

One Day National Seminar

On

**“Guardians of Democracy: Exploring the
Basic Structure of the Constitution”**

Organized by

***Faculty of Law
Himachal Pradesh University,
Summerhill, Shimla-171005 (INDIA)***

in collaboration with

***SHEDS, College of Law,
Solan, H P***

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ABOUT HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY

The Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla came into existence in July, 1970 through Himachal Pradesh University Act, 1970. Though it does encompass the challenges and limitation of hill University, it nevertheless stands apart from the rest in academic accomplishments. It has a beautiful campus spread over 200 acres. The University is surrounded by a panoramic view of nature having snow laden mountains,

thick deep forests growing oak, pine and soul winning deodar trees. The University is one of the leading affiliating – cum- residential Universities in India, catering to the needs of more than 1.50 lac student. It enjoys the National and International repute.

ABOUT FACULTY OF LAW

The Department of Laws came into existence in 1970 when the University was established. Initially it was housed in D.A.V. School, Middle Bazar. Later it was shifted to Ava Lodge, Chaura Maidan where it remained functional for some years. The Department was relocated in the University campus in 1984 and finally shifted to its own building in 1993. Since its inception the department has been actively engaged in imparting legal education, training and legal research benefiting to the students desirous of pursuing their career in law. The Department has a distinction of producing best Professionals, Statesmen and officers rendering useful service to the Nation. Its Alumni include Judges of High Courts, Union Cabinet Ministers, State Cabinet Ministers, Senior Bureaucrats, Police Officers, officers of subordinate Judiciary, Law officers, Civil Servants and members of the legal Profession. Law graduates from this Department are serving all over the country in the District Courts, High Courts and Supreme Court.

ABOUT SHEDS COLLEGE OF LAW

The **SHEDS College of Law** came into existence in 2019. Since its inception the college has been actively engaged in imparting legal education, training and legal research benefiting the students desirous of pursuing their career in law. We strive to provide educational opportunities to those who have the potential and creativity to upgrade their skills to compete globally. The college has distinction of producing some best professionals, statesman and officers those who can render their useful services over the country in the Lower Courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

THEME OF THE SEMINAR

Keshavanand Bharti case is a landmark in Indian Constitutional law history which has lasting impact on the Indian legal system. The judgement in this case has completed 50 years on 24 April 2023. The A.K. Gopalan case, Sri Sankari Prasad case, Sajjan Singh case and I.C. Golak Nath case are precursors to **Keshavanand Bharti** case judgement and have played an important role to establish the groundwork for this case. 24th Constitutional Amendment sought to curtail the powers of judiciary and limit the scope of judicial review and 25th and 29th Constitutional Amendments sought to limit the fundamentals rights of citizens and gave Parliament the power to amend any part of the Constitution. The judgement in this case upheld the basic structure doctrine and placed limits on the power of the Parliament to amend the Constitution. This case is remembered as a key figure in the fight to uphold the principles of democracy and the rule of law in India. It is significant as it established the doctrine of basic structure of the Indian Constitution. This doctrine is a check on

the power of the Parliament to amend the Constitution and ensures that Constitution is a living document which is responsive to the changing times while preserving its fundamental values and principles. The judgement affirmed the supremacy of the Constitution, separation of power and independence of judiciary and laid down several principles that have become the bedrock of constitutional law in India. The court held that the power of Parliament to amend the Constitution under Article 368 is not unlimited and it cannot alter the basic structure of the Constitution

Sub Theme(s) of the Seminar:

- Basic Structure Doctrine – Origin and Reasons.
- Amending Power of the Parliament and Basic Structure Doctrine.
- Basic Structure Doctrine as a Saviour of the Indian Constitution.
- Parliamentary Democracy and Basic Structure Doctrine.
- Evolution of Basic Structure Doctrine in the Past 50 Years.
- Basic Structure Theory: An Insight of the Indian Constitution.
- Amending Power and Judicial Review - An Overview.
- Supremacy of the constitution.
- Unity and sovereignty of India.
- Democratic and republic form of government.
- Unitary and federal structure.
- Separation of powers.
- Secular character.
- Constitutionalism.
- Parliamentary democracy.

Deadlines for the Submission of the Paper(s)

Participants are requested to submit abstract on or before **30th September, 2023** through email id: **shedsseminar@gmail.com**. The manuscripts will be reviewed by review panel. The decision of the reviewers will be final and binding. The decision of the reviewers on the acceptability of the paper will be intimated by **10th October, 2023** through email only. The Soft copies may be sent to the above-mentioned email. The paper must be submitted to the faculty on or before **23rd October, 2023**. The schedule will be strictly followed. The organizers will not be able to entertain any requests for extension of the deadlines. The details of the Seminar are also available on the Himachal Pradesh University Website: www.hpuniv.nic.in

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstract and Paper: **30th September, 2023**
Confirmation of Acceptance of the Paper: **10th October, 2023**
Submission of Final Paper for Circulation: **23rd October, 2023**

Format

Abstract of paper should be within 500 words and submitted by person/postal/e-mail in both hard and soft copy. Paper and abstract should be typed in A4 size paper, font Size 12, font type “New Times Roman”, 1.5 spacing in MS word and ILI Rules for footnoting. Please don’t forget to mention your Name, Designation, e-mail, Institution/ Department and contact number(s).

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Research Scholars/Students :	Rs. 300/-
Joint Paper by Research Scholars	Rs 500/-

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EDITED BOOK ON THE Theme “Basic Structure of the Constitution”

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- a) Body of the Manuscript should be in TIMES NEW ROMAN, Font size 12 and in 1.5 line spacing. The END NOTES/ REFERENCES must conform to APA and should be in TIMES New ROMAN font size 10 and in single line spacing.
- b) WORD LIMIT: 2500 to 5000 including endnote/ references and abstract.
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Selection Process:

- a) The manuscript should have zero Plagiarism.
- b) Plagiarism check through **Urkund** or other **authorized software**
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