



## Government Law College, Kozhikode

PRESENTS

### National Seminar On BASIC STRUCTURE DOCTRINE: DEFENCE AGAINST PARLIAMENTARY HEGEMONY

Date: 15th September, 2023

Time: 11:00AM - 4:30PM

Venue : College Auditorium & Seminar Hall,  
Government Law College, Kozhikode

#### ABOUT

##### **Government Law College, Kozhikode**

Established in the year 1970 is one of the pioneering legal educational institutions in the state of Kerala. The institute is owned and operated by the Government of Kerala and is affiliated to the University of Calicut. It is recognised as a Centre of excellence by the Kerala Government.

#### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The decision Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala, which completed 50 years in 2023, is a landmark legal milestone in the history of Indian jurisprudence. It is the seminal ruling in which the Supreme Court laid down the “basic structure” doctrine on the limits of Parliament’s power to amend the Constitution.

This landmark legal battle, which unfolded in the mid-20th century, has left an indelible mark on the understanding of fundamental rights and the delicate balance between amendment power of the Parliament of India and the supremacy of the Supreme Court of India. The pivotal case set the stage for subsequent legal debates on the scope and limitations of the dynamism and basic structure of the Indian Constitution.

Over the course, the seminar, dissect the intricate legal arguments, the historical context, and the enduring implications of the Kesavananda Bharati case and the scope and limitations of the basic structure doctrine.

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath**

Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath holds the charge of Registrar of the Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai. He also serves as the Director of the Centre for Research in Criminal Justice and the Chair Professor & Director of Justice M..L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws.



**Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan**

Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Law, University of Kerala



**Dr. Gireesh Kumar**

Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Law, of Central University of Kerala

## Programme at a Glance

### SESSION I

Time : 11.30 AM - 1.00 PM

Venue : College Auditorium

- Welcome Address : Sri Bineesh Kumar B.S. ,  
Asst. Professor, GLCK
- Presidential Address : Dr. Krishna Kumar N,  
Principal, GLCK
- **Inaugural and Key Note Address**  
by **Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath**  
Registrar, MNLU, Mumbai
- Topic : Revisiting basic structure doctrine
- Felicitation :  
Sri. R K Biju, Dean, Faculty of Law,  
University of Calicut
- Sri. Mohammed Shafeek. A, Chairman,  
Students Union
- Vote of thanks : Aathils Shylan, General  
Secretary, Students Union

### SESSION II (Hybrid)

Time : 2.00 PM to 4.30 PM

Venue : Seminar Hall

- Welcome Address : Anjali P Nair, Asst.  
Professor, GLCK
- Presidential Address : Sri. Anees P.K, Asst.  
Professor, GLCK

- **Inauguration of special session**  
by **Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan**

Associate Professor and Head of the Department  
of Law, University of Kerala

Topic : “ Is ‘Basic Structure’ the essence of the Constitution?

- Chairpersons :  
Dr. Lawwellman, Asst. Professor, GLCK  
Sri. Vidyuth KS, Asst. Professor, GLCK
- Vote of thanks : Somanadhan Anila,  
Asst. Professor, GLCK

- **Technical session chaired by Dr. Gireesh  
Kumar**

Associate Professor and Head of the Department  
of Law, of Central University of Kerala

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### ELIGIBILITY

Any interested law student, researchers, legal  
professionals, faculties from any institution can  
submit their paper.

The topic of the paper should be on the areas of  
the seminar as provided below :

- Basic structure doctrine
- Amendment of the constitution
- Fundamental rights and its amendments
- Rule of law
- Constitutional wisdom etc.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The word limit excluding footnotes should not  
exceed 4000 words.
- Last date for submission of full paper is  
**September 14th, 2023.**
- All papers must be submitted to mail id :  
**calicutlawcollege@gmail.com**

It is our great honour and privilege to invite you to  
send your papers to this seminar on  
**“Basic Structure Doctrine: Defence Against  
Parliamentary Hegemony”**  
where you can present and share your findings,  
experiences and projects with other experts.

### Seminar Co-ordinators

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