



MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW

MAR IVANIOS VIDYANAGAR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Affiliated to the University of Kerala & Approved by the Bar Council of India

First NAAC Accredited Law College in Kerala

Annual Report 2023-24

Mar Gregorios College of Law was founded in 2012 by the Malankara Catholic Educational Society, under the patronage of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Major Archbishop of the Malankara Catholic Church. The college is named after late Archbishop of Thiruvananthapuram, H G Benedict Mar Gregorios, in recognition of his contributions to the field of education. The college offers a range of comprehensive programs, including BA.LL.B, BBA LL.B, and B.Com. LL.B, and a 2-year LL.M in Constitutional Law.

The college is affiliated with the University of Kerala and is recognized by the Bar Council of India. In recent years, the college has shown significant growth in its performance. In 2017, the institution received the prestigious SILF-MILAT Institutional Excellence Award, making it the first college in Kerala and the eighth in India to receive the same. In 2022, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council of UGC accredited our college with a B+ grade. MGCL is the only legal education institution in Kerala to receive NAAC accreditation.

The academic year of 2023-24 began on 6th May, 2023. His Excellency Dr. Mathews Mar Polycarpus blessed the institution and bestowed his blessings upon the entire student fraternity.

Admissions

Mar Gregorios College of Law has become the most sought-after law college in the State of Kerala. Thanks to the sheer determination, hard work, and confidence of its faculty and Management, as well as the faith of our parents placed on us. We have achieved almost 100% student admissions in the last six years and currently, 950 students are in our roll.

Initiation Ceremony – 2023

In the year 2023-24, a total of 180 students were inducted into the 1st year through an initiation ceremony held on 10/11/2023. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos blessed the new entrants, while Dr. V.P. Joy IAS, former Chief Secretary of Kerala, inaugurated the event and addressed the newcomers and their parents.

To help the new entrants plan their studies and get familiar with the course, a week-long orientation programme was organized. During this programme, Dr. Jiji Thomson IAS (Rtd), former Chief Secretary, Kerala, Sri Hemachandran IPS, former DGP Kerala, Dr. Arun V Nair, Clinical Psychologist Govt. Medical college Thiruvananthapuram, Adv P.N Sreekumar IRS (Rtd), and Adv. Rajeev S S Govt. Pleader and Public Prosecutor, Thiruvananthapuram, along with the faculty of the college taken classes in different sessions.

Faculty

Thirteen individuals with exceptional academic and professional accomplishments have joined as faculty at our college in the current academic year increasing the list of faculties to 36. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the teachers who have relieved of their duties at our institution during the reporting period.

One faculty development programme (29th May – 5th June 2023) and two faculty orientation programmes (19th July 2023 and 17th October 2023) were organized during this academic year.

University Examination Results

Our college has a lively student community that actively contributes to its growth and progress. Through their dedication and hard work, they have achieved top ranks in university examinations. Since its inception, the college has maintained a consistent reputation for securing university ranks. The students of the 2018-23 batches have followed the footsteps of their seniors and brought great honor to the college.

BA. LL.B

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name of Student</i>
1	BA.LL.B	6 th Rank	Aleena Joshy

BBA LL.B

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name of Student</i>
1	BBA LL.B	1st Rank	Surya Reghunath
2	“	2 nd Rank	Abhirami R Anil
3	“	3rd Rank	Jeeva Ann Jose
4	“	5 th Rank	K Krishna Priya
5	“	7 th Rank	Ann K Varghese
6	“	8 th Rank	Navaneeth Krtishna
7	“	9 th Rank	Haritha S.A

B.Com. LL.B

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name of Student</i>
1	B.Com.LL.B	1 st Rank	Krishnendu S.R
2		2 nd Rank	Anjitha Jobi

3	“	5 th Rank	Nikitha Ann Varghese
4	“	6 th Rank	Riya Joise Keekkarikkattu
5	“	8 th Rank	Tesin Mathew
6	“	10 th Rank	Treesa Shaji

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

IQAC has been actively functioning for the NAAC Accreditation process. The AQAR for the year 2022-23 has been submitted in February 2024. College filed data for NIRF and KIRF this year. Every year the IQAC organizes anti-ragging awareness programme. This year it was organized on 07-11-2023.

During interwall IQAC organize FDPS for the teachers and Awareness classes to Supporting staff. IQAC members meeting was held on 15-12-2023.

Moot Court Society

The college is equipped with a state-of-the-art Moot Court Hall capable of hosting even international Moot Court Competitions. The Moot Court Society (MCS) of Mar Gregorios College of Law (MGCL) was constituted in 2015. Since then, it has promoted and trained students in mooting activities.

The society organized a training programme – Experience and Learning from International Moots – on 07-10-23. Dr Sagee Geetha Sethu, program head Amity Law School was the resource person for the programme.

In addition to the above, the second focus area of the Moot Court Society is to groom students for attending external moot courts, trial advocacy, ADR and client counseling competitions. In order to equip the students training was given to the society members and students how to use SCC online journal. First year students were given training and an intra-moot competition will be organized to select students for external competition.

Legathon, which include several competitions, was organized in 15-02-24.

MGCL teams have performed well in national competitions. Following are some of this year’s noteworthy achievements:

NAME OF THE COMPETITION (MOOT)	DATE	TEAM	POSITIONS
17th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Curt competition, Dr. Ambedkar Law University	14th-15th October	Divya Mariam Saji Janaki Jayaraj Noyal Susan Saju	2nd Runners Up, Janaki-Best Speaker in Octa Finals
12 th All India Moot Court competition (GLC Trissur) for Justice T Ramachandran Memorial ever rolling Trophy	29 th -30 th September, 1 st October	Hrishikesh Manoharan Niranjan S. S. Bitchu John	Semi-Finalist
Indian Science Inventions & Innovations Competition, u/the aegis of Raj Anand National Moot Court Competition (Anand &Anand)	26 th August	A Vinayak Prasad Sara Stanly Neha S	got selected into the top 5 teams
2nd C P Sudhakara Prasad Memorial National Moot Court Competition	14 th -15 th October	Muhammed Nihal P Kavya	2nd Runners Up
1st R Sankar Memorial National Moot Court Competition	5 th - 6 th Jan 12 th - 13 th Jan	Nanditha Pradeep Saira Susan Jojoe Amal Vijayendra Bhas	Semi-Finalist

Lawctopus National Online Moot Court Competition	19 th - 21 st Jan	Gifty Maria Mathew Megha Mary Abraham Anugraha T John	Semi-Finalist, <u>Megha-Best Speaker</u>
4th National ADR Competition, Kerala Law	12 th - 14 th October	Anagha Biju HariPriya Siyana San Roy	<u>2nd Best Team</u>
9th National ADR Competition for KELSAs Ever rolling Trophy, Govt Law College, Trivandrum	8 th – 14 th December	Aavani R C Shibina Najum Arjun V Nair	<u>Best Team,</u> <u>2nd Best Script</u>

First Mar Gregorios National Moot Court Competition.

The College has organized the first Mar Gregorios National Moot Court competition from 25th to 27th January 2024. Thirty teams from various law institutions across the country participated in the event. Hon'ble Justice P. Jyothimani, retired Judge of Madras High Court inaugurated the competition. The final round judging panel was composed of Honorable Jayachandran, Girish and Santhosh Kumar, JJ. sitting Judges of the High Court of Kerala. Ambedkar Law College, Chennai and Sastra university, Thanjavur became winners and runners-up respectively in the competition.

Legal Aid Clinic

As an extension of imparting quality education, the Legal Aid Clinic of the college is organizing various programmes from the very inception of the clinic. The clinic started a programme called NIYAMA MITRA in Nellanadu panchayat for minimizing litigation in the Panchayat. The clinic participated in the National Legal Aid Clinic Competition for the Prof.Mallar trophy, organized by NLSIU Bangalore. As part of this our students have taken legal awareness classes in twenty five (25) schools in Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam districts.the clinic in association with NSS unit organized legal awareness classes for Kudumbasree workers at Manikkal Panchayat.

Legal Aid Clinic also conducted an orientation on ADR in association with District mediation centre, Thiruvananthapuram. The clinic organized Jail visit on 12, 13 and 14 October 2023 for the members of the legal aid clinic. An internal mediation competition was organized in 19th and 20th December 2023. In association with District Mediation Centre, the Clinic organized an one day awareness programme for final year students in 19th Feb.2024. Adv. Bhuvanachandran Nair was the resource person.

An extension of our Legal Aid Clinic is also working in Snehavedu, a Psycho-Social Rehabilitation

Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

Library

The college has a well-equipped and fully automated library with renowned books and a computer lab which has access to various legal databases. The library is digitally catalogued consisting of 7500 books and various periodicals and journals along with a well-equipped reprographic centre attached to the library. Digital databases like SCC, CDJ Law Journal, N- List etc. are made available in the library with remote access, which are easily accessible to the faculties and students. Students are given training to use the data bases. SCC online training was on 14-11-2023. Mr. K C Surya Narayana Iyer taken classes on how to use CDJ law Journal. Apart from these, library orientation was also given to students. The campus is WIFI enabled with a high bandwidth. The college also has a computer lab with adequate infrastructure to enable the students to conduct their legal research.

Management Committees and Governing Bodies

The college has set up a College Council and Academic Council to assist the principal in ensuring the smooth functioning of the institution. Other statutory and non-statutory committees are working effectively in the college.

Centers

The institution has established Centres of excellence as part of its decentralization process and to promote research activities. These centres are led by faculty members who plan and execute various research activities and programmes, aiming to achieve academic and non-academic excellence.

1. Centre for Constitutional studies
2. Centre for Competitive Studies & Placements
3. Centre for Human Rights
4. Centre for Women & Law
5. Centre for Criminal Justice, Cyber Law and Cyber Forensics
6. Centre for Intellectual Property Rights
7. Centre for Environmental Studies and Eco club
8. Centre for skill development & Entrepreneurship
9. Centre for International Trade and Maritime Law
10. Dr. N R Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education

Major programmes undertaken by these centres are: -

1. Centre for Constitutional Law Studies

This centre mainly concentrated on outreach programmes and engaged in legal awareness campaign in schools. About 5000 students in various schools were given classes on constitution of India. Sri. Jiji Thomson, Former Chief Secretary of Kerala delivered this years Professional Seminar Series organized by the centre. An inter-collegiate Quiz competition was organized on 01-12-2023.

2. Centre for Environmental Studies and Eco Club

World environment day was celebrated and a class was taken by Dr. Meera Asmi, Chairman, We Grow Forest Foundation. The center in association with Centre for Constitutional Law Studies organized an international conference on Harmony for Sustainability on 27th and 28th October 23. Five days waste management awareness programme was organized for the students in December 2023. In order to create an awareness about food habits a conference on Nourish Life- Sustaining Health for three days from 08-02=24. International Yoga Day (June 21) World Soil Day (December 5) International Polar Bear Day (February 27) were commemorated by the centre. Every year the centre organize beach cleaning programme in association with Sustera Foundation.

3. Centre for IPR

The centre organized rendezvous with a leader with Dr. Mathew Samuel, who is having more than 250 patents in his credit. To give an idea about the career options available in IPR regime, a class of Sri. Mathews P George, Patent Attorney, Munich Germany was organized on 23-11-23. A road map to Geographical indication was a programme organized by the centre in order to give awareness to students of IPR about the protection and registration of geographical indications of goods in India. The speaker was Dr. Lovely B of Agricultural University.

4. Centre for Women and Law

An awareness session on Gender Relations and Sexuality was organized on 08-11-23. Every year the Centre is organizing 16-days Activism against gender based violence, self defence training with the help of personnel from Police Department. As part of this programme a workshop on gender based violence: Women in Cyber Security was also organized. A panel discussion was also organized. In association with NSS a class was organized on gender based violence at Manikkal Panchayat which was inaugurated by Sri DK Murali, MLA of Vamanapuram.

5. Centre for Competitive Studies & Placements

It is our privilege to state that this is the only law college in Kerala where students get placements. Famous Law Firms M/S Menon and Pai, Chaly Associates, Surana, I T firms like Alliance, Financial Institutions like Manappuram Finance Ltd., ICICI bank, Esaf Bank are some of the institutions conducted placement drive in this college last year.

This year the centre organized three rendezvous with leaders, one with Dr.Pradeep, Second with Dr.NRUK Kartha, Administrative Head, VSSC Thiruvananthapuram and third with Smt.Aditi Radhakrishnan . The centre organized one add-on course on Skill Enhancement. Orientation courses on the Power of Early Preparations and Resume Writing were also organized. The centre also organized industrial visits (Titanium and MILMA) for our students.

6. Centre for Human Rights

A seminar on The Contemporary relevance and Application of Human Rights was organized on 30-11-2023 as Dr.Gopakumar, former Vice-Chancellor of Central University, Kasargode, the key speaker. Human Rights Day was also celebrated.

7. Centre for criminal Justice studies, Cyber Law and Cyber Forensics.

An awareness programme on Transgenders and their Rights was organized on 13-02-2024

8. Dr. N. R Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education

Faculty development programme and value added course for post-graduate students were organized from 29th May to 5th June 2023.

Literary Club

In order to enhance the capability of our students in literary activities literary club was formed and the activities of the club was inaugurated by Sri. Sashi Tharoor, MP of Thiruvananthapuram. Meet the writer programme was organized with Dr. Babitha Marina Justin.

Public Law Lectures

The sixth edition of Mar Gregorios Public law Lecture was held on 24th January 2024. Hon'ble Justice P.Jyothimani former Judge of Madras High Court and former member of NGT delivered the lecture on Environment Laws – Effect and implementation.

Add-on Courses

This academic year the college conducted seven add on courses on various topics such as criminal law, forensic science, International Law, Health law, Language, Maritime Law, Legal framework of Start-ups etc.

College Students Council

The following persons were selected as office bearers of the student council for the year 2023- 24

CHAIR PERSON - Adwaith Nair 10th semester BBA, LLB

VICE CHAIRPERSON - Nafeesa Naval Valiyapalam 9th Semester B Com LL B

GENERAL SECRETARY - Laya Sajan 10th Sem B Com, LLB

JOINT SECRETARY - Jyothis 3rd semester BA LL B

ARTS SECRETARY - Soorya 3rd Semester BA LL B

SPORTS SECRETARY - Jerrin Shibu 3rd Semester B Com LL B

TREASURER - Vivekanand Venu 6th Semester B Com LL B

MAGAZINE EDITOR - Kum. Saira Susan Jojo 6th Semester BBA LL B

The Student council was formally inaugurated on 14-12-23 by Dr. Ramdas (Attorney and international arbitrator) and freshers day was also organized on the same date.

National Service Scheme

National Service Scheme unit was started its work in our college in 2023. This unit of NSS (KL-07-158) adopted Manikkal Panchayat for its work. The seven day camp (Unarvuu 2023) was organized in this panchayat during December 28th to January 3rd 2024, which was inaugurated by Sri D K

Murali, MLA (Vamanapuram). Fr. Jose Kizhakkedath, Director St.Johns Health Services, Pirappancode delivered key note address and Dr. Sajikumar, former Programme Officer, Govt, Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, and Dr. Thomaskutty facilitated. Principal Presided over the meeting. NSS celebrated the World Yoga Day, Paper bag day, National Unity day, Gandhi Jayanthi day etc.

Celebrations

The college conducts events to commemorate the important National and international days. Days of National importance like Republic Day and Independence Day are celebrated by hoisting the National flag. The college also organizes events for other important occasions like Constitution/Law Day, Gandhi Jayanti, and Yoga Day. On International days like Human Rights Day, Women's Day, Aids Awareness Day, and Anti-Narcotic Day, experts in the subject or invited speakers enlighten the students about the importance of these days.

We celebrate all culturally relevant days which help the students to understand the vibrant cultural diversity of the Country. We celebrate occasions such as Onam, Christmas, Arts and Sports Day, as well as the College Annual Day to showcase our students' talents and to stay connected to our heritage.

Blood Donation Camp

Under the auspices of NSS two blood donation camps were organized. St.Josephs Hospital Anchal and Sree Chitra Medical centre Thiruvananthapuram attended the camp.

Alumni Association

The meeting of the Alumni Association of the College – GOSAT (Gregorian Old Students Association, Thiruvananthapuram) was held on 12-08-2023. The Association was registered this year. The alumni association members regularly taking classes in the college.

Scholarships

Scholarships were instituted for helping the students to encourage them in their studies.

Development Programmes

In order to equip students and to make them familiar with new subject's bridge Courses will be conducted. Accountancy, legal language etc. are certain subjects for which special training given to students.

In addition to the curricular activities, the college organizes various development programmes which enhance the overall development of the students, faculties and supporting staff. A physio therapy camp was organized in the college on 27-02-24 for faculties and supporting staff. A Counsellor's service is available in the college. An awareness class on Sexual Harassment at work place is given to the Faculties and Supporting Staff. The college regularly holding faculty meetings to discuss academic matters. Meetings with mentors is a speciality of our college. Students are free to ventilate their grievances to the mentors and the college Council will meet regularly to consider the matters.

Conclusion

The Malankara Catholic Education Society established several streams of educational service, including the Mar Gregorios College of Law, with a vision to provide knowledge and also to mold successful human beings rich in ethical values. The focus is not just on academic success but the overall development of human personality. The principle of righteousness is immortal guides us to prepare our students to face the challenges that life offers. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who worked tirelessly to make our institution a success.

Dr. John P C
Principal