

Indian Young Lawyers Association vs. The State of Kerala

[2018 SCC OnLine SC 1690]

- In Sabrimala Temple- a Hindu pilgrimage centre in Kerala, female devotees between the age group of 10 to 50 years were denied entry on the basis of certain custom and usage.
- A Constitution bench of the apex Court led by CJI Dipak Misra overruled the Kerala High Court's 27-year-old decision that had upheld the restriction on entry of women into the temple.
- The court said, "The dualism that persists in religion by glorifying and venerating women as goddesses on one hand and by imposing rigorous sanctions on the other hand in matters of devotion has to be abandoned. Such a dualistic approach and an entrenched mindset results in indignity to women and the degradation of their status."

This Judgment has been referred to a Seven Judges bench for REVIEW.