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New Possibilities and Explorations
in History and Archaeology
in Contemporary Kerala

KCHR & Department of History,
Union Christian College (Autonomous), Aluva
Jointly organizes Seminar on

Periyar Valley and Archaeology

Date : 13th & 14th March, 2025

Venue : T. B. Ninan Hall, Union Christian College, Aluva

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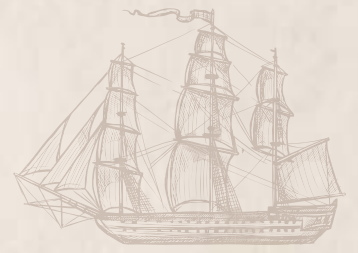
The KCHR Foundation Day Lectures/Seminar Series, scheduled from 12th to 17th March 2025, aims to foster critical engagement with Kerala's history and archaeology by bringing together scholars, researchers, and the wider public. This edition features two academic seminars and three public events, designed to explore new historiographical approaches, interdisciplinary methodologies, and the role of public participation in shaping historical narratives.

The academic seminars, organized in collaboration with UC College, Aluva and Govt. Arts & Science College Kozhikode, will examine contemporary research frameworks, methodological innovations, and evolving perspectives in Kerala's historical and archaeological studies. These sessions will provide a platform for rigorous academic discussions, fostering new directions in historical inquiry.

Alongside these scholarly deliberations, three public events will bridge academic discourse with wider public participation. The event "On Writing Local History", to be hosted at Cheruthazham, Kannur, in collaboration with Kulappuram Vayanasala & Grandhalayam, will highlight the significance of local histories in shaping historical narratives and the role of documentation in advancing historiographical dialogues. Another event at CMS College, Kottayam, organized with Kerala Pradeshika Padanasamithi Kottayam Nattukootttam, will focus on alternative perspectives in historical research, emphasizing how public engagement contributes to historical reinterpretation and the expansion of historiographical debates. Additionally, an academic session with selected Centenary Schools in Trivandrum will examine the history of education and its impact on historical consciousness.

By fostering intellectual exchange and encouraging diverse perspectives, this initiative seeks to advance historical scholarship, promote inclusive historiography, and engage with contemporary debates in Kerala's history and archaeology.

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Programme Schedule

| PERIYAR VALLEY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

| Date : 13th March 2025, Thursday

| Venue : T. B. Ninan Hall, Union Christian College (Autonomous), Aluva

Inaugural Session | 10AM - 11 AM

Welcome : **Dr. Jenee Peter**, Head of the Department, Department of History,
Union Christian College (Autonomous)

Presidential Address : **Prof. Mini Alice**, Principal, Union Christian College

Keynote Address : **Prof. K. N. Ganesh**, Chairperson, KCHR

Vote of Thanks : **Dr. Fashiya P.S.** Academic Coordinator, KCHR

Tea

Session 1 | 11.15 AM - 1.30 PM

The formation and Archaeology of the Iron Age -
Early Historic site Pattanam, Central Kerala. : **Dr. K. P. Shajan**
Scholar- in- Residence, KCHR, Pattanam

Doing Archaeology in the land of Dolmens: A
Narration of Archaeological Research
and Public Engagement from the Anjunad Valley,
Idukki District, Kerala : **Dr. Nihildas N.**
Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological
Survey of India, Hampi Circle, Karnataka

Lunch (Mithrapuram Hall)

Session 2 | 2.30 PM - 4.00 PM

Early Historic Archaeology of the Periyar Valley:
Pattanam to Anappara : **Dr. Dineesh Krishnan**
Research Officer (I/C), KCHR

KCHR Video on Pattanam

Tea

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| Date : 14th March 2025, Friday
| Venue : T. B. Ninan Hall, Union Christian College, Aluva

Session 3 | 10:00 AM -11:15 AM

Alagankulam-Keeladi-Madurai-Idukki- Pattanam: Vaigai valley and Periyar Valley in Early Historic Period : **Dr. V. Selvakumar**
Head of the Department, Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur

Tea

Session 4 | 11.30 AM - 1.30 PM

Reassessing Kerala's Megalithic Burial Pottery: A Use Alteration Analysis : **Dr. Jaseera C. M.**
Archaeologist & Independent researcher

Reimagining Iron Age in Periyar Valley : **Dr. Jenee Peter**
Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Union Christian College, Aluva

Lunch (Mithrapuram Hall)

Valedictory and Reflection Session 2.30 PM - 3.30 PM

Welcome : **Sreelatha Damodaran**, Research Associate, KCHR

Presidential Address : **Prof Dinesan V.**, Director, KCHR

Vote of Thanks : **Nayanatara S.**, Guest Faculty in Archaeology, Union Christian College

Visit to UCC Archaeology Museum 3.30 PM - 4.30 PM

Tea

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