



## **MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW**

*(Affiliated to the University of Kerala and approved by the Bar Council of India)*

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### **Mar Gregorios College of Law - Annual Report (2018-2019)**

Mar Gregorios College of Law established in the year 2012 completes 6 years in the academic year beginning 2018. The college is established by the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church under the patronage of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Major Archbishop of Malankara Catholic Church, in commemoration of the legacy and services of Late Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios. The College, envisaged as a centre of excellence in legal education, provides a comprehensive programme of legal education, in order to equip students to take on the challenges of the profession.

The college is located in an eco-friendly campus in the prestigious “Mar Ivanios Vidyanagar” that creates serene ambience for academic pursuits. Having excelled in all different streams of educational service, the Malankara Catholic Education Society under the dynamic and benevolent leadership of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Catholicos, the Major Archbishop - Catholicos of Trivandrum, decided to establish a ‘College of Law’ in the campus in commemoration of His Grace Most Reverend Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, who was the second Metropolitan Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. Besides being the first Principal of Mar Ivanios College and a spiritual leader, Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios was a great linguist, an economist, an educationalist par excellence and above all, a profound humanist who epitomized love and compassion. It is indeed an honour and privilege that this college of law has been named after such a great and noble soul who embodied in himself the eternal verities of Dharma, The Law.

#### **Academic Programs at MGCL**

The college offers the Integrated B.A LL.B, BBA LL.B and B.Com. LL.B programs as well as an LL.M course in Constitutional Law. For all the integrated five-year courses, the college had a sanctioned strength of 60 seats (total of 180 seats across all undergraduate programs), all of which were filled. The college was also sanctioned 10 seats for the LL.M program of which 8 seats were filled. The overall student strength of the college in the academic year 2018-2019, was 823 students. The break up per program is as follows - BA.LLB had a total of 290 students, the BBA LLB program had a total of 287 students and the B.com LLB program had a total of 231 students. The LLM program had a total of 15 students.

The induction program was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Dr. Cyriac Thomas, Former VC Mahatma Gandhi University was the Chief guest of the session. His Eminence Dr. Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop-Catholicos, Manager & Patron gave the Presidential Address.

The new batch of incoming students in 2018 marked their academic merit with exemplary performance in the first semester University exams.

### **Faculty Strength**

MGCL had a total faculty strength of 33 faculty members in the academic year 2018-2019. The MGCL academic community is enriched by the addition of Mr. C. P. Ramaraja Prema Prasad, previously, District and Sessions Judge, Law Secretary, Government of Kerala and Addl. Registrar, Supreme Court of India. Dr. Ebenezer Joseph, Rtd. Principal of Govt Law College, Tirunelveli. Dr. Leeba Babu is a highly accomplished academic with approximately 20 years of teaching experience at various institutions for management studies. Dr. Saji Sivan S has teaching experience as well experience at the Bar. His publications span a variety of subjects in public law. Mr John PD joined the Commerce Department of the college. He has a long period of experience in the industry, which is expected to enrich the teaching of commerce subjects at MGCL. Abhaya BK and Suji Cherian are dynamic young faculty members with significant academic achievements who are expected to contribute richly to the development of the college.

### **Academic Progress**

The college had made good academic progress during the year. Out of the 36 students who appeared for the B.A., LL.B. final semester exam, 23 students secured an all pass. In the case of the BBA., LL.B. program, out of the 34 students who appeared for the exam, 20 students secured an all pass. Among the LLM students, a total of 4 students appeared for the exam and 2 of the students passed the final exam.

### **University Rank**

#### **BA. LL.B**

Sl.No.	Course	Rank	Name of Student
1	BA.LL.B (5 year integrated)	Second Rank	Miss. Ateba V.P

#### **B.B.A LL.B**

Sl.No.	Course	Rank	Name of Student
1	BBA. LL.B (5 year integrated)	First Rank	Ms.Aparna R. Kurup
2	“	Second Rank	Ms. Shinu S Chandran
3	..	Third Rank	Ms.Kithu Anna Kuriyan
4	..	Fourth Rank	Ms.Sandra Mary Netto
5	..	Sixth Rank	Ms. Kiran Nair

### **Academic and Co-curricular Activities**

The most significant activity of the year was establishment of the Dr. N R Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education. The Chair was established in honour of Prof. (Dr.) NR Madhava Menon on 24.11.2018. The chair was inaugurated by the Patron of the college, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon at the Seminar Hall. More than 175 students of the MGCL were present for the inauguration. The chair began its activities with a series of lectures on various subjects of legal significance. In 2018, the college also gave a lot of importance to promoting environmental activities on campus. The college conducted a symposium on World Environment Day. The chief guest for the event was Mr. Balan Madhavan, winner of the UN award nature photography. Mr. Madhavan conducted a small exhibition of his photos from the Antarctic expedition.

In the month of September 2018, the Eco Club at college held a poster designing competition, an elocution competition and quiz competition to celebrate Ozone Day. All events had the active participation of the students. The Eco Club also released its newsletter on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The first newsletter was published by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis. As part of the celebrations of World Vegan Day, activities such as 'plant adoption' and paper pen manufacturing was adopted by the students to be pursued on a continuing basis. In 2018, the club also initiated work for a vegetable garden on campus and also promoted paper stars for the Christmas celebrations.

The college also conducted the annual Sports Day and the College Day in July 2018. This event was well attended by students and clearly built up a great amount of enthusiasm for students. Altogether, the academic year 2018-2019 has been a year marked by academic achievements and co-curricular activities. There is an increasing enthusiasm to explore new avenues of talent among students and to promote the all-round development of students.