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A COLLOQUIUM ON THE SABARIMALA REFERENCE PETITION

VENUE: SEMINAR HALL

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ABOUT THE COLLOQUIUM ON THE SABARIMALA REFERENCE PETITION

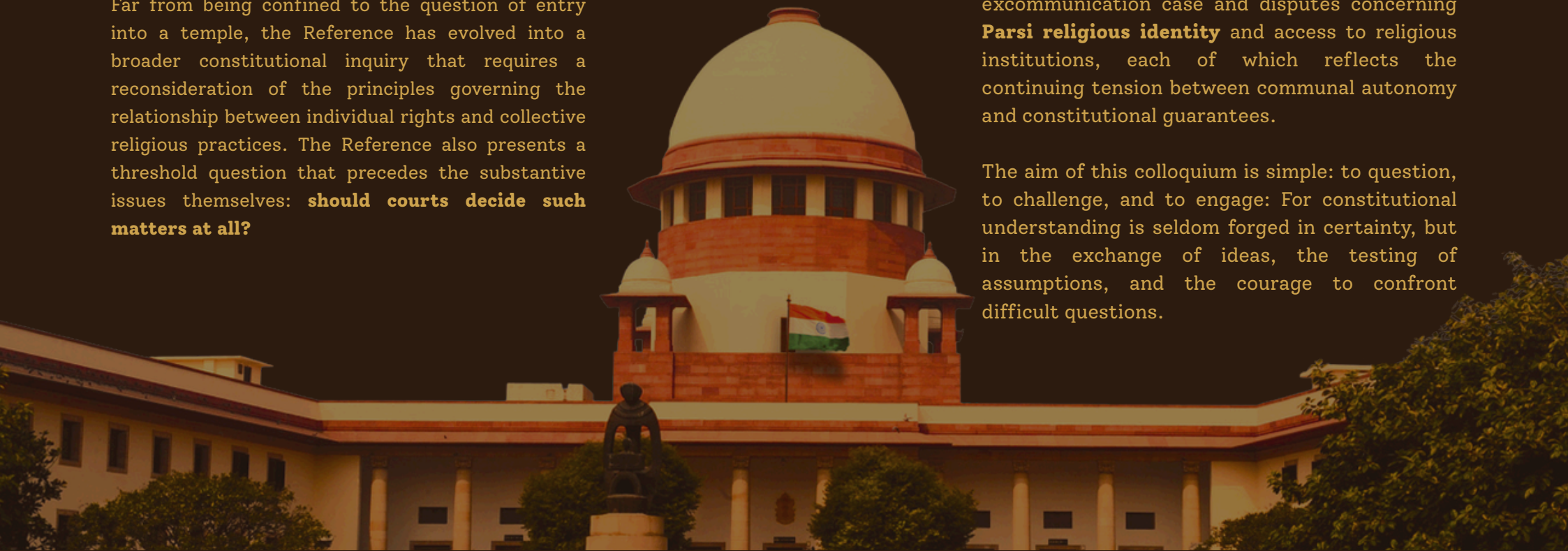
Few constitutional controversies in recent times have generated as sustained and nuanced a discourse as the Sabarimala dispute. What began as a challenge to a religious custom that has been upheld for centuries, soon came to embody larger questions concerning the nature of religious freedom, the scope of denominational autonomy, the promise of equality, and the role of constitutional adjudication in matters of faith.

The **Sabarimala Reference Petition**, presently pending before the Supreme Court of India, occupies a distinctive place within this discourse. Far from being confined to the question of entry into a temple, the Reference has evolved into a broader constitutional inquiry that requires a reconsideration of the principles governing the relationship between individual rights and collective religious practices. The Reference also presents a threshold question that precedes the substantive issues themselves: **should courts decide such matters at all?**

These questions acquire particular significance in a society characterised by deep religious diversity and constitutional pluralism. **To what extent may courts subject religious practices to constitutional scrutiny? How should competing claims of gender equality and religious autonomy be reconciled? What is the proper role of constitutional morality in disputes involving faith and tradition?**

Such concerns are neither novel nor confined to Sabarimala. They resonate across a range of controversies, including the **Dawoodi Bohra** excommunication case and disputes concerning **Parsi religious identity** and access to religious institutions, each of which reflects the continuing tension between communal autonomy and constitutional guarantees.

The aim of this colloquium is simple: to question, to challenge, and to engage: For constitutional understanding is seldom forged in certainty, but in the exchange of ideas, the testing of assumptions, and the courage to confront difficult questions.



SCHEDULE OF THE COLLOQUIUM

Time	Programme
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Inaugural Ceremony • Presidential Address – Prof. Dr. Hameema M {Principal, Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram} • Keynote Address – Prof G Mohan Gopal {Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Former Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru} • Felicitation - Dr Meenakumari S {Professor, Government Law College Thiruvananthapuram}
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Session I – Group A
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Tea Break
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Session II – Group B
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Expert Reflections and Remarks Prof G Mohan Gopal
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Tea Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Closing Session Interactive Session and Q&A

GROUP A

SPEAKERS



ALEENA VARGHESE
PETITIONER-1



JUBITTA SHAJI
PETITIONER-2



ARSHMA .S
RESPONDENT-1



SREENANDHA
RESPONDENT-2

RESEARCHERS



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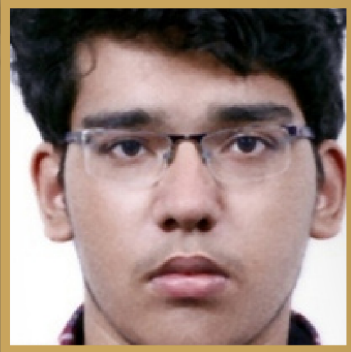
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(RESPONDENT)

GROUP B

SPEAKERS



MALAVIKA R. VYLOPILLY
PETITIONER-1



V.M MANUKRISHNA
PETITIONER-2



HIBA BIJU
RESPONDENT-1



ALEENA ELSA
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"IT IS BETTER TO DEBATE A
QUESTION WITHOUT
SETTLING IT THAN TO
SETTLE A QUESTION
WITHOUT DEBATING IT."
- JOSEPH JOUBERT

