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“Samvidhan Hatya Divas”

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The Government of Goa in association with VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa commemorated "Samvidhan Hatya Divas", on 25th June 2025, a significant day in India's history, in Ganesha Daivadnya Auditorium of Vidya Vikas Mandal's G. R. Kare College of Law, Margao. Shri. Bhushan Savoikar, Director, Directorate of Higher Education delivered the welcome address.

The Chief Guest of the programme was Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, who addressed the gathering with a powerful and thought-provoking speech. In his keynote address, he focused on the impact of the Emergency (1975-1977) on Indian democracy and constitutional governance. He stated that "Samvidhan Hatya Divas" is not just a day of remembrance, but a call to action - to protect the Constitution from any future threats.

Among the other dignitaries who were present at the gathering were Dr. V. Candavelou, ISA, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Goa, Shri. Digamber Kamat, the Honourable Member of the Legislative Assembly from the Margao Constituency. Shagun Velip, Director, Art and Culture, Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS Secretary, Art and Culture, Shri. Deepak Shirodkar, Chairperson, MMC and other eminent people were present for the event.

Students of VVM's GRKCL held a rally to commemorated "Samvidhan Hatya Divas".

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Nitin Kunkolienkar, President Vidya Vikas Mandal



VVM's G. R. Kare College of Law organized an orientation programme for the newly admitted FY BA.LL.B students on 16th June 2025 at 8:30 AM in the G. D. Auditorium. The session aimed to familiarize students with the academic structure, institutional values, and facilities available on campus.

Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of discipline, appropriate behaviour, and commitment to institutional values.

Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Vice Principal and Head of Department, guided the students through the academic framework, including the curriculum, attendance norms, and internal assessment patterns.

Asst. Prof. Ashmita Naik, class mentor, introduced the mentoring process followed by the institution.

Mr. Manoj Hede, Director of Physical Education and Sports, highlighted the sports facilities available on campus and motivated students to participate in intercollegiate sports events.

Mr. Anand Salve, Librarian, familiarized students with the functioning of the college library.

The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Asst. Prof. Ashmita Naik.



On the occasion of Goa Revolution Day, the Political Science Academium of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law organized a Masterclass on 18th June 2025 at 12:15 pm in the G. D. Auditorim, to commemorate this significant day in Goa's history. This was aimed to enlighten students about the historical and political significance of the Goa Liberation movement, with a special focus on the Goa Revolution Day of 18th June 1946—a pivotal moment that led the liberation struggle against Portuguese colonial rule.

The resource person for the masterclass was Mr. Noel Sevrilo Goes, Assistant Professor in History, Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem, Goa. He delivered a deeply engaging and informative lecture.

In his address, Mr. Noel Goes elaborated on the historical context leading up to the revolutionary movement of 18th June 1946, initiated by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and the local goan populace against the repressive Portuguese regime. He highlighted how this movement ignited the consciousness of political resistance in Goa and marked the beginning of an organized freedom struggle. The consequences of the movement were not immediate, but it laid the foundation for sustained efforts that eventually led to the liberation of Goa in 1961. He also drew attention to the role of common people, leaders, and local activists in the movement who are often left out of mainstream historical narratives.

The program began with a formal welcome by Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, the Officiating Principal of the college, who stressed the importance of revisiting such historical milestones to understand the roots of Goa's political evolution and identity. The Masterclass was compèred by Ms. Tamanna Prajith, a student of Third Year BA LL.B. The program was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Assistant Professor Ashmita Naik, In-charge of the Political Science Academium, who expressed gratitude to the resource person, the college and the participating students for their active involvement in making the event a success. The masterclass was attended by the students of First Year BA LL.B. and Third Year BA LL.B.



A two-day workshop on “Strengthening Institutional Mechanisms Combating Violence Against Women and Girls” was held on June 19–20, 2025, at Hotel Fidalgo, Panjim, Goa, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR), Kochi in collaboration with the Goa State Commission for Women (GSCW) and supported by the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai.

The workshop brought together stakeholders from government departments, legal services, academia, NGOs, and law enforcement to deliberate on institutional challenges and strategies to address violence against women and girls in Goa.

The workshop commenced with an inaugural ceremony on June 19, 2025. Dr. D. Dhanuraj, Chairman of CPPR, delivered the welcome address, followed by Smt. Ranjita Pai, Chairperson of the GSCW, who gave the introductory remarks.

The Chief Guest, Delilah Lobo, Member of the Goa Legislative Assembly from the Siolim Constituency, addressed the gathering and underscored the urgent need for collaborative efforts to strengthen institutional mechanisms. Ms. Ratna Mukherjee, Strategic Planning and Public Engagement Specialist from the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai, offered international perspectives on partnership and support.

A session on “Cyber Crimes Against Women and Girls – An India-U.S. Comparative Outlook”, delivered by P. Prakash, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Kerala Police. He highlighted the emerging threats in the digital space and the need for robust institutional responses.

The two days second session also constituted panel discussion on ‘Safe Goa. Strong Women: Co-Creating Policies for Violence Free Goa. The session was moderated by Adv. Siddhi Parodkar, Member of the GSCW. The panel included Justice Bharat P. Deshpande (Mumbai High Court), Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS (SP Crimes, Goa), Dr. Aldina Gomes (HOD, Department of Psychology, Carmel College), Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes (Officiating Principal, Kare College of Law), and Shri Arun Pandey (Director, ARZ).

The final session was conducted by Ms. Manisha Vance, who shared U.S. best practices in combating violence against women, focusing on prevention, legal advocacy, and community empowerment. The workshop concluded with concluding remarks by Dr. Dhanuraj, and a joint vote of thanks by representatives of CPPR and GSCW.

This workshop served as a vital platform to exchange ideas, experiences, and recommendations for strengthening the institutional mechanisms addressing violence against women and girls. It underscored the need for continuous engagement, reform, and cross-sector collaboration to make systemic change effective and sustainable.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Anu Maria Francis, Senior Associate, Research and Project Management, CPPR.



VVM' s G.R.Kare college of Law celebrated the International day of Yoga on 21 st June 2025 by organising yoga sessions for students and the employees.

A special session for the employees teaching and non- teaching staff of the college was organised on this day in the G.D Auditorium situated in the college premises at 11.30 am on the said day.

The yoga sessions was conducted by Mr. Manoj Hede, College Director of Physical Education and Sports with the assistance of Mr. Omkar Gaonkar, Physical Education instructor. The participants were made to perform Pranayam, and various Yogasanas. All the teaching, non- teaching and administrative staff attended the said Yoga session with great enthusiasm.

This year, three distinct sessions were conducted over two days.

Day 1 – 20th June 2025

The first session was led by Shri Suresh Kumar from Panjim. He highlighted the significance of yoga in enhancing physical and mental well-being. Emphasizing the need to adopt yoga at an early age, he encouraged students to practice it regularly for improved concentration and academic performance.

Day 2 – 21st June 2025

In collaboration with the Urban Health Centre, Margao, the college hosted two sessions. The first was conducted by Mr. Naidu from the Art of Living Foundation (Sri Sri Institute), who guided participants through various yoga practices with focus on breathwork and inner calm.

The second session was conducted by Dr. Manoj Hede and Mr. Omkar Gaonkar specifically for the teaching and non-teaching staff.

All sessions included practical demonstrations and ensured active participation of both students and staff, making the celebration meaningful and engaging.





On 25th June 2025, VVMs G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao Goa observed Samvidhan Hatya Diwas by hosting a deeply engaging and thought provoking lecture by Dr. M.R.K. Prasad, Professor of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar Goa and a respected voice in legal academia. The day marks the grim anniversary of the Emergency declared in India on 25th June 1975; often referred to as one of the darkest chapters in our democratic history. Dr. Prasad's talk, titled "Understanding the Emergency", offered students not only historical context but also a strong reminder of the importance of constitutional awareness and democratic responsibility. Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, HOD and Assistant Professor, G. R. Kare College of Law warmly welcomed Dr. M.R.K. Prasad and expressed her gratitude for his presence on the occasion of Samvidhan Hatya Diwas.

Dr. Prasad began by setting the scene India in the 1970s. He explained the growing unrest in the country at the time, public dissatisfaction, protests, and the famous court case that found Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty of election malpractice. This, he said, led to the declaration of Emergency under Article 352 of the Constitution, citing "internal disturbance" as the reason. Dr. Prasad described that there was a complete breakdown of democracy, mass arrests, press censorship, suppression of protests, and the suspension of basic freedoms given under the Constitution.

Dr. Prasad explained the constitutional framework around Emergency in detail highlighting three types of Emergency provided under the Constitution; National Emergency (Article 352), State Emergency (Article 356), and Financial Emergency (Article 360) but focused mainly on Article 352, since it was used in 1975. He spoke about how even today, democracy can be weakened; not through a formal Emergency, but through growing intolerance, silence of institutions, and misuse of laws.

The session ended with a vibrant round of questions from students. Many were curious about how the Constitution balances power and freedom, and how Emergency laws compare today. Dr. Prasad welcomed every question and answered with thoughtfulness and humility.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Harshad Bandodkar, Assistant Professor at VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law. As a token of appreciation, Dr. Shruti Nadkarni presented a memento to Dr. Prasad, acknowledging his valuable contribution to the event. The audience applauded warmly, appreciating the importance of remembering such events and understanding what they teach us about protecting our democracy.

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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