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Academic & Cultural Achievements of Students of GRKCL

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Winners of Client Counselling Competition at Fr. C. Rodriguez International Moot Court Competition 2025-2026



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Students Ms. Anitha Anil Bandi, 5th Year B.A. LL.B., along with Mr. Astle Dsouza, 1st Year LL.B., participated in the Client Counselling Competition 2025-26 organised by Agnel School of Law on 14th February 2026 at Vashi, Navi Mumbai. The team performed commendably throughout the rounds and secured the Runners-Up Trophy. The trophy was presented by Hon'ble Justice Milind Jadhav of the Bombay High Court, making the achievement a proud and memorable moment.

**2nd Place for Street Play Competition under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA)
organized by Directorate of Social Welfare , Government of Goa.**



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, students secured 2nd place in Street Play Competition under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) to promote Drug-Free Society organized by Directorate of Social Welfare , Government of Goa. Total of 22 colleges had participated in the competition where our college secured the 2nd place and won the cash prize of 30,000 . Additionally our student Akansha Gaunker was awarded the best female actor award.

"KURUKSHETRA"

5th & 6th February 2026

VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law successfully organized its much-awaited inter-class event "Kurukshetra" on the 5th and 6th of February 2026. The two-day event brought together students from all classes to participate in a vibrant blend of sports, academic, and cultural competitions, encouraging teamwork, creativity, leadership, and healthy competition.



The event was inaugurated in the college premises with great enthusiasm. Students actively participated and showcased their talents across various domains, making the event lively and memorable.

- Sports Events - The sports segment witnessed energetic participation and competitive spirit among students. The main highlights included: Control Cricket, One Shot Glory and E-Sports .
- Cultural Events - The cultural competitions provided a platform for students to display their artistic and creative talents: Face Painting , Mehendi Competition, Singing and Dance.
- Mr. and Miss Kare - One of the most anticipated events, where participants were judged on personality, confidence, talent, and presence.
- Academic and Fun Events- The academic and fun-based activities tested intellect, communication skills, and teamwork.
- Debate Competition - Participants presented thoughtful arguments and demonstrated strong legal reasoning and public speaking skills. The debate was unique as the participants had to debate simultaneously with each one on a current topic of- News, media, human activism and social media.
- Treasure Hunt - Encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and quick thinking. . Sell Well - A marketing and persuasion-based activity that highlighted creativity and communication abilities of students.





The event not only provided a break from academic routine but also strengthened bonds among classmates and encouraged hidden talents to shine. The enthusiastic participation of students, along with the efforts of the organizing committee ie Students Council and faculty members, made the event truly memorable.

The program concluded with prize distribution celebrating the achievements and efforts of all participants and winners; it was done by Officiating Principal Dr.Maria Goretti Simoes. Overall winner was the 3rd year B.A.LL.B class and F.Y.LL.B Degree class won the Runners Up.



“Kurukshetra” once again proved to be a vibrant celebration of talent, teamwork, and the spirit of healthy competition at VVM’s G.R. Kare College of Law.

National Awareness Programme Bridges Generational Divide and Tackles Digital Well-being

10th February 2026

VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law hosted a one-day awareness programme titled "Intergenerational Bonding & Cyber Detoxification." The initiative was organized by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (GOI) in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Social Change (CSSC), RRTC Mumbai, and the College.

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Deepak Dessai, Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, who underscored the importance of social cohesion and digital well-being in today's technology-driven society. Other dignitaries who graced the event includes Judge Neelima Kankonkar Member secretary, DLSA, Goa Guest of honour, Adv. Nirmal Samant Prabhavalkar, Ex- Mayor, Mumbai Chief Functionary, CSSC, RRTC, Mumbai and Adv. Nick Collaco President, All Goa Senior Citizens Forum. Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes Officiating Principal, GRKCL presented a formal welcome address for the programme.



The initiative which started with Walkathon was further facilitated with meaningful intergenerational engagement while addressing critical themes of legal literacy, cyber security, and digital well-being which was led by Four expert sessions.

Expert led sessions addressed key themes:

- **Legal Protections & Welfare:** Dr. Shruti Nadkarni outlined senior citizens' rights and welfare mechanisms.
- **Cyber Security & Fraud Prevention:** Mr. Swadesh, PI Cyber Cell, highlighted digital threats and preventive tools, including the mKavach 2 application.
- **Deconstructing Ageing:** Dr. Arpita Sirsikar challenged age-related stereotypes and encouraged intergenerational respect.
- **Psychological Digital Detox:** Ms. Archana Misal discussed strategies for maintaining healthy technology use.

Interactive activities and discussions, facilitated by Ms. Arantxa Flor Gracias, enabled students and senior citizens to exchange perspectives, strengthening intergenerational understanding.

The programme concluded with a valedictory session, reinforcing the need for digital awareness and inclusive social engagement.

Master-Class

19th February 2026

The Criminal Law Club of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao-Goa, organised a Master-Class on the topic "Leading Evidence: A Mere Procedure or an Art?" on 19th February 2026.

The session was conducted by Shri Jyotin Thakkar, Public Prosecutor, who served as the resource person for the programme. The Master-Class was conceived with the objective of bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge of evidence law and the practical skills required in courtroom advocacy.

The programme commenced with a welcome address delivered by Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal of VVM's G. R. Kare College of Law. In her address, she emphasised the importance of experiential learning in legal education and highlighted the need for students to develop practical courtroom skills alongside doctrinal understanding.



In his session, Shri Jyotin Thakkar explored the central theme of whether leading evidence is merely a procedural requirement governed by statutory provisions or an art that demands skill, strategy and professional judgment.

The interactive nature of the Master-Class enabled students to engage actively with the speaker.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Harshad Bandodkar, Assistant Professor and Faculty In-charge of the programme.



The Criminal Law Club of G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao organized an educational visit to the Central Jail, Colvale after obtaining due permission from the Inspector General of Prisons, Panjim. The visit was arranged for the students of the Third Year LL.B. Degree Course, Second Year LL.B. Degree Course and the Fourth Year B.A. LL.B. Course with the objective of providing practical exposure to prison administration and the correctional system.

A total of 153 students participated in the programme, which was conducted in six batches, two batches per day were allotted on 9th , 11th and 12th of February 2026. Seventeen faculty members accompanied the students across the scheduled visits.

After completing the required formalities, the students were guided by Assistant Jailor and a Para-Legal volunteer, who provided a detailed tour of the prison premises. The students were given access to various blocks of the jail, including the hospital, legal aid centre, library, IGNOU study centre, recreation room, kitchen block, the workshop/factory unit, under trial block, convict block, women block, video conferencing block. The workshop facilities included carpentry, tailoring, candle making, paper bag making, and idol making activities undertaken by inmates.

The students also visited the under-trial block, the NDPS under-trial block, and the separate block designated for women convicts. All blocks of the prison were observed to be well maintained and systematically managed.

The visit provided the students with first-hand insight into the practical functioning of the prison system and the implementation of the reformative theory of punishment.

Overall, the visit significantly enhanced the students' understanding of prison administration and correctional practices.



CONVERGE 3.0

18th February 2026

VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law successfully organised CONVERGE 3.0 - Academia-Industry Summit in association with Goa State Higher Education Council and Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, on 18th February 2026.

The Inaugural Session was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Ramrao S. Wagh, Associate Professor, Computer Science & Technology, Goa University, who delivered an insightful address on cyber security, digital responsibility, and the growing need for technological awareness in today's academic and professional landscape.



Guided by the theme "Innovate, Integrate, Impact: Building Goa's Future-Ready Changemakers", the summit featured eminent resource persons – Dr. Sandesh B. Dessai, Dr. Shalini Menezes, Adv. Prasanna Timble, Mr. Nishad Hegde Desai, Mr. Pranay Prabhu Gaonkar, Dr. Kalpeshkumar L. Gupta, Ms. Priyanka Kamat, Mr. Suraj J. Dais, and Mr. Stanwin Aguiar.



The technical sessions collectively provided a holistic perspective on bridging academic knowledge with professional practice. The resource persons deliberated on research proficiency, litigation and corporate practice, regulatory compliance, legal entrepreneurship, legal technology, interdisciplinary collaboration, and advocacy skills. The sessions offered students practical exposure and meaningful insights into emerging career pathways, reinforcing the need for adaptability and industry-oriented learning in today's evolving professional landscape.

VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law Moot Court and ADR Society successfully organized the Intra-Class Negotiation Competition for the academic year 2025-2026. The event aimed to hone the alternative dispute resolution skills of aspiring legal professionals, fostering a culture of collaborative problem-solving and strategic communication.

Orientation Session

Prior to the commencement of the competition, a comprehensive Orientation Session was conducted by Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, HoD and Vice Principal of GRKCL. Dr. Nadkarni provided the participants with essential insights into the nuances of negotiation

- The distinction between competitive and collaborative bargaining.
- The importance of identifying underlying interests over rigid positions.
- Effective communication techniques and "BATNA" (Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement) strategies.



The competition set a leveling playing field for the 20 diverse teams of students that participated from different classes across the institution. The competition was organized into a series of progressive Qualifying Rounds, ensuring that only the most consistent and skilled negotiators advanced to the final stage



Semi-Finals round the intensity peaked as the remaining four teams battled for a spot in the finale which include Nonita Aguiar & Tanisha Dalal, Steven Fernandes & Rebecca D'souza, Rama Faldessai & Aisha Bi and Shruti Kolambkar & Anushka Sillyketh. The Judges for Semi final comprised of Adv. Maria Tereza Barreto and Adv. Vinora Desouza who judges the round meticulously.

Following an intense deliberative process by the judges, the two teams secured their place in the final round.

The final showdown featured a high-level exchange between Nonita Aguiar & Tanisha Dalal (SY BALLB) and Steven Fernandes & Rebecca D'souza (SY LLB Degree).

The finalists were evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges, Adv. Astrid Fernandes and Adv. Savia Da Costa, who scrutinized the participants' ability to reach a "win-win" settlement while maintaining professional ethics and legal integrity.





Awards and Achievements

- Winners: Nonita Aguiar & Tanisha Dalal (SY BALLB)
- Best Negotiator: Amalia Barreto Noronha (FY BALLB)

The event concluded with a formal Valedictory ceremony coordinated by Assist. Prof. Priyanka Parab, whose meticulous planning, ensured the smooth transition between the qualifying stages and the final.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Assist. Prof. S.N. Inavalli, the Moot Court and ADR Society In-charge. He commended the students for their sportsmanship and thanked the faculty and judges for fostering a vibrant ADR culture at G.R. Kare College of Law.



'Students' Parliament Competition, 2026'

17th & 25th February 2026

VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa participated in the 'Students' Parliament Competition, 2026' organised by the Goa Legislature Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa on 17th February, 2026.

The students enacted the Parliamentary Lok Sabha model by enacting the roles of Speaker of Lok Sabha, Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, Ministers, and other members of the ruling party and opposition.

The participants in their performance emphasized on the practice and procedure of Parliament.



A total of 20 colleges all over Goa participated in the competition. The teams were judged on various aspects such as state and national level issues, business of the house, adherence to the parliamentary procedure and rules, discipline etc.

The valedictory function was held on 25th February, 2026 at 11 am at Goa Legislature Secretariat, Porvorim. The dignitaries present for the Valedictory ceremony were Honorable Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant, Speaker Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar, Deputy Speaker Mr. Joshua D'Souza, Minister for Transport Mr Mauvin Godinho and other dignitaries were also present.



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They received the winners trophy as well as the participation trophy at the hands of Hon'ble CM Dr. Pramod Sawant, Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar Deputy Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly, Shri Joshua D'Souza and Mr Mauvin Godinho.



The students team comprised of 35 students from the BA.LL.B and LL.B.(Degree) programme. Asst. Professor Merville Rodrigues and Asst. Professor Priyanka Raut Dessai were the coordinators of the students team of the college.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signed with the office of
State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa

26th February 2026

VVM's G. R. Kare College of Law entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa on 26 February 2026, marking an important step towards strengthening inclusivity and promoting legal empowerment of persons with disabilities.

The collaboration aims to promote disability rights awareness, legal aid initiatives, student internships, and academic engagement.



The MoU was signed in the presence of Guruprasad R. Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, along with Taha Idrees Haaziq, Secretary, Durga U. Naik, Web Information Manager, Mahadev Sawant from the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Officiating Principal of G. R. Kare College of Law.

The partnership reflects the institution's commitment to social justice and to expanding access to justice for vulnerable sections of society. Through this initiative, the college intends to create opportunities for students to actively engage with disability rights law and contribute to community-based legal awareness programmes.



The initiative was spearheaded by Sapresh, Assistant Professor at the college, whose efforts played a key role in establishing this collaboration. The institution looks forward to meaningful joint activities in the coming years that will benefit students, promote disability rights awareness, and contribute to a more inclusive society.

One Day National Level Workshop On “Strengthening Road Safety through Motor Vehicle Laws: A Socio-Legal Perspective”

30th January 2026

One-Day National Level Workshop titled “Strengthening Road Safety Through Motor Vehicle Laws: A Socio-Legal Perspective” was organised by G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa, on Friday, 30th January 2026, at the G.D. Auditorium, GRKCL

The workshop aimed to sensitise students to the pressing issue of road safety by examining traffic regulations, statutory obligations, and the broader legal framework governing motor vehicles in India.

The event brought together distinguished experts from law, transport administration, healthcare, governance, and civil society, creating a comprehensive platform for academic and practical engagement.



The Road Safety Awareness Programme was formally inaugurated at the hands of Shri Pravimal Abhishek, IAS. Addressing the gathering, he stressed that sustainable road safety requires strict enforcement, responsible driving behaviour, and active community participation. Multiple Sessions by Experts were conducted by various experts which are as follow:

- The first technical session on “Navigating the Motor Vehicle Act: Provisions and Compliances” was delivered by Ms. Ruby Z. Luis, Assistant Professor in Law, GRKCL.
- The second session on “Traffic Rules: Enforcement, Challenges and Policy Gaps” was conducted by Mr. Charles Faria, Motor Vehicle Inspector, RTO.
- The third session on “*Global Approaches to Road Safety and Motor Vehicle Regulation*” was delivered by Dr. Abhijeet Dhere, Program Director, School of Government, Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University.

The post-lunch session was presented by Mr. Viraj Borkar, State Rollout Manager, iRAD/eDAR Project, Mr. Sateeshkumar Kama, Program Manager, GVK EMRI GHS, Mr. Roland Martins, Coordinator of GOACAN, Mr. Tukaram Shet Mandrekar, PSI, Traffic Cell and Mr. Tarun Patel, Advocate, who contributed towards enhancement of participants knowledge.



The programme concluded with a group photograph of participants and resource persons. The workshop proved to be intellectually stimulating, practically relevant, and socially significant. It successfully reinforced the importance of legal compliance, institutional coordination, and civic responsibility in safeguarding life and advancing public welfare through strengthened road safety measures.

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 hard work, dedication, performance, and sincerity in taking the institution scale greater heights.



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