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Message from The President

Dear Friends

It is indeed a pleasure to talk to you through the newsletter as this is a special year for us. Most of the Departments in the Universities and colleges are vibrant now as they have managed to get finance for projects, seminars, conferences etc. which is a sign of growth. Let it continue in the coming years too. Our subcontinent and our country is passing through a transitional period as the culture is fast changing at various spheres. We the students of Sociology must analyse the culture from various angles and this year's conference will help us to do that.

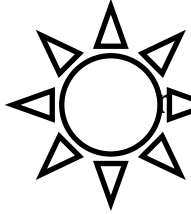
In spite of the heavy academic schedule Carmel College, Mala has come forward in organising 41st conference and I congratulate them and extend all support from the entire community of Sociologists. The small community of sisters have to be really appreciated as they have undertaken this as a challenge in the eleventh hour.

Another good news I want to share with you is that Dr. P K B Nayar, Founder of KSS is the winner of Vayosreshta Samman and is the only Keralite to get this award. *Pranams* from KSS to Dr. Nayar.

Thanking for the support extended and seeking the cooperation

Regards

L. TharaBhai

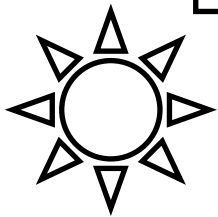


PKB Nayar presented the VayoshreshthaSamman

Prof. PKB Nayar, one of the founding fathers of KSS and currently the Chairman of the Centre for Gerontological Studies has been awarded the VayoshreshthaSamman by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for his work and research on Senior Citizens. The award, was given away by the Lok Sabha Speaker in New Delhi on October 1, International Day of Older Persons and carries a cash prize of Rs. 2.5 lakh, a memento, and a citation.

Dr. Nayar, was also instrumental in setting up the Department of Sociology and the Centre for Women's Studies under the University of Kerala, and was the Director of the Population Research Centre of the university. He has been the recipient of several professional awards in the past, including the French government's prestigious award for internationally renowned scientists and the Golden Award from HelpAge India.

The Centre for Gerontological Studies was recognised by the Government of India for its outstanding contribution to interdisciplinary studies and research on aging and was awarded the VayoshreshthaSamman in 2009.



41st

All Kerala
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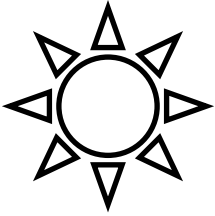
Date

Dec 12th to 14th 2014

Venue

Carmel College, Mala

**Theme: Culture,
Media and
Society**



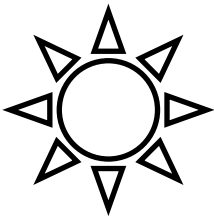
Registration Fees

Teachers – ₹ 1000/-

Research Scholars – ₹ 650/-

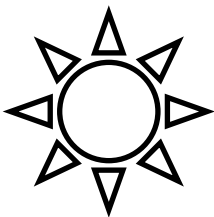
Students - ₹ 300/-

Students' membership fee - ₹ 25/-



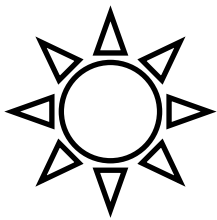
Details of Paper Submission

Papers and Posters are invited on the topics related to the following sub theme of the conference. There will be strict screening to ensure quality papers to be presented. Those who wish to present papers/posters may send their abstracts by **November 15th, 2014** to the Secretary via **email:lvnair@gmail.com**. The selected papers will be intimated by November 20th, 2014.



Sub-topics

- Women and culture
- Youth culture
- Youth and Mass media
- Culture and Identities
- Culture and ethnicity
- Changing political Culture
- Culture and Social Values
- Subaltern Culture
- Consumer culture
- New social movements
- Job market and work culture today
- Indigenous communities in contemporary society
- Speed, direction and lag of Culture in the modern/present society
- New media as the new vehicle of culture
- Media in a globalized society
- Media and politics
- Media and women
- Melting point in the backdrop of new technologies



Department Presentation

There will be a separate session in the conference for the research scholars and for **report presentation by student representatives about the activities of Sociology Associations** at the college level. Please make sure that the department presentation does not exceed more than ten minutes.



Cultural Programme

Cultural programmes should bear marks of something 'sociological' about it. Group activities related to the theme of the conference are more appreciated. Each college is expected to strictly adhere to the allotted time slot of 15 minutes for the performance.



Contact Information

Dr. (Sr.) Licy A.D will be the **Organizing Secretary** of the conference. In connection with the conference, we wish to remind the Heads of the departments that they kindly inform the Organizing Secretary at the earliest about the number of participants attending the conference. This is important for the arrangements - the food, printing and stationery articles etc. Please remember to carry bed cover, bed sheet and toilet articles. Sr. Licy A.D will be available at **9497630247**.

Awards



- 1. Dr. Jose Murickan SJ Memorial Young Sociologist Award-** Rs. 2000/- and certificate for the best published research paper in the last three years (2010-2013), to a KSS member (life/ordinary/student) below 35 years as on 1st November, 2014. Send four copies of the published paper along with the reprint and the title page of the Journal/edited volume and proof of age to the secretary, KSS before 15th November, 2014.



- 2. Dr. P.K.B Nair Award** for the best paper presented in the 40th All Kerala Sociological Conference, - Rs. 1000/- and certificate for the best paper to a KSS member (life, ordinary or student) of 35 years or less in age on 1st November, 2014. The paper should be in English and approximately 3000 words. If the paper is co-authored, all the scholars must be 35 years or less on 1st November, 2014. Submit four copies of the paper with an abstract of 100-200 words before 15th November, 2014



3. Dr. Joseph Puthenkalam SJ Memorial Ever-rolling Trophy for the best Sociology Association in colleges/departments having PG/MPhil Courses in Sociology in Kerala.



4. Sr. Mary Cecile Ever-rolling Trophy for the best Sociology Association in Kerala having UG course in Sociology.

Note:For the awards 3 & 4, the reports of the respective associations along with the duly filled in proforma(which can be downloaded from the website) have to be submitted to the secretary on the first day of the Conference before the inaugural session.

Kerala Sociologist

It is a matter of joy and pride that *Kerala Sociologist*, the official journal of Kerala Sociological Society, is entering its 41st year of uninterrupted publication and the sole credit goes to the editor Dr. Jacob John Kattakayam and the editorial Secretary, Dr Antony Palackal. At the same time we are also aware of the fact that the journal has serious financial crunch and unless we raise some corpus fund, its future is in real jeopardy. It is an undeniable fact that several of us have had academic, professional and career advancements in and through the journal. At this crucial juncture, we make an ardent appeal, especially to those of us who have benefited by the journal for some financial support. As decided in the AGBM, all faculty members are requested to contribute a small amount for the smooth functioning of the journal. Please send your draft/cheque to the secretary in favor of *Kerala Sociological Society or as cash to Dr Antony Palackal, Editorial Secretary, Kerala Sociologists.*

The Journal has a new email address: keralasociologist@yahoo.in. Please use this email ID for any correspondence with the journal. **Executive members representing every college/department please remember to renew the annual subscription of the Journal at the time of the Conference.**

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