

# MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW

MAR IVANIOS VIDYANAGAR, NALANCHIRA,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 695015

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YEAR 2017-18

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Mar Gregorios College of Law was established in the year 2012 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, consisting of B.A LL.B, BBA LL.B and B.Com. LL.B as well as an LL.M course in Constitutional Law)

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.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### (a) Institutional excellence Award

By the Grace of the Almighty Lord, ever since its establishment, the College, under the patronage and blessings of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Major Archbishop of Trivandrum, has grown leaps and bounds and today it is one of the most pioneer and sought after institution in its field. Within a short span of 5 years our college has bagged the prestigious SILF-MILAT INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD -2017. The award is instituted by the SILF-MILAT (Society of Indian law Firms (SILF) and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) to identify and honour the best law teaching

Institution in the country. Our college is the first college in Kerala and eighth in the country to get the award. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios cardinal Cleemis Catholicos along with Academic Advisor of the college Prof. (Dr.) K. Vikraman Nair received the award from the Chief Justice of India on 23/11/2017 in the presence of jury members of the award committee.

**(b) University academic ranks**

Our first batch student Ms. Rudra Chandran L. (BA LL.B course 2012-17 batch) has secured first rank in the University examination. Our college has also bagged the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> rank in the same examination. Ms. Haritha G.H got 4<sup>th</sup> rank and Mr. Aravind P Dev secured 9<sup>th</sup> rank.

**(c) LOK Adalat (26/8/2017)**

As a part of our non-academic programme, we have organized a Lok adalat in association with Trivandrum District Legal Service Authority for the citizen of Vilappil gram Panchayat on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Hon'ble Justice Shri P. Ubaid, High Court of Kerala. Inaugurated the adalat. In the inaugural function, Shri I.B Sathish M.L.A gave the presidential address and His Excellency Most Rev. Samuel Mar Irenios, Auxiliary bishop of Trivandrum gave the Key note address. Chief Judicial Magistrate N.K Prabhakar, Vilappil Sala Panchayat President Shri Vijayaraj, Trivandrum District legal service authority chairman K.Haripal, Sub-Judge Shiju Shaik also spoke on the occasion. Lok Adalat are one of the alternate dispute resolution method to resolve the disputes between individuals where both parties can resolve the dispute with the help of mediators and the order passed in the adalat are final and binding on both the parties.

The process last over a month. House to house campaign were carried out and complaints and litigations were collected in person by students who participated in the adalat. Out of 600 litigations, 300 were listed for settlement and final verdict were passed in 136 cases on the final day i.e on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**(d) First National Law Reform competition (FNLRC) - 9/12/2017**

Our college in association with Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) conceived and organised First National Law Reform Competition (FNLRC) 2017 with the aim of evolving a Draft Uniform Civil Code in consonance with the efforts of the Law Commission of India. The duration of this competition was well over eight months of sustained academic research involving 150 students from reputed Institutions from all over India.

Valedictory Function of the First National Law Reform Competition for Law students on Draft Uniform Civil code for India was held on 9/12/2017. Our Patron, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos presided over the function and His Excellency Most Rev.Dr.Samuel mar Irenios gave the felicitation address. In the function, Shri Justice (Rtd.) P.Sadasivam, the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala distributed the prizes to the winners of the competitions. The draft

Uniform Civil Code prepared by students as part of the competition has been handed over to the Chairman, Law Commission of India Mr. Justice G.S Chauhan by the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala. Low Commission chairman Justice G.S Chauhan and MILAT Chairman Prof.(Dr.)N.R Madhava Menon also spoke on the occasion.

### PROGRAMMES THAT WE OFFER

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.

| <i>Sl.No.</i> | <i>Course</i>                           | <i>Year</i> |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| 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.

The first batch students admitted during 2012 has since passed out. Total 48 students were presented for the final examination out of which 18 students have been declared passed which reads a pass percentage of 37.5. Ms. Rudra Chandran L. has secured first rank in the University. While Ms. Haritha R.H secured 4<sup>th</sup> rank Mr. Aravind P Dev was the 9<sup>th</sup> rank holder.

Class wise strength of students presently studying :-

| No. | Class                                   | No. of Students | Remarks |
|-----|---|-----------------|---------|
| 01  | BA.LL.B- 9th Semester(2013 Batch ) -    | 37              |         |
| 02  | BBA.LL.B- 9th Semester(2013 Batch ) -   | 35              |         |
| 03  | BA.LL.B- 7th Semester(2014 Batch ) -    | 56              |         |
| 04  | BBA.LL.B- 7th Semester(2014 Batch ) -   | 55              |         |
| 05  | BA.LL.B- 5th Semester (2015 Batch ) -   | 60              |         |
| 06  | BBA.LL.B - 5th Semester(2015 Batch ) -  | 56              |         |
| 07  | B.Com. LL.B 5th Semester(2015 Batch ) - | 56              |         |
| 08  | BA.LL.B- 3rd Semester(2016 Batch ) -    | 57              |         |
| 09  | BBA.LL.B - 3rd Semester(2016 Batch ) -  | 59              |         |
| 10  | B.Com. LL.B 3rd Semester(2016 Batch ) - | 57              |         |
| 11  | BA.LL.B- 1st Semester(2017Batch ) -     | 60              |         |
| 12  | BBA.LL.B - 1st Semester(2017 Batch ) -  | 60              |         |
| 13  | B.Com. LL.B 1st Semester(2017 Batch ) - | 60              |         |

|    |       |              |            |     |  |
|----|-------|--------------|------------|-----|--|
| 14 | LL.M. | 4th Semester | 2016 Batch | 04  |  |
| 15 | LL.M. | 2nd Semester | 2017 Batch | 06  |  |
|    | Total |              |            | 718 |  |




## 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.

## APPOINTMENTS (Administration)

Former Principal of the College Prof. Dr. K. Vikraman Nair, who relinquished the charges on attaining the upper age limit, is now functioning as the Academic Advisor of the College. Prof. Dr. E.R Jayaram has been selected and appointed as Principal of the College. He has taken over his duties from 1/6/2017. Former Head of Department of Economics of Mar Ivanios College, Prof. Dr. P.G Thomaskutty and Senior most professor of Law, Prof. V. Ramachandran Nair are appointed as Vice-Principals with the responsibilities of Administrative







and Academic matters respectively and they have assumed their office since first June 2017. Their details are:-

| Sl.No | Name of Official                      | Qualification & Designation   | Date of Joining | Total Experience | Image   | Contact No. |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| 1     | Dr. K. Vikraman Nair                  | B.Sc. LL.B. LL.M<br>PGD In French Law<br>Ph.D (Constitution Law)<br><b>Academic Advisor</b> | 1/6/2012        | 36 yrs           |  | 9447391093  |
| 2     | Dr. E.R Jayaram                       | BAL.LL.B LL.M (IPR)<br>Ph.D (IPR Law)<br><b>Principal</b>                                   | 1/6/2017        | 10 yrs           |  | 9946449988  |
| 3     | Dr. P.G. THOMAS KUTTY<br>(Panachakel) | M.A<br>M.Phil Ph.D D.Th.<br>LL.B (AIBE) LL.M<br><b>Vice- Principal</b>                      | 3/10/2012       | 32 yrs           |  | 9447929541  |








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|---|------------------------|---|----------|--------|---|------------|
| 4 | RAMACHANDRAN<br>NAIR V | B.Sc, LL.B.,<br>LL.M.(Adm.Law)<br>LL.M.(Intl.Law)<br>M.B.L<br><b>Vice - Principal</b> | 8/7/2013 | 28 yrs |  | 9496959700 |
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## Appointments (Faculty)








Following are the new entrants in the teaching faculty:-

| Sl.No. | Name of faculty  | Qualification & Designation  | Date of Joining | Total Experience | Image   | Contact No. |
|--------|------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| 1      | Dr. U Deepti     | BAL.LL.B,<br>LL.M(Human Rights Law) Ph.D<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>                       | 4/10/2017       | 3 yrs            |    | 9744915263  |
| 2      | Dr.Priya Nair V  | LL.B. LL.M B.A Phil.<br>MA.Phil. M.Phil.(Phil.)<br>Ph.D (Phil)<br><b>Asst. Professor</b> | 4/10/2017       | 3 yrs            |   | 9446722672  |
| 3      | Tanya George     | LL.B LL.M<br>NET JRF<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 1/6/2017        | 2 yrs            |  | 8606169700  |
| 4      | Jilu Elsa George | B.Com. M.Com<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 27/6/2017       | 1 year           |  | 9747259710  |
| 5      | Elizabeth George | B.Com. M.Com<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 1/6/2017        | 1 year           |  | 9544196197  |
| 6      | Thushara V. Nair | B.A Eng. M.A Eng<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 5/6/2017        | 1 year           |  | 9446049187  |





**Department wise details of teaching faculty:-**

| Sl.No               | Name of faculty               | Qualification & Designation   | Date of Joining | Total Experience     | Image   | Contact No. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>DEPT. OF LAW</b> |                               |   |                 |                      |   |             |
| 1                   | RAMACHANDRAN<br>NAIR V        | B.Sc, LL.B.,<br>LL.M.(Adm.Law)<br>LL.M.(Intl.Law)<br>M.B.L<br><b>Professor &amp; Vice-Principal</b> | 8/7/2013        | 28                   |    | 9496959700  |
| 2                   | Dr.<br>BALASANKARAN<br>NAIR K | B.Sc, LL.B.,<br>LL.M. M.A<br>Ph.D<br><b>Professor</b>   | 2/2/2015        | 40                   |    | 9442033340  |
| 3                   | K S AJAYA KUMAR               | B.Sc, LL.B.,<br>LL.M.<br><b>Professor</b>   | 1/8/2016        | 33                   |   | 9446557378  |
| 4                   | USHA KUMARI K G               | MA. LL.B.<br>LL.M<br><b>Asst.Professor</b>  | 1/11/2016       | 18 years             |  | 9946444610  |
| 5                   | PARVATHY<br>BALACHANDRAN      | LL.B.<br>LL.M<br>UGC NET<br><b>Asst.Professor</b>   | 1/4/2013        | 4 Years              |  | 9562006927  |
| 6                   | AMRUTHA<br>SATHEESAN          | LL.B.<br>LL.M<br><b>Asst.Professor</b>  | 5/10/2015       | One year<br>3 months |  | 9497435179  |
| 7                   | Justice Rtd. GEORGE<br>M V    | MA. LL.B.<br>BEd. Diploma in<br>Management<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>                                | 5/10/2015       | One year<br>3 months |  | 9447413633  |

|                           |                  |  |           |                      |   |            |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|-----------|----------------------|---|------------|
| 8                         | JEYANTHI K V     | LL.B.<br>LL.M<br>UGC NET<br><b>Asst.<br/>Professor</b>                                   | 1/7/2015  | 10                   |    | 8157066998 |
| 9                         | REEYA SUSAN JOHN | LL.B.<br>LL.M<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>  | 5/10/2015 | One year<br>3 months |    | 8129916869 |
| 10                        | SOORAJ GEMINI    | B.Sc. LL.B<br>LL.M UGC<br>Net<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>                                  | 03.1.2017 | 5                    |    | 9745501576 |
| 11                        | AISWARYA M.U     | LL.B.<br>LL.M<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>  | 3/10/2016 | 2                    |    | 8903537495 |
| 12                        | Tanya George     | LL.B LL.M<br>NET JRF<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 1/6/2017  | 2 yrs                |   | 8606169700 |
| 13                        | Dr. U Deepti     | BAL.LL.B,<br>LL.M(Human Rights<br>Law) Ph.D<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>                    | 4/10/2017 | 3 yrs                |  | 9744915263 |
| 14                        | Dr.Priya Nair V  | LL.B. LL.M B.A Phil.<br>MA.Phil. M.Phil.(Phil.)<br>Ph.D (Phil)<br><b>Asst. Professor</b> | 4/10/2017 | 3 yrs                |  | 9446722672 |
| <b>DEPT OF MANAGEMENT</b> |                  |  |           |                      |   |            |
| 15                        | VINU LAL V V     | B.Tech., MBA,<br>UGC Net,<br><b>Asst.<br/>Professor</b>                                  | 16-6-2014 | 14 years             |  | 9446309447 |
| 16                        | Jilu Elsa George | B.Com. M.Com<br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 27/6/2017 | 1 year               |  | 9747259710 |

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|--------------------------|---|--|------------|--------|---|------------|
| 17                       | Elizabeth George                          | B.Com. M.Com<br><br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 1/6/2017   | 1 year |    | 9544196197 |
| <b>DEPT OF ECONOMICS</b> |   |  |            |        |   |            |
| 18                       | Dr. P.G. THOMAS<br>KUTTY<br>( Panachakel) | M.A<br>M.Phil Ph.D D.Th.<br>LL.B (AIBE) LL.M<br><br><b>Professor &amp; Vice-<br/>Principal</b> | 3/10/2012  | 34     |    | 9447929541 |
| 19                       | Dr. SUSHAMA<br>KUMARI S S                 | M.A<br>M.Phil Ph.D<br><br><b>Professor</b>   | 3/10/2012  | 37     |    | 9447479775 |
| <b>DEPT. OF ENGLISH</b>  |   |  |            |        |   |            |
| 20                       | SUDHA DEVY P                              | M.A<br>M.Phil<br><b>Professor</b>  | 1/6/2015   | 33     |  | 9446437378 |
| 21                       | RADHA KUMARY K                            | M.A<br>Ph.D<br><b>Professor</b>  | 25/9/2014  | 36     |  | 9447324771 |
| 22                       | Thushara V. Nair                          | B.A Eng. M.A Eng<br><br><b>Asst. Professor</b>   | 5/6/2017   | 1 year |  | 9446049187 |
| <b>SECOND LANGUAGE</b>   |   |  |            |        |   |            |
| 23                       | NEETOU DAS                                | M.A<br>M.Phil<br><br><b>Guest Lecturer</b>   | 24-11-2016 |        |  | 9447322596 |



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|--------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------|-------|--|------------|
| 24                       | Dr.Mallika A.K. | M.A (Hindi) M.Phil.<br>Ph.D (hindi)<br><br><b>Guest Lecturer</b> | 1/10/2017 | 2     |   | 8281867510 |
| 25.                      | Dr. SOMAN K     | M.A<br>M.Phil Ph.D B.Ed<br><br><b>Guest Lecturer</b>             | 5/10/2015 | 29    |   | 9495302089 |
| <b>DEPT. OF COMMERCE</b> |                 |  |           |       |  |            |
| 26                       | G. KOCHU KOSHY  | M.Com<br>M.Phil<br><br><b>Professor</b>                          | 18/10/16  | 34    |   | 9495244304 |
| 27                       | JINCY P.BABU    | M.Com<br>UGC Net<br>PGDT<br>Asst.<br><b>Professor</b>            | 6/6/2016  | 2 yrs |  | 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.

### **College Journal**

As part of our constant endeavor to enhance the quality of Legal learning and to encourage a culture of legal research, we have been striving to bring forth a Research Law Journal and we have succeeded in our endeavor. The first edition of “ Journal of Mar Gregorios College of Law (JMGCL)” will be released on 27<sup>th</sup> of this month in a memorable function by our patron. The journal contains 16 Articles scripted by eminent personalities of the society and leading scholars of reputed centres including 5 professors of our college.

### **Infrastructure Development**

Accommodated initially in the erstwhile Minor seminary building, the college is now constructing an additional block to meet the class room requirements. . All the essential

modification to the main building which was initially designed for the Minor seminary have been completed except that of the conversion of library hall and faculty rooms. We are planning to develop ourselves into a research center and in this regard 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. Entire work of Ground floor and first floor has been completed and are being used as classrooms. Construction work of the new block is in the final stage. 80% of construction work of third floor has been completed. We are also planning to erect an all-encompassing auditorium adjacent to the annex building being newly constructed to organize various events in the college which is in addition to the state of the art seminar hall which we have already developed.

**Conference Hall.** 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.

**Moot Court Hall.** 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. The second internal moot court competition was conducted from 21<sup>st</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018. A moot court society has been formed and inaugurated on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Computer Lab and internet facility** Ours is a Wi-fi enabled 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.

**Prayer Hall.** 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.

**CC TV Surveillances.** 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.

**New Block for 12 class rooms.**

Construction of a new Block measuring 22,206 Sq Ft with provision for 12 class rooms and allied facilities has started in the month of October 2015. Entire work of Ground floor and first floor has been completed and being used as classrooms. 80% of construction work of third floor

has been completed. The roof of the building is being designed to be converted as a hall useful for various purpose. These work will be completed immediately on availability of required fund.

### **Students Achievement**

We have a vibrant student community which is proactive in the development of the college. They ensure their positions among top ranks in each and every semester examinations, thereby bringing 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 2013**

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) Mr. 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) Shri 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.

### **26<sup>th</sup> 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 gave 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 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.

### **LOK Adalat (26/8/2017)**

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The process last over a month. House to house campaign were carried out and complaints and litigations were collected in person by students who participated in the adalat. Out of 600 litigations, 300 were listed for settlement and final verdict were passed in 136 cases on the final day i.e on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

### **Mar Gregorios Public Law Lecture Series & Constitution Day Celebrations.**

In commemoration of the legendary life and service of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, the College has instituted the Mar Gregorios Public Law Lecture Series. The lecture series is a unique platform to further the field of Public Law in India, besides enriching the content and quality of academic endeavour of the Institution. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Cornelis Flinterman, Member, United Nations Human Rights Commissions and the second lecture by Honourable Justice Kurian Joseph.

Third Mar Gregorios public Law lecture series and Constitution day 2017 was held / celebrated together on 21/11/2017. The function was blessed and inaugurated by His Excellency Most Rev.Dr.Samuel Mar Irenios, Auxiliary Bishop, Thiruvananthapuram and co-

Patron of the College. The third lecture of the series was delivered by Prof (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi. Prof. (Dr.) N.R Madhava Menon, Founder NLSIU Bangalore Chairman, MILAT gave the Constitution Day Lecture and was the guest of Honour of the function. His Excellency Most Rev.Dr.Samuel Mar Irenios gave the presidential Address.

### **First National Law Reform Competition (FNLRC) --9/12/2017**

Our college in association with Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) conceived and organised First National Law Reform Competition (FNLRC) 2017 with the aim of evolving a Draft Uniform Civil Code in consonance with the efforts of the Law Commission of India. The duration of this competition was well over eight months of sustained academic research involving 150 students from reputed Institutions from all over India.

Valedictory Function of the First National Law Reform Competition for Law students on Draft Uniform Civil code for India was held on 9/12/2017. Our Patron, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos presided over the function and His Excellency Most Rev.Dr.Samuel mar Irenios gave the felicitation address. In the function, Shri Justice (Rtd.) P.Sadasivam, the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala distributed the prizes to the winners of the competitions. The draft Uniform Civil Code prepared by students as part of the competition has been handed over to the Chairman, Law Commission of India Mr. Justice G.S Chauhan by the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala. Low Commission chairman Justice G.S Chauhan and MILAT Chairman Prof.(Dr.)N.R Madhava Menon also spoke on the occasion.

### **Specific Tasks undertaken for setting up of basic required infrastructure**

| Year    | Task  |
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| 2013-14 | <b>Conference Hall.</b> 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 | <b>Computer Lab and Administrative office.</b> One fully equipped computer Lab with high bandwidth internet connection and one Administrative office has been set up.   |
| 2015-16 | <b>One Exam hall.</b> 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.<br><br><b>New Block of College.</b> Construction work of new block of College consisting of 12 class rooms and 3 faculty room in a three storied building commenced. |
| 2016-17 | <b>New Block of College.</b> 70% of work of new block is  |

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|         | <p>completed.</p> <p><b>Boring and Construction of Well.</b> 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.</p>   |
| 2017-18 | <p><b>New Block of College .</b> Entire work of Ground floor and first floor has been completed and the class room are being used. 80 % of the work of second floor has been completed. The roof of the building is designed to be used as a hall for various purpose. Remaining work will be completed on availability of required fund.</p> <p><b>College canteen.</b> A canteen building has been erected adjacent to the main building. 70% work has been completed. Remaining work will be completed on availability of required fund.</p> |

### **Novelty introduced this Year**

1. 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.
2. A National Law Reform Competition on Draft Uniform Civil Code for India has been organised by the College in association with Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) Trivandrum. Altogether 10 Law institutions from all over India has participated in competition which was held on 9/12/2017.
3. A moot court society has been formed in the college with a view to help students to achieve moot court expertise. Students are being given essential coaching to participate in various moot court competitions being organized by other centres.

### **Challenges faced or being faced**

1. Though we are getting 100% students in every classes during the last couple of academic years, we feel that we could not accommodate all the best available students due to non-availability of Hostel accommodation for boys in the campus.
2. Due to non availability of an Auditorium which can accommodate the full strength of students, we could not organize functions like Arts festival every year in the manner it should be. In the last five years we have celebrated Arts festival only once i.e in the year 2015 which was held on a makeshift stage/hall erected on the road.
3. The BCI's approval for all the courses is for two batches, but due to lack of infrastructure mainly land & building we are unable to proceed further in starting the second batch. Many more students over and above the present capacity are seeking

admission in our college. Lack of infrastructure is proving to be a hindrance in taking our college to a higher level.

4. The college has no playing ground of its own. Students often use the playground of Mar Ivanios College. Non availability of playground leads to frustration among sports-oriented students.

### **Future possibilities for the betterment**

1. We would prefer to have a specific system/criteria for selection of faculty which would include the following points:-
  - a) Constituting an external body for selection process, comprising of expertise in various fields to assess professional competency, teaching skill, language proficiency and to draw a panel of selected candidates.
  - b) The candidates appointed should be placed for a probation period of minimum one year.
  - c) If they complete the probation period successfully, they may be issued an appointment order. Non-issuance of appointment orders to faculty leaves an uncertainty of job in their mind which affects their performance.
2. Measures are already taken to identify weaker students and to provide them remedial classes / attention. Effective monitoring system is also set up. Annual increment of faculty members will be linked with progress being achieved by them in this field.
3. Scarcity of Hostel accommodation for girl students has now been addressed to some extent with the opening of newly constructed hostel building for Girls nearby Mary Matha Hostel. Yet, we have to resolve the issue of scarcity of hostel accommodation to boys inside the campus which is a concern for parents desirous to admit their sons in our college.

### **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..

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