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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YEAR 2017-18

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." — Aristotle

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 first principal of Mar Ivanios College and a spiritual leader who was also a great linguist, an economist, an educationalist par excellence and above all, a profound humanist who epitomized love and compassion. 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". The institution's legacy, the contributions of its visionary leaders, the accomplishments of its dedicated

faculty members and the vibrancy of its student community have enabled the institution to build its reputation in India and beyond. Clearly, it reflects the sincere involvement and significant contribution made by each member of this institution over the last five decades. As a team the institution moves on and stay committed to the cause of serving the collective needs of the college community and the society at large. These efforts should bring to fruition the College vision of transformative education, and the promotion of a more just, peace filled and humane society.

Programmes That We Offer

The college is affiliated to the University of Kerala and recognized by the Bar Council of India. 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
1.	B.A.LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2012-13
2.	B.B.A.LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2013-14
3.	LL.M (constitutional Law- 2 Year) 2014-1	
4.	B.Com. LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2015-16

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 4th rank Mr. Aravind P Dev was the 9th rank holder.

No.	Class	No. of Students
01	BA.LL.B- 10 th Semester	36
02	BBA.LL.B- 10 th Semester	35
03	BA.LL.B- 8 th Semester	54
04	BBA.LL.B- 8 th Semester	57
05	BA.LL.B- 6 th Semester	59
06	BBA.LL.B - 6 th Semester	56

Class wise strength of students presently studying :-

07	B.Com. LL.B 6 th Semester	57
08	BA.LL.B- 4 th Semester	59
09	BBA.LL.B - 4 th Semester	59
10	B.Com. LL.B 4 th Semester	57
11	BA.LL.B-1st Semester	60
12	BBA.LL.B - 1st Semester	60
13	B.Com. LL.B 1st Semester	60
14	LL.M-2	06
15	LL.M-2	08
	Total	723

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 received the 4th and 9th rank in the same examination. Ms. Haritha G.H got 4th rank and Mr. Aravind P Dev secured 9th rank.

Orientation Programme

The induction programme for the 1st year students was conducted on 15th September 2017 in which His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Samuel Mar Irenios was the chief guest.

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.

College Journal

As part of our constant endeavour 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. The first edition of 'Journal of Mar Gregorios College of Law (JMGCL)' was released on 27th November 2017 in a memorable function by our Patron. The journal contains Articles by eminent personalities, academicians and leading scholars.

Achievements

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.

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 26th 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, SubJudge 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 26th August 2017.

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 Conducted

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 25th, which was followed by an orientation session to the faculty.

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 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 copatron 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.

Infrastructure Development

Year Task

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2017-18	New Block of College . 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.	
	College canteen. 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.	

CONCLUSION

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. In the coming years, the college will overcome all hurdles and will count itself among the top slots amongst the Law institutions.