, health, and gender justice. The programme seeks to create a platform where legal awareness, healthcare access, and women’s empowerment converge to promote equitable and inclusive development. The workshop focuses on strengthening access to justice by equipping participants—particularly women from marginalized and vulnerable communities—with knowledge of their legal rights related to health, bodily autonomy, and protection from discrimination and violence. It emphasizes the importance of legal literacy as a tool for empowerment, enabling women to recognize violations of their rights and seek appropriate remedies through legal mechanisms. Through expert-led sessions, interactive discussions, and case-based learning, the programme explores key issues such as barriers to healthcare access, gender-based violence, socio-economic inequalities, and gaps in the implementation of existing legal frameworks. Participants are introduced to relevant laws, policies, and institutional mechanisms that safeguard women’s rights, while also critically examining the challenges in their enforcement. The workshop adopts a multi-stakeholder approach by bringing together legal practitioners, healthcare professionals, social workers, academicians, and community representatives. This collaborative environment encourages dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and the development of practical strategies to address systemic issues affecting women’s health and justice. Additionally, the programme places strong emphasis on capacity-building and advocacy. It aims to empower participants with skills to engage in community outreach, promote awareness, and contribute to policy discussions. By fostering leadership among women and encouraging collective action, the workshop aspires to create sustainable impact at both grassroots and institutional levels.

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	Overall, the programme serves as a catalyst for bridging the gap between legal rights and their realization in everyday life, promoting accountability, and advancing the broader goals of gender equality, health equity, and social justice.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	1. Increased Legal Awareness and Empowerment Participants, particularly women from marginalized communities, will gain a clearer understanding of their legal rights related to health, bodily autonomy, and protection from violence. This enhanced awareness will enable them to assert their rights confidently and seek appropriate remedies. 2. Improved Access to Justice Mechanisms The programme will familiarize participants with available legal aid services, grievance redressal systems, and institutional mechanisms, thereby improving their ability to navigate the justice system effectively. 3. Strengthened Advocacy and Community Engagement Participants will develop advocacy skills and strategies to raise awareness within their communities, promote gender justice, and address barriers to women's health rights through collective action. 4. Enhanced Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration The workshop will foster coordination between legal professionals, healthcare providers, NGOs, and community leaders, creating a collaborative framework to address issues of women's health and justice more effectively. 5. Identification of Systemic Gaps and Challenges Through discussions and case studies, the programme will highlight gaps in the implementation of existing laws and policies, contributing to a better understanding of systemic challenges affecting women's access to justice and healthcare.

	6. Development of Policy Recommendations The insights generated during the workshop will help formulate practical and actionable recommendations aimed at strengthening legal frameworks, improving service delivery, and ensuring accountability in protecting women's rights. 7. Promotion of Gender-Sensitive Approaches Participants will be sensitized to adopt gender-responsive practices in legal and healthcare systems, ensuring that services are more inclusive, accessible, and responsive to women's needs. 8. Emergence of Women Leaders and Change Agents The workshop will identify and encourage women leaders who can act as catalysts for change, promoting legal literacy and health rights within their communities and sustaining long-term impact.
13. Enclosures with report	Geo-tagged photos, Attendance Sheet and Flyer, acceptance Letter



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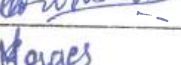
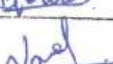
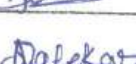
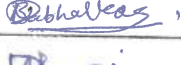
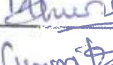
WORKSHOP ON EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF LAW AND SOCIETY THEME ON "WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH
LEGAL AWARENESS AND HEALTH INITIATIVES".

(In commemoration of International Women's Day)

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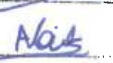
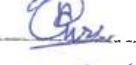
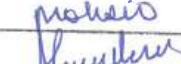
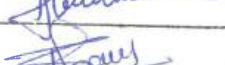
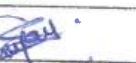


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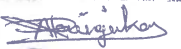
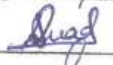
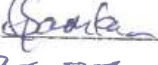
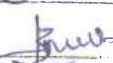
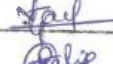
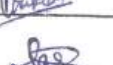
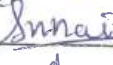
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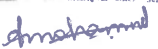
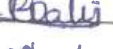
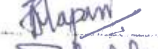
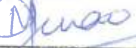
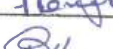
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IN COLLABORATION WITH
DIRECTORATE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
&
INSTITUTE OF NURSING EDUCATION, BAMBOLIM, GOA.**

All are cordially invited
**WORKSHOP ON EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF LAW AND SOCIETY THEME ON “WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT THROUGH LEGAL AWARENESS AND HEALTH INITIATIVES”.**
(In commemoration of International Women's Day)

**Date: 7th March 2026 Time: 9.00 am to 12.30pm
Venue: Goa Institute of Nursing Education, Bambolim, Goa.**

Chief Guest

**Mrs. Jivi S Jethaji
Joint Director of Accounts
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Guest of Honour

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In the Distinguished presence of:
Dr. Maria Norma Menezes Rebello, Director D.E.O.C

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To,
Dr. Maria Norma Menezes
Directorate of Equal Opportunities,
Goa University.

Subject: Acceptance of Workshop on Empowering Women through Legal Knowledge and Health Initiatives

Respected Madam,

Greetings from the Institute of Nursing Education, Bambolim-Goa.

We acknowledge with thanks your email dated 14th January 2026 regarding the proposal to organize the workshop titled "Empowering Women through Legal Knowledge and Health Initiatives." We are pleased to inform you that we gladly accept your proposal to conduct the above-mentioned workshop at our institution on 7th March 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

We sincerely appreciate the initiative taken by the Directorate of Equal Opportunities, Goa University, in organizing such a significant and relevant programme aimed at enhancing legal awareness, promoting gender justice, and fostering health consciousness among students. We are confident that the workshop will be highly beneficial and enriching for our students.

We assure you of our full cooperation and support in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the programme. Necessary arrangements will be made from our side, and we will coordinate with Dr. Vijay Madhu Gawas for its effective execution.

We look forward to this collaborative effort and to making the programme a great success.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

(Prof. Dr. Wilson N. Fernandes)

Principal

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