# MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW

# MAR IVANIOS VIDYANAGAR, NALANCHIRA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 695015

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YEAR 2016-17**

Keeping with the blessed lineage of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, the Mar Gregorios College of Law came into existence in the year 2012 under the patronage of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the major Archbishop- Catholicos of Trivandrum, with the blessings of Almighty Lord, innumerable Saints of the diocese of Malankara Church and Late Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios. The College was established with a vision to provide quality and meaningful education imbibing within it the rich values of the Malankara Catholic Church.

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.

## **Programmes that we offer**

By the Grace of the Almighty Lord, ever since its establishment, the College, under the supervision of Rev. Fr. Jinoy Mathew, in the capacity of Director of College, has grown leaps and bounds and today it is one of the most pioneer and sought after institution in its field. The

college which was established with one batch of 5 year BA.LL. B course in the year 2012, has groomed and introduced the following courses in the subsequent years.

Sl.No.	Course	Year
01	B.A.LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2012-13
02	B.B.A.LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2013-14
03	LL.M (constitutional Law- 2 Year)	2014-15
04	P.G. Diploma in Human Rights (One year)	2014-15
05	B.Com. LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2015-16

The college is affiliated to the University of Kerala and recognized by the Bar Council of India. Other than the normal routine education, with a view to enhance the creative aspects of study and to provide a platform of vast understanding has been organizing various functions and seminars like legal forums, seminars. etc. from time to time which were attended and enriched by eminent personalities in the field. Class wise strength of students studying presently in this college is as under:-

No.	Class	No. of Students	Remarks
01	BA LL.B – 10 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2012 Batch)	48	
02	BA.LL.B- 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2013 Batch)	39	
03	BBA.LL.B- 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2013 Batch)	35	
04	BA.LL.B- 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2014 Batch )	56	
05	BBA.LL.B - 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2014 Batch )	57	
06	BA.LL.B- 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2015 Batch )	60	
07	BBA.LL.B - 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2015 Batch)	56	
08	B.Com. LL.B 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2015 Batch )	57	
09	BA.LL.B- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (2016 Batch)	60	
10	BBA.LL.B - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (2016 Batch)	60	
11	B.Com. LL.B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (2016 Batch)	60	
12	LL.M. 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (2015 Batch)	08	
13	LL.M. 2nd Semester (2016 Batch)	04	
	Total	600	

# **Professional Competence**

The academic programmes and teaching methodologies in the college are attuned to the knowledge, skills and ethical requirements of the legal profession. Inspired by the Servant of God Mar Ivanios, who was convinced that empowering people was only possible through education and by his desire to establish institutions which would open up new unconventional paths, the college seeks to motivate its students and teachers to think innovatively to meet new legal problems, tangles and challenges that come with the changing times.

Prof. DR. K.Vikraman Nair, the founder Principal of the College, who relinquished the charges of Principal on attaining the upper age limit, is functioning in the College in the Capacity of Academic Advisor. Senior most professor of Law, Prof. V. Ramachandran Nair is acting as the Principal-in-charge and he will continue till arrival of a permanent incumbent.

Other Faculty members are:-

	Name of faculty	Qualification &	Date of	Total	Image	Contact No.
No.		Designation	Joining	Experie nce		
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1	RAMACHANDRAN NAIR V	B.Sc, LL.B., LL.M.(Adm.Law) LL.M.(Intl.Law) M.B.L Professor & Principal-in-charge	8/7/2013	28		9496959700
2	BALASANKARAN NAIR K	B.Sc, LL.B., LL.M. M.A Ph.D <b>Professor</b>	2/2/2015	40		9442033340
3	K S AJAYA KUMAR	B.Sc, LL.B., LL.M. Professor	1/8/2016	33		9446557378
4	USHA KUMARI K G	MA. LL.B. LL.M Asst. Professor	1/11/2016	18 years		9946444610

5	PARVATHY BALACHANDRAN	LL.B. LL.M UGC NET Asst.Professor	1/4/2013	4 Years		9562006927
6	AMRUTHA SATHEESAN	LL.B. LL.M Asst.Professor	5/10/2015	One year 3 months		9497435179
7	Justice Rtd. GEORGE M V	MA. LL.B. BEd. Diploma in Management Asst.Professor	5/10/2015	One year 3 months	60	9447413633
8	JEYANTHI K V	LL.B. LL.M UGC NET Asst.Professor	1/7/2015	10		8157066998
10	REEYA SUSAN JOHN	LL.B. LL.M Asstt.Professor	5/10/2015	One year 3 months		8129916869
11	SOORAJ GEMINI	B.Sc. LL.B LL.M UGC Net Asst.Prof	03.01.2017	5	Co	9745501576
12	AISWARYA M.U	LL.B. LL.M Asst.Professor	3/10/2016			8903537495
13	RENUKA JOSEPH	BBA LL.B LL.M Asst.Professor	3/10/2016			9961085693

14	VINU LAL V V	B.Tech., MBA, UGC Net, Asst.Professor	16-6-2014	14 years		9446309447
15	VINUMON V.S	M.Com MBA	20/3/2014	5 years		9447424055
EP'	Γ OF ECONOMICS					
16	THOMAS KUTTY P G	M.A M.Phil Ph.D Professor	3/10/2012	32		9447929541
17	SUSHAMA KUMARI S S	M.A M.Phil Ph.D Professor	3/10/2012	37		9447479775
EP'	Γ. OF ENGLISH					
18	SUDHA DEVY P	M.A M.Phil Professor	1/6/2015	33		9446437378
19	RADHA KUMARY K	M.A Ph.D Professor	25/9/2014	36		9447324771
EC	OND LANGUAGE					
20	NEETOU DAS	M.A M.Phil Guest Lecturer	24-11-2016		(a) (b)	9447322596

21	SHEEBA S L	M.A M.Phil Ph.D B.Ed Guest Lecturer	5/10/2015	2	SHEEBA.S.L.	9633161626
DEP	SOMAN K  T. OF COMMERCE	M.A M.Phil Ph.D B.Ed Professor	5/10/2015	29	9	9495302089
23	G. KOCHU KOSHY	M.Com M.Phil Professor	18/10/16	34		9495244304
24	JINCY P.BABU	M.Com UGC Net PGDT Asst. Professor	6/6/2016	15 months		9446651942

Our faculty members have also been keen on research and development. We have had several achievements through our faculty members. Faculty members were invited for various programmes as resource persons. They have also published in various journals and newspapers. Research fellowships were awarded in the foreign universities along with giving assistance to UN Human Rights Committee member.

The College is perfectly placed to give its students a competitive advantage in professional excellence through the expertise of these blessed faculty.

## **Infrastructure Development**

Accommodated initially in the erstwhile Minor seminary building, the college is now constructing an additional block to meet the class room requirements. We are planning to develop ourselves into a research center and in that regards we are extensively developing our library. We have now included a variety of books including the full volumes of Commonwealth Law Bulletin and Harvard Law Review. We are also planning to have an all-encompassing auditorium in the newly constructing annex building to organize various events in the college which is in addition to the state-of-the-art seminar hall which we already developed.

<u>Conference Hall</u>. The College has a spacious air-conditioned conference hall which hosts academic programmes, seminars, debates, competitions and other activities. The hall provides a space for institutional and departmental functions and is equipped with the latest audio-visual technology, with specialized staff to handle the equipment.

<u>Moot Court Hall.</u> By Integrating the theory and practice of Law through Moot Court and Mock Trial activities, the college aims to sharpen the layering skills of the students. The college is equipped with a state of the art Moot Court Hall capable of hosting even international Moot Court Competitions.

<u>Computer Lab and internet facility</u> Ours is a Wi-fi enables campus with a fully equipped computer Lab with high bandwidth internet connection. Separate faculty in charge of computer lab will train the students online and offline database usage.

<u>Prayer Hall.</u> A prayer hall built in the form of a chapel inside the college provides a place for staff and students to spend time calmly & quietly in solemn prayer and introspection.

**Exam Hall** A common exam hall has been erected on the roof of the main building to meet the examination purposes, which can accommodate about 300 students at a time.

<u>CC TV Surveillances.</u> In compliance to the directions of University of Kerala, all the examination halls/rooms and public places of the college has been brought under CCTV surveillances. As desired by University, the entire process of examinations being recorded and kept in safe custody to produce before the University authorities when ever asked for.

#### **Students Achievement**

We have a vibrant student community who is proactive in the development of the college. They ensures their positions among top ranks in each and every semester examinations, thereby brings laurels to the Institution. Besides academic excellence, they represented the college in various National level Moot Court Competitions and also Model United Nations. They have won prizes in various other academic events including quiz competitions. They have presented papers in various National seminars around the state. In the cultural arena also the students have won lot of laurels in various competitions in the state. In the sports arena too our students have started to let know their presence in cricket, football and athletics.

#### **Programmes Conducted**

Professional Development Training for Law Teachers was held from 9-12 October 2013 organised jointly by IBA-CLE Chair, National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training, Trivandrum. Aspirant research scholars and eminent law faculty from all over the country including faculty members and selected students from our college attended the training programme.

## Law Day

On the eve of Law Day, Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Chair person, MILAT delivered the Law Day Lecture on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to the students of the college.

#### **Human Rights Day**

On the eve of Human Rights Day Justice M.R. Hariharan Nair delivered the Annual Human Rights Day Lecture on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

## **Special Lecture**

Prof. R.K. Pillai renowned academician from the US gave a special lecture to the students of the college on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## **SPECIAL LECTURE**

- 1) Prasanth M., partner of J. Sagar Associates gave a special lecture to the students of the college on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014
- 2) R Venkataramani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Member, Law Commission of India gave special lecture to the students of college on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

# **12<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

One of the most revered days in the history of MGCL. Justice Madan Lokur, sitting Judge, Supreme Court of India gave a special lecture to the students of the college.

# 26th November 2014

On the eve of Law Day, Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon delivered the Law Day Lecture to the students of the college. The students and the faculty members in the college presented papers on various topics relating to constitutional law.

# 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

On the eve of Human Rights Day, a symposium was organised by the college and lectures were delivered by Justice K T Thomas, Justice M R Hariharan Nair, Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon and Mr. Jacob Punnoose. The topic of discussion was "Balancing Liberty with Security".

# 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Shri. Prachi Misra, Deputy Director (Law), Competition Commission of India gave a special lecture to the students on the development and relevance of Competition Law in India.

#### Mar Gregorios Public Law Lecture Series

Ist Mar Gregorios public Law lecture series was held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The function was blessed and inaugurated by His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop-Catholicos and Patron of the College. The first lecture of the series was delivered by Prof Cornelis Flinterman, Member of the United Nations Human Right Committee and Emeritus Professor of Human Rights, Utrecht University, Netherlands. Shri T.P.Srinivasan, Vice Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council and former Ambassador and permanent representative of India to the United Nations was the guest of Honour of the function. His Excellency Most Rev.Dr.Samuel Mar Irenios give away the presidential Address.

#### **Arts Festival 2015**

Arts festival -2015 was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Shri M. Jayachandran, eminent musician inaugurated festival and delivered the inaugural address. His Excellency most Rev. Dr. Samuel Mar Irenios, Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum gave away the Presidential Address..

## College Day 2015

College Day 2015 was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 together with Onam 2015. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos delivered the presidential address. Prof. Dr. Cyriac Thomas, former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University delivered the College Day message. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Samuel Mar Irenios gave away the Onam Message.

## Republic Day 2016

Republic Day 2016 was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Dr.Mohan Gopal, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies gave away the Lecture on Republic Day. His

Excellency Most Rev. Dr Samuel Mar Irenios presided over the function and gave the presidential address.

# **Second Lecture of Mar Gregorios Public Law Lecture Series**

Second Mar Gregorios Public Law Lecture was held in the College on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph, Judge of Supreme Court of India delivered the Second Lecture of the series. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos had presided over the function which was attended by His Excellency Most Rev.Dr.Samuel Mar Irenios and other eminent personalities.

# Republic Day 2017

On the eve of Republic Day-2017, Shri N.R Madhava Menon, Chair Person, MILAT delivered a lecture to the 2016 batch students on January 25<sup>th</sup>, which was followed by an orientation session to the faculty.

Specific Tasks undertaken for setting up of basic required infrastructure

Year	Task
2013-14	Conference Hall. Prepared a spacious air-conditioned conference hall which could hosts academic programmes, seminars, debates, competitions and other activities. The hall provides a space for institutional and departmental functions and is equipped with the latest audio-visual technology.
2014-15	Computer Lab and Administrative office. One fully equipped computer Lab with high bandwidth internet connection and one Administrative office has been set up.
2015-16	One Exam hall. A common exam hall has been erected on the roof of the main building to meet the examination purposes, which can accommodate about 300 students at a time. All the examination halls/rooms and public places of the college has been brought under CCTV surveillances.  New Block of College. Construction work of new block of College consisting of 9 class rooms and 3 faculty room in a three storied building commenced.
2016-17	New Block of College. 70% of work of new block is completed.  Boring and Construction of Well. An old pond available in the premises has been converted to a well by digging and erecting rings which helped to meet the water requirement during summer. Water required for the college is now being taken from this well.

#### **Novelty introduced this Year**

1. Students admitted in the 2016 batches are accommodated exclusively in the new block thereby successfully avoided any menace or ragging which may possibly occurred between old students and new comers.

2. Faculty members are directed to pinpoint weaker students and provide them remedial classes/attention to overcome their difficulties in studies. Personal attention of Director and Faculty Advisor being given to the progress being achieved by each faculty member.

3. A National Law Reform Competition on Draft Uniform Civil Code for India is being onganised by the College in association with Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) Trivandrum. Altogether 20 Law institutions from all over India has registered to participate in the completion which is scheduled to be held during September 2017.

### **Conclusion**

By the grace of Almighty and under the close supervision and consistent prayers of patrons, the College has made enviable progress in the past years. Today, the Mar Gregorios College of Law stands as one of the premiere and most sought after institution in the field of Law pursuing students.

Though there are certain constraints like lack of sufficient building, hostel facilities for boys, lack of play grounds, lack of Auditorium /Common Hall, yet these issues are being slowly addressed. The Lord who has brought us thus is faithful enough to guide us and take us forward. In the coming years, the college will overcome all hurdles and will count itself among the top slots amongst the Law institutions.