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Participation in 3rd V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition

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VVM's G. R Kare College of Law, Margao Goa participated in 3rd V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition 2024. The competition provided the Legal Aid Society the opportunity to extend and expand its wings to spread literacy and promote awareness of legal aid in novel and innovative ways. As participant of this Competition the members of Legal Aid Society collectively engaged themselves in the planning, execution and conduct of the six core deliverables namely, Speed Mentoring, Legal Podcast and FAQ Drafting, Street Play, Jan Sunwaii, Reel Making and Legal Assistance Lab.

This creative campaign inspired and infused the participants with the vigor of enthusiastic legal activism. Beneficial community engagement helped sensitize the participants, allowed them the ground to unleash their creative side to promote social responsibility and raise legal awareness, provided them ample scope to understand the spirit of the Constitutional mandate on Legal Aid and Legal Services and the professional commitment associated with advocacy.

Speed mentoring awareness sessions were conducted in High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in the different Talukas of the State of Goa especially on the theme of Child Safety and the POCSO Act, which was the theme of the Legal Aid Society, including other topics of socio-legal relevance. A total of 19 speed mentoring sessions were held by the various Legal Aid Cells under the guidance of the Legal Aid Cell, Faculty In-charge.

Street plays and Skits were performed in English and regional languages namely, Konkani and Hindi and were carried out at strategic locations to garner maximum reach out of the public on socio-legal topics affecting day to day life, such as Menstrual Hygiene, Child Safety and Road Safety, Consumer Protection, Waste Management etc. A total of 18 Streets Play were performed.

Reel Making component aimed to engage youth in promoting legal awareness and literacy in digital mode through creative short reels on socio-legal issues. Legal Aid Society, through its Legal Aid Cells, contributed 27 reels. These reels highlighted topics such as the Right to Education, Child and Juvenile Rights, and Rights of Elderly Citizens, emphasizing the commitment to enhancing legal literacy and social justice.

A series of Jan Sunwaiis were majorly held in rural areas and also within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation of Margao with the support of Legal Experts, NGOs, Panchayats, Clergy and DLSA. This initiative provided us the opportunity to hear and address issues concerning children, women, maintenance, senior citizens, environment and property analyzed by various stakeholders and suggestions for reducing punishment in consensual POCSO cases, a call for balanced Justice is being worked on.

Legal Podcast promote legal awareness, share insights, analyze trends and explore complex issues thereby ensuring reach through the medium of social media to stay informed and adaptable to ever-evolving legal landscape. Three episodes of Legal Podcast were held Women and Child , Understanding Legal Aid and Free Legal Services in India and Consumer with guest experts in the relevant field.

The Legal Assistance Lab/Legal Litigation Lab offered us the opportunity to provide legal assistance to the general public. Informative sessions were held in rural and remote areas with the aim to educate the public especially the marginalized segments, where legal resources are limited, about rights and legal options and the methods of dispute resolution and mechanism. Services in the nature of consultation, case evaluation, necessary representation and support to the needy were provided. This enabled the aggrieved to navigate the legal processes such as filing applications, applying for schemes or any other public benefits thereby ensuring access to legal representation and justice. The student volunteers also conducted surveys and based on the survey, along with the assistance of Department of Social Welfare assisted in the documentation process of senior citizens cards. Awareness videos created on rights of senior citizens were disseminated through the medium of social media platforms of the institution. Sakhi One Stop Centre is a scheme of Ministry of Women and Child Development, the student volunteers assist at the Sakhi OSC South Goa in promoting awareness on rights of women and children through legal awareness camps and street plays in various Talukas in South-Goa and also assist the documentation and filing process.

Assistant Professor MS. Sonali Naik, Legal Aid Incharge and Cordinator of V. S Mallar Legal Aid Competition overseen all the competitions.

Legal Aid Society and Faculty Members, Incharge of the Deliverables.

- Street Play: Ms. Sonali Naik, Assistant Professor
- Legal Assistance Lab: Ruby Zenilda D Souza e Luis, Assistant Professor
- Jan Sunwaii: Yamini J. Dalvi, Assistant Professor
- Reel Making: Niharika N. Chari, Assistant Professor
- Speed Mntoring: Apoorva Parab, Assistant Professor
- Legal Podcast and FAQ Drafting : Harshad G. Bandodkar, Assistant Professor

Students Core Team:

- Lleyton Colaço, Student Coordinator
- Franskina Gama, Student Volunteer
- Rosmio Monteiro, Student Volunteer
- Shane Rebello, Student Volunteer
- Tamanna Prajith, Student Volunteer
- Anitha Bandhi, Student Volunteer
- Sobi Anna Sabu, Student Volunteer
- Shannon D Souza , Student Volunteer
- Akansha Gaonkar, Student Volunteer



The TLET Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao Goa organized a two-day workshop on "Optimal Device Utilization and Basics of Canva." The event aimed to enhance the digital literacy and design proficiency of participants, focusing on optimizing device performance and learning Canva, a versatile graphic design tool. This hands-on workshop was attended by faculty members of G.R. Kare College of Law, who actively participated in the interactive sessions.

The workshop spanned two days, with each session designed to balance theoretical learning and practical application.

Session for Day 1 of the workshop was titled on System Performance Optimization and Productivity Tools. The Resource Persons for the session was Mr. Akshay Chari, System Administrator, GRKCL.

This session focused on enhancing device performance to support seamless digital workflows. Key topics covered were System Performance Optimization where participants learned about techniques to boost device performance, including storage management, minimizing background tasks, and optimizing system settings. Productivity Tool where faculty members were introduced to advanced shortcuts and operating system tools to streamline their work processes. Data Management and Security which emphasized on file organization, secure backups, and troubleshooting common device issues to prevent disruptions. Various activities and engagement exercised were conducted for the session where faculty members brought their laptops for hands-on exercises, where they implemented the optimization techniques in real time. The interactive Q&A sessions encouraged participants to share their experiences and seek personalized solutions.

Session for Day 2 of the workshop was titled on canva basics and advanced Design Techniques

The resource person for the session was Mr. Ramkrishna Reddy, Assistant Professor, SDCCE.

The second session introduced the participants with various Canva tools and features, emphasizing their application in professional and academic settings. The resource person highlighted on the Canva interface and essential tools for creating impactful designs. Faculty members learned about fundamental design elements like color theory, typography, and layout to create visually balanced content. The session covered branding tools, animations, and team collaboration features for efficient project management. Participants created their own designs, such as posters, social media graphics, and presentation slides, under expert guidance. The collaborative nature of the session allowed for peer feedback and creative exchanges.

The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from faculty members of G.R. Kare College of Law. Their active engagement demonstrated a keen interest in leveraging technology for academic and professional purposes.

The workshop was smoothly organized by Assistant Professor in Law Ms. Sonia Shirodkar TLET Cell Incharge and Assistant Professor in Law Mr. Sapresh Devidas Cordinator of TLET Cell.





VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, in collaboration with the Election Commission of India and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Goa, organized a special 'Electoral Roll Enrolment Camp' on 22nd November 2024. This initiative aimed to promote voter awareness and facilitate enrolment of eligible students as voters.

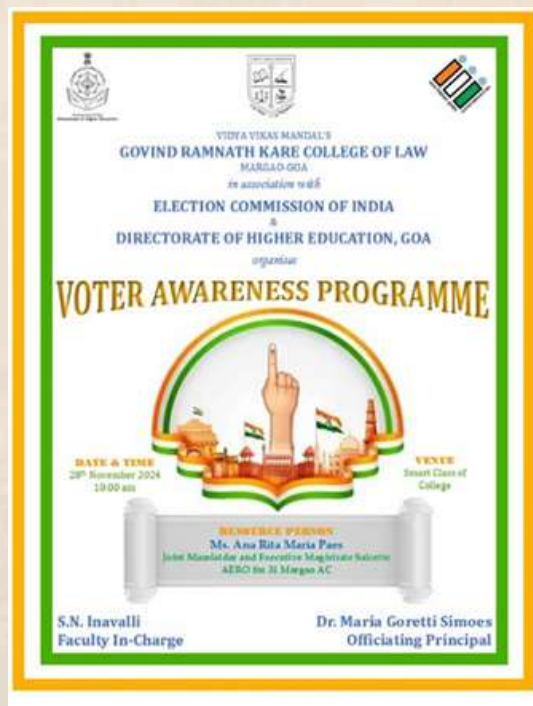
The primary goal of the camp was to encourage young voters to exercise their democratic rights and ensure their inclusion in the electoral roll. The initiative reflects the commitment of the college to civic engagement and active citizenship.

The camp was conducted with the support of the Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) for the 31, Margao Assembly Constituency (AC). To ensure the program's smooth functioning, 7 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were deputed to assist in the enrolment process.

From the 1st Year B.A.L.L.B. programme 16 students participated in the camp and successfully enrolled as voters.

Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Head of Department (HOD), and Mr. S.N. Inavalli, the Nodal Officer for the initiative, oversaw the program. Additionally, one office staff member supported the operations.

The camp concluded successfully with 16 students completing their voter registration. The collaborative efforts of the AERO, BLOs, college staff, and faculty were instrumental in achieving the objectives of the program.



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, in collaboration with the Election Commission of India and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Goa, in its continued efforts to promote voter awareness and civic responsibility, organized a Voter Awareness Programme on 28th November 2024. The program aimed to educate students about their rights and responsibilities as voters in a democratic nation like India.

Ms. Ana Rita Maria Paes, Joint Mamlatdar and Executive Magistrate of Salcete, and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) for the 31, Margao Assembly Constituency (AC), graced the occasion as the resource person. She delivered an insightful session on the significance of voting in a democracy and the vital role young voters play in shaping the nation's future. She also elaborated in detail the functioning of the election process. The session was interactive and enjoyed by the participants.

Resource person appealed to the audience, particularly the young voters, to actively participate in the electoral process and fulfill their duties as responsible citizens.

As of the Schedule of Programme, Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal, welcomed the guest and the audience, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in fostering civic awareness.

Ms. Ana Rita Maria Paes elaborated on the importance of voter participation, the electoral process, and the power of a single vote in a democracy like India.

Mr. S.N. Inavalli, Nodal Officer, expressed gratitude to the guest speaker, faculty members, and students for their active participation.

The program was skillfully compered by Ms. Nonita Aguiar, a student of the 1st Year BA LLB program.

The Programme was successful with active participation of 1st Year BALLB students, who are newly enrolled and first-time voters.

**Two Day Advanced Certificate Course
on the Art of Interactive Presentation Skills**

2nd & 4th December 2024

The Moot Court and ADR Society of VVM's G R Kare College of Law Margao-Goa has organized a Two-Day Advanced Certificate Course on the Art of Interactive Presentation Skills on 2nd and 4th December 2024. The course commenced with the welcome address by the Officiating Principal Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, who introduced the Master Trainer Mr. Leslie Menezes to the in-house participants.

In Two-Day programme stretched from 09:00 am to 05:00pm, the resource person Mr. Leslie Menezes trained the participants with communication skills, elements of communication i.e., sender, medium and receiver. He also briefed the participants about inductive and deductive methods of presentation. Practical session on voice modulation were conducted through different activities. Various exercises were conducted to develop presentation skills, group activities were conducted wherein each student presented on a topic allotted and also role plays were conducted. Overall, the session was interactive and focused on student participation.

Mr. S. N. Inavalli, Faculty in-charge of Moot Court and ADR Society proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the training session and presented letter of appreciation to resource person. The course was supervised by S. N. Inavalli, Ms. Merville Rodrigues and Ms. Priyanka Parab members of Moot Court and ADR Society.



The Red Ribbon Club and the NSS Unit of VVM's G. R. Kare College Of Law, Margao-Goa, in association with the SDPO, Margao organized a awareness rally on Saturday, 14th December 2024, to commemorate the World Human Rights Day on the theme "Healthy Youth for a Healthy Sociey". The SDPO, Margao launched the "Good Samaratin Scheme" on the same day.

Mr. Sameer Gaonkar, PSI, Margao Town Police Station addressed the students and the Staff on the "Good Samaritan Scheme". He explained the entire Scheme and told the audience the benefits and the working of the scheme before the commencement of the Rally.

Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal addressed the Staff and students gathered for the rally, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding human life and human rights, setting an empowering tone for the Rally.

The rally was flagged off at 9:15 am by Mr. Tulshidas Naik, PI Margao Town Police Station. The rally centered around the theme "Equality, Reducing inequalities and advancing human rights", "Rights of the persons infected with HIV-Aids" "Healthy youth for Healthy tomorrow" and "Traffic Rules".

Around 145 dedicated Red Ribbon Club and NSS volunteers enthusiastically participated in the rally. The students were accompanied by Ms. Ruby Z. Luis, Asst. Professor and Convenor, Red Ribbon Club, Mr. Harshad Bhandodkar, Asst. Professor and NSS Programme Officer, Mr. Sapresh Suhas Devidas, Asst. Professor, Ms. Niharika Chari, Asst. Professor, Ms. Aditi A. Narvekar, Asst. Professor.

The rally commenced from the College to Margao Market and back. The Students made and displayed colorful placards and recited impactful slogans throughout the rally. This proactive engagement effectively disseminated awareness among the public.

The Margao Town Police played an important role in facilitating the smooth progression of the rally, ensuring minimal disruptions and optimal safety. The rally succeeded in amplifying awareness about human rights and traffic rules within the community, marking it as a resounding achievement in advocacy and education. The rally ended at around 11 am.



Department of Physical Education and Sports and NSS Unit of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law in Association with Indian Red Cross Society, Salcete Branch organised Blood Donation Camp on 16th December 2024 in the Activity Hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There were 27 donors and more than 30 volunteers involved in the camp. The donors were given refreshments after blood donation. After the completion of the event the college was awarded Certificate of Appreciation by the Indian Red Cross Society and Goa Medical College. The event was coordinated by Dr. Manoj Hede Director of Physical Education and Sports, GRKCL and Assistant Professor in Law NSS Programme Officer GRKCL Harshad Bandodkar.



The Students' Council and Cultural Committee of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, successfully organized a grand Christmas celebration on the 21st of December 2024. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes and the committee in charge, Ms. Rozena Correia, the program featured a variety of competitions and activities that encapsulated the festive spirit of Christmas.

The day included a Carol Singing Competition, Star-Making Competition, Sweet-Making Competition, Cosplay Competition, Classroom Decoration Competition, and the grand finale, the Open Dance Floor and Christmas Ball Extravaganza. Each activity saw active participation from students across all years, bringing the college community together in joyful camaraderie.

The Carol Singing Competition, held at 11:00 a.m. in GD Hall and participants performed carols in English or Konkani, accompanied by karaoke, musical instruments, or a cappella. Performances were judged on vocal quality, harmony, synchronization, creativity, and presentation. The event was coordinated by Ms. Rozena Correia and Ms. Schirl Carvalho. The winners were: 1st Place – 2nd year B.A.L.L.B. , 2nd Place – 1st year B.A.L.L.B. , and 3rd Place – 1st year L.L.B (Degree).

The Star-Making Competition, held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the classrooms, encouraged students to craft eco-friendly stars using materials like paper, bamboo, fabric, and leaves. The program was coordinated by Ms. Niharika Chari and Mr. Sidharth Shirodkar, the competition saw outstanding designs. The winners were: 1st Place – 2nd year B.A.L.L.B. :Johan Rodrigues, Rosval Rodrigues, Fabian, Juwella, 2nd Place – 4th year B.A.L.L.B. : Anitha Bandi, Ghulam Ansari, Ronal Fernandes , and 3rd Place – 3rd L.L.B. : Anmol Fernandes, Preeti Papishetty, Rajvi Naik and Menxica Costa.

The Sweet-Making Competition took place at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Hall, guided by Ms. Sonali Naik and coordinated by Ms. Tamanna Prajith and Mr. Ethan Louie Lopes. Each dish was evaluated on recipe submission, hygiene, flavor consistency, creativity, relevance to the Christmas theme, taste, texture, and overall appeal by judges Ms. Mervil Rodrigues and Ms. Maria Goretea Cardozo. The winners were: 1st Place – Lucrencia Gomes (2nd year BALLB), 2nd Place – Mishma Martins (3rd year BALLB), and 3rd Place – Anaida Dais (2nd year LLB).

The Cosplay Competition was held at 11:30 a.m. in the Auditorium, under the supervision of Ms. Yamini Dalvi and Mr. Shane Rebello. Participants dressed as characters from Christmas classics or Nativity scenes and delivered a two-minute speech in character. The competition was judged on creativity, costume design, character portrayal, and speech delivery. The winners were: 1st Place – Saish Gurav from 1st year L.L.B (Degree). , 2nd Place – Sujata Poste from 3rd year L.L.B(Degree), and 3rd Place – Anushka Shinde from 1st year B.A.L.L.B.

The Classroom Decoration Competition, coordinated by respective class mentors and class representatives, involved students transforming their classrooms into festive spaces using eco-friendly materials. Judging took place a day before the celebrations, and decorations were evaluated based on creativity, use of sustainable materials, thematic consistency, and overall impact. The winning classes were: 1st Place – 3rd year L.L.B. , 2nd Place – 1st year B.A.L.L.B. and 3rd Place – 4th year B.A.L.L.B.

The day concluded with the Open Dance Floor and Christmas Ball Extravaganza at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Students danced to lively beats and celebrated the festive spirit in a joyous atmosphere, bringing the celebrations to a memorable end.

The Christmas program was a resounding success, with every event reflecting the creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication of the participants. The efforts of the organizing committee, student coordinators, and faculty were evident in the seamless execution of the day's activities. All participants and winners deserve immense appreciation for their hard work and contributions, which made the celebrations an unforgettable experience. The program fostered a sense of togetherness and festive joy, leaving lasting memories for the college community.

AWARDS



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law team comprising of Tanisi Kirtani, Lleyton Colaco, Sergei Baretto and Rajesh Gude was awarded the special award of Best Public Speaker at the 3rd ICC HK International Commercial Mediation Competition held at Hongkong in December 2024



Team representing VVM's G. R. Kare College of Law won 2nd Place at the One Act Play competition organized by Novi Survat at Ravindra Bhavan Margao.

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VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law won the Best Client Award for its team comprising of Tamanna Prajith, Ronal Fernandes and Shannon D'Souza at the 4th National ADR Fest "CONCORDAT 4.0" organized by Center for ADR IFIM Law School Bangalore.





Saisidhant Naik student of TY LLB Degree clinched Gold Medal at the Inter-Collegiate Powerlifting Championship organised by Goa University.



Annette Fernandes from FY.BALL.B secured Silver and Bronze medal for Goa State in 27th National Karate Championship held in Balewadi, Pune



Miss Lakshada Shirodkar a student of S.Y.B.A. L.L.B won Gold Medal at the Inter- Collegiate women's Powerlifting Championship 2024-2025.

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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