

JUSTICE V. R. KRISHNA IYER CHAIR ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES,  
COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, KOCHI-22  
THREE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON  
*CONTOURS OF RIGHT TO PRIVACY: NEW DIMENSIONS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES*

Organized by Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Chair on Human Rights

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**About the School of Legal Studies**

The School of Legal Studies, one of the oldest Law Schools in India was initially started under the Kerala University in the year 1962 as the Post Graduate Department of Law and became part of the Cochin University in the year 1971 under the leadership and guidance of the late Prof. (Dr.) A. T. Markose, an internationally acclaimed jurist and academician. The pioneering effort of the Law School in encouraging Post Graduate studies and research in vital areas of social significance led to the introduction of LL.M courses in Administrative Law, Labour Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, Environmental Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law, Maritime Law, Consumer Law and Corporate Governance and Securities Law. The most important features of LL.M. programme include Wednesday seminars, legal aid outreach programmes and student involvement in the publication of law journal.

The Continuing dedication and scholarship at the School of Legal Studies attracted the attention of the Govt. of India, U.G.C. and the Govt. of Kerala. Post Graduate Courses in Intellectual Property and Human Rights are being substantially funded by these agencies. Post Graduate course in Corporate Governance and Securities Law is being offered under the UGC Special Assistance Programme (SAP). In search of innovative techniques which facilitate better dissemination of advances in legal knowledge, the School adopts methods like discussion, seminars, tutorials etc. Legal and clinical legal training provides opportunities for extension activities and community outreach. The faculty of the law School has earned repute in their respective areas of scholarship and is consulted by various agencies including the Government of India on Law Reforms. The Public Law Lecture Series established by the School has already produced commendable works in law and has received tremendous appreciation and applause. The School offers a full-fledged BBA; LL.B (Hons.) and B.Com LL.B (Hons.) integrated Course along with the Post Graduate Course which is designed to give students a thorough grounding in both traditional and emerging areas of law, business, administration and commerce. The Law School from its very inception has been promoting legal research in frontier areas of law. The ongoing research programmes include Criminal

Liability of Corporations, Trans-boundary movement of hazardous goods, Law on securities intermediaries etc.

### **About the Chair**

The V.R. Krishna Iyer Chair on Human Rights sanctioned by the Govt. of Kerala was instituted in the School of Legal Studies in the year 2012, in honour of the Late Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer, the ardent champion of Human Rights who through his various landmark judgments has espoused the cause of Human Rights. Since its establishment, many Seminars, Conferences and Workshops have been organized under the auspices of the Chair in the Human Rights arena which include National Seminars on Socio-Economic Rights, Freedom of Speech and Expression. The Chair has also initiated Freedom Lectures in connection with Independence Day Celebrations in 2016. The Chair convened a National Conference on Health Care System in India and Human Rights Concerns from 05-09 December, 2016. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam (Hon'ble Governor of Kerala) in the presence of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor J Letha and several other dignitaries. The Five Day Conference deliberated on several vital areas of human rights concerns such as health care institutions and their legal regulations, medical experimentation, drug pricing, clinical trials, traditional medicine, ART techniques, organ transplantation etc. Various experts from different fields deliberated on different dimensions of the theme.

### **AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANCE OF THE THREE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR:**

The Three National Seminar is intended to provide a platform not only for the academic and student community but to ordinary layman who has concerns on the scope, ambit and extent of the right of privacy and the extent of assertion of his rights. The seminar intends to provide a space whereby meaningful deliberation on the jurisprudential basis of the right would be undertaken. The different facets of areas where privacy has emerged as a poignant subject would be dealt with. The big question as to what privacy means to a nation and an individual would be elaborated on. The quest for protection of one's privacy is within the heart of every individual and to what extent the state can intrude upon it is a debatable matter and hence the seminar intends to explore areas where intrusion needs to be questioned by the citizenry. The seminar seeks to evaluate areas where privacy is emerging as a crucial question such as cyber world, medical technology etc. The seminar also explores newer areas where privacy can emerge as a crucial question so as to ignite research in this area.