



<p><b>Session III (2.00 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.)</b></p> <p>Chair : <b>Dr. Anu Unni</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala</p> <p>Presentations : <b>Sri. Nishad C. C.</b>, Coordinator, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Attappady</p> <p>Topic : <b>Attapady comprehensive tribal development package : Progress Check</b> <b>Smt. Kavitha S.</b>, NRLM Animator, Vayaloor Tribal hamlet, Attappady</p> <p>Topic : <b>Experience as an Animator, NRLM</b> <b>Smt. Vijayalekshmi M.</b>, Volunteer, Sickle Cell Anaemia Project</p> <p>Topic : <b>Management of Sickle Cell Anemia : Community initiatives</b> <b>Smt. Geetha V. K.</b>, Ooru moopathi, Vazhachal Ooru, Vazhachal</p> <p>Topic : <b>Kadum Kattarivum Kadarum</b></p> <p><b>Day Three (31/03/2017)</b> <b>Session IV (9.30-1.00P.M.)</b></p> <p>Chair : <b>Dr. Prasad A. K.</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala</p> <p>Special Address : <b>Sri.K.A. Shaji</b>, Special Correspondent, The Hindu</p> <p>Topic : <b>Tribals in Kerala- Land, Livelihood, Identity and Survival Presentations</b> <b>Smt. Dhanya Raman</b>, Tribal Activist</p> <p>Topic : <b>Advasi Life in Keala : Reflections of an Activist</b> <b>Sri. Saji Bomman</b>, KANAVU</p>	<p>Topic : <b>Fighting Social Alienation: Experience of Kanavu-The alternative commune</b></p> <p>12.30 PM. - 1.30 PM. : Lunch Break</p> <p><b>Session V (1.30-3.15)</b></p> <p>Chair : <b>Sri. Siddik Rabiya</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala</p> <p>Special Address : <b>Dr. B. Eqbal</b>, Member State Planning Board &amp; Former Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala,</p> <p>Topic : <b>Issues of Malnourishment and ill health in Attappady</b></p> <p>Presentation : <b>Dr.Rajesh Komath</b>, Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University</p> <p>Topic : <b>Changing land use pattern and identities among Kani Adivasis of Western Ghats in Kerala</b></p> <p><b>Valedictory Session (3.15 PM -4.30 PM)</b></p> <p>Welcome : <b>Dr. A. Abdul Salim</b>, Professor &amp; Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala</p> <p>Presidential Address: <b>Dr. J. Prabhash</b>, Professor, Department of Political Science &amp; Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala</p> <p>Valedictory Address: <b>Dr. T.T. Sreekumar</b>, Professor, Department of Communication, EFLU, Hyderabad</p> <p>Vote of Thanks : <b>Dr. Manju S. Nair</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala</p> <p>For Further Information regarding the Seminar please contact : Dr. A. Abdul Salim (9446476187)/ Dr. Manju S. Nair (9495513584)</p>	<p><b>UGC-SAP – National Seminar</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017</b> <b>Seminar Hall</b> <b>Department of Economics</b></p> <p><b>Adivasis in Kerala : The Development Question</b> <i>'Voicelessness of Adivasis- deliberately silenced or preferably unheard?'</i></p>  <p> <b>Department of Economics</b> University of Kerala</p>
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Dear Sir / Madam

The Department of Economics, University of Kerala is organising a National Seminar on 'Adivasis in Kerala: The Development Question' from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Prominent academicians, policy makers, researchers and activists will exchange ideas during the sessions. Your esteemed presence is solicited.

**Prof. A. Abdul Salim**  
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**Dr. Manju S. Nair**  
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**About the Seminar**

The question of Adivasi development has always been a significant subject of socio political development discourse. This has regained prominence in the recent years especially after the reported issues of malnourishment and destitution in tribal hamlets of Kerala. Though various policies and programmes were adopted ranging from isolation, assimilation to integration of tribals to the mainstream community and establishing separate governance structure for tribal autonomy over the years, quality of life of aboriginals has not improved much. Economic, social and cultural inequities are widening both within tribal communities and also with reference to general population. Multiple reasons are showcased for the current situation of disempowerment and voicelessness of Adivasis, ranging from lopsided development policies to lack of political will and rampant corruption. In the new millennium, social globalization has made an indomitable impact on the lifestyle of Adivasis, by disrupting the traditional systems and destroying their eco-centric culture. If anything, linking the fate of the tribal groups to the market has only compounded the harm inflicted on them in the name of development. Thus, the question of Adivasi development assumes a multifaceted nature and the present seminar is an attempt at probing into the dimensions and dynamics of Adivasi development question with specific policy suggestions for enhancement of their well-being.

**Program Schedule  
Day One: (29/03/2017)**

9.30 A.M. : Registration  
10.00 A.M. : Inaugural Session  
Welcome : **Dr. Manju S. Nair**  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala  
Presidential Address : **Prof. A. Abdul Salim**  
Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala  
Inaugural Address : **Prof. G. Gopakumar**  
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod  
Key Note Address : **Dr. K. Ravi Raman**  
Member, State Planning Board, Kerala & Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London  
Felicitations : **Prof. P.M. Radhamany**  
Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala  
**Dr. Joseph Antony**  
Head, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala  
Vote of Thanks : **Dr. Anitha V.**  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala  
12.30 PM.- 1.30 PM.: Lunch Break  
**Session I (1.30 PM - 4 PM.)**  
Chair : **Dr. Christabell P.J.**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Future Studies, University of Kerala  
Special Address : **Smt. Josephine J.**  
Assistant Director, Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Kerala  
Presentations : **Sri. Manikandan A.D.**  
Research Associate, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad

Topic : Marginalisation and extinction of Tribals in Kerala: A case of tribal communities in Attappady Development Block  
**Sri. Swaraj C.**  
Associate Programme Co-ordinator, State Resource Centre, Kerala  
Topic : **Intergenerational Occupational Mobility among Tribals in Kerala**  
**Smt. Manjusha K.A.**  
Assistant Professor, School of Gandhian Thought & Development Studies M.G. University, Kottayam  
Topic : **Understanding Adivasi World view on Land; Issues and challenges**  
**Day Two: (30/03/2017)**  
Chair : **Dr. Shaji Varkey**  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala  
Special Address : (9.30 A.M. to 11 A.M.)  
**Dr. M. Kunhaman**  
Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai  
Topic : **Adivasis in Kerala : The Development Question**  
**Session: II (11.15 A.M. -01.00 PM.)**  
Chair : **Dr. Bismi Gopalakrishnan**  
Head, Department of Law, University of Kerala  
Presentations : **Sri. Rajendra Prasad**  
President, THAMPU  
Topic : **Tribal Survival in Kerala: Issues and Challenges**  
**Dr. Charles Varghese**  
Assistant Professor, Indra Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh  
Topic : **Indigenous Knowledge: Some critical reflections**  
Lunch Break (1.00 PM. - 2.00 PM.)