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ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES ON JUSTICE H.R. KHANNA

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In commemoration of the 113th Birth Anniversary of one of India's most revered jurists, Justice Hans Raj Khanna, the Goa High Court Bar Association organized the Annual Memorial Lecture Series on 3rd July, 2025 at the prestigious Conference Hall of the Bombay High Court, Goa Bench at Porvorim.

The solemn occasion was graced by eminent dignitaries from the legal and constitutional realm. It was attended by a selected group of around 25 law students from G R Kare College of Law, who were fortunate to witness a rare intellectual gathering of legal stalwarts.

The event began with Senior Advocate Mr. Shivan Desai, opening the proceedings with eloquence and purpose. In his introductory remarks, he paid tribute to Retired Justice Mr. Abhay Oka, calling him a judge cast in the same mould as legendary jurists like Justices Krishna Iyer and P.N. Bhagwati.

The proceedings formally began with a welcome address by Sr. Adv. J.E. Coelho Pereira, who paid homage to the indomitable spirit of Justice H.R. Khanna. He recalled the legendary dissent in *ADM Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla*, where Justice Khanna stood as the lone voice defending civil liberties at a time when the majority compromised constitutional values. Adv. Pereira lauded Justice Abhay Oka as an ideological heir to Justice Khanna's legacy—bold, independent, and driven by constitutional morality.

The next speaker, Justice Bharati Dangre, delivered a stirring tribute drawn from Justice Khanna's autobiography "*Neither Roses Nor Thrones*". She emphasized his belief that "justice must not only be done but must manifestly be seen to be done." With poise and passion, she offered the students a roadmap of courage, integrity, and idealism through the life of Justice Khanna, encouraging them to internalize these values in their future as legal professionals.

Advocate General Devidas Pangam followed with a powerful reminder to the legal fraternity about its reciprocal role in maintaining the dignity of the judiciary. He underlined the importance of restraint, discipline, and dignity in legal practice, holding up Justice Khanna as the eternal role model for the Bar and the Bench alike.

The Governor's address was both historical and philosophical. He vehemently condemned the Emergency era as a dark blot on India's democratic fabric and highlighted how Justice Khanna's dissent upheld the spirit of the Constitution. He also reflected on how India's constitutional endurance has outlasted many others in the region, despite criticisms from scholars like Ivor Jennings.

The Governor emphasized that education is the bedrock of democracy, stating that informed citizens are vital to the survival of constitutionalism, especially in an era of "information autocracy."

The most awaited part of the event—the Keynote Address by Retired Justice Abhay Oka—was nothing short of captivating. With measured eloquence, Justice Oka paid homage to judges of integrity who never reached the Supreme Court. He narrated the behind-the-scenes political drama surrounding the Keshavananda Bharati review bench of 1975. Justice Oka poignantly revisited Justice Khanna's dissent in *ADM Jabalpur*, quoting paragraph 530 wherein Khanna asserted that life and liberty are inherent rights, not derived from Article 21 alone, and cannot be extinguished even if Article 21 were absent. He referred to Henry Maine's concept of civilization, which draws the line between anarchy and a lawful society.

The session ended with a strong sense of purpose and inspiration among the attendees, particularly the students, who witnessed the timeless relevance of Justice Khanna's principles in today's democratic landscape.



The Faculty Induction Program for the academic year 2025–2026 was conducted on 5th July 2025 at 1:00 pm. The program was organized with the purpose of welcoming the newly appointed faculty members and introducing them to the institutional systems, expectations, and responsibilities.

The newly inducted faculty members included Assistant Professors Mr. Leander Fernandes, Ms. Ciana Fernandes, Ms. Sonia Gomes, Ms. Ameya Nayak, Ms. Aditi Narvenkar, Ms. Lariza Gomes, and Ms. Jival Fernandes.

The program was formally addressed by Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, the Officiating Principal, who spoke in detail about the vision and mission of the institution. She elaborated on the organizational structure, management hierarchy, and institutional rules and regulations. A thorough explanation of the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) was provided, including its internal evaluation methods, mark components, and continuous assessment strategies. She also emphasized the importance of remedial classes, timely submission of lesson plans and weekly schedules, and encouraged faculty to follow the proposal process through the proper channel for administrative approvals.

Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Vice Principal and Head of Department, addressed the importance of punctuality, discipline, and adherence to college timings. She further highlighted how the management supports regular training programs for faculty development. Additionally, she discussed the importance of research and publication of research papers, explaining the escalation policy for resolving academic and administrative concerns.

Asst. Prof. Harshad Bhandodkar, the IQAC Coordinator, provided an overview of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), its objectives, and its role in academic enhancement. He emphasized how each faculty member plays a crucial role in maintaining and improving the quality standards of the institution through active participation in academic planning, documentation, feedback mechanisms, and innovations in teaching and learning. The program was also attended by Asst. Prof. Ashmita Naik, Staff Secretary, and Asst. Prof. Ruby Luis, LL.B. Degree Coordinator.



VVM's G R Kare College of Law successfully conducted the elections for Class Representatives and the General Secretary for the academic year 2025-26 in a systematic and transparent manner, following a well-structured electoral process.

- **Nomination and Scrutiny Process**

The election process began with the invitation of nominations from students interested in contesting for the posts of Class Representative and General Secretary. Separate nomination and scrutiny processes were carried out for each post. Nomination forms were made available to all eligible students, and upon submission, they were thoroughly reviewed by the Student Council Committee to ensure they met the required eligibility criteria. After scrutiny, final lists of eligible candidates for both posts were displayed on the college notice board.

- **Campaigning**

Following the display of the final list of eligible candidates, campaigning for the Class Representative elections took place first. Candidates actively interacted with their classmates through posters, class-to-class visits, and brief speeches to share their vision and ideas. The campaigning was conducted in a disciplined and engaging manner, culminating in the elections held on 8th July 2025.

After the conclusion of the Class Representative elections, campaigning for the post of General Secretary began. Candidates reached out to students from all classes, presenting their agendas and plans for student welfare and college activities. This phase of campaigning maintained the same spirit of healthy competition and student participation, leading up to the General Secretary elections held on 12th July 2025.

- Election of Class Representatives: 8th July 2025
- On 9th July, elections for Class Representatives were conducted as per the announced schedule for three classes, while the remaining classes had unopposed candidates who were declared elected. Each class conducted its own voting process under the supervision of the respective class mentor and an additional faculty member to ensure impartiality. Students exercised their voting rights through a ballot system. Immediately after voting, ballot counting was carried out in the respective classrooms in the presence of the candidates, class mentors, and students, maintaining full transparency. At the end of the process, results were declared class-wise, and the names of the newly elected Class Representatives were officially announced.

- Election of General Secretary: 12th July 2025

Voting for the post of General Secretary took place between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., during which students from all classes cast their votes through a secret ballot in their respective classroom. The collected ballot boxes were brought to a designated classroom for centralized counting. The counting process was conducted in the presence of the Officiating Principal, faculty members, and the contesting candidates and students to ensure fairness and integrity.

- Formation of Students' Council: 15th July 2025

On 15th July, the formal formation of the Students' Council for the academic year 2025 - 26 took place. During the meeting, various portfolios and responsibilities were allotted to council members based on their interests and capabilities. Additionally, Gender Champions were nominated as part of the council structure to promote gender sensitivity and inclusion on campus. All council members and Gender Champions signed declaration forms confirming their acceptance of the assigned roles.

Mr. Vrushank Gaonkar student of 4th year BALLB secured the highest number of votes and was declared the elected General Secretary. Both candidates signed the official declaration forms in the presence of the Students' Council Faculty In-charge thereby formalizing the result.



VVM's G R Kare College of Law through the Department of Library and Information Science, in collaboration with the Research and Development Cell, organized a special knowledge-sharing programme titled "Harnessing Digilegal: Empowering Academics, Research & Legal Practice" on Tuesday, 8th July 2025 at 1:00 PM in the college Seminar Hall.

The event featured Mr. Abhishek Yadav, Partner and Vice President at Digilegal, a leading innovator in legal technology and digital legal databases. The programme began with a brief welcome and introduction by the Officiating Principal, Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, who highlighted the importance of digital tools in advancing legal education and research.

Mr. Yadav conducted a live demonstration of Digilegal, a comprehensive online legal database, using the Interactive TV Panel. He explained its unique features, user-friendly interface, and practical relevance to both academic and professional legal research. He also shared insights into the revival of the *Goa Law Times* in a digital edition and its integration into the Digilegal platform, providing participants access to valuable Goan legal content in a modern, searchable format.

A noteworthy contribution was his offering of free access to Digilegal for the final-year students of B.A.LL.B. and LL.B., enabling them to explore legal databases and case law tools independently, aiding their dissertations, internships, and preparations for competitive exams.

The session saw enthusiastic participation, primarily from final-year students of the B.A.LL.B. and LL.B. degree programmes, who appreciated the interactive format and practical insights shared by the speaker. The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to Mr. Abhishek Yadav for his enriching session and generous access to the Digilegal platform. And supporting team including students for the successful execution of the event.



The NSS Unit in association with Environmental Law Club and Biodiversity Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law celebrated "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" Campaign 2.0 on 9th July 2025 by organizing a plantation drive in the college premises in honoring the role of mothers in nurturing life and contributing to the health of the planet. Trees are life-sustaining, and just like a mother, they provide sustenance, protection, and a future for the next generation.

The NSS Volunteers along with Faculty Members of the college planted saplings of flowering, medicinal and fruit bearing plants in college premises. Some of the saplings were distributed to the Volunteers for planting in their premises. The event was coordinated by Mr. Harshad Bandodkar, NSS Programme Officer along with other faculty member of the NSS Unit with the assistance of Dr. Shruti NADkarni, HoD and Vice Principal of the College.

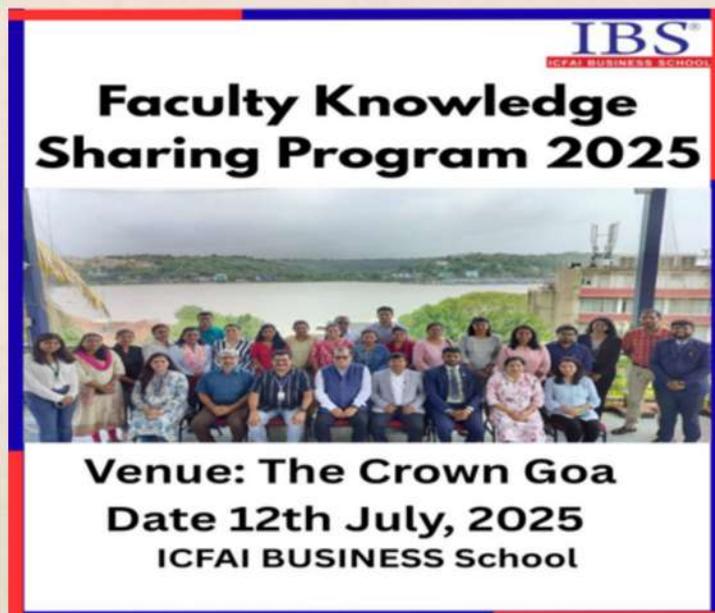


NSS Unit in association with Environmental Law Club and Bio-Diversity cell of VVM'S G. R. Kare College of law organized a Master class on 9th July 2025 on Ecological diversity on the topic of "Butterflies of Goa" this was a initiative under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign' 2.0 with Mangurish Dhadwadkar, Nodal Officer, Outreach Programme, Wildlife and Eco-tourism South Goa, Forest Dept of Goa.

The resource person delivered a comprehensive session on Butterflies of Goa, giving student's insight into the world of butterflies and its ecological significance. Students were acquainted about diversity in butterfly species and the compelling difference between butterflies and moths.

The session also educated students about anatomy of butterfly and its life cycle, it also familiarized the students about the connotation of presence of butterflies in a particular area and how butterfly facilitates scientists in understanding climate change and quality of our environment. The resource person also intrigued students by information them about intricate wing patterns of this insect and its close association with the flowers. At the end of the session Resource person gave the college a copy of book on Butterflies.

The Master Class was attended by F.Y.B.A.LL.B students, the welcome was give by Vice-Principle and HoD Dr, Shruti Nadkarni, Resource person was introduced by Asst. Prof. Harshad Bandodkar and the vote of thanks by Vice-Principle and HoD Dr, Shruti Nadkarni.



A Faculty Knowledge Sharing Programme was successfully conducted on 12th July 2025 at The Crown, Panjim, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The event was organised by ICFAI Business School, Goa, with the objective of fostering academic collaboration and exchanging pedagogical insights among faculty members from various institutions across Goa.

The programme featured a series of interactive sessions, insightful presentations, and discussions focusing on contemporary teaching methodologies, case-based learning approaches, and the integration of technology in higher education.

The event was attended by Mr. Manoj Hede and Assistant Professor Yamini J. Dalvi, who actively participated in the knowledge-sharing sessions and contributed meaningfully to the discussions.

Resource person for the said programme was Prof. Surjyabrat Buragohain (Associate Dean & Dy. PCO). The programme was divided into two sessions. First half was led-by the resource person wherein he elaborated on the need for innovation and skill development; gave live examples and some interactive activities for the members.

In the second half there were more of group discussions and opportunity evaluation based on idea generation and knowledge sharing.

The initiative was well-received and appreciated for providing a collaborative platform for educators to network, reflect, and learn from one another, with a collective aim of enhancing the quality of education delivery. The organizers were commended for their efforts in curating a productive and well-structured programme.



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South Goa, Directorate of health services & Anti-Narcotics Cell Panjim conducted a Legal Awareness Programme under the NALSA (DAWN – Drug Awareness and Wellness Navigation) Scheme 2025 on 14th July 2025 at Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law. The event was attended by 120 participants, including law students and faculty members. The resource persons included the Secretary of DLSA South Goa, PSI from the Anti-Narcotics Cell, Panjim, and Dr. Sneha Pokle, from Directorate of health services.

The objective of the programme was to raise awareness about drug abuse, its legal implications, and psychological effects. The session began with a welcome address by the Vice Principal Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, followed by a formal inauguration with the distribution of potted plants to dignitaries. The Secretary of DLSA introduced the authority's role and gave an overview of the NALSA (DAWN) Scheme. PSI Dindayal Redkar then addressed the audience on the rising trends of drug abuse across different sections of society, its causes, types, effects, and legal consequences under the NDPS Act, citing real-life case studies.

Dr. Sneha Pokle highlighted the psychological impact of substance abuse and introduced students to the mental health support available through the Tele MANAS initiative at South Goa District Hospital. Informational pamphlets from Tele MANAS and DLSA were distributed to all participants.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and appreciation for the engaging and informative sessions by Asst. professor Harshad Bandodkar. The programme effectively combined legal, medical, and psychological perspectives on drug abuse, making it a holistic and meaningful awareness initiative for future legal professionals.



The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in the month of June & July 2025 following are list of programmes conducted:

Legal Awareness Programme on World Day Against Child Labour

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of the Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South Goa, in commemoration of World Day Against Child Labour on 12th June, 2025 at Shri Vinayak Gopal Shenvi High School Aquem -Navelim, Salcete, Goa. The objective was to spread awareness among students about child labour and relevant laws. The resource speakers for the program were Mr. Vedhant Pawar, Miss Divyata Shetkar, and Miss Sharva Gauns. The session highlighted the laws against child labour, supported by real-life case examples and punishments. A Power Point Presentation was used to simplify legal concepts for better understanding. An interactive question and answer session was taken up for students of Standard VII, in order to encourage participation and discussion. The event concluded on an insightful note, fulfilling its aim of educating young students on child rights and legal protections.

Awareness Programme at Government High School, Davorlim.

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of the Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South Goa on the NALSA (DAWN) Scheme 2025, on 26th June 2025 at Government High School, Davorlim. The program was attended by 110 students from Classes V to X. The primary objective of the programme was to spread awareness on drug abuse among school children and encourage early prevention through legal and social understanding. The session included detailed discussions on what constitutes drug abuse, types of commonly misused drugs, early warning signs (both physical and behavioral), and preventive measures to adopt.

The programme concluded with an interactive question and answer session. The queries of the students were resolved by the resource persons. The students were given an opportunity to share their opinions. The session successfully met its intended aim of educating young minds on drug-related issues and strengthening their awareness of legal safeguards.

Awareness Programme at Adarsh V.V. High School, Pajifond, Margao.

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of the Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South Goa on the NALSA (DAWN) Scheme, on 27th June 2025 at Adarsh V.V. High School, Pajifond. The program was attended by 110 students of Classes IX and X. The programme aimed at spreading awareness on drug abuse among school children and with the view of encouraging early prevention through legal and social understanding. The session included detailed discussions on what constitutes drug abuse, types of commonly misused drugs, early warning signs both physical and behavioral, and preventive measures to adopt.

The objectives and role of the NALSA (DAWN) scheme were also clearly explained. A Power Point Presentation was made to engage the attention of students and to make it more interesting. The presentation highlighted the harmful effects of drugs and the legal consequences under relevant laws. The programme concluded with an interactive question and answer session.



Awareness Programme at Railway Station, Madgao.

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of the Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme at Madgaon Railway station in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South Goa, on the 11th July 2025 at Madgaon Railway Station as a part of the Nyaya Yatra.

A street play on the theme "Women's Rights and Safety" was performed by the students of Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law. The initiative aimed to spread awareness among the general public, especially women commuters, local vendors, and railway staff about the legal protections available to women and the importance of speaking up against violence and discrimination. The objective of the street play was to educate citizens on key issues such as domestic violence, sexual harassment, acid attacks, workplace safety, and the right to seek legal aid. Through powerful dialogues and dramatization, the students portrayed real-life scenarios faced by women. The street play was well-received, drawing the attention of passers-by and sparking positive interaction. It served as an effective tool of legal outreach.

NALSA (DAWN) Scheme 2025

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of the Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme at their very own institution in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), and Directorate of Health Services & Anti-Narcotics Cell, Panjim under the NALSA DAWN – Drug Awareness and Wellness Navigation Scheme 2025 on 14th July, 2025. The event was attended by 120 participants, including law students and faculty members. The resource persons included the Secretary of DLSA South Goa, PSI from the Anti-Narcotics Cell, Panjim, and Dr. Sneha Pokle, from Directorate of Health Services.

The objective of the programme was to raise awareness about drug abuse, its legal implications, and psychological effects. PSI Dindayal Redkar then addressed the audience on the rising trends of drug abuse across different sections of society, its causes, types, effects, and legal consequences under the NDPS Act, citing real-life case studies. Dr. Sneha Pokle highlighted the psychological impact of substance abuse and introduced students to the mental health support available through the Tele MANAS initiative at South Goa District Hospital. Informational pamphlets from Tele MANAS and DLSA were distributed to all participants.



Awareness Programme at Mallikarjun Higher Secondary School, Nagorcem, Canacona.

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic of the Govind Ramnath Kare College organized an awareness programme in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), South Goa on NALSA (DAWN – Drug Awareness and Wellness Navigation) Scheme 2025 on 19th July 2025 at Mallikarjun Higher Secondary School, Nagorcem, Canacona, Goa. Seventy students of Classes XI and XII participated. The session was led by Members of Mobile Legal Aid Clinic and Para Legal Volunteers, with PSI Vishal Velip of Canacona Police Station contributing a specialized segment on the NDPS Act.

The Members of Mobile Legal Aid Clinic and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) programme aimed to sensitize adolescents to the dangers of drug abuse and inform them of legal remedies and support services. The objectives, role, and outreach strategy of the NALSA DAWN Scheme were highlighted through a concise Power Point Presentation. PSI Vishal Velip concluded with current trends in illicit substances, real-life case examples, and penalties under the NDPS Act.

The interactive Question & Answers that followed demonstrated the engagement of the students. The programme successfully raised awareness, empowered young adults with actionable knowledge, and reinforced the critical role of legal authorities in combating drug abuse.





VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, in collaboration with the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa, and The Association of People with Disability (APD), Bangalore), successfully organized a Sugamya Yatra Training Programme as part of its institutional initiative Project Saksham and the Disability Cell on 16th July 2025.

The training aimed to sensitize students on issues faced by persons with disabilities and to equip them with practical skills to conduct real-time accessibility audits using the Sugamya Yatra App – a tool developed to promote barrier-free infrastructure across India. Over 100 law students enthusiastically participated in the programme, which included a powerful LENS (Learn Empathy Not Sympathy) session conducted by Mr. Archit Majumdar, Coordinator for Accessibility & Inclusion at APD, Bangalore.

A live tutorial and interactive Q&A session on the Sugamya Yatra App was facilitated by Mr. N. Srinivasan, Lead for Volunteer Mobilisation, followed by a hands-on accessibility audit drive in surrounding public spaces. The event was coordinated on-ground by Mr. Mahadev Sawant, Advisory Member of the State Commissioner's Office. Key representatives including Ms. Jamila Haaziq and Mr. Vishant Nagvekar from the Office of the State Commissioner were also present and interacted with the students.

Organizing Team consist of:

- Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes (Officiating Principal)
- Sapresh Devidas (Convenor)
- Akanksha Gehlaut (Co-Convenor)

The primary objective of the training was to sensitize and train students in conducting accessibility audits of public infrastructure using the Sugamya Yatra App. The session aimed to foster empathy over sympathy, raise awareness about accessibility challenges, and encourage student participation in building an inclusive society through active engagement and digital reporting.

Collaborators and Associating Partners

- Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Goa
- Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa
- The Association of People with Disability (APD), Bangalore
- Project Saksham & Disability Cell, GR Kare College of Law

The Sugamya Yatra training programme marks a successful collaboration between academic institutions, government bodies, and civil society organizations. It served as a platform for experiential learning, civic responsibility, and technological empowerment. The initiative reflects the college's ongoing commitment under Project Saksham to ensure legal awareness, inclusivity, and policy-driven transformation for persons with disabilities.





The inaugural ceremony of the Students' Council and Cultural Committee of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law for the academic year 2025-26 was held with great enthusiasm on Thursday i.e. 18th July 2025 at the Ganesh Daivajna Auditorium of the College. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Shri Siddhant Shirodkar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Margao, and in the distinguished presence of Mr. Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Vidya Vikas Mandal, and Chairman of the Governing Council.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome by the compère, Ms. Tamanna Prajith, student of the B.A.LL.B. programme. This was followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, symbolising the light of knowledge and wisdom. Mr. Nitin Kunkolienker welcomed the gathering and extended his best wishes to the newly constituted Council and Committee. The management and the Student Council must work together, as the college is student-centric, to achieve legal proficiency, become a strong legal content provider, and take the institution to the next level.

Ms. Yamini J. Dalvi, Assistant Professor and Faculty Member of the Students' Council and Cultural Committee, introduced the members of the newly formed Students' Council and the Gender Champions. This was followed by the administration of the oath by Ms. Sonali Naik, Assistant Professor, who led the newly elected council members in pledging their commitment to serve with dedication and integrity.

Mr. Vrushank Gaonkar, the newly elected General Secretary, outlined the list of programmes and activities planned for the academic year 2025-26, reflecting a balanced emphasis on academics, cultural engagement, and social responsibility. Dr. Goretti Simoes e Morais, Officiating Principal, formally introduced the Chief Guest and congratulated the newly elected members for taking up leadership roles. In her remarks, she encouraged the students to uphold the values of the institution and work collaboratively for the betterment of the college community.

In his inspiring address, Shri Siddhant Shirodkar congratulated the Students' Council and emphasized that education is a powerful tool for personal and societal transformation. He advised students to stay focused on their goals, avoid distractions, and steer clear of negative influences. He also stressed the importance of cultivating reading habits, enriching vocabulary, and adhering to discipline, honesty, and integrity to succeed in the legal profession. He motivated the students to seek purpose, rather than validation, and to act with clarity and intention.

As a token of appreciation for his valuable presence and guidance, the Chief Guest was presented with a fruit basket.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Ashmita Naik, Assistant Professor in Political Science and In-charge of the Students' Council and Cultural Committee. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries, faculty members, and students for their participation and support.

The inauguration marked the beginning of a vibrant academic year dedicated to nurturing leadership, promoting legal research, and encouraging holistic student development through co-curricular and extracurricular activities.



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IN ASSOCIATION WITH MoU PARTNER
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ORGANISES
"Jan Samwaad/Public Dialogue Series"
A Sensitization Program for students and members of NGOs
On: "Trafficking: Issues and Concerns In Dispensing Legal Aid and Rehabilitation"

Venue: Ganesh Daivajna Auditorium
Date: Tuesday, 22nd July 2025
Time: 11:30 am

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Dr Maria Goretti Simoes
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The Legal Aid Society of Vidya Vikas Mandal's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, organized a Jan Samwad/Public Dialogue Series on the theme "Trafficking Issues and Concerns in Dispensing Legal Aid and Rehabilitation." The event was held at the Ganesh Daivajna Auditorium of the college and brought together key stakeholders engaged in the fight against human trafficking on 22 July 2025.

The session began with a warm welcome by Ms. Maithali Lotlikar, followed by a formal address from the Officiating Principal, Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes e Morais. Assistant Professor Yamini Dalvi introduced the moderator, Ms. Sayonara Telles Laad, Former District & Sessions Judge, who set the context for the discussion by highlighting the complexities of trafficking cases and the need for coordinated legal and social interventions.

Panel Highlights:

- Adv. Deepti Arolkar, Panel Member of the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act (ITPA) Committee, elaborated on the functioning of the ITPA panel. She described the procedures followed post-rescue – including inquiries, preparation of the Home Information Report, and steps taken to repatriate the victim to her hometown, ensuring her safety and dignity.
- Ms. Sumedha Belokar, Superintendent of the Protective Home-Cum-Reception Centre under the Women & Child Development Department, spoke about government mechanisms and rehabilitation measures for trafficking survivors, emphasizing institutional support and protection services. She also highlighted the role played by ARZ (Anyay Rahit Zindagi) in rehabilitation of the victims.
- Adv. Vahida Yelgar, a practicing advocate, addressed the legal framework relating to trafficking, stressing the responsibility of legal practitioners to understand and apply all relevant laws to each case. She referenced the Supreme Court's decision in *Buddha Dey v. State of West Bengal*, which lays down important guidelines for the treatment of trafficking victims.

- Ms. Juliana Lohar, Deputy Director at ARZ (Anyay Rahit Zindagi), gave a powerful presentation on victim rehabilitation and reintegration. She initiated her talk by engaging the audience in a discussion on the meaning of rehabilitation. She shared how ARZ adopts a Trauma-Informed Care Approach, providing victims with safety, legal aid, medical assistance, psychosocial support, and economic empowerment through the WISH initiative. She also highlighted the challenges in repatriating victims without documentation, explaining how ARZ collaborates with Embassies and High Commissions to facilitate their return to their home countries.

The session concluded with an interactive segment where the panelists responded to audience queries, followed by closing remarks by the moderator.

Ms. Sonali Naik, Programme Coordinator and Faculty In-Charge of the Legal Aid Society, delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of all participants and contributors to the meaningful dialogue





A Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled “Work Ethics and Work Etiquette for Educators” was conducted from 23rd to 26th July 2025 in the seminar hall of the institution. The programme was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) with the objective of enhancing professional excellence among faculty members.

The resource person for the sessions was Ms. Ashita Ranjit, Founder and Director of Etiquette Centre for Communication, Skill Development and Corporate Grooming. The FDP commenced with the opening remarks by Dr. Shrutika Nadkarni, Assistant Professor, HoD & Vice-Principal of the institution. This was followed by the introduction of the resource person by Ms. Priyanka Parab, Assistant professor.

The session I emphasized on the key areas such as interpersonal communication, classroom social dynamics, and para-verbal communication. She addressed common barriers to effective communication and underlined the significance of active listening in professional interactions.

The sessions on day 2 delved into the concepts of work etiquette, ethics, and moral conduct, with particular attention to the role of power dressing in building a professional image. The resource person also motivated educators to embrace their roles as leaders in both academic and personal capacities.

Day 3 was focused on conflict resolution, the importance of integrity, team collaboration, and fostering a sense of accountability in the workplace.

On Day 4, the discussion centered around effective time management, with special reference to the Italian Pomodoro Technique, a method designed to enhance productivity and focus.

Throughout the FDP, faculty members were encouraged to adopt and demonstrate professional behaviors, including punctuality, integrity, and a commitment to ethical standards in their daily work environment.

The Faculty Development Programme concluded on 26th July 2025. During the valedictory session, Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, the Officiating Principal of the institution, expressed gratitude to the resource person by presenting a memento and a letter of appreciation.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shruti Nadkani, Assistant Professor.



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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