



Goa University
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Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy
Law & Public Administration Programme
Report on Observance of National Girl Child Day- Administration of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Pledge

1. Title of the Event/Activity/Program	Observance of National Girl Child Day - Administration of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Pledge
2. Date and Time	23 rd January 2026
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	-----
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	-----
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	09 faculty members
8. Number of Student attended / participated	09 Students
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	01 Staff member
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<p>1. Affirmation of Constitutional Equality and Non-Discrimination:</p> <p>To reinforce the constitutional mandate of equality before law and equal protection of laws and the prohibition of discrimination on grounds of sex, and to promote substantive</p>

gender equality in institutions and society.

2. Protection of the Right to Life, Dignity and Bodily Integrity of the Girl Child:

To commit stakeholders to uphold the girl child's right to life, dignity, safety, and a life free from violence, including protection against neglect, abuse, trafficking, child marriage, and harmful practices.

3. Prevention of Sex Selection and Strengthening Compliance with PCPNDT Law:

To sensitise the community and service providers towards strict compliance with legal provisions prohibiting sex selection and sex determination, and to support enforcement of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act through awareness and reporting of violations.

4. Promotion and Enforcement of the Right to Education:

To secure the girl child's right to free and compulsory education and to ensure non-discrimination in access, retention, safety, and completion of schooling, aligned with the State's statutory obligations under education laws and child-protection frameworks.

5. Safeguarding Child Rights and Strengthening Child Protection Systems:

To encourage reporting and institutional action for violations of child rights, and to strengthen coordination with Child Welfare Committees, police, schools, health systems, and district administration for prevention and response mechanisms.

	<p>6. Ensuring Access to Public Services and Welfare Entitlements:</p> <p>To promote equal access for girls to healthcare, nutrition, immunisation, sanitation, identity documentation, and welfare schemes, thereby advancing the State's duty to provide social justice and reduce gender-based exclusion.</p> <p>7. Zero Tolerance for Gender-Based Violence, Harassment and Exploitation:</p> <p>To institutionalise a commitment to prevent and respond to sexual harassment, abuse, and exploitation in schools, workplaces, public spaces, and online environments through awareness, complaint mechanisms, and lawful action.</p> <p>8. Elimination of Child Marriage and Support for Age-Appropriate Development:</p> <p>To affirm compliance with laws against child marriage and to support measures that enable girls' physical, mental, and social development through education, health services, and family/community accountability.</p> <p>9. Behavioural Change and Community Legal Awareness:</p> <p>To use the pledge as a legal-awareness tool to shift social norms that fuel discrimination (son preference), and to promote lawful, gender-just practices in families and communities.</p> <p>10. Institutional Accountability and Public Commitment:</p> <p>To create a documented public commitment (pledge) that can be used for institutional</p>
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	<p>follow-up, awareness drives, and monitoring of action points by departments/schools/local bodies under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP).</p>
<p>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>As per the direction of the Public Relations Office, Goa University on 23rd January 2026 all the faculties, non-teaching staff and the Students of Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy gathered on the Ground floor at 11:00 am. Ms. Tazmeen R. Athani lead us in reciting the pledge.</p> <p>The Observance of National Girl Child Day through the administration of the Pledge under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was conducted as a statutory awareness and sensitization initiative aimed at promoting the constitutional, legal, and policy framework for the protection, survival, education, and empowerment of the girl child.</p> <p>This programme was organized in furtherance of the Government of India's flagship scheme "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao", launched under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in coordination with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The activity aligns with India's obligations under Articles 14, 15(3), 21, and 21A of the Constitution of India, which guarantee equality, special protection for women and children, the right to life with dignity, and the right to education.</p>

<p>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The observance of National Girl Child Day by administering the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Pledge serves as a legally significant awareness and advocacy activity aimed at reinforcing constitutional values, statutory protections, and state obligations toward the girl child.</p> <p>1. Promotion of Constitutional Rights:</p> <p>The programme strengthens awareness of the fundamental rights of the girl child guaranteed under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 14 – Right to Equality • Article 15(3) – Special provisions for women and children • Article 21 – Right to life with dignity, education, health, and safety <p>By administering the pledge, participants reaffirm commitment to upholding these constitutional guarantees.</p> <p>2. Support to Statutory Framework for Protection of Girl Child:</p> <p>The activity reinforces compliance with key legislations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994 – Prevention of sex-selective practices • Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 – Protection against sexual abuse • Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 – Prevention of early marriage • Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 – Educational rights of the girl child
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The pledge acts as a moral and legal reminder of duties imposed by these laws.

3. Enhancement of Legal Awareness and Social Accountability:

Administering the pledge promotes:

- Awareness of legal consequences of discrimination, neglect, and violence against girl children
- Understanding of state welfare schemes and legal remedies available for protection and empowerment
- Collective responsibility among citizens to report violations and support law enforcement mechanisms

4. Strengthening State Obligations under Directive Principles:

The programme advances the objectives of:

- Article 39(e) & (f) – Protection of children from abuse and exploitation
- Article 46 – Promotion of educational and economic interests of vulnerable groups

It aligns public participation with the State's duty to ensure gender justice and social welfare.

5. Compliance with International Human Rights Commitments:

The activity supports India's obligations under:

- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

By encouraging societal commitment

	<p>through the pledge, the programme contributes to international human rights compliance.</p> <p>6. Behavioural Change and Preventive Legal Impact:</p> <p>The pledge functions as a preventive legal tool by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discouraging practices such as female foeticide, gender-based discrimination, and denial of education • Promoting respect for the rule of law and gender-sensitive conduct • Creating a deterrent effect through community vigilance and ethical responsibility
<p>13. Enclosures with report</p>	<p>Geo-tagged photos, Attendance Sheet and copy of pledge.</p>

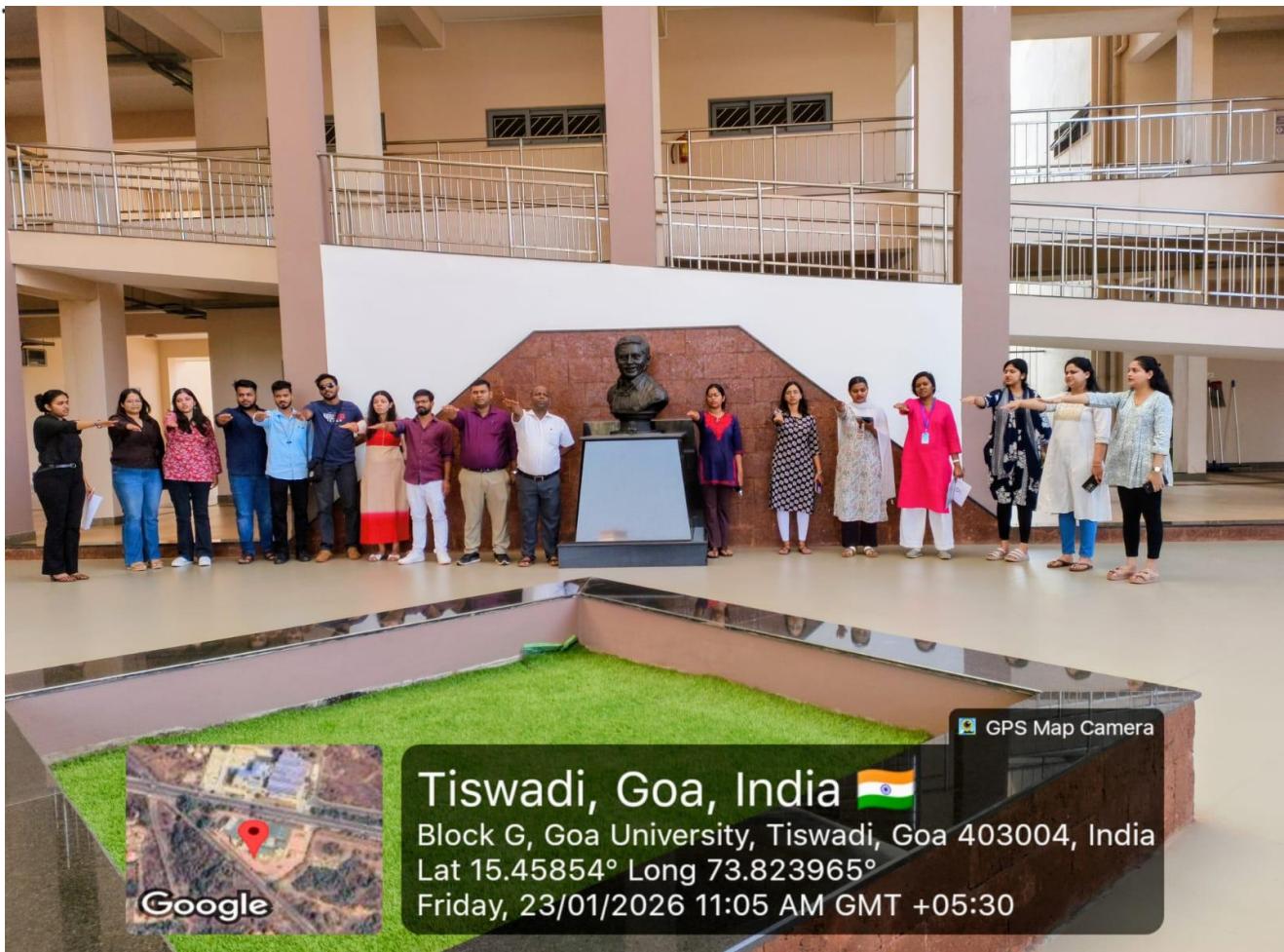
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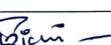


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Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy (MPSLGPP)
Conducts
PLEDGE ON BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO
Venue: Block G, MPSLGPP, Goa University

Date: - 23/1/2026

Time: - 11.00 AM -11.30 AM

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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PLEDGE ON BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO

I, a Citizen of India, hereby take a solemn pledge today that I shall act in all possible ways individually and collectively to eliminate gender biased discrimination and sex selection that threatens the birth and the survival of Girls. I commit to enable Girl Child's Education and ensure that girls are born, loved and nurtured to become equal & empowered citizens of the country.

I, also solemnly resolve to spread the message of *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* among the fellow women and men of our country.

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