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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION



VVM's G.R.Kare College of Law, Margao was declared as "Top Outstanding Law Schools of Excellence" as well as "Top Law School in State of Goa" in GHRDC Law Schools survey 2025.



The Sports Governing Council of Vidya Vikas Mandal successfully organized its annual Achievers Awards Day on Friday, April 11, 2025. The event celebrated the achievements of young sporting talents from various institutions under the Vidya Vikas Mandal.

The awards ceremony commenced with a welcome address delivered by the First Vice President of Vidya Vikas Mandal, Adv. Pritam Morais. He extended a warm welcome to the attendees, emphasizing the importance of sports in holistic development and acknowledging the dedication of the young athletes. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was the decorated football player, Mr. Savio Madeira. He graced the occasion and felicitated a total of 210 students from various institutions under the Vidya Vikas Mandal for their outstanding achievements in sports. 9 students from VVM's G. R Kare College of Law were felicitated for excelling in various sports activities namely Miss. Preeti Papishetty (T.Y LLB Degree), Miss. Lakshada Shirodkar(S.Y.B.AL.L.B), Miss. Deepti Naik (S.Y L.L.B Degree), Miss. Annett Fernande(FYBALLB)s , Miss Meenaxi Chodankar(S.Y LLB Degree), Miss Nayana Bandary(S.Y. BAL.L.B), Mr. Saisidhant Naik and Mr.Akash Mardolkar(TYLLB Degree) Mehank Dharwadkar(FYLLB Degree).

The students then shared their experiences on how sports has transformed their lives. The institutions present at the event included Vidya Vikas Academy, Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law and Ramacrisna Mahadev Salgaocar Higher Secondary School. The awards recognized the hard work, dedication, and talent of the students across a range of sporting disciplines. The chief guests address by Mr. Savio Madeira further motivated the young achievers and underscored the importance of pursuing excellence in sports. The presence and encouragement of Mr. Vikram Verlekar, the Chairman of the Sports Governing Council, was also a significant aspect of the event. He was the driving force behind this initiative, and his vision to foster a strong sporting culture within the Vidya Vikas Mandal institutions was clearly evident. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Siddharth Phaldessai, Member of the Sports Governing Council and Sports Director of Vidya Vikas Mandal.

## ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

2nd April 2025



VVM's G. R. Kare College of Law celebrated its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The event was held on 2nd April 2025 in the GD auditorium, where students, faculty members, and distinguished guests gathered to honor academic excellence and outstanding achievements. The event commenced with a warm welcome by the President of VVM Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, who emphasized the importance of perseverance, dedication, and excellence in academics. General Secretary Mr Lleyto Colaco gave a brief report of the events of the academic year. This was followed by the Officiating Principal Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes giving a report wherein she gave a brief of institutions accomplishments, staff achievements and details of activities by clubs and cells.

The Chief Guest, Shri. Prasanna A. Acharya, IAS Director, Dept. of Information Technology, Electronics & Communication, Govt. of Goa, a prominent personality in the field of law, graced the occasion with his presence and delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging students to strive for excellence in their legal careers. The highlight of the ceremony was the distribution of prizes to top rankers across various academic years under the three programs. The students who secured the highest ranks in their respective semesters were awarded certificates, trophies, and scholarships as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

The following categories of awards were presented:

- ❑ Merit prizes BALLB, LLB and LLM
- ❑ Special Scholarships BALLB, LLB, LLM
- ❑ Best all round student of the year : BALLB, LLB, LLM
- ❑ Best student advocate of the year : LLB
- ❑ Most Outstanding Student of the Year in Cultural Activities
- ❑ Best sportsperson
- ❑ Principal's Discretionary Prize
- ❑ Best library user
- ❑ Best NSS volunteer
- ❑ Best student in community service

Vote of thanks was delivered by Ms Rozena Correia, Asst.Prof and Incharge Students' Council Cultural Committee. The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony served as a platform to encourage students to continue their pursuit of excellence and to celebrate the achievements of the bright minds of G. R. Kare College of Law. The event was a resounding success, leaving students motivated to reach greater heights in their academic and professional endeavors.



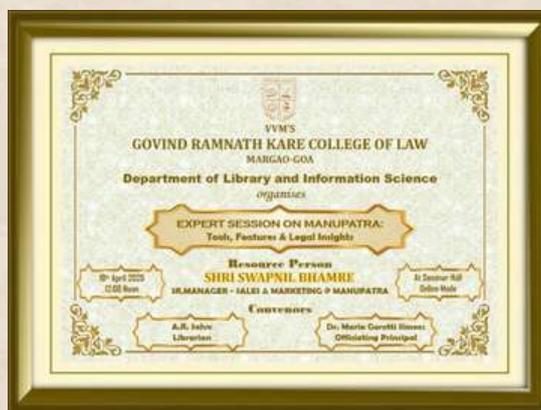
The Farewell for the passing out batch of students of the 5<sup>th</sup> BALLB, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LLB Degree and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year LLM Programme of 2024-2025 was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 in G.D.Auditorium, GRKCL, Margao-Goa. The programme was organized by the Student Council & Cultural Committee of GRKCL.

The event commenced at 10:30 a.m. in G.D. Auditorium. The Compere for the event was Tamanha Prajith, student of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year B.A.LL.B. Student. The student were welcomed warmly by Compere. The blessings of the divine were invoked through Prayer Service by Ms. Schirl Carvalho, Member, Students' Council & Cultural Committee along with other students.

Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao-Goa warmly welcomed the students with her encouraging words. The Students of the 5<sup>th</sup> BALLB,3<sup>rd</sup> Year LLB Degree and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year LLM Programme were presented a memento by the Officiating Principal with the respective Mentors as a token of remembrance. Mr. Harshad Bandodkar, the Mentor and Assistant Professor in Law, shared his experiences as the mentor of the Class. Ms. Sonia Shirodkar, the Coordinator of the LLM Programme shared her experience with LLM Students. Ms. Ruby Luis, Assistant Professor, expressed appreciation for her mentees and wished best of luck to them.

Students were served with refreshments at 11 a.m.

A fun filled cultural programme for the students of the 5<sup>th</sup> BALLB,3<sup>rd</sup> Year LLB Degree and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year LLM Programme was successfully organized. The event comprised the performances by the students of GRKCL. The students were also given spot prizes and prizes for the games. Along with the performances the students shared their memories and golden days of college. The whole event was enjoyable and received active participation from all the students, faculty and staff members.



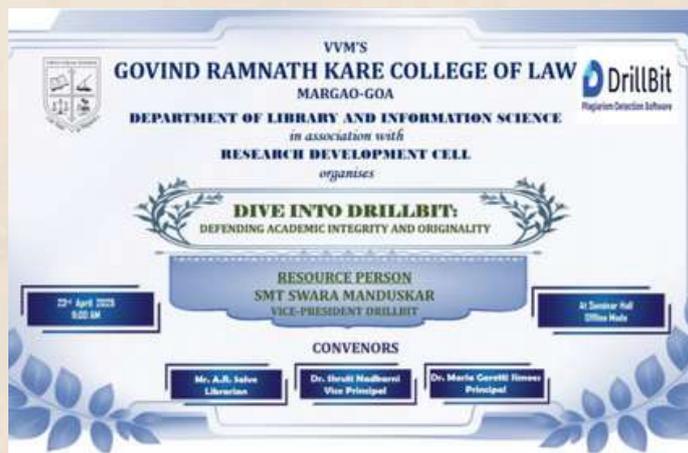
The Department of Library and Information Science of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, in its ongoing efforts to promote awareness and training on legal research tools, organized an expert session on 19th April 2025 in online mode at 12:00 noon. The session featured Shri Swapnil Bhamre, Senior Manager – Sales and Marketing at Manupatra, who conducted an in-depth orientation on the features and functionalities of the Manupatra legal database. Faculty members assembled in the college Seminar Hall to attend and interact with the expert virtually.

Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Head of the Department and Vice Principal, introduced the guest speaker and highlighted the significance of equipping faculty with updated legal research tools.

Mr. Bhamre provided a detailed overview of Manupatra, an advanced online legal research platform that offers a comprehensive repository of Indian and international judgments, statutes, and notifications. He explained how the platform leverages and future its more deeply oriented by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to deliver efficient and accurate search results. Key tools such as Case Map, Authority Check, Judge Analytics, Timeline, and Search Analytics were demonstrated to highlight the analytical capabilities of the platform.

Further, features like editorial enhancements, intuitive citation and subject-based search, mobile access, and legal compliance tools were discussed. The session also introduced online learning resources offered by Manupatra, aimed at enhancing professional legal skills.

Faculty members expressed enthusiasm and satisfaction with the platform's user-friendly interface and powerful research features. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks, marking a successful and insightful engagement on one of the leading legal databases used in academic and professional circles.



The Department of Library and Information Science, in association with the Research Development Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, conducted a demonstration session titled "Dive into DrillBit: Defending Academic Integrity and Originality" on 23rd April 2025. The programme, held in the Seminar Hall of the college in offline mode, aimed to make awareness amongst the faculty members to the features and benefits of DrillBit, a plagiarism detection software widely used in academic institutions to promote originality and uphold academic ethics.

The session was scheduled commenced at 12:00 noon. The event was attended by various faculty members who actively participated and engaged with the resource person. Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Head of the Department and Vice Principal, formally welcomed the gathering and introduced the resource person, Smt. Swara Manduskar, Associate Vice President at DrillBit.

During the session, Smt. Swara Manduskar provided a comprehensive demonstration of DrillBit, explaining its relevance in the academic context and how it helps institutions maintain originality in academic submissions and research work. The demonstration covered various features of the software, including its ability to scan a wide range of sources such as academic journals, books, and online content. The software's private repository function, support for multiple languages, and its AI detection capabilities were also explained in detail.

The resource person highlighted that DrillBit can detect manipulated text, including paraphrased content and hidden characters, and generates detailed plagiarism reports with source tracking. Faculty members were shown how the software supports various file formats such as PDF, DOC, DOCX, and TXT, and how it offers real-time plagiarism detection. Additionally, features such as seamless integration with other platforms, a user-friendly interface, cost-effective solutions, and API access were discussed, making the tool suitable for institutional use.

The session was informative and well-received by the attendees, who found the practical demonstration particularly useful. It successfully raised awareness about the importance of academic integrity and the value of using reliable tools to detect and prevent plagiarism. The Department of Library and Information Science and Research Development Cell expressed its appreciation to the resource person and all participants for contributing to the success of the programme.



V.V.M's G.R. Kare College of Law, under its flagship project SAKSHAM, organized the 2nd Conference on "Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Legal, Social and Economic Pathways to Inclusion" in association with the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Directorate of Higher Education, Department of Social Welfare, and Junior Chamber International (Vasco) on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2025.

The two-day conference commenced on 25th April 2025 with the lighting of the lamp by dignitaries, faculty members, and participants. Mr. Nitin Kunkolienkar, President of Vidya Vikas Mandal, delivered the welcome address, followed by Mr. Sapresh Devidas, Project Coordinator, who provided a brief overview of Project Saksham. A conference booklet detailing the initiatives under Project Saksham since 2022 was released.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa, addressed the gathering, highlighting the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and societal sensitisation efforts. The Chief Guest, Shri Subhash Phal Dessai, Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare, Government of Goa, spoke about various governmental initiatives towards creating a more inclusive society and institutions. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Akanksha Gehlaut, Co-convenor of the conference.

#### Day 1: Plenary Sessions

Two plenary sessions were held on the first day:

##### · First Plenary Session:

o Dr. Selvakumar Ramachandran, Tutor at Oxford University, discussed "*Disability Inclusion in ICT: An Evolution Through Opportunities, Education and Continued Learning*". He shared his personal journey and stressed the role of social security and institutional support.

o Mr. Prakash Kamat, Senior Journalist, spoke on "*Role of Media in Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities*", urging responsible use of media for advocacy and awareness.

· Second Plenary Session:

o Dr. Sonal Sardessai, Assistant Professor at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, spoke on “Rights of Disabled Persons: Judicial Pronouncements”, explaining landmark judgments in an accessible manner.

o Mr. Raghu D, CEO of Kaiteki Innovations, addressed “From Survival to Self-Reliance: Reframing Skilling for Persons with Disabilities”, stressing the need for disability-centric skill development programs.

o Ms. Sylvia Adriana, Mental Health Disability Rights Advocate, spoke on “Challenges in Access to Education for Persons with Disabilities”, highlighting the importance of mental health and inclusive educational environments.

Day 2: Plenary and Technical Sessions

The third plenary session was held on 26th April 2025, featuring:

· Ms. Percey Cordozo, Educationalist, who spoke on “Role of Families, Communities, and NGOs in Disability Inclusion”, emphasising family acceptance.

· Mr. Danish Mahajan, CEO of Radio Udaan, presented on “Disability Awareness and Social Perception”, underlining the need for societal acceptance and sensitivity.

· Ms. Beatriz Bastiao, Diversity Inclusion Officer, ILO, Geneva, addressed “Employment and Workplace Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities”, focusing on inclusive employment practices.

Following this, a technical session featured research paper presentations in hybrid mode (online and offline):

· Ms. Gina Korgaonkar (Narayan Zantye College, Bicholim) - “Sexual Education for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: An Unmet Need in India”

· Ms. Kalyani Bapat (Dr. Ambedkar College, Nagpur) - “Disability, Discrimination and Digital Access: Evaluating Website Accessibility through Article 15 and the RPWD Act, 2016”

· Mr. V. Leela Krishna (NLIU, Bhopal) & Ms. Keya Sarkar (Siddhartha Academy, Karnataka) - “Data Protection Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Comparative Analysis of Indian and European Legal Framework”

· Ms. Minal Naik (G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao) - “Ensuring Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in Criminal Justice: A Critical Study of Court Premises in South Goa”

· Ms. Rofi Khan (University of Jammu) - “Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Jammu & Kashmir: Challenges and Opportunities”

· Ms. Roshni Pandey (Oriental University, Indore) and Ms. Shubhangi Pandey (Sage University, Indore) - “Understanding the Implementation of Global Inclusive Education in India: Political and Legal Analysis”

· Ms. Soumika Aich Roy (Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata) - “Evaluating the Social Security Schemes for Persons with Disabilities: A Legal and Policy Perspective”

· Ms. Ruta Kenkare (SES's Sridora Caculo College, Mapusa) - “It Takes a Village: The Role of Families, Communities, and NGOs in Empowering Persons with Disabilities”

The technical session was efficiently moderated by Dr. Sonal Sardessai, who provided constructive feedback to the presenters.

### Valedictory Session

The valedictory session began with an address by Mr. Pritam Moraes, First Vice President, Vidya Vikas Mandal, who appreciated the team's efforts and encouraged further expansion of Project Saksham.

The Chief Guest, Shri Ajit Panchwadkar, Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Goa, highlighted the importance of such initiatives in fostering societal change.

The conference concluded with the distribution of certificates and a photo session.

The event witnessed the participation of 78 participants and 8 paper presenters, marking another successful step towards creating a more inclusive society through dialogue, advocacy, and action.





The workshop on ICT enabled tools was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 1:30 pm for the teaching faculty of the Institution. The workshop was an Internal Quality Assurance Committee Initiative. The resource person was Ms. Nikita Afonso, Head of Department, Computer Science, Vidya Vikas Academy.

The resource person covered a comprehensive session on the following ICT tools with a hands-on approach to learning.

- a. Google Classroom
- b. Quizziz
- c. Kahoot
- d. Mentimeter
- e. Lucidchart

Overall the Workshop was enriching and educational. The faculty was urged to use the tools to aid in teaching learning process.



The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony between the Rotary Club of Margao Midtown and Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law (GRKCL), Margao, was held on 30th April 2025 at 12:00 noon in the Smart Classroom of the college.

The Rotary Club of Margao Midtown was represented by Dr. Maria Saldanha, President, and Mrs. Harriet Fernandes, member of the Club. Representing GRKCL were Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal, and Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Vice Principal. The event was graced by the presence of all faculty members of the college.

The programme was compered by Ms. Yamini Dalvi, Assistant Professor in Law. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome address by the Officiating Principal, Dr. Simoes. A presentation was then showcased, highlighting the MoU activities and achievements spanning from year 2022 to 2025.

Dr. Maria Saldanha, in her address, expressed sincere gratitude towards the college for its active collaboration and contribution in fulfilling the objectives of the MoU. Following this, the MoU was formally signed and the documents were exchanged, reaffirming the commitment of both institutions to continue working together for the betterment of society.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mrs. Niharika N. Chari, Assistant Professor in Law.



VVM's G R Kare College of Law, Margao in association with its MoU partner ARZ organised a Jan Samwad session on 2 nd May 2025, at 10.30 at Arz , Vasco Goa. Ms Juliana Lohar Deputy Director of Arz NGO along with Advocate Tammana Khatoon and other members were present for the session.

Asst Professor GRKCL, Ms Sonia Shirodkar and Asst Professor GRKCL Ms Yamini Dalvi, along with two students, Mr Steven Fernandes and Mr. Tanvesh Kalangutkar both students of F.Y LL.B Degree were present for the same from GRKCL.

The objective of this session was to discuss, plan and strategize a scheme of sessions that will be organised by the Faculty members and students of GRKCL for the inmates of Arz NGO and other victims and survivors of various types of sexual offences .

Ms. Juliana Lohar gave an idea of the working and functioning of the NGO and also the benefits made available to the victims by ARZ NGO.

Faculty members along with the students also explained the objective of Jan Samwad session and the instrumental role of the institution in providing redressal to the various grievances faced by general public.

The session ended with a final discussion of the organizing members from Jan Samwaad into various teams and mobilizing them with the objective of meeting the victims and creating awareness about the rights available to them and also suggesting remedies and the redressal mechanism as provided by law.

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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