HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION ORGANISED BY CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON 10th DECEMBER, 2021

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The centre for Human Rights of Mar Gregorios College of Law, Trivandrum conducted a Lecture on 10th December, 2021 to celebrate Human Rights Day. The Guest of Honour of the session was Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar, Former Judge High Court of Kerala. He joined Kerala Judicial Service 2001 as District and Sessions Judge and served as Additional District Judge-II, Thiruvananthapuram, Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge (Vigilance), Calicut, Registrar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kasaragod and Calicut, Registrar, Railway Claims Tribunal, New Delhi and as District & Sessions Judge, Thiruvananthapuram and Thrissur. On 10 April 2015 he was appointed as additional judge of Kerala High Court and became permanent from 5 April 2017.

Human Rights Day is celebrated across the world on December 10 to mark the adoption of the UDHR, which is seen as a milestone document. The United Nations has announced that the theme of Human Rights Day this year will be "equality". It has taken the theme from Article 1 of the UDHR, which says: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." Human rights are protected by international and national laws and treaties globally. The mission to protect human rights around the world has been tasked to a 47-member grouping known as the Human Rights Council. These UN member-states are empowered to prevent inequality, abuses and discrimination, protect the most vulnerable, and punish the perpetrators of human rights violations.

The Human Rights Day lecture started at 10:00AM in the morning. The session started with a silent prayer in remembrance of the 13 Marshals, who died in the helicopter crash. The compere of the session was Ms. Uthara J, student of Mar Gregorios College of Law. The session started with a welcome address by Rev.Father, Dr. Koshy Issac Punnamoottil, director Mar Gregorios College of Law, Trivandrum followed by a presidential address by Prof. Dr. John P.C, Principal, Mar Gregorios College of Law .

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar sir, addressed the topic by tracing the history of evolution of Human Rights, and how the UDHR was formed. Sir also explained the basic Rights available to a citizen and stated that all these basic rights are Human Rights. Sir also tried to explain to some extend the rights which are available to an Indian citizen under the Constitution of India.

After the discussion, Honour Mr. Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar was presented with a memento as a token of love from Mar Gregorios Law college (MGCL) Family. After presenting the memento vote of thanks was delivered by Ms.Nijisha Nirmal, Asst.Professor and Centre Coordinator, Centre for Human Rights, Mar Gregorios College of Law. The session ended with National Anthem sung by the College coir.

