



# **MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW**

**MAR IVANIOS VIDYANAGAR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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

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### **ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020**

#### **Introduction**

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 multidisciplinary programmes in legal education, consisting of the five-year integrated degree courses viz., BA LL.B, BBA LL.B and BCom. LL.B and also the LL.M course in Constitutional Law.

The college is located in the picturesque 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.

## **KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **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.

### **University academic ranks:**

#### **Batch 2014-19**

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

Sl.No.	Course	Rank	Name of Student
1	BA.LL.B (5 year integrated)	Second Rank	Ms. Arathy Anna George

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

Sl.No.	Course	Rank	Name of Student
1	BBA. LL.B (5 year integrated)	First Rank	Ms. Umadevi

2	“	Third Rank	Br. Jithin George.
3	“	Fourth Rank	Ms. Reshma Mariyam John
4	“	Sixth Rank	Ms. Greeshma S S
5	“	Seventh Rank	Ms. Arya Pradeep

### **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. The college is affiliated to the University of Kerala and recognized by the Bar Council of India.

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	B.Com. LL.B (5 year integrated course)	2015-16

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 presently studying: -**

No.	Class	No. of Students
01	BA.LL.B- 10 <sup>th</sup> Semester	59
02	BBA.LL.B- 10 <sup>th</sup> Semester	54
03	B.Com.LL.B- 10 <sup>th</sup> Semester	54
04	BA.LL.B- 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester	56
05	BBA.LL.B – 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester	55
06	B.Com. LL.B 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester	55
07	BA.LL.B- 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester	59
08	BBA.LL.B – 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester	57

09	B.Com. LL.B 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester	60
10	BA LL.B- 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	59
11	BBA LL.B – 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	59
12	B.Com. LL.B 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	60
13	LL.M. 1	8
14	LL.M. 2	10
15	BA LL.B- 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	59
16	BBA LL.B - 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	60
17	B.Com. LL.B 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	60
	Total	884

### **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)**

Prof. Dr. John P.C. has been selected and appointed as Principal of the College as the former Principal of the college Prof. Dr. E.R Jayaram, has relinquished the charges on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. Prof. Dr. John P.C. has taken over the charge as the Principal with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 MGCL faculty pool is a distinguished team, which includes highly qualified and well trained professors of repute with excellent track record, experience and expertise.

### **Infrastructure Development**

Periodic upgradation and maintenance of the college infrastructure is being done from time to time as and when the need arises.

## **PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED**

The induction programme for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in which Justice Sam P. Koshy, High Court of Chhattisgarh was the Chief Guest. The occasion was graced by the presence of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Mathew Manakkarakavil, Chief Vicar General.

### **College Day 2019**

College Day of MGCL, GREGO2019 was celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the Patron of the college inaugurated the College Day function and the famous play back singer, Mr. Job Kurian was the Chief Guest. MGCL College Magazine 2019 was officially released by the Patron during the formal function and prize for the winners of various academic and cultural competitions were also distributed. A variety of cultural programmes performed by the students became the major attraction of the event.

### **Open Forum – an innovative initiative of MGCL**

The Open Forum of Mar Gregorios College of Law started functioning on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 under Prof.(Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education. The prime objective of Open Forum is to enhance the professional knowledge and skills of the young law aspirants and to encourage them to showcase their talents through on-stage events within the framework of educational endeavours. The Open Forum functions under the guidance and support of the Rev. Fr. Koshy Issac Punnamootil, Director, Prof. Dr. E. R. Jayaram, Principal, Prof. Dr. Vikraman Nair, Academic Advisor and Dr.Leeba Babu is the Co-ordinator of the program. The Open Forum organizes open discussions, panel discussions, debates, paper presentations, quiz competitions, management games on the first and third Thursdays and cultural events on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

### **Industry Academia interface initiative of MGCL - Industrial visit to Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.**

Third semester B.Com LLB students have undergone an industrial visit as a part of enriching their practical exposure to the functioning and best practices of the industry. There were fifty six BBA LLB students who participated in the visit. The time duration of the visit was from 10 am to 1pm. The factory visit was under the supervision of two faculty members. There was a formal lecture on the organisational practices by the Personnel and Administration

Manger of Travancore Titanium Products Ltd followed by the interaction with the students. The detailed report on the industrial visit was also submitted by the students.

### **Orientation class for mootng organised by Moot Court Society**

On December 15, 2019, an awareness class on mootng was conducted for all interested students in college. The guest speaker for the event was Advocate Vishwajith, an experienced mooter and alumnus of SILT, Kottayam. He is currently practicing at the High Court of Kerala. At this awareness class Adv. Vishwajith led students through the basic process of mootng and the important dos and don'ts on mootng. The class was attended by more than 100 students from MGCL.

### **Faculty orientation programme on Open-source Learning Platform**

Faculty orientation programme was organised Mar Gregorios College Of Law Nalanchira . The orientation was conducted on the topic 'Open-source Learning Platform' on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 . The prime objective of imparting the training programme was to integrate learning and teaching with ICT and to equip them with the latest assessment tools in higher education. The orientation was conducted in the seminar Hall. The resource person for day was Prof. Sreejith R, Asst. Professor, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery.

### **Awareness Programme on ADR mechanisms, in association with Kerala State Mediation and Conciliation Centre, District Legal Service Authority.**

Mar Gregorios College of Law, in Association with Kerala State mediation and Conciliation Centre of District Legal Service Authority of India had conducted an Awareness Programme on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, regarding the ADR Mechanisms for the final year students of Mar Gregorios College of Law. The session was inaugurated by Shri K.Babu, Honourable Principal and sessions Judge, Thiruvananthapuram. The felicitation address was given by Ms.Jubia, Sub-Judge, Thiruvananthapuram. The felicitation address was followed by a training session by Advocate Bhuvanachandran Nair, on the various ADR mechanisms available and how it is practiced. The discussion ended with a query session and the students actively participated in the discussion.

### **Orientation on Manupatra**

The orientation on Manupatra was given to both faculty and students on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The first semester LLB students attended the program along with the faculty members.

## **STUDENTS AS THE BRAND AMBASSADORS OF MGCL**

### **Notable achievements of students in various competitions held during 2019-20**

MGCL students managed to secure notable achievements in various events held in 2019.

- MGCL students team consisting of Kavya S S , Ashwathy (tenth semester BA. LL.B), and Haira (seventh semester BBA LL.B) participated in the Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Competition and was awarded the 2nd Best Memorial in the competition.
- In the Surana & Surana Moot competition, our students Anna Philip, Stephanie Sharon and Haira (seventh semester) participated. In this prestigious competition on the legal intricacies of gene editing, our students' memorial was adjudged the 4th Best Memorial.
- Simi Varghese and Serafina Ilayas distinguished themselves as a winning team by securing the first place in Nomikos Polemos Client Counselling Competition hosted by Government Law College, Kozhikode (2019). The same team also went on to be Runners Up in the 1st Online Client Counselling Competition hosted by World Cyber Security Forum and Law Central (2020).
- Our second semester BBA LLB students Sreelakshmy, Nakul Narayanan A.K., Bharath P. Kumar and Yemima Philip has won the first prize in the Best Management Team competition in 'CONSTELLO', the National Level Management Fest conducted by Asian School of Business on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Our second semester BBA LLB students Adithya raj D.R., Ronny Mammen and Govind Nair won the first prize in the National Level Management Fest 'AVENIR 2020' conducted by Kerala Institute of Cooperative Management(KICMA) on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020.