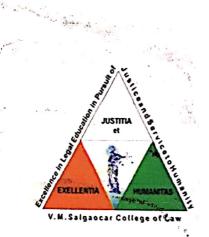
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Perspective Plan

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V. M. Salgaocar College of Law has been leading the path of legal education. From its inception V.M. Salgaocar College of Law became the pioneer of legal education in the State of Goa, with its establishment in 1973. With a dedicated and well- qualified teaching faculty, competent staff, state-of the-art facilities and a supportive Management, the College has taken vast strides in its march towards excellence. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law is the first law college amongst various law colleges and institutions of legal learning all over India, to secure 'A' grade rating from NAAC in 2005 and yet again in its re-accreditation in 2012.

In 2011, the Institution was conferred the 'INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD' for its outstanding efforts in imparting legal education and for its commitment in reaching out to the public through its 25 Permanent Legal Aid Cells. The Institution has taken leadership in adopting Clinical Legal Education methods to facilitate learning by bridging the gap between theory and practice of law. As a part of its mission to create professionally competent and socially responsible citizens, the Institution has established a permanent Consumer Clinic, Prison Clinic and Child Rights Clinic to facilitate access to justice to deserving parties. Social contexting of the students' practical training programme is visible in the proactive social action by the student body filing substantial number of Public Interest Litigations (PIL) on various issues, in the High Court of Bombay at Goa. The Library of the Institution is fully automated and computerized with open access system. Besides a vast collection of law books, there are also books that cater to diverse interests. Online e-journals, AIR manuals and CDs with multiple user facilities are made available. Over five lakh pages of rare journals are digitised. The Institution is recognized as Research Centre for Ph.D. Degree. Though, there have been various milestones in the growth and development of

this Institution, there are many more yet to achieve.

We believe that education needs to evolve and must meet the dynamism of the changing world. With this objective, and the urge to continue with our tradition of academic excellence, we have decided to plan out our further process of growth.

It is only through meticulous planning and its scrupulous implementation that we have been ranked as one of the top law colleges in India.

While drafting this strategic plan, due importance has been given to the views, opinions and feedback of the stakeholders like students, parents, alumni, employers, teachers, etc. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law in principle has always cherished the ideals and supported all the endeavours of the law college in letter and spirit.

Mission

The mission of the College is 'Excellentia Justitia et Humanitas' which means "Excellence in legal education, in pursuit of justice and service to humanity". The College is committed to academic excellence and affords opportunities for knowledge acquisition and adaptation through training, research, consultancy service to public and through outreach activities.

Vision

The words of the famous Justice Mansfield, "Let justice be done though the heaven fall", is the theme at this institution. The College inspires, motivates and challenges the teacher and the pupil alike, to the attainment of excellence in the field of legal education and emphasizes respect for human dignity and the inculcation of basic values crucial to the legal profession.

Future Plans

1. Value Oriented Education:

Mere education which does not end with imbibing of ethical values in a legal profession is of no use. Legal professional can't forget their responsibility and role of upholding rule of law in the society. To achieve this we need to focus on following points:

Active involvement of students in Legal Aid Cell

Increasing the number of legal aid camps and reaching out to the remotely situated people

- Developing awareness and interest towards conservation of environment
- Celebration of various days like Constitutional Day, International Women's Day, and etc.to inculcate respect for values of rule of law, gender equality.

2. Globally Competent Legal Education:

Changing economic policies of globalization and liberalization, advancement of science and technology, challenges of governance have changed the complexion of legal education. We need to take various measures for making students competent to face global challenges. Mere implementation of traditional curriculum can't suffice the purpose. We need to supplement this curriculum with other suitable actions like those given below:

- ♣ Starting more number of autonomous diplomas / certificate courses
- ♣ Holding Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Discussions on prominent legal issues
- ♣ Inviting experts like advocates/judges/academicians/public servants etc. as guest faculties
- Collaborations with various agencies for research oriented works
- Promoting students for undergoing Internships
- Providing career Counselling to the students
- ♣ Student exchange programs through collaboration with some national or international institutions
- Multi-disciplinary research and policy formulation

3. Increased Use of Technology:

In this digital world, it is necessary to increase the use of ICT in teaching, learning, evaluation, administration, accounts, etc. in following ways:

- Upgrading our website
- Making all classrooms Wi-Fi and ICT enabled
- Encouraging faculty and staff to use ICT methods
- Increasing speed of Wi-Fi connectivity
- Subscription to more e-learning resources
- Obtaining latest software for accounting purposes
- Processing admissions in online mode
- Handling examination in online mode
- 4. Bridging the gap between classroom and courtroom: Student graduating should be well equipped to practice ably in the courtroom. The gaps in law in books and in action should be removed through measures like:
- Holding more moot court competitions
- Holding Mediation competitions
- ♣ Participating in various National and International moot court and ADR competitions
- Conducting diploma/certificate courses in Civil and Criminal Practice
- Conducting mock trial, observation of court proceedings
- ♣ Creating awareness of law in action rather than law in books through clinics and legal aid cells
- 5. Contributing towards legal development:

The Management believes that the Institution should play an important role in shaping the legal system of the country. There should be more involvement of students and faculties in suggesting new laws or improvement or lacunas in existing laws. For this following measures can be taken:

♣ More number of research projects to be undertaken by faculty/students.

- ♣ Representing lacunas in existing laws to various organizations for proper action
- Legal empowerment is one of the areas where the college would work on by conducting orientation workshop of legal compliance under different laws like, POCSO, POSH, RTI Act etc.
- ♣ Publication of books on different areas of developments of law, regular publication of Journal which is culmination of new ideas from different parts of India.
- 6. Legal Education to provide service to Humanity:
- ♣ Through the Legal Aid Cells, NSS, various Clinics and Clubs, like the Consumer Clinic, the Child Rights Clinic, etc. Clubs like the Human Rights Club, International Law Club, Constitutional Law Club, Labour Law Club, etc., several activities are conducted wherein the students are imparted knowledge and training by sending them to various forums for getting hands on knowledge with regards to certain matters.
- ♣ Students through consultation with teachers represent/ take up certain matters before Forums/ Commissions to defend the social cause. Representation is felt in different forums to acclimatize the students with practical know how in the field of law.

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