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GRKCL Winners of 'Students' Parliament Competition, 2025'

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Vidya Vikas Mandal's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa participated in the 'Students' Parliament Competition, 2025' organised by the Goa Legislature Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa on 12th February, 2025. The students enacted the Parliamentary model by enacting the roles of Speaker of Lok Sabha, Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, Ministers, and other members of the ruling party and opposition.

At the valedictory function held on 18th February, 2025, G.R. Kare College of Law, were adjudged as the winners of the competition. They received the winners trophy as well as the participation trophy at the hands of Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly, Shri Joshua D'Souza and other dignitaries.

Student and Teacher Winners:

- 1) Mr. Harshavardhan Gauns Dessai, student of SYBALLB was awarded the best Speaker award
- 2) Mr. Heetarth Shetty, also a student of SY.BA.LL.B was awarded the best Prime Ministers award.
- 3) Asst. Professor Merville Rodririgues and Asst. Professor Sonia Shirodkar were awarded the best faculty Coordinators award.

The students also won individual prizes for thee roles played by them.

All the student participants were presented with a certificate. The students team comprised of 30 students from the BA.LL.B and LL.B.(Degree) programme. Asst. Professor Merville Rodririgues and Asst. Professor Sonia Shirodkar were the coordinators of the students team of the college.

Altogether 23 colleges across Goa took part in the competition. The teams were judged on various aspects such as state and national level issues, business of the house, adherence to the parliamentary procedure and rules, discipline etc.





V.V.M's G.R Kare College of Law secures overall 3rd Place at Politoria 2.0, on February 27, 2025. GR Kare College of Law, Margao, has secured the overall the 3rd Place at Politoria 2.0, an intercollegiate event organized by CES College of Arts and Commerce, Cuncolim Salcete Goa . The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various colleges across Goa.

Students from VVM's GR Kare College of Law showcased their exceptional talent and secured prizes in multiple categories:

Saish Gurav (F.Y.L.L.B Degree) won second Place in Pencil Sketch Painting (Graphite Creation).

Liza D Silva and Ozwin Rodrigues (F.Y.L.L.B Degree) won second Place in Kantar Singing.

The college team secured second Place in Street Play (Urban Theater)

The students remarkable performance and dedication brought laurels to the institution. The college commends all participants for their efforts and extends gratitude to the faculty and mentors for their guidance and support.



The International Law Society of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, organized a talk on International Taxation Laws at the GD Auditorium on 4th February 2025 at 10:00 am. The resource person for the talk was Prof. Victor Machekhin from Kutafin Moscow State Law University and an expert in international tax laws, tax disputes, tax consulting.

The program began with a welcome address delivered by Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal of GRKCL. Asst. Professor Sonia Shirodkar, introduced Prof. Victor and highlighted his extensive academic and professional background.

Prof. Victor began with the talk by sharing his experience of working for five years as a lawyer in the Business Unit before entering into academics. The Resource person highlighted on various issues prevalent in international taxation system and also compared the same with domestic tax system. He explained the importance of digitization in world taxation system. He emphasized that international tax liability is unavoidable for businesses operating across borders and that many tax treaties exist to manage tax obligations. He clarified that tax law is not just about mathematics but primarily about legal principles. While tax calculations are important, the legal aspects of taxation were the main focus in today's times. The resource person also highlighted about various issues associated with double taxation, various tax rules which involve the payment of tax to the government by tax payers and tax administration which involves compliance, documentation, and filings rather than direct payments to the government by tax payers.

The key topics covered under the talk was about double taxation and tax evasion by multinational corporations (MNCs). He also discussed the need for stricter international regulations to prevent and to combat tax avoidance.

The talk was followed by a prize distribution program conducted for competitions conducted by the Consumer Welfare Cell in association with the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Goa. Assistant Professor Ruby Luis conducted the prize distribution ceremony.

Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal of GRKCL, presented the tokens of appreciation, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Assistant Professor Ms. Priyanka Parab, incharge of the International Law Society. The event concluded at 12:30 PM, leaving students with valuable insights into international taxation laws and their growing importance in a globalized world.



Vidya Vikas Mandal's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa Students in collaboration with Actizen Project team addressed the difficulties faced by the local people traveling through the Borim Bridge side due to inadequate street lighting. The initiative aimed to identify the problems, engage with local authorities, and ensure a positive outcome for the community.

The team conducted a site visit to verify the implementation of the proposed solution. Upon inspection, it was observed that the street lamps had been successfully restored, significantly improving visibility and safety for travelers.

G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa Students in collaboration with Actizen Project team successfully completed the initiative of restoration of street lamps at Borim Bridge side marks a significant achievement. This accomplishment underscores the importance of community engagement, structured problem-solving, and effective collaboration with local authorities.

By identifying a critical issue, formally presenting it to the Panchayat, and following up diligently, the team was able to bring about a positive change that benefits the local population. This initiative sets a precedent for future projects and reinforces the importance of active citizenship in addressing community concerns.



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law under the aegis of SR. Adv Manohar Usgaonkar Centre of Excellence in collaboration with NSS UNit and Training Placement & Internship Cell organised an Orientation Session on 7th February 2025 on the topic of "Careers in Civil Services" with the Resource Person, Dr. Ajay R Gaude, Senior Scale Officer of Goa Civil Services and CEO Zilla Panchayat, North Goa.

The Session provided guidance on how to plan and prepare for Goa Civil Services, the preparation of strategy, the selection process, the Pre-Screening Test, Competitive written test, oral test for the interview and the skills and abilities like the mathematical, comprehension and critical thinking, that are needed to crack the examination. The session was fruitful for the students as it provided basic guidance to the students. The event was coordinated by Harshad Bandodkar, Assistant Professor and NSS PO and Sonali Naik, Assistant Professor and Incharge TIP Cell in the presence of Officiating Principal Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes.



The District Legal Services Authority South, Goa Margao in collaboration with the Legal Counseling and Facilitation Centre for senior citizens and the Criminal law club of G. R. Kare College of Law Margao conducted a Legal Awareness Program on the topic "Cyber Safety " on Wednesday the 8th February, 2025 at 11:00 am in the G. D. Auditorium of GRKCL, Margao.

The program commenced by lighting the traditional lamp and playing the NALSA Song. Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Vice Principal and HOD of GRKCL gave the welcome address. She welcomed the Resource Person with a Flowered potted plant.

The programme was organised to educate the participants about the importance of cyber safety, the potential risks associated with online activities, the legal remedy to protect individuals.

Ms. Siddhi Naik and Akanksha Gaonkar, PLV's of the DLSA gave a brief review of the working of the DLSA, South Goa, which was followed by a video of the NALSA song which depicted the working of the Legal Services Authority.

Mr. Somshekhar Biradar, Police Sub-Inspector, Cyber Cell was the Resource person for the programme. he began the talk with an overview of cyber security. He spoke about the basics of cyber security including the types of cyber threats, such as hacking, phishing, and malware attacks.

Participants were informed about the legal framework governing cyber safety in various jurisdictions, including laws and regulations related to data protection, online harassment, and cybercrime. He shared practical tips on how to stay safe online and how to avoid suspicious links and emails.

The program was well-received by the attendees, who showed keen interest in learning about cyber safety. the Resource speaker clarified doubts and answered all the questions, and provided valuable insights and advice.

In conclusion, the cyber safety awareness program was a success. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Ruby Z. Luis, the Incharge of Criminal Law Club of GRKCL.



The Department of Physical Education and Sports conducted the Annual Athletic Meet on February 11, 2025, at the college ground. The event commenced with an opening ceremony graced by Mr. Vikram Verlekar, Chairman of the Sports Governing Council, and Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal GRKCL, in the presence of teaching and non-teaching staff and students .

The athletic events began with the 5000-meter race, where five participants displayed remarkable endurance and determination. It was a proud moment for the college to witness students excelling in long-distance running. The event was followed by 30 other athletic competitions, showcasing the students' enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

For the second consecutive year, the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) actively supported the Athletic Meet by sponsoring the event. A special note of gratitude was extended to PTA President Adv. Avdhoot Arsekar and the executive committee members for their wholehearted contribution.

All the faculty members played the role of coordinating the events .

The Valedictory Function was graced by Dr. Francis Lobo, College Director of Physical Education and Sports, Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of dedicating at least one hour daily to physical fitness and advised students to use mobile phones wisely.

A total of over 80 students enthusiastically participated in the meet, making it a grand success. The event was smoothly conducted, with Asst. Prof. Ms. Yamini Dalvi and Asst. Prof. Harshad Bandodkar compering the function, while Asst. Prof. Sapresh Devidas delivered the vote of thanks.

The Annual Athletic Meet was a celebration of sportsmanship, fitness, and teamwork, reinforcing the college's commitment to holistic student development..Event was coordinated by College Director of Physical Education &Sports & assisted by Instructor in Physical Education Mr.Omkar Gaonkar



On 19th February 2025, a guest lecture was organized at 1:00 pm in classroom No. 2 for the students of F.Y. BALLB and S.Y. BALLB students, where Mr. Roven Pereira owner of “POIXE PLUS” was invited to address the students on the theme of financial planning and investment.

The speaker began the session by emphasizing the importance of savings in achieving financial stability. He elaborated on the concept of a contingency fund, explaining how it acts as a financial buffer during emergencies and unexpected situations.

The speaker then transitioned to the topic of mutual funds, providing insights into how they work, the advantages they offer to investors, and the various types available in the market. He also delved into Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs), explaining how they enable disciplined and consistent investment while mitigating risks associated with market volatility.

The interactive session included practical examples and real-life scenarios, which made the concepts more relatable and engaging for the students. He encouraged participants to adopt smart financial habits and stressed the importance of starting early in their investment journeys.

The session concluded with a Q&A segment, where students asked insightful questions and gained clarity on various aspects of financial planning. The lecture was informative, inspiring, and well-received by all attendees.

The event successfully met its objective of enhancing financial literacy and providing valuable guidance to students about managing their personal finances.

Master Class on “Practical aspects of Chargesheet
under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023”

19 February, 2025



A Master Class on the topic “Practical aspects of Chargesheet under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023” was conducted for the Fourth Year B.A.LL.B. and Third Year LL.B. Degree Students as an IQAC initiative on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025 at 10.00 am in the G.D. Auditorium by Ms. Sudiksha Naik, Police Inspector, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Margao.

Ms. Sudiksha Naik gave an overview of the practical aspects of preparing and submitting a chargesheet in accordance with the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. She discussed the various stages in the preparation of the chargesheet, the challenges faced during the investigation, and the importance of meticulously drafting a chargesheet to ensure justice.

She explained the reasons why the chargesheet is a crucial document in the criminal justice system. She added that it serves as the formal accusation against an individual and lays the foundation for the trial. She said that the chargesheet has to be clear and precise, leaving no room for ambiguity, all the evidence has to be clearly outlined and supported.

She showed the students the format of the chargesheet through her Power-Point Presentation. She told the students that the chargesheet has to be filed at the earliest without any delay. She gave live instances depicting the difficulties faced while filing the chargesheet.

She concluded saying that the preparation of a chargesheet is a critical aspect of law enforcement and a well-drafted chargesheet, based on solid evidence, would help ensure that justice is served.

The session was then open for questions. The students raised a few queries which were well resolved by the Resource Person.

The talk ended with the distribution of the Participation certificates of the “Advance Certificate Course on the New Criminal Laws” held in the month of September and October.



On February 19 2025, VVM's G R Kare College of Law commemorated the Jayanti of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the college library. The event featured a short documentary showcasing the life and achievements of Shivaji Maharaj, immersing the staff and attendees in his remarkable legacy.

Opening remarks were delivered by Assistant Professor Sonia Shirodkar, In-charge of the Literary Society, setting the tone for the celebration. Officiating Principal GRKCL, Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of remembering such a significant leader in Indian history.

Prominent among the presentations was student Ashish Kelkar from 5th year BALLB, who eloquently shared his insights on the teachings of Shivaji Maharaj, highlighting principles of courage, justice, and governance.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Assistant Professor Yamini Dalvi, in-charge of the Constitutional Law Club, expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees who contributed to the successful commemoration.



The Literary Society in association with the Constitutional Law Club of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law organised a talk to commemorate Shivaji Jayanti on the topic titled "Administration and Judiciary of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj". The talk was conducted on 22nd February 2025 at 11:00 am in the G. D. Auditorium. The resource person for the talk was Dr. Vinay Madgaonkar, Assistant Professor of Marathi at Goa University. The compere for the program was Ms. Shravani Naik, F.Y.B.A.L.L.B student. The Officiating Principal, Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes formally welcomed the resource person. The In-charge of Literary Society, Asst. Prof. Sonia Shirodkar, introduced the speaker.

Dr. Vinay Madgaonkar began his talk by discussing the administration of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, highlighting the innovative systems he implemented to govern his empire effectively. Shivaji Maharaj established a decentralized administrative structure, allowing for greater autonomy at the local level, which ensured more efficient governance. His administration was well-organized, with specific ministers overseeing critical areas such as revenue, defense, and justice. He also implemented a fair and systematic taxation policy based on the region's resources, while his military was structured to ensure strong defense both on land and at sea, with a focus on rapid responses to threats.

The judiciary under Shivaji Maharaj was another key aspect of his administration. Dr. Madgaonkar explained that Shivaji's judicial system was designed to deliver swift, fair, and accessible justice. The courts were structured with trained officers who ensured impartial rulings, and there was a clear distinction between civil and criminal cases. Punishments were meted out based on the severity of the offense, with a focus on reform in many instances, helping maintain order and peace throughout his empire.

Dr. Madgaonkar further compared Shivaji Maharaj's administration with modern management theories, particularly those of Henry Fayol and Mary Parker Follett. He drew parallels between Shivaji's principles and Fayol's concepts of division of work, authority, responsibility, and discipline, emphasizing the efficiency of his bureaucratic system. Additionally, Shivaji's leadership style was consistent with Follett's ideas of cooperation and shared leadership, where decisions were made collaboratively, ensuring a harmonious and effective system of governance.

The program concluded with the vote of thanks by the In-charge of Constitutional Law



Workshop: 'Transformative Journey from Academics to Entrepreneurship'

25th February 2025



The Entrepreneurship Cell in association with the Training, Internship & Placement Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law successfully organized a workshop on 'Transformative Journey from Academics to Entrepreneurship' on 25th February 2025 at the G.D. Auditorium. The event aimed to bridge the gap between academics and entrepreneurship by providing students with insights into the entrepreneurial journey.

The workshop commenced at 12:45 PM with an engaging welcome by the event comperers, Mast. Ethan Louie Lopes and Ms. Rukhsar Khan. Following the introduction, Assistant Professor Ms. Rozena Correia, In-charge of the Entrepreneurship Cell, formally introduced the Chief Guest and Resource Person, Mr. Sairaj Gaurish Dhond.

Mr. Dhond is the Founder and CEO of Wakao Foods, a pioneering brand dedicated to sustainable, plant-based alternatives. Initially a criminal lawyer, he transitioned into sustainable entrepreneurship, driven by his passion for creating eco-friendly brands with a global impact. Recognizing the growing need for vegan and sustainable food options, he embarked on a journey to develop plant-based meat alternatives. After rigorous trials and collaborations with renowned chefs, he successfully launched Wakao Foods, which has gained prominence for its innovative jackfruit-based products. In addition to Wakao, he is also involved in businesses related to branded lighting, solar solutions, and property restoration, showcasing his diverse entrepreneurial spirit.

During his address, Mr. Dhond shared invaluable insights into the entrepreneurial world, emphasizing the importance of resilience, innovation, and sustainability. He spoke about the challenges he faced while transitioning from law to business, highlighting the significance of pursuing one's passion with dedication. His engaging session provided students with a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship beyond conventional academic paths.

As a token of appreciation, a memento was presented to Mr. Dhond by Assistant Professor Sapresh Devidas, a member of the Entrepreneurship Cell and also the Training, Internship, and Placement Cell. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Assistant Professor Ms. Sonali Naik, In-charge of Training and Internship Cell, who expressed gratitude to the resource person, faculty members, and participants for making the event a success.

The workshop received an overwhelming response from students, who actively participated and gained valuable knowledge about entrepreneurship. The event not only inspired aspiring entrepreneurs but also provided a platform for meaningful discussions on innovation and sustainability in the business world. It was a remarkable session that left students motivated to explore unconventional career paths and entrepreneurial ventures.



The India International University of Legal Education and Research extended invitation to G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao to attend a series of Special Guest Lectures organized by them. A team of students along with faculty members attended the following sessions:



Day 1: Thematic Discussion by Dr. V.C. Vivekanandan and Dr. Sanjeevi Shantakumar on the topic “The Interface of Law and Technology”.

The thematic discussion was held on 20th February, 2025 at 2:30 pm. Six LL.M. students along with faculty members Asst. Prof. Sapresh Devidas and Asst. Prof. Parita Naik attended the discussion. Before the discussion began, the Vice Chancellor of IIULER, Prof. (Dr.) Venkata Rao introduced the guest speaker/discussants and welcomed them. In his speech he highlighted that technology developed so much that now we are witnessing the age of techno-diplomacy.

The first session was led by Dr. V.C. Vivekanandan. In his speech, he mentioned that technology and law shared a relationship similar to that of a husband and wife where the husband is going ahead and the wife tries to keep up with the pace. He discussed illusionary realism and narrated three classic stories of King Solomon and the case of two mothers quarreling over a child, Merchant of Venice, and the story of Sherlock Holmes. He placed these scenarios in the time that we live in today and explained them in a very interesting and hilarious way. The main idea was that these narratives would not work and we need to keep up with the technology. With regards to AI, he explained that this technology needs to be used wisely, or else the repercussions would be dangerous. He narrated the story of Padmasura to explain what the consequences could be when the tool becomes a master.

The second discussion was led by Dr. Sanjeevi Shantakumar. In his speech, he explained how the technology has boomed and the rapid transformation of e-commerce to q-commerce. He put forth a very crucial question: whether courts have integrated technology, whether in India we have accepted and integrated technology in all the administrative and industry setups.

He further explained how shocking it was that even after the Bhopal Gas Tragedy the nation hasn't learnt anything from it. He gave us valuable insights regarding the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and its court proceedings. The sessions concluded with a vote of thanks and a photo session with the audience.

Day 2: Guest Lecture by Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Pratap Tiwari on the topic "Judicial Review".



The guest lecture was held on 21st February, 2025 at 12:00 pm. Four students of G. R. Kare College of Law from the LL.M. program along with faculty members Asst. Prof. Harshad Bandodkar and Asst. Prof. Parita Naik attended the guest lecture.

The lecture began with a speech from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Venkata Rao. Dr. Rao introduced the guest speaker and gave a warm welcoming speech. He also gave insights into the famous *Madbury vs. Madison* case highlighting its importance and reiterated that amending the constitution means mending it and not ending it.

The guest speaker, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Pratap Tiwari, MNLU Nagpur, discussed in detail, along with the landmark judgments, the most important cases of judicial review in India. He also enlightened the audience about some lesser-known facts of the cases and how the Indian Judiciary has on many occasions taken inspiration from other nations while making the most crucial decisions.

The lecture ended with Dr. Yashomati Ghosh presenting the vote of thanks and a photo session with the audience.

Day 3: Guest Lecture by Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Pratap Tiwari on the topic "Medical Negligence".

On 22nd February 2025, a group of seven students namely Mohav kunkolienker, Amogh Gavas, Ignatius Praveen, Lisa Abranches, Mehvish Mulla, Bhagyashree Tavde, Santosh Shirodkar under the guidance of our faculty in charge, Asst. Prof. Shrini Fal Dessai, and Asst. Prof. Parita Naik attended a seminar on medical negligence at the India International University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER). The seminar conducted by Dr. Vijay Pratap Tiwari started at 10 am and concluded by 11:20am

Dr. Tiwari provided us with valuable insights into the complexities of medical negligence laws and elaborated on various legal aspects of medical negligence, highlighting significant case laws and ethical considerations. His session was enriched with real-life experiences, making the discussion more engaging and relatable. He also explained the role of legal professionals in ensuring justice for victims of medical negligence and emphasised the importance of due diligence in legal proceeding.

The session was highly informative and provided us with a deeper understanding of the legal and ethical responsibilities of medical practitioners. It also shed light on the judicial interpretation of medical negligence cases, which will be beneficial for our legal studies.

Overall, the seminar was a valuable learning experience, broadening knowledge of the audience on this crucial aspect of law.



Day 4: Guest Lecture by Retired Justice Ravindra Chavan on the topic "Rudderless Republic Lost In The Woods Of Affirmative Action".

This guest lecture was held on 25th of February, 2025 at 9:30 am. Five Students of G. R. Kare College of Law from the LL.B. Degree Course attended this guest lectures with faculty members Asst. Prof. Priyanka Parab and Asst. Prof. Parita Naik.

The lecture began with an introductory speech by IULER students. It was followed by a welcoming speech by Dr. Aanirbhan Chakraborty. In his lecture, the speaker, Retd. Justice Ravindra Chavan briefly highlighted the history of 'Indian Society'. He recited the poetry composed by Rabindranath Tagore and enlightened the audience about the ambition that was envisioned by the poet. He contrasted this with the current scenario of affirmative action in the country. He stated that now through affirmative action the society is indulging in a competition to not decide who is the best but to show that one is more backward than the other.

He also discussed a few judgments and current events that were related to the topic of affirmative action. He concluded his lecture with a strong message that we will be successful as a society once we are willing to give up every identity and retain nationality i.e 'Indian' as our only identity.

The lecture concluded with a warm vote of thanks by Dr. Yashomati Ghosh.

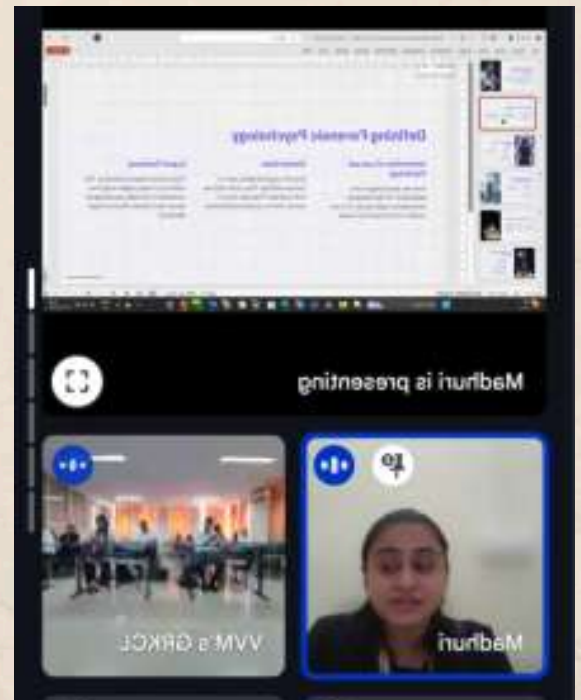




The Centre for Counselling and Wellness Management of VVM's G. R Kare College of Law, Margao Goa organized a talk for students of 4th year B.A.LLB on the topic – "Suicide Prevention" on thursday, 27th February 2025 from 11:20 pm to 12:10 pm.

Ms. Sumedha More, College Counselor was the resource person for the talk.

The resource persons spoke about the various causes of suicidal thoughts and what kind of experiences a suicidal person may undergo. She guided the students on how to support oneself and others while going through such an experience. She also informed the students about various free of cost suicide helplines that are available for public. A total of 20 students attended the session.



The Centre for Counselling and Wellness Management of VVM's G. R Kare College of Law, Margao Goa organized a webinar for our students on the topic – "Psychology in Law & Crime" on Thursday, 27th February 2025 from 01:00 pm to 02:00 pm. Ms. Madhuri Marathe, licensed Forensic Psychologist and Asst. Prof. of Psychology at Vishwakarma University, Pune, was the resource person for the webinar.

The resource persons spoke on various sub-topics such as - causes of criminal behaviour, aspects of eyewitness testimony, observation of body language and speech patterns in lie detection, psychology of victims and criminals etc. Ms. Madhuri shared her psychologist's perspective on law and crimes and drawing from her work experience. The session was conducted in hybrid mode and a total of 43 students attended the session.



The Political Science Academium of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, organized a guest lecture on Thursday, February 27th at 3:30 pm, under the aegis of the Senior Advocate Manohar Usgaonkar Centre of Excellence. The topic of the lecture was "Addressing Judicial Backlog: The Role of Adhoc Judges in the High Court." The resource person for the lecture was Dr. K. Gireesan, Officer on Special Duty, Regional Centre & Head of the Department of Public Administration at the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Chandigarh. Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal, welcomed the attendees.

In his address, Dr. Gireesan began by discussing the growing challenge of judicial backlog in India, noting that the increasing number of pending cases has put immense pressure on the judicial system. He highlighted that the framers of the Constitution wisely included a provision for the appointment of adhoc judges in the judicial system.

He also pointed out that adhoc judges, by virtue of their experience and expertise, can provide valuable support to the High Courts in reducing the backlog. However, he stressed that for this system to be effective, there needs to be a more consistent and strategic use of adhoc judges, along with reforms to streamline the judicial process. Although retired judges are appointed as adhoc judges, this provision has been utilized only on a few occasions.

Dr. Gireesan further elaborated on the importance of data governance in addressing judicial backlog. He pointed out that effective management and utilization of legal data can play a pivotal role in streamlining case management processes. By implementing robust data governance practices, courts can ensure that case records are accurately tracked, deadlines are monitored, and resources are allocated efficiently. With transparent, accessible, and secure data, judicial systems can reduce inefficiencies and improve the overall speed and fairness of the legal process.

The lecture was truly thought provoking, as the resource person offered valuable insights into the topic. The program was compered by Ms. Tamanna Prajith, S.Y.B.A.LL.B. student and the vote of thanks was delivered by Asst. Prof. Ashmita Naik, In-Charge of Political Science.



Dear Readers,

V.V.M'S Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao -Goa aims at achieving excellence always in legal education, with a plethora of activities aimed towards this. The college strives to achieve perfection in this field by exposing its students to a galaxy of novice competitions and creative actions.

The students as also the faculty who are the back bone of the institution have flourished and nurtured this dream of our founding fathers through an array of educational opportunities where we, at GRKCL believes that **EVERYONE HERE IS A WINNER IN HIMSELF**. Keeping the motto of the college alive, this e-newsletter seeks to project the hardwork, dedication, performance, and sincerity in taking the institution scale greater heights.

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