

# **Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy**

## **Report of orientation visits to organisations- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Master of Social Work (MSW) and M.A. Women's Studies students visited various social organisations on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. During the visits students interacted with stakeholders in the organisations including clients and social workers. These two-day visits were planned as an orientation to fieldwork. As students of MSW and M.A. Women's Studies will be placed in organisations for their fieldwork during the course, these visits provided them with insight into the field. Organisations that were visited by faculty and students are as follows:

### **1. Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Panjim**

Students interacted with the chairperson of the Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Mr. Peter Borges at Conference room, secretariat, Porvorim. Mr. Peter explained the aspects of child rights and role of the commission to students. The challenges faced and scope for intervention by students and volunteers was also discussed.

### **2. Childline, Caritas Goa**

Childline is a helpline under a project of Ministry of Women and Child, Government of India. The North Goa District office of the Child Line is managed by Caritas, Panjim. Students visited the office and interacted with Ms. Evelyn who is in charge of the office. She informed students about the activities undertaken by Child line such as rescue of children in need, assistance to children in liaison with police or other organisations, open house for assessing any problems faced by children in North Goa.

### **3. Community classroom, Taleigao by Talulah**

Community classroom is an voluntary project undertaken by Talulah Dsilva, an architect by profession. She runs the project along with her family and colleagues. This classroom ensures students from underprivileged background have space to study, they help student to cope with school studies. The students are also provided opportunities to learn skills essential for their development. Students of MSW and M.A. Women's Studies interacted with students of community classroom. Students of community classroom shared their experiences o excursions, workshops, social activities that they have participated in as part of the initiative.

### **4. Children's Rights in Goa**

Children's Rights in Goa (CRG) is an NGO working for childrens right. They have various projects such as Balika munch in schools, gender champions in higher secondary schools and adoption of Basti. Students visited one the community adopted by CRG for empowerment of children. It was at Kadamba Plateau on a construction site. Children on construction workers are taught basic pre-school education and skills in this program by CRG. Students interacted with the children and also conducted games for the children. Ms. Rajal and Ms. Namita from CRG staff addressed the students about interventions by CRG.



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#### **5. St. Xavier Institute, Old Goa**

St. Xavier institute is a school for disabled students. They have people with physical, mental and intellectual disability enrolled in the school. There are day scholars as well as residential students in the hostel. Students of MSW and M.A. interacted with the teachers, trainers and physiotherapist in the organisation. They had an opportunity to learn about different kind of disabilities. They also learnt about the interventions made by the St. Xavier's Institute for the children with disability. Fr. Walter, manager of the institute addressed the students about programs and facilities at the institute.

#### **6. Margaret Bosco Bal Sadan, Ucassaim, Bastora**

Margaret Bosco Bal Sadan (MBBS) is a place that provides residential and educational facilities for children in need. Children in need and protection are referred to the MBBS by child welfare committees. These students attend regular schools and are provided with skill trainings such as computers at MBBS. They are provided with food, stay and assistance for education. This home is for boys and they also monitor the progress of the boys after they leave the home at the age of 18. Students get to interact with Fr. Jose Sequeira addressed the students about facilities and programs at MBBS.

#### **7. Hamara School, Panjim**

Hamara school has a day care and after school classes for students from underprivileged communities in Panjim. Students come to Hamara school in the afternoon, are provided lunch. There are teachers who help these students with education as well as skill training. There is also a hostel facility for girl students. Hamara School was started by Ms. Mangala and is affiliated to Kasturba Gandhi Trust. Ms. Priyanka, a social worker with Hamara School and Ms. Saraswati, secretary of Hamara School addressed the students.

The two-day visits to these organisations provided students with an understanding to the field realities. The students interacted with various stakeholders including clients and social workers. The visits also helped them realise the potential and challenges of working in the field on social issues. Some of the students showed keen interest in working with these organisations in future.

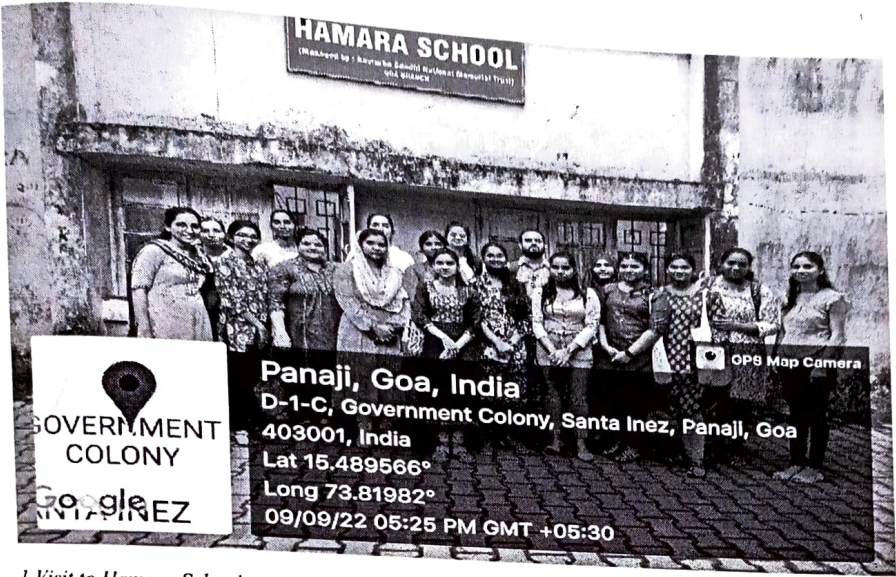


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Visit to Hamara School for Orientation on child rights on 9th September 2022



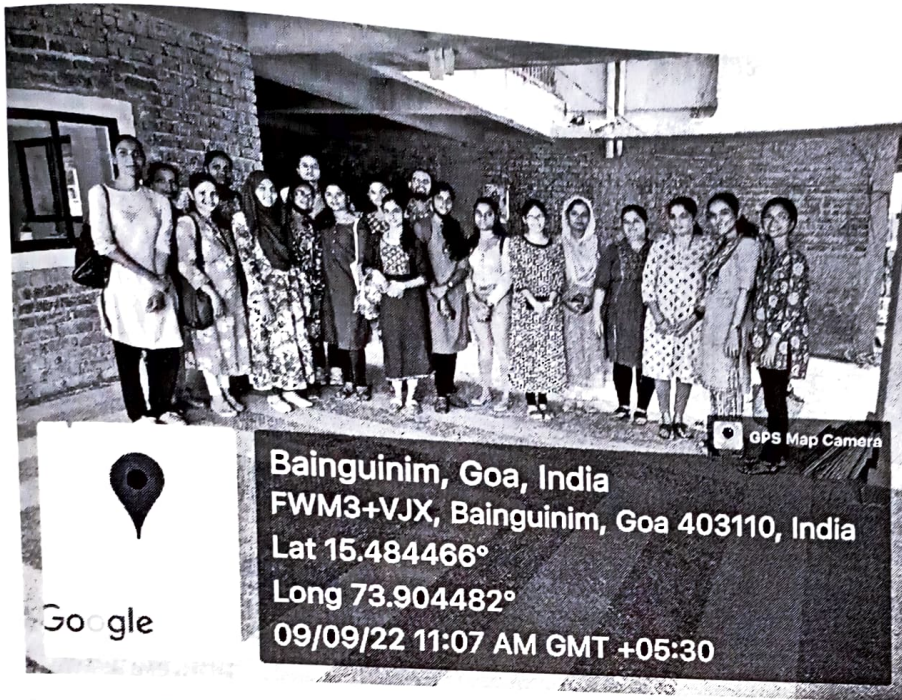
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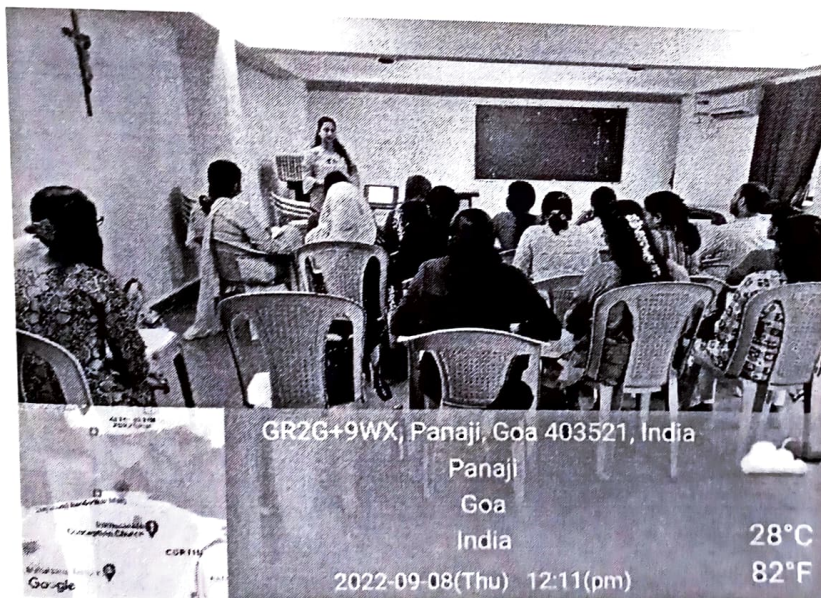
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3 Visit to CRG Field



4 Interaction at ChildLine Panjim

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