MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW
MAR IVANIOS VIDYA NAGAR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Affiliated to the University of Kerala & Approved by the Bar Council of India.
First NAAC Accredited Law College in Kerala

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH IQAC

Presents

1st NATIONAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION, 2026

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE
10 DECEMBER 2026

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

Nestled amid the picturesque environs of Mar Ivanios Vidya Nagar, the inclusive yet vibrant Mar Gregorios College of Law aspires to be a wellspring of academic excellence in legal education. Although the institution was established in 2012, it strives to build upon the proud legacy of this campus, which was founded in 1949 by the esteemed Archbishop Geevarghese Mar Ivanios. The institution was conceived and made a reality by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the head of the Malankara Catholic Church. It is named after Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, a profound humanist, accomplished linguist, economist and educationalist, whose spirit of love and compassion the institution seeks to embody.

Since its inception, the institution has evolved into a centre of educational excellence and has attained the distinction of being Kerala's first NAAC-accredited law college. It offers five-year integrated B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B. and B.Com. LL.B. courses at the undergraduate level and specialized LL.M. programmes in Constitutional Law and Maritime Law at the postgraduate level. The institution has also received recognitions such as the SILF-MILAT National Institutional Excellence Award. Beyond academics, it strives to encourage creativity and inquiry across diverse fields and provide a holistic educational experience.

ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Centre for Human Rights at Mar Gregorios College of Law is a dynamic platform dedicated to promoting awareness, research and advocacy in the field of human rights. The Centre seeks to sensitise students and the community to issues of human dignity, equality and social justice through academic initiatives and outreach programmes. By integrating theory with practice, the Centre aims to cultivate compassionate and socially responsible legal professionals committed to advancing justice and upholding the fundamental rights of all individuals.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The competition provides a platform for students, researchers, legal professionals and young scholars to explore contemporary issues relating to human rights, constitutionalism, social justice and inclusive development. It encourages critical thinking and meaningful discussion on emerging legal and social challenges in a rapidly changing society.

The competition covers diverse themes including civil liberties, digital rights and AI, access to justice, climate justice, health and education, women's rights, housing, food security, labour rights, data privacy, national security, and the rights of children and persons with disabilities. It aims to promote well-researched perspectives and innovative legal solutions while strengthening the values of equality, liberty, human dignity and justice.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students pursuing Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Diploma or Doctoral programmes from any recognised university, college or academic institution in India are eligible to participate.
- Participants from all academic disciplines and domains, including Law, Management, Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce, Engineering, Technology, Public Policy, Media, International Relations and allied fields, are eligible.
- Multiple teams from the same institution are permitted.

SUB-THEMES

1. Constitutional Safeguards and Civil Liberties in an Evolving Democracy
2. Human Rights in the Era of Digital Public Infrastructure, Cybersecurity and AI
3. Access to Justice, Legal Aid and Systemic Reforms for Marginalized Communities
4. Socio-Economic Rights and Corporate Accountability in a Rapidly Growing Economy
5. Climate Justice, Environmental Rights and Sustainable Development Frameworks
6. The Right to Health, Medical Equity and Bioethics Regulation
7. Balancing National Security, State Surveillance and Civil Liberties
8. The Right to Education and Inclusive Human Capital Development
9. Women's Rights, Intersectional Gender Justice and Social Protection
10. The Right to Housing, Anti-Eviction Laws and Inclusive Urban Governance
11. The Right to Food, Agrarian Livelihoods and Rural Resource Rights
12. Data Privacy, Freedom of Expression and Platform Accountability in Digital Markets
13. Labour Rights, Social Security and Protection Against Exploitation in the Modern Workforce
14. Rights of Children, Persons with Disabilities and Inclusive Welfare Legislation

Note: Participants are invited to submit papers under any of the following sub-themes. This list is indicative and not exhaustive; papers on closely related aspects theme are also welcome.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. All submissions must be in English.
2. The abstract should not exceed more than 300 - 400 words with the minimum of 5 key words. The abstract should be accompanied with a title page which should include the following details - Title of the Paper, Name of the Author (s), Email ID, Contact Number, Designation, and Institutional Affiliation.
3. Participants are required to remove document metadata prior to submission.
4. Submissions must be original and not published or under consideration elsewhere.
5. A similarity threshold may be applied at the discretion of the Organising Committee to ensure academic integrity.
6. Submissions shall be accepted in .doc, .docx and .pdf formats only.
7. Files must be named as: TeamCode.doc / TeamCode.docx / TeamCode.pdf.
8. Entries may be submitted individually or in teams.
9. Entries must be submitted through the official link or mode notified by the Organising Committee. Submissions through any other means shall not be considered.
10. In case of any dispute regarding interpretation of rules, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and binding.
11. Format of Articles:

(a) Font: Times New Roman

(b) Line spacing: 1.5 Pts

(c) Standard International A4 Size Page

(d) Paragraph: Justified

(e)Font Size: 12 Pts

12. Format of Footnotes:

(a) Font: Times New Roman

(b) Line Spacing: 1 Pts

(c) Paragraph : Justified

(d) Font Size: 10 Pts

13. The word count for the main body of the article must not exceed 3,000 words (excluding footnotes/abstract). Footnotes must strictly conform to the Harvard Bluebook (20th Edition) citation format.

PRIZES & BENEFITS

1st	₹5000	First prize
2nd	₹3000	Second prize
3rd	₹2000	Third prize

Certificate of Merit will be awarded to the Top 10 Participants/Teams from each of the sub-themes. Certificate of Participation will be purovided to all participants.

REGISTRATION

For the purpose of Registration participants are required to fill and submit the Google form. Further details will be shared via email.

Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftg4H4YkKmgGw22AbfR1mEMldrDqKe3mAk7483oRS0HSfK_A/viewform?usp=header

Registration Fees:

Individual Registration: ₹800
Co-author Registration: ₹1,000

Payment shall be done through payment gateway
Click here for Payment method: website> General> Online Payments> 1st National Article Writing Competition 2026 (Individual/ Team).
Payment Link: https://feebook.southindianbank.bank.in/FeeBookUser/userhome

Note - Maximum upto 2 Individuals are allowed in a team.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Starts

04 October 2026

Last Date for Registration

30 November 2026

Last Date for Full Paper Submission

10 December 2026

Result Publication

30 December 2026

(Tentative)

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