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ABOUT

THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE

The Kerala Law Academy Law College (KLA), a premier law college established in 1966, is a seat of excellence in legal education, consultancy, research and pioneering law reforms. This esteemed institution is located in the 'heart' of Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala, India, on a hill of sylvan splendor with a view of Arabian sea on one side and the Western Ghats on the other.

The college is affiliated to the University of Kerala and, it offers Undergraduate programs in B.A LL.B and B.Com LL.B (five year integrated courses), LL.B (Unitary) three year courses and Post-Graduate courses of LL.M (Administrative law), LL.M (International law) and MBL (Master of Business Law). The liberal ambience of the research wing and its sister institute for Research program in Law (PhD), "Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research" (CALSAAR), is conducive to ignite nascent thoughts and ideals. The reason for the strength and success of this institution is our students from all across the country who are nearly 2500 in number. Academy has been fostering many legal minds who have gone on to become upstanding citizens and an integral part of legal communities around the world. "Academy Law Review", finds vivid expressions and has won numerous international acclamations ever since its appearance in print in 1977. The moot teams of the Academy are the flag bearers in renowned international fora. Academy's social commitment is embedded in its socio-legal clinics and consultancy service. The teaching standards and research quality consistently receive high ratings, and it maintains a strong research culture with all faculties actively researching in their preferred areas. Experienced and learned teachers and a highly supportive learning environment aiming for nurturing the personal development of the students is one of the many highlights of our institution.

Apart from Kerala Law Academy's prestigious All India Moot Court Competition and National Client Consulting Competition, we have had various other competitions such as International Mediation Competition, National ADR competition, National Trial Advocacy Competition and cultural festivities as well. We also feel privileged in hosting many International Seminars and Workshops on highly relevant topics, and on top of these we have been fortunate enough to be in the presence of pre-eminent legal minds and other dignitaries from the legal field who graced us with their time as Judges, Lecturers, panel members and other valuable members associated with the events



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ABOUT

SAVEETHA SCHOOL OF LAW

Saveetha School of Law, a distinguished institution under the Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (Deemed to be University), is renowned for its innovative approach to legal education. Founded in 2009, Saveetha School of Law is dedicated to delivering high-quality legal education while upholding exceptional standards in legal research and training. Its academic independence allows for innovative teaching methods, fostering an environment of excellence. This forward-thinking approach has positioned Saveetha School of Law as a rising leader in the realm of legal education.

The school has witnessed remarkable growth, expanding its reach and impact in numerous dimensions. It places great emphasis on holistic student development and actively promotes participation in extracurricular activities such as Moot Court, Client Counseling, Mock Trials, Seminars, and Community Outreach Programmes. These experiences not only sharpen students' legal skills but also cultivate essential qualities like leadership, teamwork, and effective communication.

Beyond traditional classroom teaching, Saveetha School of Law equips students with practical skills vital for their future legal careers. By nurturing well-rounded professionals who are ready to excel in the competitive legal landscape, the institution continues to make its mark as a premier law school.

Located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Saveetha School of Law remains one of India's leading law schools, and it is celebrated for its commitment to academic excellence and holistic student development. Established with the vision of nurturing competent legal professionals, the school emphasizes a dynamic blend of theoretical knowledge and practical exposure.

It offers undergraduate programs in BA.LLB(HONS), BBA.LLB(HONS), BCOM.LLB(HONS) (Five-year integrated courses), Postgraduate courses of LLM in fields of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Commercial Law, International Law, Labour law, Constitutional law, Criminal law, and an integrated LL.M-PH.D 5-year doctoral program and a standalone PH.D program of 3 years.

The journey of Saveetha School of Law has been nothing short of extraordinary. Its remarkable growth and dynamic progress are a testament to its vision of nurturing future leaders in the legal profession.

ABOUT NATIONAL SEMINAR

The Kerala Law Academy Law College in association with the Saveetha School of Law, SIMATS Chennai, the Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (CAL SAR) and IOAC KLA is organizing a One Day National Seminar on the topic "Bridging Inequality: Law, Policy and the Upliftment of Marginalized Communities" scheduled on 22nd of February 2025 at the Kerala Law Academy Law College Campus, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. For centuries, various groups within society have faced systemic barriers that limit their access to opportunities and resources. These groups often endure discrimination based on factors such as economic status, race, gender, and disability, creating a persistent gap in social, educational, and economic outcomes. Addressing this disparity requires deliberate efforts through reforms that focus on empowering these groups and ensuring they have equal chances to succeed. Key to this process is the implementation of frameworks that provide targeted support and help level the playing field, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their background, can thrive in a just society. Interventions to improve the conditions of historically excluded individuals can take many forms, from direct financial aid and community-based development programs to the creation of structures that promote equal access to education, employment, and healthcare. Effective leadership in this area often relies on policies that focus on not only immediate relief but also long-term structural change.

Initiatives must be carefully designed to address the unique needs and challenges faced by each group, ensuring that the solutions are both relevant and impactful. Furthermore, accountability measures are essential to track progress and adapt strategies as needed, ensuring sustainable improvements. The role of law and governance becomes crucial in this effort, as these systems set the rules that govern equitable treatment and societal participation. Legal frameworks can both protect rights and provide mechanisms for redress when inequities persist. Through carefully crafted legislation, social change can be reinforced, offering protections and opportunities to those who have historically been marginalized. Ultimately, policy decisions must align with the goal of creating an inclusive society, where all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances, can enjoy the full benefits of societal progress and participate in the collective journey toward fairness and equality. This seminar aims to conduct discussions among legal luminaries, academicians, scientists, industrialists, environmentalists, and other stakeholders. The seminar seeks to distillate the various suggestions and experiences of diverse experts to ensure a fruitful proceeding of the seminar. Moreover, this Seminar provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss the most recent trends and concerns as well as challenges encountered and solutions under the topic of discussion.

Technical session-1
9:00 am - 10:00 am

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Student Moderator: ALAKANANDA A N
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Technical session-2
9:00 am - 10:00 am

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9:00 am - 10:00 am

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11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Technical session-4
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

CHAIR:

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Technical session-5
12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

CHAIR:
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Special session-3
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Technical session-6
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Technical session-7
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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