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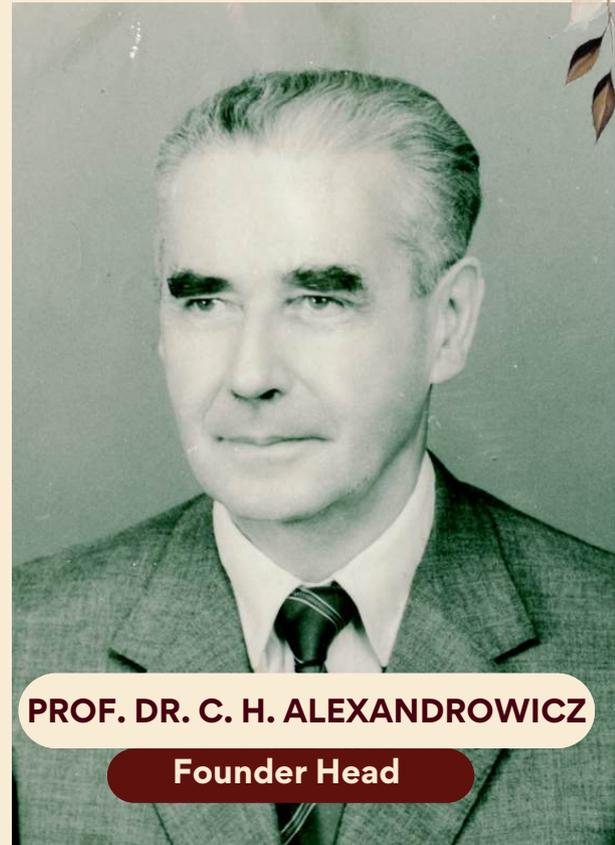
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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Legal Studies aims at reaching the pinnacle especially in the field of International Law and Constitutional Law, legal education, intellectual development, research, leadership; striving for the growth, development and building a generation of student scholars with the intellectual prowess, moral awareness and social responsibility. It endeavours to develop them into experts who will stand out in the legal profession and reshape them into individuals who possess the ideal balance of practical knowledge, academic excellence, personality development, and spiritual values.

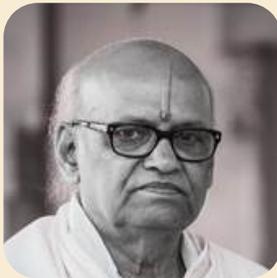
The Department attracts highly ambitious students from all over the country and provides them with a curricular experience on par with the highest contemporary standards that offers research based knowledge in its premier programmes of LL.M. and Ph.D. It serves as a platform for future judges, legislators and public servants, who carry the responsibility to lead the way in integrating the rule of law into society and eradicating any prejudice against any individual or community in the society.



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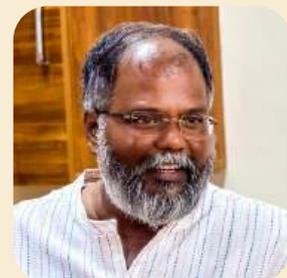
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INAUGURAL CEREMONY

12TH FEBRUARY 2026 | 4:30 P.M.



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PANEL DISCUSSION

13TH FEBRUARY 2026 | 10:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

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14TH FEBRUARY 2026 | 10:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.



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VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

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All are Welcome !

*We warmly welcome you to the Three-day
National Seminar on "Constitutional
Development: Contemporary Challenges, Conflicts
and Conundrums" on 12, 13 & 14 February
2026 and look forward to your valuable
participation and enriching deliberations.*



Dr. G. Rajasekar
Seminar Director