

Inspire Inclusion

National Seminar on Women's Rights in India: A Human Rights Perspective



Organised By:

HUMAN RIGHTS CHAIR GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, KOZHIKODE



About the College



Government Law College Kozhikode was established in the year 1970 to impart excellent education and knowledge in the field of law. Established as the third law college in Kerala. The college offers Five-year BBA, LLB, Three-year LLB undergraduate courses, and a postgraduate course LLM (Taxation and Criminal Law). The Research Centre on Law, Chair on Human Rights, Centre on IPR and Centre on Tribal Studies are some academic centres established by the College. The institute has been evolving by continually responding to social changes, creating a legally-centred atmosphere that promotes and protects justice, equality, dignity, and human rights for all. The college has been included in the Kerala State budget for the year 2021, being recognised to be developed into a Centre of Excellence.

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For ages, in the name of tradition and culture, women are subjected to violence. They are deprived of a reasonable standard of living, access to decent work and public services, and the right to leisure and rest. Child marriages are still the norm in many areas, women and girls are trafficked into forced labour and sex slavery. They are denied access to education and political participation, and a section is trapped in conflicts where rape is perpetrated as a weapon of war. The instances of death related to pregnancy and childbirth are high, and women are thwarted from making personal choices in their private lives.

Regardless of the strides made by women's rights movements all over the world, women's fear of violence is still on the rise and continues to infringe on their basic rights and prevent them from living fulfilled and equal lives. They are still denied control over their bodies leading to women's economic, political, social and sexual subordination. Consequently, it becomes imperative to work towards the realization of women's empowerment and gender equality protecting the rights and improving the lives of women and girls on the ground. Hence, this seminar aims to provide a platform to deliberate various conventional and contemporary issues challenging the protection of women's rights.

Registration:

Registration is mandatory. For details kindly email us advbineeshbs@gmail.com

Accommodation will not be provided.

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Themes of the Seminar

SESSION 1

PERSONAL LAWS AND RIGHT TO EQUALITY OF WOMEN

Sub themes: (1) Maintenance and Personal Laws - Conflict with Secular Laws

- (2) Right to Property and Personal laws Equality perspective Conflict with secular laws judicial trends
- (3) Right to adoption and personal laws- equality perspective- conflict with judicial trends
- (4) Dissolution of marriage personal laws-equality perspective judicial trends

SESSION 2

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sub themes: (1) CEDAW provisions and international Law

(2) Indian Law- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act- Economic abuse relation with other legislations like Dowry prohibition Act

(3) Cruelty

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SESSION 3

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sub themes: (1) CEDAW and other International Laws

(2) IPC/BNS- rape and other offenceschanges introduced after 2013 amendment
Act -presumption

(3) Case Law

(4) POCSO - Case Laws

SESSION 4

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Sub themes: (1) Access to Healthcare

- (2) Reproductive Autonomy
- (3) Reproductive Technologies and Rights of Women
- (4) Embryo Ethics and Women's Rights
- (5) Surrogacy and Women's Rights

session 5

ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Sub Themes : (1) Employment and Women

- (2) Sexual Harassment at Workplace Laws CEDAW - ilegilsaitons
- (3) Discrimination in employment- laws—realityjudicial responses
- (4) Unpaid Work
- (5) Domestic Workers
- (6) Women and Development SDG
- (7) Reservation for women in politics- working

Call For Papers

Seminar papers are invited from academicians, practitioners, researchers, scholars and students on the issues related to specified themes. The authors of selected papers would be allowed to present their papers as per the requirement of the theme during sessions on the day of the seminar. The cash prize will be awarded to the three Best papers as recommended by the advisory committee.

Submission Guidelines

I. Abstract

The abstracts should not exceed 250 words with five keywords. It should indicate:

- 1. Title of Paper
- 2. Name of the Author(s)
- 3. E-mail address
- 4. Postal address with contact number

II. Full Research Paper

- 1. The paper should not exceed 4000 words (including footnotes).
- 2. Paper can be submitted by an Author or with one co-author.
- 3. Author and Co-Author should register separately.
- 4. All articles are subject to scrutiny by the advisory committee
- 5. The main text should be in Times New Roman font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.
- 6. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman font size 10 with single line spacing.
- 7. One inch margin on all sides should be maintained.
- 8. Citation style: Bluebook citation, 21st Edition.
- 9. The paper should be the original, unpublished work. Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified.
- 10. The selected papers will be published.

Submission Guidelines (Cont.)

III. Method of submission

1. All submissions for the seminar should be e- mailed with the subject column as "submission-abstract/full paper as the case may be and the name(s) of the author(s) as the file name, only at the following email address:

advbineeshbs@gmail.com

2. There will not be any registration fee for the seminar.

Important Dates

Abstract submission: 2nd March, 2024

Intimation of accepted abstracts: 3rd March 2024

Last Date for submission of the full paper: 7th March 2024

Intimation of accepted full paper: 8th March 2024

Last Date for Registration: 9th March 2024

Resource Persons



SESSION 1: PERSONAL LAWS AND RIGHT TO EQUALITY

Aravindan A

Mr. Aravindan holds dual roles as Deputy Registrar and Assistant Professor of Law at Vidyashilp University, Bangalore. With teaching experience at institutions like UPES Dehradun and Presidency University, he imparts knowledge in Constitutional Law, Public International Law, and Maritime Law, acting as a mentor to shape future legal minds. His academic achievements include a post-graduate degree from NLIU, Bhopal, and he is currently a Doctoral Research Scholar at GNLU, Gandhinagar, focusing on Blue Economy.



SESSION 2: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Dr Keerthy V S

An assistant Professor at the Christ Academy Institute of Law in Bengaluru, she holds a Doctorate in Law (Criminal Law) and UGC JRF Holder. Her research delves into the critical evaluation of the judicial approach to "The Concept of Negligence under the Indian Penal Code." Graduating with the sixth position in Kerala University from Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, she specialized in Criminal Law and Maritime Law at Cochin University of Science and Technology. Her research interests span Criminal Law, Human Rights, Women and Law, and Maritime Law, reflected in publications in international and national journals and edited books.

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SESSION 3: **HEALTH AND** RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Dr P S Seema

Dr. Seema P.S., Associated Professor, Former Director, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT. She did her post-graduation and doctorate in Law from the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology. Her specializations are Criminal Law and Constitutional Law. She has been teaching Human Rights Law to LL.M. students since 2000. Her Ph.D. is in "Protection of Farmers' Rights in India-Challenges for Law in the Context of Plant Breeders' Rights". Her other areas of interest are Environmental Law, Women's rights, Children's Rights, Rights of the disabled, Family Law, REPRODUCTIVE Intellectual Property Rights, and Entrepreneurship. She has several publications in the areas of Human Rights, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, International Humanitarian Law, etc.



SESSION 4: SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Dr Sandeep M.N

Dr. Sandeep M.N. is an Assistant Professor at the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) Kochi, holds a B.A.LL.B. (Hons) from NUALS, Cochin, an LLM in Criminal Law and Constitutional Law from CUSAT, and an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Exeter, UK. He earned his Ph.D. from NUALS, Cochin, focusing on 'Corporate Social Accountability in India.' Qualified for UGC NET, he has worked at esteemed institutions like NLU Jodhpur, VIT Law School Chennai, SRM Law School Chennai, REVA University Bangalore, and Ramaiah College of Law Bangalore. With over 30 publications and participation in various conferences, he received the International Masters Scholarship from the University of Exeter and was named the International Student Employee of the Year 2011 by the National Association of Student Employee Services, UK.

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SESSION 5: ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Dr Anandakrishnaraj

Dr. S. Anandha Krishna Raj, Associate Professor VIT School of Law, VIT University, Chennai, completed his graduation in law from Chennai, at Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College and enrolled in New Delhi Bar Council to Practice in Supreme Court of India. He has done his LLM from Kurukshetra University and an M.A. (Sociology) from Jawaharlal Nehru University. He completed his M.Phil. and Ph.D. in International Law from Jawaharlal Nehru University under the supervision of eminent scholar, Professor Dr. B.S. Chimni. His topic in his Ph.D. thesis is 'Towards a Materialist Theory of International Law'.

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