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Open
Forum

REPORT

Open Forum, an open platform on every Thursday evening in the campus of Mar Gregorios College of Law is exclusively meant to have regular open discussions and cultural events for the students of Mar Gregorios College of Law. The Open Forum functions under Prof.(Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education. The first Open Forum commenced on Thursday 10th October 2019 evening at 3:15 p.m.. The objective of the Open Forum is to provide an effective platform for students to enhance knowledge and to nurture the talents and skills of young aspirants of legal profession in our prestigious campus.

The Open Forum is scheduled on every Thursday evening from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. The students are expected to meet, discuss, present and debate on identified areas of concern on legal topics or on relevant areas of general concern at the Open Forum.

Every first and third Thursdays of a month, the Open Forum will meet to interact on topics of intellectual significance. On the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, there will be cultural evenings performed by the students of various batches of LL.B.

The Open Forum functions under the guidance and support of the Rev. Fr. Koshy Issac Punnamootil, Director, Prof. Dr. E. R. Jayaram, Principal, Prof. Dr. Vikraman Nair, Academic Advisor and Dr. Leeba Babu is the Co-ordinator of the program. All the faculty members will contribute their ideas and suggestions so that the Open Forum will have innovative and interesting programs every week in the campus.

on 10/10/2019

This was organised by the LL.B students of first semester. The topic for paper presentation was *Gandhian Principles and Values*. The session was initiated by a Prof.(Dr).Vikraman Nair, Academic Advisor, MGCL at 3:15p.m. It was followed by the presentations of first semester BA LLB students. Arjun Nair, Pranav, Anamika, Nihal, Aavani and Karun presented the topic *Gandhian Principles and Values* for the Forum. The Open forum was enthusiastically attended by the teachers and students of the college. The session came to an end at 4:15 p.m.

On 7/11/2019

Cultural evening of Open Forum started at 3:15p.m. The Director, Principal, Academic Advisor, Vice-Principals, teachers and students were present in the Open Forum. The program was anchored by Varsha V.Nair of third semester BBALLB. Sweet and melodious songs were sung by Riya,

Abhirami Asok, Abirami S. Pillai, Anagha, Bhavana, Govind of III semester BCom.LLB. The students of III semester BBA LLB, Yamima Philip, Surya Reghunath, Devasena, gave melodious solo song performances and Ronnie Mammen accompanied them on guitar. *Nadan Pattu* by Pranav S.P. and team of III BBA LLB entertained all. Anand, Jerin, Sherin and Gautham, students of III semester BA LLB also sang in the cultural evening. The evening came to an end with the dance performance of III sem BA LLB.. It gave a platform to perform their talent and skills in dance and music. The evening was enjoyed by all the students and staff of the college The Open Forum came to an end by 4:15 p.m.

on 14/11/2019

Topic for the Open Forum was *Science and Religion*.

The session was initiated by Prof. (Dr.) Thomaskutty Panachakkal, Vice Principal, MGCL with thought provoking insights on Science and Religion. This was followed by a group of enthusiastic students of first and third semester students who came up with divergent thinking on Science and Religion which was really interesting. Several students participated in the Open forum with their own view points on the topic of the day. The third semester students Athera Gopan (BBA), Dheeraj S.S.(BBA), Ashbin V.Karim (BBA), Mohammed Riyas Salim (BCOM), Reji K.L.(BA) and Aneeshma Beegum (BA) and the second semester students: Prakrithi R.Nair(BBA), Anushma K(BBA), Aysha Rahman (BBA), Sidharth S.(BCOM), Rhea Sherry(BCOM), Adithya Rana (BCOM), Preethamol Balaram (BA) and Anugraha(BA) gave presentation on how to relate or unrelated Science and Religion. Compering for the program was done by Varsha V.Nair of III semester BBALLB. The Open Forum was quite knowledgeable and interesting as it was capable to explore the new avenues in relating science and religion. The Open forum came to an end at 4:15p.m.

on 28/11/2019

The Open Forum on 28/11/2019 was the Cultural evening performed by the First semester students. There were programs including songs and dance. Director, Principal, Academic Advisor, Vice-Principals, Faculty members, staff and students of MGCL enjoyed the evening Alina Gomez and Riya of I semester BCOM LLB sang melodious songs. Sarah and Sneha, Prakrithi Nair and Arathy, Nekha and Nevina Varheese of I BBALLB sang wonderful Duet songs in the cultural

evening of the Open Forum. There were Group dances of Anitta and team of IBBALLB and Dona and team of IBA LLB during the cultural evening of the Open Forum.

on 5/12/2019

Topic : Secularism and Constitution of India

The Open Forum on 5/12/2019 was a concerted effort of all the Batch of LLB students of MGCL. The Open Forum was initiated at 2:45 pm by Prof. Dr. Vikraman Nair, Academic Advisor of MGCL, with highly valuable insights on Secularism and Constitution of India. It was followed by the individual presentations of the faculty members, Prof. K. Jeyanthi and Prof. Abhaya Nair. Students from all semesters, 9th, 7th, 5th, 3rd and 1st participated in the Open Forum with their presentations on the topic. The following students participated with well organised thoughts on the different perspective of the topic: Naveen Robinson(7th BBA LLB), Melby George(7TH BBA LLB), Cyril Saji(5th BCOM LLB), Mubeena (5th BCOM LLB), Arun Kesav((9th BCOM LLB) and Meghna Praseeda (9th BCOM LLB) and Shabna Showkath Ali(3rd BBA LLB). The Open Forum was highly interactive and informative and was organised at the Seminar Hall of MGCL.

on 12/12/2019

The Open Forum on 12/12/2019 was the cultural evening organised exclusively by the 7th semester Batch of LLB students. The cultural evening was lively with a lot of events like songs, dance and games. The program started at 3:15 pm with the welcome address delivered by Kasthuri of BBA LLB followed by the *Ever green hit songs* medley by Naveen Robinson and Devika. One of the Senior Faculty member Prof. Rama Raja Prema Prasad also sang an old melody song which added more colour to the event. There were instrumental music performance by Jeffin on Guitar, Nesmel Divan on Clap box and Naveen Robinson on the Key board. Then the game *Paper dance* was initiated by Shini Mary Sanu and team. There were two dance performances – Krishna Priya and team and Noel and team along with a Santa Claus entry indicating the Christmas season. The evening was enjoyed by everyone. The cultural evening of the Open Forum at the Court yard of MGCL came to an end by 4:30 pm.