

Kerala Arrest Raises Illegal Detention Safeguards Questions

The arrest of a Kerala professor for a BDS student's death highlighted issues of legal safeguards against illegal detentions and personal liberty rights.

This issue pertains to the constitutional provisions and legal procedures designed to protect citizens from arbitrary arrests and ensure their fundamental rights.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Dr. Kodanda Ram**, a former faculty member at the Dental College, Anjarakandy, **Kannur**, was arrested by the **Crime Branch**.
- The arrest raised questions regarding **legal safeguards** available to citizens against **illegal arrests without a warrant**.
- Violations of **mandatory provisions** and **fundamental rights** prescribed by the **Constitution** came to light in this case.
- These violations were revealed during an interaction of the **sessions judge** with the **accused**.
- The incident brings renewed focus on **personal liberty** and the **legal protections** for citizens.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 22 of the **Indian Constitution** provides protection against **arrest and detention** in certain cases.

Article 21 guarantees the **Right to Life and Personal Liberty**, stating no person shall be deprived of life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law.

The **D.K. Basu vs. State of West Bengal (1997)** case laid down specific guidelines for **arrest and detention procedures** by police.

The **Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973**, outlines the procedures for **arrest, investigation, and trial** of criminal cases.

Article 22(1) mandates that a person arrested must be informed of the **grounds for arrest** and has the right to consult a **legal practitioner**.

Article 22(2) requires that every person arrested and detained must be produced before the nearest **Magistrate** within **24 hours** of arrest, excluding travel time.

The writ of **Habeas Corpus** is a **legal remedy** used to bring a person before a court to determine if their detention is **lawful**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Constitutional safeguards against illegal arrest are enshrined in Article 22 of the Indian Constitution.

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