

Invitation



Puthupally Raghavan Memorial Annual Public Lecture

14th November 2018, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

KCHR Annexe
Kesavadasapuram, Thiruvananthapuram



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Puthupally Raghavan (1910 – 2000)



Puthupally Raghavan was born in a joint family amid the complexities and poverty of the system at Puthupally near Kayamkulam. He participated in the independence struggle even during his school days. He gradually engaged entirely in the social and political movements of the society. He was active in various roles such as a politician, journalist, researcher, author and translator.

He was one among the few People's History researchers in Kerala. Of more than 30 books authored by Puthupally Raghavan, majority directly related to the history of Kerala. As a history scholar, he preserved not only the memories, but also the documents and records of historical events and happenings from childhood. He wholeheartedly and unconditionally shared it with any research scholar who approached him.

He took deliberate efforts to overcome the borderlines set by family and people, religion and caste, money and society, materialism and spirituality. Attracted towards Gandhism from childhood, he actively participated in the national, social and revolutionary movements in the society. On the divide of the Communist party he kept off from public life and confined himself to the sphere of reading and writing. He possessed a remarkable personality and was able to view all kinds of sufferings philosophically even at the age of 90.

Wife: Late Smt. Santhamma

Daughters : Sheela, Shobha

Major Works: Indian Viplavathinte Ithihasam (1988), Kerala Pathrapravarthana Charithram (1985), Swadeshabhimaniyude Pathrapravarthanam Rajavazhchayude drishtiyil (1988), R. Sugathan (1984), Kanneerinteyum Chorayudeyum Kadhakal (1979), Viplavasmaranakal (Jeevacharithram 9 volumes) (1996), translated The Decline of Nair Dominance by Robin Jeffrey with M.S. Chandrasekhara Warriar.

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(Opposite to Juma Masjid in Ulloor- Kesavadasapuram Road)

Olle Törnquist

Professor of Political Science and Development Research,
University of Oslo

will deliver the lecture

on

**'Kerala efforts at inclusive development in view
of the global crisis of social democracy'**

Professor P. K. Michael Tharakan

Chairman, KCHR

will preside over the function

You are cordially invited with friends

With warm regards

Haritha V. Kumar I.A.S.

Director, KCHR

‘Kerala efforts at inclusive development in view of the global crisis of social democracy’

Kerala’s varied efforts for a century at development by way of public and political action towards equal civil, social and political rights are up against new challenges. This is not unique. Hence it may be useful to discuss Kerala in view of the crisis of likeminded ideas, such as in Latin America and Southeast Asia, but also in the North, most recently in Scandinavia. Here too, broadly speaking social democratic projects are hard pressed by uneven market driven global development as well as the hijacking by authoritarian elites of fragmented counter movements through populist religious- and ethno-nationalism.



Olle Törnquist is Professor of Political Science and Development Research, University of Oslo. He has focused since the early 1970s on the problems and options of popular organisations and democratisation, especially in Indonesia and India, including Kerala, with references to the Philippines as well as S. Africa Brazil and Scandinavia. His most recent books with colleagues include “Reinventing Social Democratic Development: Insights from Indian and Scandinavian Comparisons.” (Niaspress and Manohar)



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