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Oneday National Seminar on

Women & Economic Development

On 18th February 2019 at Seminar Hall, Department of Economics

On the Seminar

In order to end the issues of poverty and discrimination United Nations Development Programme adopted the sustainable development goals (SDG) otherwise known as the global goals to have a better planet. One of the seventeen goals is the goal of gender equality; the inequality based on gender and its apparent discrimination essentially act as a pulldown factor of social mobility and progress. The issue is vital in all walks of human life such as family rearing to state craft. Therefore from the perspective of economic development, though we do not theoretically segregate based on gender, the issue of women being deprived need some focus. The seminar therefore largely been focus on how women being deprived and discriminated from both her economic and social life and the possible way forward. The discussions hence framed in the following themes.

- Women and Economic Development
- Socio Economic Status of Women in Kerala
- Constitutionality for the Development of Women
- Grassroot Women Collective for Development

Inaugural Session:		10.00-11.15 AM	
Siddik R	Assistant Professor & Organizing Secretary, Department of Economics, University of Kerala	Introduction of the Topic	
Abdul Salim A	Professor and Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala	Chair of the Session	
MridulEapen	Member, Kerala State Planning Board and Honorary Fellow, CDS	Inaugural address and Interacting with the students on “Women and Economic Development”	
Tea Break		11.15AM-11.30 AM	

Technical Session 11.30AM-12.30 PM		
Sandhya S N	Kerala Council for Historical Research	Socio Economic Status of Women in Kerala
Lunch Break 12.30 PM – 1.30 PM		
Technical Session 1.30 PM – 3.15 PM		
BismiGopalakrishnan	Professor and Dean, School of Indian Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi University	Constitutionality for the Development of Women
ShereenSherif	Researcher, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Challenges of Women in Armed Services
Tea Break 3.15 PM – 3.30 PM		
Technical Session 3.30 PM – 4.30 PM		
J Devika	Fellow, Centre for Development Studies	Shock-Absorbers or Change Agents in Hard Times? Women, Rural Resilience, and the Kudumbashree in Kerala

About the Department

The Department of Economics is the oldest research department in the field of economics in Kerala, started in the year 1959. Eminent scholars like Prof. VR Pillai, Prof. MA Oommen, Prof. PGK Panicker, Prof. TN Krishnan, Prof. ET Mathew, Prof. PR Gopinathan Nair, Prof. Ramachandran, Prof. Umadevi, Prof. Kunhamen, Prof. BA Prakash are few names in the long list of faculty who served and hailed from the department. The spectrum of students whom graduated from the department served in various field including civil services, national and international academic institutes, various organisations of national importance, media and other government and nongovernment institutions. The department is not only having the legacy but still functions as one of finest the sources intelligentsia in the state as well as the center. The current faculty members and students along with the nonteaching staffs welcome you all for the three day international seminar and interacting with us.

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