

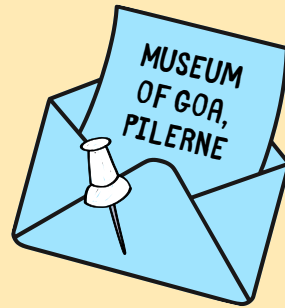
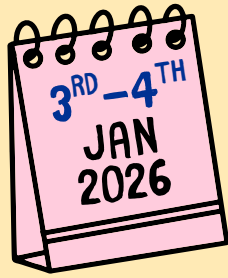


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IMAGINING INCLUSIVE
FUTURES FOR GOA
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The event brought together organisations, practitioners, students, and activists working across environment, gender justice, mental health, land, law, governance, and technology. This publication captures a moment in that collective journey.



WHY DESIGN FOR JUSTICE?

What Design for Justice is: Design for Justice is a practice of bringing people together to think through the lens of justice, through conversation, reflection, making, and imagining. The first Design for Justice Conference, held in 2023, created a shared space to explore how justice is encountered in everyday life and how institutions, systems, and public spaces might be reimaged through a design-led inquiry.

The second Design for Justice Conference builds on this work as an ecosystem-building effort in Goa. It is designed as a series of creative, participatory exercises that support collaboration, map opportunities and challenges within the justice ecosystem, and create conditions for community-led interventions and solidarities to emerge

WHY GOA?

Goa carries a strong history of civic action that has shaped its laws, governance, and public life. At the same time, new questions around belonging, development, ecology, and access to justice are emerging, often without enough shared spaces for dialogue across these concerns.

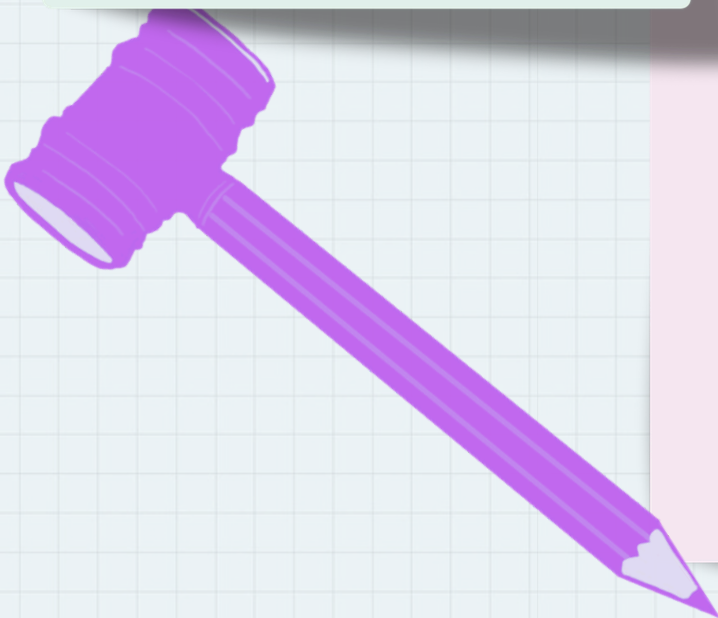
Design for Justice in Goa is an invitation to bring these histories and futures into conversation, and to create a place where different justice narratives can meet.



WHY AN OPEN, CROSS-SECTOR SPACE?

The event was intentionally designed as an open space for people to locate themselves within justice work in their own ways. Rather than centring any one sector or discipline, the programme created room for multiple entry points into the conversation.

This allowed shared learning, unexpected connections, and collaborations to emerge organically, shaped by the people who gathered.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE SHARING CIRCLE

WHAT PARTICIPANTS BROUGHT

Participants brought fragments of their daily practice, objects shaped by fieldwork, meetings, archives, and conversations. These were not merely representations of work, but traces of long-term engagement with justice in Goa.



What Connections Emerged

The sharing revealed multiple narratives of justice coexisting in Goa: environmental protection, social equity, cultural preservation, and institutional accountability. Academic research, community action, and activism were deeply interconnected. Conversations also revealed the personal and professional consequences of activism, prompting reflections on vulnerability, resilience, and collective responsibility in justice work.



WHAT SURPRISED PEOPLE

Participants were struck by the depth of grassroots knowledge, including detailed studies on the carrying capacity of villages such as Chicalim. The significance of attending Gram Sabha meetings emerged as a recurring theme, underscoring justice as a process rooted in presence and participation. Many also reflected on how justice work is sustained through continuous and active collaboration, rather than isolated efforts.

THE JUSTICE ECOSYSTEM GALLERY

The objects displayed in this gallery emerged from the everyday realities of justice work in Goa. Brought by practitioners, academicians, and students, each object carried a story of struggle, persistence, creativity, and care. Together, they reveal how justice is not abstract, but grounded in material tools, lived experiences, and long-term engagement with communities.



NEWSPAPER

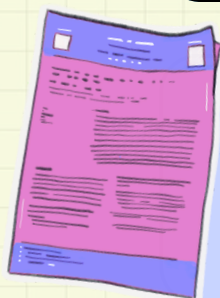
Spoke to the unease provoked by daily headlines and the role of media in shaping public consciousness around justice.



TIMELESS CALENDAR

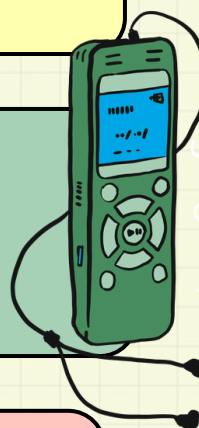
Rooted in anti-caste thought, the calendar reminded participants of the slow, everyday work of challenging deeply embedded social hierarchies.

SPATIAL PLANNING BLUEPRINT
Offered insight into how planning decisions, land conversions, and development trajectories leave lasting imprints on environments and communities.



PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PAPER

Represented the quiet but rigorous labour of academic research as a means of questioning, evidence-building, and accountability.



MAPPING CHALLENGES TOGETHER

Participants collectively mapped challenges on the floor, clustering experiences, tensions, and priorities, to visualise connections, surface overlaps, and build understanding across justice concerns together openly.

This page centres the floor map of challenges and clusters that emerged:

Resources - funding, human resources, institution, censorship

This cluster surfaced shared constraints around funding, human resources, institutional access, and censorship, revealing how justice work is often limited not by intent, but by uneven infrastructures and systemic barriers.

Community-building -

Conversations here emphasised solidarity, inclusive organising, and collective resilience, recognising community-building not as support work, but as essential justice labour that sustains movements over time.

Insider-outsider dynamics/belonging -

This cluster explored questions of identity and regionalism, unpacking who is seen as belonging in Goa, who gets excluded, and how justice conversations are shaped by these shifting boundaries.

Law and governance -

Discussions focused on legal access, awareness, and resources, highlighting gaps between law and reality, and the need for systems that are understandable, approachable, and responsive to people.

IMAGINING GOA 2035

Participants were invited to imagine Goa in 2035 through a futures-thinking exercise. Using speculative headlines as a prompt, this activity created space to move beyond present constraints and collectively articulate what a just, inclusive, and accountable future for Goa could look like.

The headlines that emerged reflect shared aspirations around transparency, participation, ecological care, and social cohesion, revealing futures rooted in technological optimism as well as governance, community, and collective responsibility.

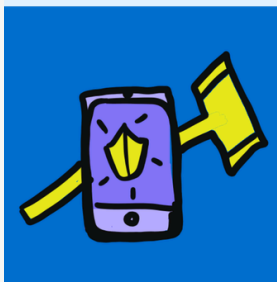
Some future headlines imagined by participants:

THE NEWS

Imagining Goa 2035

Bill passed for transparency- all construction permissions to be displayed publicly

Free training for panchayat members; gram sabhas across villages pass a resolution for CRZ monitoring



Stronger enforcement of green laws



Good governance linked with technology to prevent fraud

Social media has lost its way; a record number of social gatherings



Malls converted into libraries

Due to long-term planning, India's economy boomed



5th edition of Ekvott Dialogue: exploring ways to move beyond the insider-outsider debate

Goa's population and land are changing: who is a Goan? (Opinion piece)

JUSTICE AS A PUBLIC CONVERSATION

Day 2 was hosted as an open-access event at the Museum of Goa as part of MOG Sundays, creating space for people to not only participate in the conversations but also observe, engage with, and understand the work and discussions that emerged from Day 1.

WHY THE PUBLIC DIALOGUE MATTERED

It shifted justice from closed rooms into a shared civic space, allowing lived experiences, everyday concerns, and public accountability to shape conversations often limited to institutions.

WHAT NEW VOICES EMERGED

MOG Sundays welcomed new voices and first-time participants who brought perspectives shaped by daily life, curiosity, and lived realities, rather than professional advocacy alone.

TAKING THIS CONVERSATION TO A NEWER PUBLIC

MOG Sundays extended justice work beyond familiar circles, imagining a new public who can question, contribute, and carry these ideas into everyday spaces across Goa.



WHAT WE LEARNED

Over two days of conversation, reflection, and exchange, participants surfaced a set of collective insights that point toward a shared roadmap for justice-oriented work in Goa. These ideas reflect both what is needed now and what could be built together over time.



BUILDING SHARED PRIORITIES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Participants highlighted the importance of identifying a small set of shared priorities or guiding questions for civil society in Goa. Working in two or three clusters around common concerns was seen as a way to focus energy, deepen collaboration, and work on one issue at a time while learning and helping each other.



THE POWER OF CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

Justice-related challenges were repeatedly described as intersecting across sectors such as law, environment, gender, governance, and technology. Cross-sector collaboration emerged as a way to break silos, strengthen responses, and develop more holistic approaches to complex justice issues.



THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

There was a strong emphasis on involving students and young people not only in learning spaces, but also in activism and justice-oriented action. Participants discussed the possibility of engaging schools and colleges in initiatives that support critical thinking, civic participation, and youth-led advocacy connected to justice movements.



THE POSSIBILITY OF A COLLECTIVE JUSTICE FUND

Participants explored the idea of a collective justice fund that could support justice-oriented work in Goa that would enable collaboration across organisations, resource smaller and emerging initiatives, and sustain long-term, community-led efforts beyond project-based timelines.

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AN OPEN INVITATION



Design for Justice is not a conference, but a growing ecosystem of people, practices, and conversations. We hope to continue building this space over time, learning together, collaborating across differences, and responding to justice challenges as they evolve.

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