



**GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE,  
KOZHIKODE**

# Libertus Tribus

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON  
RIGHTS OF THE SCHEDULED  
TRIBES AND DEMAND  
FOR DEVELOPMENT  
WITH DIGNITY**



On 2nd to 4th of December 2024

Organised By:

**HUMAN RIGHTS CHAIR, GOVERNMENT LAW  
COLLEGE, KOZHIKODE**

**KERALA INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH, TRAINING  
AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES OF SCHEDULED  
CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES (KIRTADS)**

In Association with:

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**KIRTADS**



# 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 Unitary LLB undergraduate courses, Postgraduate course LLM (Taxation and Criminal Law) and Centre for Doctrine of Research PhD, under the University of Calicut.

Over the past 54 years, the college has bolstered its reputation of producing extraordinary lawyers, judges, academicians, CEOs, civil servants, and politicians. Our renowned alumni have been serving the nation as union cabinet ministers, judges, and advocates practising in various courts of India and have also made their mark in the private sector. The college has more than 900 students with a magnificent infrastructure and a resourceful library with several online databases. The college is stepping into new goals towards the law in the globalised world by analyzing potential challenges.

# About the Human Rights Chair, Government Law College, Kozhikode

The Human Rights Chair at Government Law College, Kozhikode, serves as a dedicated center for advancing human rights education, research, and advocacy. Established with the mission to promote awareness and understanding of human rights issues, the Chair organizes various seminars, workshops, and outreach programs to engage students, faculty, and the wider community in discussions on rights and justice. This role not only educates future legal professionals about human rights principles but also seeks to contribute to policy-making processes and community service, emphasizing the college's commitment to fostering a fair and just society. Through collaborations with human rights organizations, the Chair provides students with valuable practical exposure, preparing them to champion rights-based approaches in their future careers.

# About the KIRTADS

The Kerala Institute for Research Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS), located in Kozhikode, is a government agency under the Department of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development, Kerala. Established with the mission to empower marginalized communities, KIRTADS engages in research, training, and development activities focused on the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other marginalized groups.

KIRTADS plays a crucial role in documenting and preserving the cultural heritage of tribal communities in Kerala while actively promoting policies and programs that enhance their quality of life. Through its extensive research, it offers insights and recommendations that inform governmental policies and initiatives aimed at achieving social equity. In partnering with Government Law College, Kozhikode, for this seminar, KIRTADS seeks to further its commitment to advocating for the rights of tribal communities and fostering legal awareness and inclusivity.

# About the Seminar

Tribal communities in India, with their unique cultures, languages, and traditional knowledge, represent a vital aspect of the country's diversity. However, these communities face several socio-economic, cultural, and environmental challenges, often exacerbated by marginalization and lack of access to justice. As a legal educational institution, Government Law College, Kozhikode, in collaboration with KIRTADS, aims to initiate a platform for intellectual discussion, advocacy, and action regarding the rights and well-being of tribal communities.

The seminar aims to critically examine the existing legal and constitutional framework for tribal rights in India, providing an in-depth understanding of the socio-economic, political, and cultural challenges faced by tribal communities in India, across the country. It seeks to create a platform for meaningful dialogue among students, academics, legal practitioners, tribal representatives, and policymakers, fostering an exchange of perspectives and experiences. Additionally, the seminar will highlight successful models and case studies in tribal development and rights advocacy, allowing participants to learn from effective approaches. Ultimately, the goal is to propose actionable recommendations to strengthen tribal rights and address gaps in their implementation, contributing to a more just and inclusive society.

# THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

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## THEME 1

### TRIBAL RIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1965.
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 2007.
- Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries, 1989.

## THEME 2

### TRIBAL RIGHTS IN INDIA: CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

- Tribal rights under the Constitution of India.
- Legislations protecting and safeguarding social, economic, and political rights of the Scheduled Tribes in India.
- Response of the Judiciary.
- Offenses against the Scheduled Tribes.
- National Commission and its working.

## **THEME 3**

### **LAND RIGHTS OF SCHEDULED TRIBES IN INDIA**

- Ownership and Use of Land.
- Land reforms Legislations.
- Land restoration.
- Rights on the forest land.
- Rehabilitation in the case of displacement.

## **THEME 4**

### **ISSUES OF TRIBAL INTEGRATION AND AUTONOMY**

- Tribal autonomy international norms: rationale.
- Tribal Autonomy and Constitutional provisions.
- Challenges and opportunities in political representation of tribals.
- Tribal Autonomy issues and challenges

# THEME 5

## TRIBAL RIGHTS AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

- Forest rights of the Scheduled Tribes.
- Forest laws of India.
- Forest Rights Acts of India.
- Community Rights

# THEME 6

## TRIBALS, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

- Natural Resources Rights.
- Community Forests.
- Mining.
- Wildlife Laws.
- Rights over Biodiversity.



# Call for Papers

The seminar invites students, researchers, academicians, and professionals to submit research papers on themes related to tribal rights. Selected papers will be presented during the seminar, providing a valuable opportunity for participants to showcase their research and contribute to the academic discourse on tribal rights in India.

## Submission Guidelines

### **1.AUTHORS**

Paper can be submitted by an Author or with one co-author. **(Maximum of two authors)**.

### **2.ABSTRACT**

- Prospective authors must submit an abstract of **250-500 words** outlining the research question, methodology, and key arguments of the paper.
- Abstract shall contain **4- 5 keywords**.
- **Abstract must adhere to 21st edition of Bluebook.**

### **3.FULL RESEARCH PAPER**

- Full papers should be between **3,000 to 4,000 words**, following academic standards.
- The main text should be in **Times New Roman font size 12** and **1.5 line spacing**.
- The footnotes should be in **Times New Roman font size 10** with single line spacing.
- **Full paper must adhere to 21st edition of the Bluebook.**

- The paper should be the original, unpublished work. Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified.

#### **4.LANGUAGE**

The paper should be written in English.

## Method of Submission

**Registration is mandatory.**

#### **1.ABSTRACT**

All submissions for the abstract of the seminar should be uploaded in the google form given below along with necessary requirements.

<https://forms.gle/KmAgZoPMP7GqKqZcA>

#### **2.FULL PAPER**

All submissions for the full paper of the seminar should be uploaded in the google form given below.

<https://forms.gle/vscN2fY6Q3KhNE1h9>

Remember to fill out all the requirements correctly, as it will be used for the certificates.

## Important Deadlines

#### **1.ABSTRACT**

Submission Deadline : **26/11/2024**

#### **2.FULL PAPER**

Submission Deadline : **29/11/2024**

# Selection Process

- All abstracts and full papers will undergo a peer-review process by the seminar's Academic and Content Committee.
- Selection will be based on relevance to the themes, originality, and quality of research.
- Selected papers will be invited for presentation during the seminar, and authors will be notified via email.

# Details of Presentation

- **Presentation Format(offline/online):** Authors will have 7 minutes to present their papers, followed by question-and-answer session with the audience.
- **Presentation Aids:** Projectors and other audiovisual equipment will be available for presenters. Authors are encouraged to prepare visual aids or slides to enhance their presentations.
- **Language:** Presentations should be delivered in English.
- Physical presenters should carry three hard copies.

## Registration Fee

- Students and LLM Scholars need not pay registration fee.
- There will be registration fee for faculty, research scholars, advocates and other professionals.

**Fees For Research Scholars - Rs. 250/-**

**Fees For Faculty, Advocates and Other Professionals - Rs. 350/-**

### Account Details:

**The Principal, Government Law College, Kozhikode**

**A/C No. : 0839101008581**

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## Publication

- Selected papers shall have below 10% plagiarism include AI generated, will be published in the conference proceedings, providing contributors with academic recognition and a broader audience for their work.
- Papers published in the proceedings will be distributed to participants, institutions, and libraries, making a meaningful addition to the discourse on tribal rights.

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# Seminar Organising Committee

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# Awards

**Selected papers will receive one year subscription to Legal Bites.**

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