#### **PUBLIC LAW LECTURES SERIES**

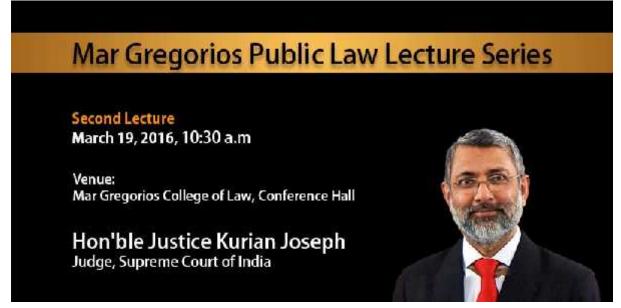
Public Law Lecture series initiative of Mar Gregorios College of Law aims to provide a platform to bring together learning and practice in the field of law through a series of lectures from eminent scholars, prominent legal practitioners, academicians and other high-profile speakers in the field of law. This Public Law Lecture series has hosted some prominent minds in the legal field.

Inaugural Lecture of the Public Law Lecture series was proposed by Prof. Cornelis Flinterman, Member of UN Women's Rights Committee & UN Human Rights Committee on February 4, 2015.

On 19 March 2016 at 10.30 am, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Lecture on the topic Fundamental Duties was delivered by Hon'ble Justice Kurian Joseph, Judge of Supreme Court of India.

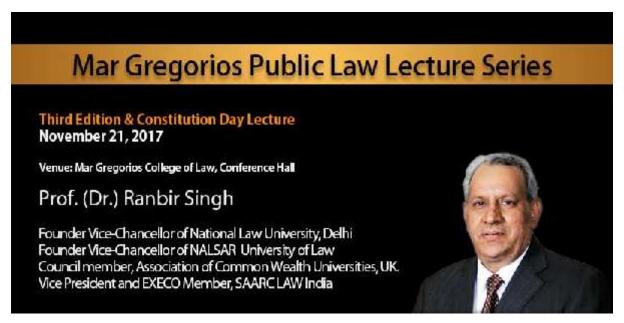
Hon'ble Justice Kurian Joseph begun the lecture by quoting, Father of Our Nation Mahatma Gandhi on the performance of duties: "The true source of right is duty. If we all discharge our duties, rights will not be far to seek. If leaving duties unperformed we run after rights, they will escape us like will-o-the-wist, the more we pursue them, the farther they will fly."

In the lecture he spoke on the concept of duties, the idea behind Article 51 A of the Constitution of India and the importance of the proper discharge of duties of citizens. He mentioned that the Fundamental Duties emphasise the obligations of the citizens in reciprocation to their Fundamental Rights. He also expressed the importance of respecting the ideals of the Constitution of India. He emphasised on the importance of Article 51 A in making the citizens more responsible towards the governance and development of our society and country. Justice Kurian Joseph also interacted with our students and answered many of their queries.



The third edition and Constitution day lecture of the Public Law Lecture series was on November 21, 2017 by Prof. Dr. Ranbir Singh, Founder Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Delhi, Founder Vice-Chancellor of NULSAR University of Law on the topic

Human Rights. He emphasized on the protection of basic human rights. He discussed various instances of human rights violations like the horrific troll of Europe Refugee crisis, Syrian Human Rights violations etc. He also added on the need to take required actions to ensure a speedy justice delivery system to protect the Human Rights in its true spirit.









The 4<sup>th</sup> Public Law Lecture was on November 16, 2018 at 10.30am on the title Working of Indian Constitution Since 1950 and New Emerging Issues by Prof. Dr. Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala. He discussed about the history, Constitutional Assembly Debates, and each provision of India Constitution. He also addressed the issues with the help of many case laws and also discussed various new issues that are emerging.







At the same day students got another opportunity to attend a special Lecture by Prof. Dr. Nishtha Jaswal, Professor, Dept. of Law, University of Punjab, Member of Chandigarh Commission for Protection of Child's Rights on the title Right to privacy: Recent Developments. She asserted various trends of the concept of right to privacy in Indian

Constitution. She averred various case laws on right to privacy. She also interacted with students and cleared all their doubts regarding the title.

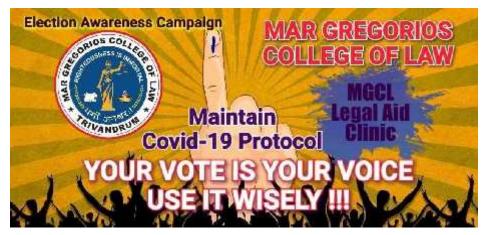




#### **ELECTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The outbreak of Covid-19 has profoundly impacted every facet of human life. Elections are not an exception, the pandemic posed challenges to the safe conduction of election also. How to hold elections during the covid-19 pandemic was a big question before all levels of governments. The main concern was the spread of covid-19 in the polling stations and the protection of voters and officers from the infection.

Mar Gregorios college of law also took part in the conduction of safe election during this pandemic. The institution organized an election awareness campaign under the leadership of the Legal Aid Clinic. The election awareness campaign aimed to create awareness among the students and also public to maintain covid-19 protocol and to encourage them to safely and wisely exercise their franchise. Through the awareness campaign the institution succeeded in providing voters with information on the process of election and the necessity of maintain covid protocol.







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# **Onam Celebration**





Onam being the festival of Kerala is celebrated with much pomp and joy. The students of the institution celebrate Onam performing the traditional form of dance and festivities.



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# **Christmas Celebration**

Each year Christmas is celebrated in the institution spreading the joy and sharing of the season. Cultural programs are organised by students. College closes for Christmas holidays after the celebration.







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### Celebration of B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi





The Centre For Constitutional Studies of Mar Gregorios College Of Law, Trivandrum conducted a webinar session on "TRANSFORMATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM-VISION OF DR.BR AMBEDKAR" on 14th April 2021(Wednesday) to mark the 130th birth anniversary of Dr.B.R Ambedkar. The resource person of the webinar was Prof.Dr.K.C Sunny, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor NUALS, Kochi.



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# **Legal Aid Extension Activity**

Few students accompanied by Prof. M V George visited SICK – A Rehabilitation Centre for mentally challenged, and collected details of the legal issues of the inmates.

Students accompanied by Smt. Usha. K G visited Aasraya – A Rehabilitation Centre for physically challenged and collected details of the legal issues of the inmates.





#### **INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION**

Mar Gregorios College of Law promotes the tremendous combination of yoga and law go hand in hand. The institution celebrates International Yoga day every year on June 21 to usher in peace, harmony happiness and success to every student. Yoga plays an important role in maintaining sanity in the lives of people.

Yoga has been an integral part of the life of students of the institution. Every Wednesday's students gather in the institution for yoga practice. Yoga classes under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Philip Neri, former director of Bethany college of Physiotherapy, Nalanchira who is a great exponent of yoga has been provided to students as part of international Yoga Day celebration.

During lockdown also the institution encouraged students to continue yoga at home and maximised the use of digital and social media using hashtag #BeWithYogaBeAtHome as per the guidelines of University Grants Commission.





















### **WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION**

Mar Gregorios College of Law every year on December 1 celebrates World AIDS Day to show solidarity and support for the people with HIV. The students and staffs of the institution wears an HIV awareness red ribbon on the day. The institution conducts various programmes to help educate young people about the transmission of HIV and to irradicate the stigma and discrimination experienced by HIV Patients.

The institution through the celebration of World AIDS Day envisioned to raise awareness and fight discrimination and thereby improve the lives of people living with HIV. For achieving the same, various competitions like poster making, essay writing and various seminars are conducted in the institution.



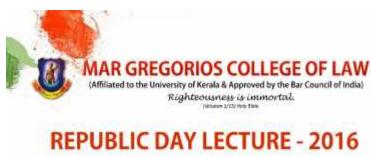
### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

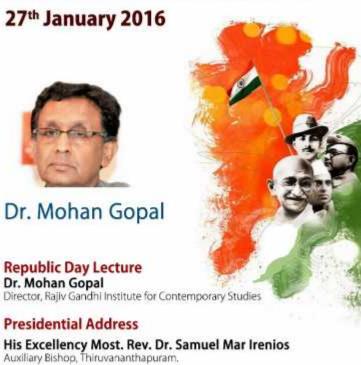
Our institution celebrates Republic Day on January 26 every year to commemorate the process of establishment of Indian Constitution replacing the Government of India Act, 1935

as the governing document of India. As a law college, the institution celebrates this day to commemorate the empowerment of Indian citizens to select their own government. The students and staff of the institution celebrates the day by hoisting the National Flag and conducting various programmes like seminars.



Our institution organised a republic day lecture by Dr. Mohan Gopal, Director, Rajiv Gandi Institute For Contemporary Studies on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016.





Venue: Seminar hall, Mar Gregorios College of Law

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Our college celebrated the 68th Republic Day on 25th Jan 2017 in the college. The celebration started with a warm welcome by the Director. Shri N.R Madhava Menon was the chief guest of the function. He stressed on the importance of Fundamental Duties and discussed on the Uniform Civil code. He also added how a responsible citizen should mould the society. This was accompanied by the rendition of National anthem. The patriotic aura was sustained throughout the function. Teachers and students attended the function.



#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

The beautiful creation of God- woman, who bears a child in her womb and gives birth to a new life are the backbone of every society. In India women are given great importance and are considered to be the pioneers of our nation.

Celebrating March 8<sup>th</sup> every year as International Women's Day is an opportunity to show respect, admiration, love and recognizing the social, economic, and political achievements of women across the globe.

Our institution is a pioneer in promoting gender equality. The institution celebrates international women's day as a powerful platform to drive actions for gender parity by showcasing the incredible achievements of women. Students are encouraged to look back to various women warriors through history and work towards furthering the goal that they had set. For the same the institution conducts various programmes including seminars.

Various successful women such Dr. Divya Gopinath IPS, Superintendent of Police, Information and Communication Technology were invited as the Chief guest for various programmes. Students were provided with the opportunity to interact with these wonderful women on the international Women's day celebration.





As part of the women's day a video was released to honour the 15 women Constituent Assembly Members and their contributions. A photo exhibition of the W\women Members of the Constituent Assembly was also held in the institution. A book exhibition promoting women authors was also arranged as part of the Women's Day commemoration.

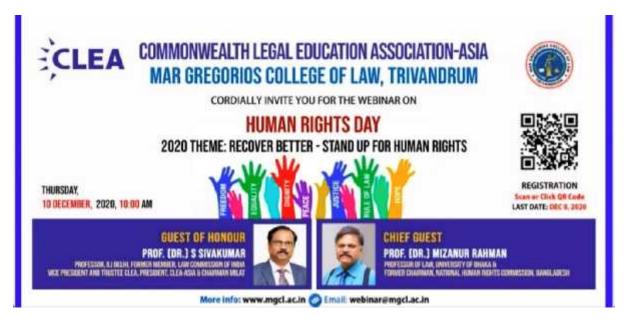


#### INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

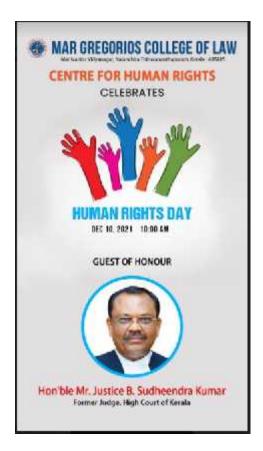
Each and every human being around the world have certain inherent rights called the Human Rights- the standards that recognize and protect the dignity of all human beings. "Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world" says the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)- the mile stone document in the history of human rights, proclaimed by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948. The world celebrates the International Human Rights Day on this day to commemorate the adoption of UDHR.

As a law college, International Human Rights Day celebration is an important occasion. It is the duty and responsibility of people in the field of law to create awareness among the common people regarding the importance of human rights and various human rights violations. Our institution organized various lectures, awareness programmes and various other activities to encourage our students to perform their duties for the sake of society.

The institution also organised a webinar on human rights day 2020 Theme: Recover Better-Stand Up for Human Rights in association with Commonwealth Legal Education Association- Asia. Prof. (Dr.) S Sivakumar, Professor, ILI Delhi, former Member, Law Commission of India & Vice President and Trustee CLEA, President, CLEA-Asia & Chairman MILAT and Prof. (Dr.) Mizanur Rahman, Professor of Law, University of Dhaka & Former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh were the speakers.



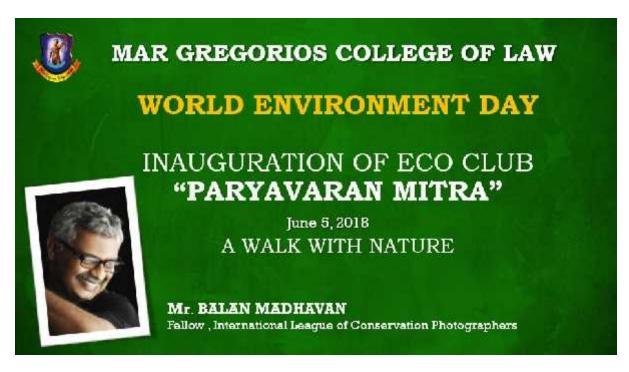
The centre for Human Rights of Mar Gregorios College of Law, Trivandrum conducted a Lecture on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 to celebrate Human Rights Day. The Guest of Honour of the session was Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar, Former Judge High Court of Kerala. He joined Kerala Judicial Service 2001 as District and Sessions Judge and served as Additional District Judge-II, Thiruvananthapuram, Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge (Vigilance), Calicut, Registrar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kasaragod and Calicut, Registrar, Railway Claims Tribunal, New Delhi and as District & Sessions Judge, Thiruvananthapuram and Thrissur. On 10 April 2015 he was appointed as additional judge of Kerala High Court and became permanent from 5 April 2017.



### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Mar Gregorios College of Law known for its strong commitment to environmental sustainability celebrates World Environment Day to empower the staffs and students to become active agents protecting the environment. The celebration of this day enlightens the students on environmental issues and how to tackle these issues. Various activities such as tree planting, seminars, competitions were held in the institution emphasising on the need to build a greener environment.

The institution established an Eco-club on June 5, 2018 with an aim to generate environment consciousness among students and staffs.



Each year various seminars and webinars were conducted to create awareness about the importance of addressing the environmental issues and protecting the mother nature. Various dignitaries like Dr. Parivelan K M, Chairperson and Associate Professor, Nodal Centre of Excellence for Human Rights Education & Centre for Statelessness and Refugees Studies, School of Law, Tata Institute of Social Sciences are invited as the guest for these programmes.

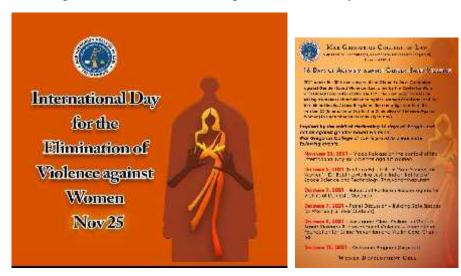




In 2021, the Women Development Cell of Mar Gregorios College of Law ("MGCL") conducted various programs to honour the Global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence as 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of this campaign. The campaign was launched by the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) in 1991. It focuses on raising awareness about violence against women at national and international levels. Across the globe, the campaign runs from November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to December 10 (Human Rights Day).

# 1. Release of Video about the International Day for Violence against Women (November 25)

On 25 November 2021, a video was released providing the historical background of the International Day for Violence against Women. The video was released through social media and was circulated among the students. Along with the video a digital emblem was also released was used by students to spread awareness on the importance of the day.



#### 2. Talk on 'Safe Spaces for Women'

On 3 December 2021, a talk on 'Safe Spaces for Women' was conducted in college. Dr. Babitha Marina Justin, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram was the guest speaker in the event. The speaker spoke about safe spaces particularly the public place, private space, domestic place, academic place and cyber place. The speaker spoke about how women are expected to be invisible in certain spaces and explained it with good examples which helps the listeners to understand about the concept. The efforts of women to reclaim their rightful position in a patriarchal society was also discussed. More than 100 students from various first year batches attended the event thus made the session lively.







# 3. Release of Poster on Rescue Signals

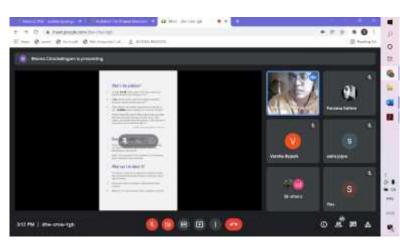
On 7 December 2021 -A Poster on Rescue Signals for Victims of Domestic Violence was released which depicts distress signals against domestic violence. The poster carries both the international and Indian signal. The poster was widely circulated in social media to create awareness among students.



#### 4. Awareness Class on Gender Based Violence & Inter-Personal Violence

On 8 December 2021 – An online awareness class on Gender Based Violence & Inter-personal Violence was conducted in association with International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care, Chennai. More than 70 students participated in the class. The class gave an introduction to how gender stereotypes contributes to gender based violence. The resource person for the event was Ms. Meena Chockalingam. She agreed to take 5 to 10 students from Mar Gregorios College of Law for advanced training to become change makers against gender based violence.





5. Panel Discussion among students of MGCL on Safe Spaces

On 9 December 2021, a panel discussion was conducted for first year students of the college on the topic "Building Safe Spaces for Women". The discussion was carried out on separate topics such as the private space, public space and cyber space. Students were divided into groups of 10 to undertake the discussion. More than 30 students actively participated in the discussion and more than 70 students attended the event. Senior students mentored the juniors on the topic as well as acted as moderator.



#### 6. Outreach Program – Flashmob on Violence against Women

The final day of the 16 day campaign was celebrated on 10 December 2021, which also coincides with Human Rights Day. An outreach program was conducted at St Johns School, Nalanchira, Thiruvananthapuram and Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, Nalanchira Thiruvananthapuram. The program consisted of a flashob cum theme dance depicting violence against women, especially acid attacks, domestic violence, rape and stalking. The dance was accompanied by a narrative on how these forms of violence was penalized under law. The participants also used placards to convey the frequency of the offences against women that had happened in the previous year. More than 30 students from MGCL actively participated in the conduct of the event. The response from the audience was enthusiastic and the performance of the whole team was remarkable.

Overall, the 16 days of activities helped to create an awareness against gender-based violence. More than 50 students and faculties of MGCL worked hard for conducting the long-drawn events to make it a great success.





