

**National Seminar on "Democracy, Constitution and Social Equality"**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam, Kerala**  
**in association with**

**Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala**

**Date: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

Time	Session Details	Resource Persons
<b>9.40am - 11.00 am</b>	<b>Inauguration Ceremony</b>	
9.40 am - 9.50 am	Welcome Address	<b>Dr. Sincy Joseph</b> , Principal, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor
9.50 am - 10.00 am	Presidential Address	<b>Dr. T. M. Joseph</b> , Pro-Manager, St. Stephen's College Uzhavoor
10.00 am – 10.20 am	Inaugural Address	<b>Adv. Mons Joseph MLA</b> , Kaduthuruthy Assembly Constituency
10.20 am - 10.50 am	Keynote Address	<b>Dr. Raju Narayana Swamy IAS</b> , Principal Secretary to Government Parliamentary Affairs Department (Former District Collector, Kottayam)
10.50 am - 10.55 am	Felicitation	<b>Sri. Ashok Alex</b> , District Co-ordinator Institute of Parliamentary Affairs & Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, CMS College, Kottayam.
10.55 am – 11.00 am		<b>Mr. Abhijith Jayaraj</b> , Economics Association Secretary, III BA Student
11.00 am - 11.05 am	Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr. Thomas K. C.</b> , Co-ordinator, Vice-Principal, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor
<b>11.05 am – 11.15 am</b>	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11.15 am -11.40 am</b>	<b>Technical Session I: Media Centre</b>	Chair: <b>Dr. T. M. Joseph</b> , Former Principal Nirmala College Muvattupuzha & Pro-Manager, St. Stephen's College Uzhavoor
11.15 am -11.30 am	<b>Reflections on Representative Democracy and Social Equality</b>	<b>Prof. John S. Moolakkattu</b> , ICSSR Senior Fellow, M G University, Kottayam & Chief Editor, Gandhi Marg, (Rtd. Professor, Department of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala)
		Discussant: <b>Sri. Ashok Alex</b> , District Co-ordinator Institute of Parliamentary Affairs & Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, CMS College, Kottayam.
11.30 am - 11.40 am	Discussion, Q&A and Concluding Comments by the Chair	
<b>11.40 am – 1.00 pm</b>	<b>Technical Session II: Media Centre</b>	Chair: <b>Prof. John S. Moolakkattu</b> , ICSSR Senior Fellow, M G University, Kottayam.
11.40am- 11.55 am	<b>Rights of Women and Social Equality in India</b>	<b>Sri. Chandran Komath</b> , Assistant Professor, PG Department of Political Science, Government College, Kottayam

		Discussant: <b>Shri. Arun Ravindran</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam
11.55 am - 12.10 pm	<b>Phenomenology of Untouchability and Social Shame: Intricacies of Individual Rights and Social Norms</b>	<b>Dr. Dileep P. Chandran</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calicut, Kerala Discussant: <b>Ms. Anjitha Mariya Martin</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics e, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam
12.10 pm- 12.25 pm	<b>Re-coding the Moral Code: How Iranian Women are Resisting the Regime</b>	<b>Ms. Tina Jose</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam, Kerala Discussant: <b>Ms. Sandhya Sebastian</b> , Research Scholar, M G University, Kottayam
12.25 pm -12.40 pm	<b>Reservation, Social Justice, and the Marginalized: The Question of Equality</b>	<b>Dr. Sumesh N.</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Devaswom Board College, Thalayolaparambu, Kerala Discussant: <b>Shri. Prince Joseph</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam, Kerala
12.40 pm - 1.00 pm	Discussion, Q&A and Concluding Comments by the Chair	
<b>1.00 pm – 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>1.30 pm– 2.45 pm</b>	<b>Technical Session III: Media Centre</b>	Chair: <b>Sri. Chandran Komath</b> , Assistant Professor, PG Department of Political Science, Government College, Kottayam, Kerala
1.30 pm - 1.45pm	<b>Press Freedom and Media Integrity: Challenges to Democracy in India</b>	<b>Dr. Santhosh Mathew</b> , Associate Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies and Social Sciences, Pondicherry Central University Discussant: <b>Ms. Rithika Elizabeth Bobby</b> , Student, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana
1.45 pm– 2.00 pm	<b>Building a Secure Future for Women: Examining Human Security and Violence in Kerala</b>	<b>Ms. Sandhya Sebastian</b> , Research Scholar, M G University, Kottayam, Kerala Discussant: <b>Ms. Anjitha Maria Martin</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kerala
2.00 pm– 2.15 pm	<b>Democratic Governance and Livelihood Security: The Human Right question of Street Vendors</b>	<b>Sri. Arun Ravindran</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam Discussant: <b>Dr. Dileep P. Chandran</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calicut, Kerala
2.15 pm- 2.30 pm	<b>Decentralization and Democracy: The Role of Local Governance in Enhancing Public Welfare</b>	<b>Sri. Prince Joseph</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, Kottayam Discussant: <b>Dr. Basil B. Mathew</b> , Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery, Kerala

2.30 pm– 2.40 pm	Discussion, Q&A and Concluding Comments by the Chair	
<b>1.30 pm– 2.45 pm</b>	<b>Technical Session III: Conference Hall (Parallel Session)</b>	<b>Chair: Dr. Dileep P. Chandran</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calicut, Kerala
1.30 pm - 1.45pm	<b>Civil Liberties Under Surveillance</b>	<b>Ms. Krishnapriya Harilal</b> , BA Political Science, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery, Kerala
1.45 pm– 2.00 pm	<b>Civil liberties and the fight for Minorities rights in India</b>	<b>Ms. Sahala Latheef</b> , BA Political Science, St. Peter's College,Kolenchery,Kerala
2.00 pm– 2.15 pm	<b>Democracy, Constitution And Social Equality (Online)</b>	<b>Ms. Sajal Jain</b> , Bachelor of Arts (Year -1 ), Agra College, Uttar Pradesh
2.15 pm- 2.30 pm	Discussion, Q&A and Concluding Comments by the Chair	
2.40 pm– 2.50 pm	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>2.50 pm– 4.00 pm</b>	<b>Technical Session IV: Panel Discussion- Civil Liberties and the Role of Popular Movements in India</b>	Chair: <b>Dr. Santhosh Mathew</b> , Associate Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies and Social Sciences, Pondicherry Central University Panellists: <b>Sri. Sunny M. Kopicadu</b> , Writer- Activist <b>Dr. Basil B. Mathew</b> , Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery, Kerala <b>Sri. Sarath Thenumoola</b> , Actor & Albinism Activist, Director AYANIKA Peoples' Mental Health Initiative, Kerala <b>Ms. Sahala Latheef</b> , Student, BA Political Science, St. Peter's College,Kolenchery
<b>4.00 pm– 4.30 pm</b>	<b>Concluding Session.</b>	Chair:
4.00 -pm 4.15pm	Summary of Seminar Proceedings	<b>Ms. Rithika Elizabeth Bobby</b> , Student, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana
4.15 pm- 4.25pm	Feedback from Participants Open Forum	
4.25 pm- 4.30pm	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks	<b>Sri. Arun Ravindran</b> , Joint Co-ordinator
	Rapporteurs of the Seminar	<b>Sri. Prince Joseph</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor <b>Ms. Anjitha Maria Martin</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor

The Seminar is organized by the Department of Economics & Political Science, St. Stephen's College Uzhavoor, Kottayam, Kerala with the Financial Support and Publication of research papers of the Seminar Proceedings from Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala.