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## VVM'S GOVIND RAMNATH KARE COLLEGE OF LAW RANKED AS INDIA'S FOURTH TOP OUTSTANDING LAW COLLEGE OF EXCELLENCE

VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa has made Goa proud as it is ranked as India's Fourth Top Outstanding Law College of Excellence by the nationwide survey conducted by Competition Success Review (CSR). It was also ranked as Goa's Top Law School.

The Award was conferred on VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa on 21st April 2024 at the ceremony held at the national capital, New Delhi to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Competition Success Review. The award was received by Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Principal of the college.



## ACADEMIC

### FAREWELL TO FINAL YEAR STUDENTS OF BALLB, LLB(DEGREE) AND LLM PROGRAMME

01 April 2024

The Students' Council of Govind Ramnath Kare college of Law organized a farewell for fifth year BA LLB, TY LLB (Degree) and SYLLM students of the institution on 01st April 2024. It was hosted by Cultural secretary Ms. Swizel Falcao and ADR Incharge Ms. Anitha Bandi. The UCR council had also volunteered to assist in conducting the same.



The programme started with a grand entry of the students in Ganesh Daivadnya Auditorium at 10:30am. There was a prayer service by the students and the teachers for the well being of the final year students and was followed by a welcome address by the officiating Principal Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes. Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Head of the Department, and the Mentors of the final year classes gave some words of wisdom to the outgoing students. Teachers and mentors spoke about their students' achievements and some memories. This was followed by some students talking about their experience and growth in the college. A video was showcased on the students' journey from both BA LLB and LLB(Degree) Programme.



The students were also given memento as mark of memory in Kare College of Law.



## GRK MASTERCLASS ON REFORMING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION : BOOT, 04 April 2024 PRIVATIZATION AND COMPETITION

On 04th April 2024, the Political Science Academium of Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law organized GRK Masterclass for the students of Third Year BALLB. Resource Person for the Masterclass was Ms. Fauzia Rizvi, Research Scholar at Department of Political Science, Goa University.



The speaker led the session on the topic 'Reforming Public Administration: BOOT and Privatization and Competition.'

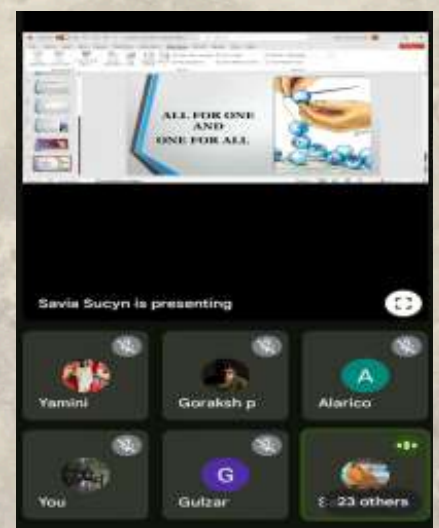
The Master class fostered a vibrant atmosphere where participants actively participated in discussions, seeking clarity and exchanging viewpoints on different facets of the subject matter. This interactive approach led to a dynamic exchange of ideas, enhancing the learning journey for everyone present. Ms. Anitha Bandi Student of 3rd Year BALLB introduced the Resource Person, providing context for her expertise in Political Science and Mr. Ronal Fernandes conveyed vote of thanks. Total 22 students were present for the Masterclass and the event was coordinated by Mr. Sarvesh Verekar, Assistant Professor at G.R. Kare College of Law.

## WEBINAR ON JUDICIAL APPROACH TOWARDS UNIFORM CIVIL CODE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE POSITION OF WOMEN 05 April 2024

Davorlim Legal Aid Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law organized an Academic Mentor Session on the topic - 'Judicial Approach Towards Uniform Civil Code with Special Reference to Position of Women' on 05th April 2024 through Google Meet from 4 to 5 pm. The session started after Davorlim Legal Aid In-Charge, Assistant Professor Yamini Dalvi welcomed the participants and introduced the Resource Person Adv. Savia Sucyn Da Costa.



The speaker shared her insights into the subject and also brought to light the intricate nuances about Uniform Civil Code and what we as legal luminaries can do to improve the position of women. Prominent landmark cases like Mohd. Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum, where women's right to maintenance u/s 125 of CrPC was upheld over Muslim personal laws, the 'Triple Talaq case of Shayara Bano Begum v. Union of India wherein an archaic practice validated by a specific personal law was banned were cited by the speaker. The Resource Person also discussed the case of Sarla Mudgal v. Union of India, wherein judgment laid down specific guidelines against the conversion of religion in order to obtain a license to commit bigamy. Discussion was also expanded to advantages of implementing Uniform Civil Code which is in the pipeline for the union legislature. Also, the achievement of states like Goa and Uttarakhand wherein a Uniform law for all civil personal laws exists was highlighted.



ONE DAY NATIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP ON 'EMPOWERING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ENSURING INCLUSIVENESS AND EQUALITY.'

06 April 2024



Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, in association with its MoU Partner JCI Vasco and the Department of Social Welfare, Goa, hosted a One Day National Level Workshop on "Empowering Persons with Disabilities and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality" on 06th April 2024. The workshop convened esteemed guests and participants to delve into critical discussions aimed at fostering a more inclusive society.

Distinguished personalities from various fields, including Mr. Ajit Panchwadkar, Director of the Social Welfare Department, Goa, and Adv. Ishan Upaskar, graced the inaugural and valedictory sessions, respectively as chief guests. The workshop featured five enlightening sessions, each facilitated by expert resource persons.

The workshop covered included a plethora of topic designed in five sessions - 'Inclusion and parenting' by Smt. Maya Kamat, 'Practical strategies for inclusive education' by Mr. Prashant Tari, 'Employment and economic empowerment' by Ms. Margaret Azavedo, 'Financial empowerment strategies' by Dr. Celso Fernandes, 'Access to healthcare and assistive technologies' by Mrs. Sitam Naik, and 'Media and community engagement' by Mrs. Shalaka Kamble. With a total of 56 participants, including representatives from colleges in Karnataka and Maharashtra, the workshop served as a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange towards building a more inclusive and equitable society.

JOURNAL CLUB SESSION BY DR. SHRUTI NADKARNI

08 April 2024

The Research Development Cell of VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa initiated a unique initiative called Journal Club Session during the current academic year 2023 - 2024.

The Journal club Session involves discussion amongst faculty members on published research articles. The resource person for the first session which was held on 08th April 2024 was Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department. During the session Dr. Shruti Nadkarni discussed the research article titled Criminal Liability Of Artificial Intelligence Entities: Focusing On Robots As The 'Machina Sapiens' authored by Ivneet Walia, Associate Professor of Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The resource person analyzed the article in depth and highlighted on different aspects relating to criminal liability of AI entities.

The faculty members had a fruitful discussion on various facets of Artificial Intelligence and its liability for crimes.



The Research Development Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa organized Think Tank Session on 10th April 2024. The Resource Person for the same was Ms. Pooja Naik Gaonkar, Assistant Professor, GRKCL, who spoke on the topic '4 - Laning of Karmalghat section of NH-66 and its impact on environment.'



The topic finds much relevance in light of the recognition of Right against Climate Change as a fundamental right by the Supreme Court to be interpreted as part of Article 14 and Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The Speaker pointed out that in any developmental project striking a balance between protecting environment and achieving public welfare is of paramount importance. She also highlighted the legal framework and regulatory mechanism governing environmental law and focused on statistical data pertaining to non-compliance of procedural requirements. The speaker pointed out reasons for public opposition to widening the NH-66 and impact of the project on the environment. She also highlighted the approach of central government in arriving at a solution to tackle the issue of karmalghat. In conclusion she highlighted other ongoing developmental projects which Goa which are constructed at the cost of environment. She also emphasized the adoption of other countries approach and outlook in sustainable development projects. In the debate between development and upgraded lifestyle, environment should never be put at stake.

### JOURNAL CLUB SESSION BY MS. ROZENA CORREIA

12 April 2024

The Research Development Cell of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa conducted its second session of Journal Club on 12th April 2024. the Resource Person for the same was Ms. Rozena Correia, Assistant Professor, GRKCL. For the purpose of discussion, the Resource person chose the research article titled 'Communitades of Goa: A re-reading of select Goan Literature in the Light of Land Laws and their Effect on Human- Land Equation' published in Dialogue Quarterly, Asthabharati, UGC CARE listed Journal.



The resource person shared insights into the intricacies of the Communitades of Goa with respect to the article. The Article deliberates the Gaunkari system in Goa and how the colonial regulations and the Institute of Inquisition maneuvered changes in the system vis-à-vis land laws and human land Equation. The Article sets a precursor to Goa's colonial past and post liberation era bearing an effect on the land system. The trajectory of Gaunkari being not only an agricultural association, but a legislative and administrative body and its transformation in the pre and post Portuguese era is reviewed with utmost care.

The decline of the Gaunkari system and its present status inter alia with the land reforms and ensuing legislation is outlined in the article. Upon thorough review of the article, the faculty members shared their views comprehensively. The session ended with vote of thanks presented by Dr. Shruti Nadkarni.

## THINK TANK SESSION BY MS. NIHARIKA CHARI

15 April 2024



The Research Development Cell of VVM's G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa organized Think Tank Session on 15th April 2024. The Resource Person for the same was Ms. Niharika Chari, Assistant Professor, who spoke on the topic 'Pink Tax.' The speaker highlighted the concept of Pink Tax which means when products targeted at women cost more than similar ones aimed at men. It is not an official tax which individuals pay to the government. Instead, it is more like an extra charge women often face just because they're buying something designed for them. The speaker pointed out certain day-to-day products used by women which directly come under the purview of 'Pink Tax.' She also focused on the approach of other countries towards regulating Pink Tax and the need for incorporating regulatory measures in the statutory and legal framework in India. The audience had an interactive session on the topic delving deeper in the root causes of this issue.

## TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

26, 27 April 2024

VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa in association with The State Commission For Persons With Disabilities (Goa) and Junior Chamber International (JCI Vasco) organized Two Days National Conference titled 'Empowering The Persons With Disabilities And Ensuring Inclusiveness And Equality' on 26th and 27th April 2024.

The whole idea of this conference was to improve the dialogue about the various aspects of developing an inclusive society to ensure equal participation and empowerment of persons with disabilities. The conference was inaugurated on 26th April 2024 at the hands of Mr. Peter F. Borges, Hon'ble Chairperson, Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) who graced the function as the Chief Guest. Mr. Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa presided over the function as Guest Of Honour.



Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Principal of the college, Adv. Prasad Naik, Member of Governing Council and Board of Management and President of South Goa Advocates Association were also present at the dais. A brief overview of project 'Saksham' was given by Mr. Sapresh Devidas, Assistant Professor and Project Coordinator of Saksham. Adv. Aniket Naik, President JCI, Vasco shared his thoughts about the programme and JCI Vascos' endeavour in collaborating with our college through Project 'Samarth' for this noble cause. Mr. Taha Haaziq who presided over the program as Guest of Honour through virtual mode highlighted the role of Office of State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Govt. Of Goa in creating awareness, training and sensitization in various departments while handling Persons with Disabilities. The successful interventions done by Govt. Of Goa in ensuring inclusiveness and accessibility in the State of Goa were also highlighted by the speaker. Chief Guest Mr. Peter Borges, Hon'ble Chairperson of Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights emphasized on the lack of collective efforts to attain the path of inclusion in true sense. The speaker also encouraged individuals and academic institutions to conduct pilot study on Persons with Disabilities and recommend measures to improve inclusive society. Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Assistant Professor and HoD of the college. The programme was compered by Ms. Rozena Correia, Assistant Professor.

**The conference was designed into Plenary and Technical sessions.**

On 26th April 2024, for Plenary Session I, the audience had the privilege to listen to eminent resource persons and topics namely,

1. Dr. Vijay Kishor Tiwari (Asst. Prof. In West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences)

Topic - Disability Movements in India : Agenda, Policies and Trajectories

2. Ms. Shampa Sen Gupta (Director, Shruti Disability Rights Center, Kolkata)

Topic - Accessibility and Inclusive practices in higher education

3. Ms. Percy Cardozo (Mental Health Professional at Sangath)

Topic - Mental Health and well being of Persons with Disabilities

The Plenary Session was followed by two Technical Sessions. Technical Session I was chaired by Dr. Vijay Kishor Tiwari and Technical Session II was chaired by Ms. Percy Cardozo. 11 participants from all over India including GRKCL presented their research papers on various issues concerning the persons with disabilities. The Resource Persons and the topics for the second Plenary Session held on 27th April 2024 were

1. Adv. Amar Jain (Corporate Lawyer and Certified Professional in web accessibility)

Topic - Accessibility in digital age - Strategies for creating inclusive online spaces

2. Adv. Salman Khan (Disability Rights Advocate)

Topic - Sexual and reproductive rights of women with disabilities in India

3. Mr. Prakash Kamat (National Director DEI First Sutra Foundation, Member of Goa State Advisory Board for Disability) Topic - Role of media in empowerment of persons with disabilities

This was followed by two technical sessions which were chaired by Adv. Salman Khan and Ms. Livy Mendonca and 13 paper presentations on varied topics of disability rights were undertaken. The valedictory function was presided over by Mrs. Sarika Fal Dessai, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, South Goa as the chief guest and she assured to extend all the support required from the District Legal Services Authority, South Goa to take this Disability Rights movement to much greater heights. The two day National conference witnessed participation of 30 participants and 24 paper presentations both in physical and virtual mode.

## CULTURAL

### COMMEMORATION OF AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

16 April 2024



The Constitutional Law Club in collaboration with the Department of Library and Information Science, of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, honoured the 134th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The celebration took place in the college library on 16th April 2024, at 09 am. The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to all attendees by Assistant Professor Yamini Dalvi. Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Principal of the college addressed the audience. This was followed by garlanding the photograph of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and lighting of lamp. Faculty members paid floral tribute and participated in lighting of lamp. A short documentary depicting the life, teachings, and contributions of the father of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, was screened and was appreciated by everyone in attendance. Ms. Rahi Phaldessai, Librarian Grade-I, Department of Library and Information Science delivered vote of thanks.

### CELEBRATION OF WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

23 April 2024

The Department of Library and Information Science of G.R. Kare College of Law in collaboration with the Intellectual Property Rights Club and Research Development Cell of the college commemorated the World Book and Copyright Day on 23rd April 2024 in the smart classroom of the college. This year's theme being 'Read Your Way', the programme



commenced with the welcome address by Ms. Apoorva Prabhudessai, Assistant Professor. A talk was delivered by Ms. Rahi Phaldessai, Librarian Grade - I on 'Importance of Library and Reading' followed by a talk by Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department on 'Inculcating Reading Habits.' Ms. Merville Rodrigues, Assistant Professor spoke on the topic 'Copyrights in Digital World.' Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Principal of the college also shared her thoughts on importance of reading and stressed on the need to create awareness regarding the same.

Thereafter the floor was open for teachers to share their experiences on the theme of the program. Many teachers shared their thoughts on how they have inculcated reading habits in their own lives. Some teachers also recited poems penned down by them. Vote of Thanks was presented by Mr. SN Inavalli, Assistant Professor.



## STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

WINNERS AT NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION IN MEDIATION, CLIENT COUNSELLING AND LETTER TO CHIEF JUSTICE COMPETITION, KUDAL - MAHARASHTRA

07 April 2024



VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao were adjudged as winners at the 1st National Level Competition in Mediation, Client Counselling and Letter to the Chief Justice organized by Victor Dantas Law College, Kudal - Maharashtra . The competition witnessed participation of total 18 teams from all over India. The Mediation and Client Counselling competitions were held in two rounds. The preliminary round was held in the online mode and the final round was then conducted in offline mode at Victor Dantas Law College, Kudal. The preliminary round for the Mediation Competition was held on 20th March, 2024 while the preliminary round for the Client Counselling Competition was held on 21st March 2024.

**The team representing the college for the Mediation Competition comprised of-**

1. Sergei Barretto (5th Year B.A.LL.B)
2. Rosval Rodrigues (F.Y.B.A.LL.B.)
3. Riya Lotlikar (F.Y.B.A.LL.B)

**The team representing the college for the Client Counselling Competition comprised of -**

1. Geetanjali Rajput (5th Year B.A.LL.B)
2. Ronisha Paes (S.Y.B.A.LL.B)

The team from G.R. Kare College of Law qualified for the final round of the Client Counselling Competition. The final round for the Client Counselling Competition was conducted on 06th April, 2024 and was followed by the Competition of the Letter to the Chief Justice. The team bagged the Winner's trophy for the Client Counselling Competition and Ms. Geetanjali Rajput was adjudged as the Best Counsellor. The team also won Runners-up position in the Competition for Letter to the Chief Justice.

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## BEST MOOTER AT LATE SHREE ABHAY BHARADWAJ 4TH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, RAJKOT - GUJARAT

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05 - 07 April 2024

Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, team comprising of Harshvardhan Gauns Dessai, Diya Vernekar and Jagruti Samant (FYBALLB) participated in the Late Shree Abhay Bharadwaj 4th National Moot Court Competition, organized by the Faculty of Law of Marwadi University, Rajkot-Gujarat on 05th - 07th April 2024. Mr. Harshvardhan Gauns Dessai was adjudged as the Best Mooter from the Respondent Team and the team qualified to the Quarter-finals.



The competition witnessed the participation of 28 teams from all over India including Goa, Gujarat, Pune, Mumbai, Bangalore, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Punjab, Delhi, etc. The team of students representing Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law had a very good learning experience and got the opportunity to be in the company of several senior counsels of the High Court of Gujarat.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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### FAREWELL TO SHAMA KENY

12 April 2024

Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, hosted farewell to Ms. Shama Keny, College Counsellor on 12th April 2024. She was appointed in Department of Centre for Counselling and Wellness Management, GRKCL.



Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Principal of the college recalled the fond memories of Shama Keny as an employee and wished her best for bright future.

Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Assistant Professor and HoD also spoke on the occasion. A short video compilation of Shama and about the time spent and memories cherished at GRKCL was showcased. Teaching and Administrative staff conveyed their best wishes to Shama Keny and wished her good luck for all future endeavour. A memento was also presented to her.



Farewell programme was compered by Ms. Lariza Gomes, Assistant Professor and was co-ordinated by Ms. Rozenna Correia, Assistant Professor.

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## FAREWELL TO MERVIA ANDRADE

30 April 2024

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Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, hosted farewell to Ms. Mervia Andrade, who was appointed as LDC on Child Care Leave Vacancy. The teaching and non-teaching staff of GRKCL bid a farewell to her on 30th April 2024.



Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes, Principal of the college and Dr. Shruti Nadkarni, Assistant Professor and HoD spoke on occasion and wished her best for bright future.

Teaching and Administrative staff conveyed their best wishes to Mervia Andrade and wished her good luck for all future endeavour. A memento was also presented to her. Farewell programme was compered by Ms. Merville Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and was co-ordinated by Ms. Ruby Luis, Assistant Professor. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms. Sonali Naik, Assistant Professor.



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## Dear Readers,

The Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law 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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