

LANDMARK HIGH COURT JUDGMENTS IN INDIA

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Case Name	Citation	Legal Issue	Judgment Summary (Short Brief)
Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala	(1973) 4 SCC 225	Basic Structure Doctrine	Parliament cannot amend the basic structure of the Constitution.
Minerva Mills v. Union of India	(1980) 2 SCC 591	FR vs. DPSP	Fundamental rights cannot be diluted by Directive Principles.
Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India	(1978) 1 SCC 248	Personal Liberty	Expanded the interpretation of Article 21 to include fairness and reasonableness.
A.K. Gopalan v. State of Madras	AIR 1950 SC 27	Preventive Detention	Held that Article 21 applies only if procedure

			established by law is followed
D.K. Basu v. State of West Bengal	(1997) 1 SCC 416	Custodial Violence	Established guidelines for arrest and detention to prevent custodial torture.
State of Maharashtra v. Praful Desai	(2003) 4 SCC 601	Digital Evidence	Allowed video conferencing as valid evidence in legal proceedings.
Gian Kaur v. State of Punjab	(1996) 2 SCC 648	Suicide & Euthanasia	Right to life does not include the right to die, upholding Section 309 IPC.
Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India	(2018) 10 SCC 1	LGBTQ+ Rights	Decriminalized homosexuality by striking

Joseph Shine v. Union of India	(2018) 2 SCC 189	Adultery Law	Struck down Section 497 IPC, declaring adultery a civil wrong, not a crime.
Shayara Bano v. Union of India	(2017) 9 SCC 1	Triple Talaq	Declared instant triple talaq unconstitutional.
Shreya Singhal v. Union of India	(2015) 5 SCC 1	Internet Freedom	Struck down Section 66A of IT Act, ensuring online free speech.
Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India	(2017) 10 SCC 1	Right to Privacy	Recognized privacy as a fundamental right under Article 21.
Anvar P.V. v. P.K. Basheer	(2014) 10 SCC 473	Electronic Evidence	Defined conditions for admissibility of electronic evidence

			under the IT Act.
Indore Development Authority v. Manoharlal	(2020) SCC Online SC 316	Land Acquisition	Clarified land acquisition compensation under Section 24 of the Act.
K.K. Modi v. K.N. Modi	(1998) 3 SCC 573	Property Dispute	Defined legal framework for family property partition and settlement.
Vodafone International v. Union of India	(2012) 6 SCC 613	Corporate Taxation	Held that indirect share transfers outside India are not taxable under Indian laws.
ArcelorMittal India v. Satish Kumar Gupta	(2018) 8 SCC 531	Insolvency & Bankruptcy	Strengthened the resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

Daimler Chrysler v. CIT	(2010) 14 SCC 208	Permanent Establishment Taxation	Defined taxation of foreign companies operating in India.
Swiss Ribbons v. Union of India	(2019) 4 SCC 17	Insolvency Law	Upheld the constitutional validity of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
Bangalore Water Supply v. A. Rajappa	(1978) 2 SCC 213	Definition of Industry	Expanded the definition of 'industry' under the Industrial Disputes Act.
State of Punjab v. Jagjit Singh	(2017) 1 SCC 148	Equal Pay for Equal Work	Temporary workers are entitled to the same pay as permanent employees for similar work.
Hindustan Lever Ltd. v.	(1995) 6 SCC 326	Unfair Labour Practices	Strengthened labor rights by

Ashok Vishnu Kate			defining unfair dismissal and retrenchment laws
Lalita Kumari v. Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	(2014) 2 SCC 1	FIR Registration	Made FIR registration mandatory for cognizable offenses.
Common Cause v. Union of India	(2018) 5 SCC 1	Passive Euthanasia	Allowed passive euthanasia and recognized living wills.
Mohd. Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum	(1985) 2 SCC 556	Maintenance for Divorced Women	Granted Muslim women the right to maintenance under Section 125 CrPC.
Sarla Mudgal v. Union of India	(1995) 3 SCC 635	Bigamy & Religion	Held that Hindu men cannot convert to Islam to

			practice
Delhi Transport Corporation v. DTC Mazdoor Congress	(1991) Supp (1) SCC 600	Service Law	Struck down arbitrary termination of employment without fair procedure.
Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan	(1997) 6 SCC 241	Sexual Harassment	Established guidelines for prevention of sexual harassment at the workplace (Vishaka Guidelines).
Laxmi v. Union of India	(2015) 3 SCC 88	Acid Attack Compensation	Strengthened laws regarding compensation and punishment for acid attacks.
People's Union for Civil Liberties v. Union of India	(2003) 4 SCC 399	Right to Food	Directed implementation of mid-day meal schemes in schools to

			combat
Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation	(1985) 3 SCC 545	Right to Shelter	Recognized pavement dwellers' right to livelihood under Article 21.
Francis Coralie Mullin v. UT of Delhi	(1981) 1 SCC 608	Prisoners' Rights	Strengthened the right to dignity and humane treatment of prisoners.
MC Mehta v. Union of India	(1987) 1 SCC 395	Environmental Law	Established the principle of absolute liability for environmental pollution.
Subramanian Swamy v. Union of India	(2016) 7 SCC 221	Defamation	Upheld the constitutional validity of criminal defamation under Sections 499 & 500 IPC.

Noida Entrepreneurs Association v. Noida Authority	(2011) 6 SCC 508	Land Acquisition	Struck down arbitrary land acquisition by state authorities.
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