

MAHATMA GANDHI COLLEGE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

REPORT ON TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

(ONLINE MODE)

(24/03/2022 & 25/03/2022)



**THEME: PERSPECTIVES ON KERALA ECONOMY, SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY IN THE POST-COVID
RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE.**

Organized by

The Post Graduate Department of Economics

In association with

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as a part of MGCARC 2022

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About the Department

Economics is one of the oldest departments of this college. It started functioning in 1948. It offers both undergraduate and postgraduate courses in economics. There are eight permanent faculty members in the department. The project works undertaken by the faculty members add to the credit of the department. The PG department of economics secures cent percent result in the university examinations, and the department has been successful in securing many ranks in the recent past. The department library has a collection of more than five thousand books. The department also subscribes around ten journals. As a part of the innovative teaching methodology, students are given exposure to computer-based skills. Students of this department have secured jobs in reputed companies through campus placements. As a part of the project works, PG students of the department are involved in socio-economic surveys. Official website of Economics Department: <https://mgcollegetvm.ac.in/department-of-economics/>

About the two-day International Seminar

The Economics Department of MG College has organized a two-day International Seminar on 24th and 25th March 2022 in collaboration with the IQAC as a part of MGCARC 2022. The Seminar is on the topic “Perspectives on Kerala Economy, Sustainable Development and Public Policy in The Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience.” This two-day webinar is expected to talk and present views about various aspects of the Kerala economy, sustainable development by experts from various international institutions and participants from different colleges.

Objectives of International Seminar

- To discuss various perspectives on the Kerala economy
- To understand the need for sustainable development
- To understand the importance of public policy in the post-covid recovery and resilience

Participants

Academicians, College Teachers, Research Scholars and Students of various Universities and Colleges

Themes & Sub-themes

Perspectives on Kerala Economy, Sustainable Development and Public Policy in The Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience.

The subthemes of the International Seminar are as follow:

- Implications of Covid-19 on Kerala Economy and its Restructuring in the Post-Pandemic World
- Fiscal strategy for Post-Pandemic Era
- Environmental Sustainability and Public Policies: A Review of Kerala
- Health and Healthcare Utilization: A Comparison between Pre-Covid and Covid times
- Economic Crisis in Kerala: An Overview
- Demographic Challenges in Kerala

INFORMATION BROCHURE: TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Technical Session: 7 (2:00pm-3:00pm) & Valedictory Session

Welcome Address:	Smt. Priya LG (Convener & Head, Department of Economics, MG College, Trivandrum)	
Keynote address:	Dr. PS Nair (Ph.D. (Brussels) F.A.S., Former Professor & Head at Department of Population Studies, University of Botswana)	
Topic:	Demographic Challenges in Kerala	
Note of Thanks:	Dr. Binu Kumar BJ (Co-Ordinator & Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	

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24th & 25th MARCH 2022, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

LINKS TO THE MEETING



Day 1: meet.google.com/eoa-gaai-pmo

Day 2: meet.google.com/yvq-xxoi-jns



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Priya LG
Convener & H.O.D

Dr. Ampili M
Principal

Dr. Binu Kumar BJ
Co-Ordinator

Organizing Committee

Dr. B Anilkumar | Dr. Syam Lal G S | Smt. Lalithambika R |

Dr. Lini G R | Smt. Sruthi S | Sri, Sanoop S

Days-1
24-03-2021, Thursday



Inaugural Session (10:00am-11:30am)

Welcome Address:	Smt. Priya LG (Convener & Head, Department of Economics, MG College, Trivandrum)	
Presidential Address:	Dr. Ampili M (Principal, MG College, Trivandrum)	
Inaugural & Keynote Address:	Dr. Sabu Padmas (Professor of Demography and Global Health at the Department of Demography and Social Statistics and Co-Director of the Centre for Global Health, Population, Poverty and Policy at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom.)	
Topic:	Implications of Covid-19 on Kerala Economy and its Restructuring in the Post-Pandemic World	
Felicitations:	Dr. Chithra VS (IQAC Convener, MG College, Trivandrum) Dr. Jayadev S (Convener, MGCARC 2022) Sri. Sunil Kumar NK (Council Secretary, MG College Trivandrum) Dr. B Anilkumar (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Note of Thanks:	Dr. Binu Kumar BJ (Co-Ordinator & Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Technical Session: I (11:30am-1:00pm)		
Welcome Address:	Smt. Priya LG (Convener & Head, Department of Economics, MG College, Trivandrum)	
Keynote Speaker:	Dr. Shaijumon CS (Associate Professor and Head, Department of Humanities, JST Trivandrum)	
Topic:	Structural Problems of The Expenditure of Government of Kerala	
Note of Thanks:	Dr. Binu Kumar BJ (Co-Ordinator & Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	





Technical Session:2 (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Welcome Address:	Dr. Lini GR (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Keynote Speaker:	Dr. Lekha Chakraborty (Professor at NIPFP and Member of the Governing Board of Management, International Institute of Management, Munich)	
Topic:	Fiscal strategy for Post-Pandemic Era	
Vote of Thanks:	Smt. Sruthi S (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	

Technical Session: 3 (3:00pm-4:00pm)

Welcome Address:	Dr. Syam Lal GS (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Keynote Speaker:	Dr. Anitha V (Professor & Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala)	
Topic:	Environmental Sustainability and Public Policies: A Review of Kerala	
Vote of Thanks:	Smt. Sruthi S (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	

Day-2

25-03-2021, Friday



Technical Session: 4 (10:00am-11:00am)

Welcome Address:	Smt. Lalithambika R (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Keynote Speaker:	Dr. Manju S Nair (Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala)	
Topic:	Health and Healthcare Utilization: A Comparison between Pre-Covid and Covid times	
Vote of Thanks:	Dr. Syam Lal GS (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	

Technical Session: 5 (11:00am-11:30am)

Welcome Address:	Dr. Lini GR (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Keynote Speaker:	Dr. Krishna Kumar (Professor, Rajeev Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Trivandrum)	
Topic:	Economic Crisis in Kerala: An Overview	
Vote of Thanks:	Sri. Sanoop S (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	

Technical Session: 6 (11:30am-2:00pm)

Paper Presentations

Welcome Address:	Sri. Sanoop S (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	
Chairperson:	Dr. Priyesh CA (Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University College Trivandrum)	
Vote of Thanks:	Dr. Lini GR (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)	

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- ✚ Dr Ampili M: Principal
- ✚ Smt. Priya LG: Convenor & H.o.D
- ✚ Dr Binu Kumar BJ: Co-Ordinator
- ✚ Dr B Anil Kumar
- ✚ Dr Syam Lal G S
- ✚ Smt. Lalithambika R
- ✚ Dr Lini G R
- ✚ Smt. Sruthi S
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DAY -1 (24TH MARCH ,2022)

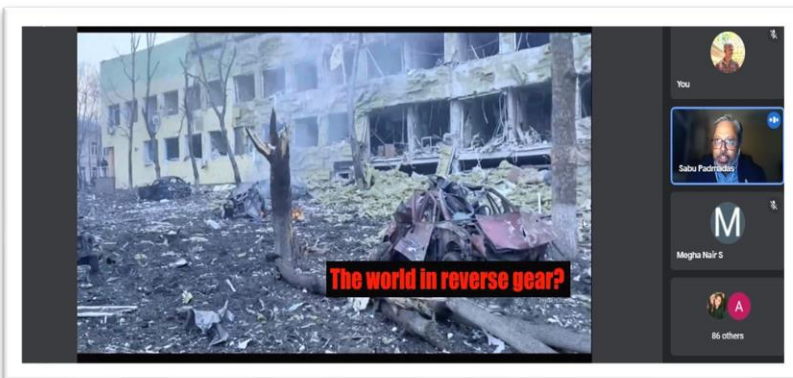
TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“Perspectives on Kerala Economy, Sustainable Development and Public Policy in The Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience.”

The International Seminar (Online Mode) was scheduled through the google meet platform. The inaugural session has witnessed the participants of 100 academicians/students from different colleges and universities. The program started as per the schedule. The inaugural session of the two-day international seminar began with the prayer of II DC student Sreelekshmi. The anchoring for the program was done by Gowri, MA Economics.

The Head of the department, Smt. Priya L G delivered the welcome speech and profile reading of the Chief Guest Dr Sabu Padmadas (Professor of Demography and Global Health at the Department of Demography and Social Statistics and Co-Director of the Centre for Global Health, Population, Poverty and Policy at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom). The presidential address was given by Dr Ampili M, Principal, MG College, Trivandrum.

Dr Sabu Padmadas delivered the inaugural speech and lecture on the topic



Dr Sabu Padmadas explaining Implications of Covid-19 on Kerala Economy

specifically focused on the impact of covid-19 in the Kerala economy. He also shared his ideas about the need for sustainable development and a blue economy. After the presentation, the speaker handled the Q&A session and also clarified the doubts raised by participants.

Felicitations were given by Dr Chithra VS (IQAC Co-Ordinator, MG College, Trivandrum), Dr Jayadev S (Convenor, MGCARC 2022), Sri. Sunil Kumar NK (Council

കോവിഡ്: സെമിനാർ സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്നു

തിരുവനന്തപുരം • എ.ജി.കോളേജിലെ സാമ്പത്തിക ശാസ്ത്ര വിഭാഗം, 24.25 തീയതികളിൽ 'കോവിഡിനു ശേഷമുള്ള കേരളവും ഭാവി വികസന കാഴ്ചവുമെടുക്കൽ' എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ രാജ്യതന്ത്ര സെമിനാർ സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. കോളേജ് പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ ഡോ.എ. അനീളി അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിക്കുന്ന സെമിനാറിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ച സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ സർവകലാശാല പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ, സാബു പത്മദാസ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യും. രാജ്യത്തിനകത്തും പുറത്തും നിന്നായി നിരവധി സാമ്പത്തിക ശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞരുടെയും വിദഗ്ദ്ധരുടെയും അധ്യക്ഷതയും പങ്കെടുക്കും. വിവരങ്ങൾക്ക് ഫോൺ: 9847248695

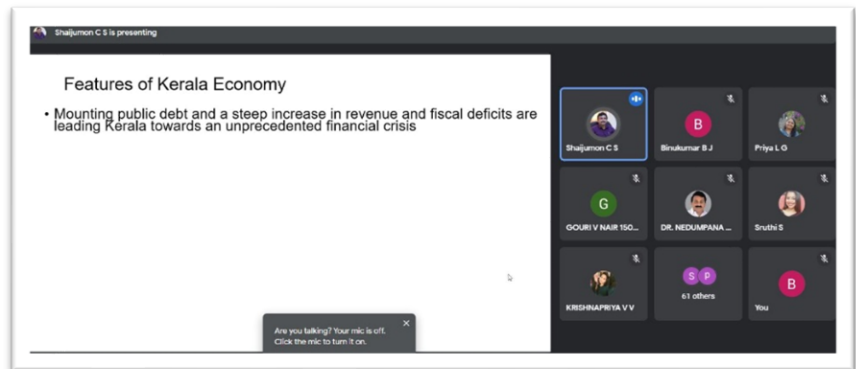
News about the international seminar published on Malayala Manorama (dated 23/03/2022, TVM edition)

Secretary, MG College Trivandrum) and Dr B Anil Kumar (Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum)

Dr Binu Kumar B. J (Co-Ordinator & Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum) extended his hearty thanks to the Principal Dr Ampili M, Keynote Speaker Dr Sabu Padmadas, and all the participants available in the online webinar.

Commencement of Technical Session -1 (Day 1)

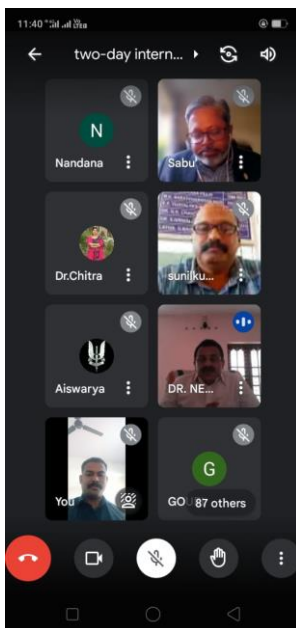
Welcome speech for the 1st technical session was given by Smt. Priya LG, Head of the Department. Then Miss. Gouri gave an introductory speech about the Keynote Speaker of the technical section Dr Shaijumon CS (Associate Professor and Head, Department of Humanities, IIST Trivandrum).



Dr Shaijumon explained the topic” Structural Problems of The

Dr Shaijumon explaining the structural Problems of The Expenditure of Government of Kerala

Expenditure of Government of Kerala”. He discussed features of the Kerala economy, expenditure trends and policies of the government regarding expenditure. After the discussion the speaker handled the Q&A session and also clarified the doubts raised by the participants. A vote of thanks for the 1st technical session was given by Dr Binu Kumar B.J Co-Ordinator of the webinar.

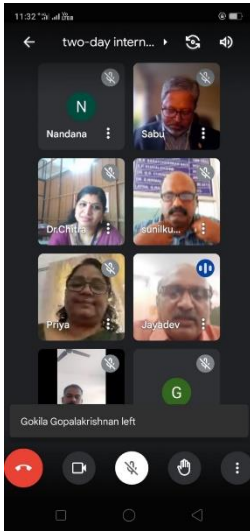


Dr B Anilkumar giving felicitation after the inaugural session

Then Lunch break was announced for the day.

Commencement of Technical Session -2 (Day 1)

Dr. Lini G.R, Faculty, Department of Economics delivered a welcome and introductory speech for the technical session-2. She introduced the keynote speaker of the session Dr. Lekha Chakraborty, (Professor at NIPFP and Member of the Governing Board of Management, International Institute of Management, Munich) dealt with the topic” Fiscal strategy for Post-Pandemic Era”. Resource person shared her ideas about fiscal strategy, RNG, the need for



Dr Jayadev S giving felicitation

changes in the monetary policy of India, political economy and also emphasised the post-pandemic situation of India. This session was followed by a Q&A session where several questions were raised by the participants. The resource person clarified the doubts raised by the participants. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mrs. Sruthi S, the faculty Department of Economics, MG College.

Commencement of Technical Session -3 (Day 1)

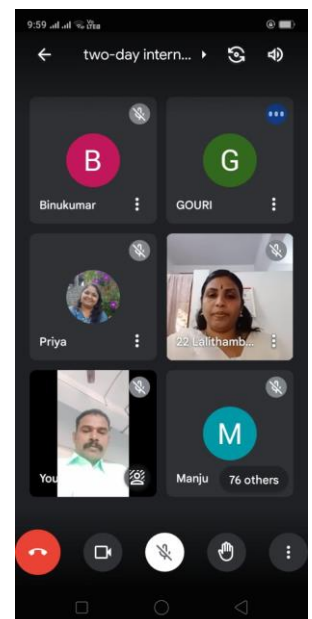
The welcome speech for technical session 3 was given by Dr Syam Lal G.S Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum. He introduced the keynote speaker of the session Dr Anitha V (Professor & Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala) handled the topic” Environmental Sustainability and Public Policies: A Review of Kerala”. Her presentation mainly discussed climate change, climate resilience & covid 19, population trends in Kerala, international studies about climate change& vector bone diseases and ecological-economic model and solutions for climate resilience. She also presented various case studies related to unstable resource management in Kerala. Mrs. Sruthi S Faculty, Department of Economics MG College delivered the vote of thanks for the session.

DAY-2 (25 MARCH,2022)

The second day of the two-day international seminar on “Perspectives on Kerala Economy, Sustainable Development and Public Policy in The Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience” was started by Smt. Lalithambika, Faculty, Department of Economics MG College with a gratifying and refreshing welcome speech.

Commencement of Technical Session -4 (Day 2)

Welcome speech for technical session 4 was given by Smt. Lalithambika Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum. She introduced the keynote speaker of the session Dr Manju S Nair Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala. The topic handled by the keynote speaker was” Health and Healthcare Utilization: A Comparison between Pre-Covid and Covid times”. Her presentation mainly focussed on



Ms Gouri (Anchor of the program) inviting Dr Manju S Nair to present her paper

the impact of Covid in Kerala, the Kerala model of health care, the nature of the medical treatment, expenditure differences across the public-private hospitals and mental health of children. Dr Syamlal.G.S, faculty of the Economics department expressed vote of thanks for the technical section 4. He also highlighted the points raised by the keynote speaker.

Commencement of Technical Session -5

Dr Lini G R Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum delivered the welcome speech and introductory speech for the keynote speaker. The Keynote speaker of technical session 5 was Dr Krishna Kumar, Professor, Rajeev Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Trivandrum. The topic discussed in this technical session was “Economic Crisis in Kerala: An Overview”. He discussed Kerala’s economic crisis, the history of the crisis in Kerala, public debt, unsustainable growth of Kerala. This session was followed by a Q&A session where several questions were raised by the participants. The resource person clarified the doubts raised by the participants. The vote of thanks was given by Sri. Sanoop S Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum.

Commencement of Technical Session -6 Paper Presentations

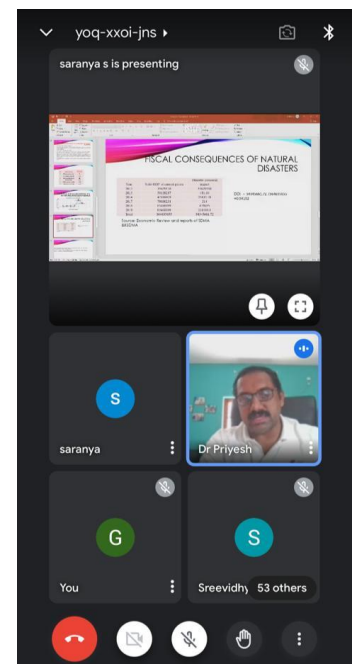
Sri. Sanoop S Faculty, Economics Department extended the heartiest welcome for technical session 6. The session was chaired by Dr Priyesh CA, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University College Trivandrum.

Presenter No.1 : Sreemanka J, Guest HSST Economics, GHSS Valathungal

Sreemanka J, Guest HSST Economics, GHSS Valathungal presented her paper on “Unemployment & Higher Education- A Case study conducted in Kollam”. She discussed about unemployment in Kollam.

Presenter No.2 : Akshaya V Nair, Research Scholar, University College

Akshaya V Nair, Research scholar university college, Thiruvananthapuram presented her paper on the topic “Covid-19 Rethink Towards Agriculture in Kerala”.



Dr Priyesh (the chair of the paper presentation) giving his opinion on the presentation

Presenter No.3 :Neena S Johnson, Research Scholar, University of Kerala

Neena S Johnson, Research Scholar, Govt.College Attingal, Thiruvananthapuram presented her paper on the topic” Prospects of Trade and Tourism in Boosting Kerala’s Economy in the Post COVID 19. She discussed about impact of COVID 19 on the Kerala.

Presenter No.4: Lt. Seena V., Assistant Professor, T. K. Madhava Memorial College, Nangiarkulangara

Lt. Seena V., Assistant Professor of Economics, T. K. Madhava Memorial College, Nangiarkulangara, presented her paper on the topic, Agri Tourism; Scope and Potentialities in Kerala. She explained the potential of Agri-tourism and its prospects in Kerala.

Presenter No.5: Greeshma Babu 1st MA Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kerala

Greeshma Babu 1st MA Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kerala, presented her paper on the topic, “Impact of covid 19 on Kerala’s agriculture sector and ways taken for its recovery”. She discussed the impact of Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns on the agriculture sector

Presenter No 6: Swathy Krishna S S, MA Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kerala

Swathy Krishnan SS, MA Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kerala presented her paper on the topic “Global Economic Change and Sustainability of Kerala Model of Development”. She discussed about the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the global economy.

Presenter No 7: Dr. Praveena K, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, NSS College, Cherthala

Dr. Praveena K, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, NSS College, Cherthala presented her paper on the topic “Sustainable Energy Usage and Consumption Pattern: How Women in Kerala Practice Energy Conservation in Daily Life?”. She elaborated on the energy consumption pattern Kerala women and how sustainability can be brought to their way of consumption of energy

Presenter No 8: Dr Jijikumari T, Assistant Professor & Head, PG Department of Development Economics, St.Pius X College, Rajapuram,

Dr Jijikumari T, Assistant Professor & Head, PG Department of Development Economics, St.Pius X College, Rajapuram, presented her paper on the topic ““Kerala Is a Victim of Its Own Success”-A Conceptual Comparison of Kerala Model and Kerala Riddle During the Pandemic.”. She compared the strengths and weakness of Kerala model of development and how Covid-19 affected Kerala.

Presenter No. 9: Anilakumary R, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Kerala

Anilakumary R, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Kerala presented the topic “Shadow Pandemic- A challenge to women and children”

Presenter No. 10: Saranya U, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Government College Attingal

Saranya U Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Government College Attingal presented the topic “Fiscal Consequences and Contingent Liabilities of National Disasters in Kerala”.

Presenter No 11: Sree Vidhya S, HSST Economics, Part time Scholar, Govt. College Attingal

Sree Vidhya S, HSST Economics, Part time Scholar, Govt. College Attingal, presented her paper on the topic “Impact of Covid-19 on Pandemic on Sabarimala Pilgrimage Tourism- A study of Sabarimala Ward, Ranni-Perinad Panchayat. She analyzed the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on Sabarimala pilgrimage and suggested measures to improve tourism in Sabarimala.

Presenter No. 12: Sulfath A, Research scholar, Government College Attingal, University of Kerala

Sulfath A, full time research scholar, Government College Attingal, University of Kerala presented the topic “The link between Education and Unemployment in Kerala: Some Observations”. Her presentation explored the association between higher education and unemployment in Kerala.

Dr Lini GR Faculty, Department of Economics MG College, Trivandrum delivered the vote of thanks for the last technical session of two-day seminar.

Commencement of Technical Session: 7 Valedictory Session

The valedictory session started with the welcome address by Sri. Sanoop S, Faculty, Department of Economics, MG College. The keynote address was given by Dr P S Nair, former professor and head of the Department of studies, University of Botswana. Dr P S Nair explained the topic “Demographic Challenges in Kerala”. He discussed current national fertility rates, the norms on controlling the population and the aftermath of population and controlling laws in world nations. He also discussed various demographic challenges like TFR falling below replacement level and the high number of lifestyle diseases among Keralites. The two-day international seminar was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Binu Kumar B J, Co-Ordinator of the seminar.

CONCLUSION OF THE TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

The international seminar organized by the Department of Economics, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram on the topic, “Perspectives on Kerala Economy, Sustainable Development and Public Policy in The Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience” on the 24th & 25th of March 2022, aimed at providing different perspectives of Kerala Economy. The program was inaugurated by Dr Sabu Padmadas, who provided insights on the implications of Covid-19 on the Kerala Economy; the presentation provided the international context of the pandemic and other international events and linked it to the present situation of the Kerala Economy. The first technical session’s keynote speaker was Dr Shaijumon C.S, who focused on detailing the pre-pandemic expenditure pattern of the Kerala Economy, that have attributed to the current situation of the Kerala Economy. Dr Lekha Chakraborty, the keynote speaker of the 2nd session illustrated various fiscal strategies for pandemic revival for India and Kerala. Dr Anitha V was the keynote speaker of the 3rd session, the session elaborated on the environmental sustainability of public policies in Kerala. She provided theoretical background and practical environmental feasibility of the public policies in Kerala.

Day 2 of the program began with the 4th technical session. Dr Manju S Nair was the keynote speaker and she focused on the healthcare utilisation of people before and after Covid-19. She explained the core factors that affected the utilisation of healthcare and how Covid affected healthcare utilisation. Dr Krishna Kumar was the keynote speaker for the 5th

session where he provided the historical context of the economic crisis in Kerala. He emphasised that Covid-19 may not be the only underlying factor contributing to the economic crisis of Kerala by providing the historical context of the economic crisis of the state. The 6th session was the paper presentation chaired by Dr Priyesh CA. There were 12 presentations explaining their perspectives on various elements of the Kerala Economy. Dr Priyesh provided his valuable suggestions to the paper presenters concerning their presentations. The last session of the seminar was headed by Dr P.S Nair, he explained the demographic challenges that Kerala is about to face after the Covid-19 pandemic. He provided various examples from countries like China to elaborate his points.

Dr Binu Kumar B.J, Co-Ordinator of the seminar, concluded the session and program by thanking the keynote speakers, the paper presenters, the chair of the paper presentation, the organizing committee and the students who assisted the program with their contributions.