



**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
ANCHAL, KOLLAM**

One Day National Seminar

on

*“Federalism and Governance in
Contemporary India”*

Hybrid Mode

20th February 2024

Time : 10.00 am-03.00 pm

Venue : Audio Visual Theatre, St John's College, Anchal

**Organised by the Department of Political Science
and Public Administration**

**In association with the Indian Institute of Public Administration
(Kerala Region)**

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Inauguration	
Welcome	: Dr. G. Radhakrishna Kurup , Secretary, IIPA-KRB
Presidential Address	: Dr. Nisha Thomas , Principal
Inauguration	: Dr. STANNY THOMAS (Member, Kerala Public Service Commission)
& Keynote Address	“The Contours of Indian Federalism”
Felicitation	: Dr. Abraham Mathew , Vice Chairman, IIPA-KRB.
	: Mr. Jerry C. Jacson IQAC Co-Ordinator, St John’s College, Anchal.
Vote of Thanks	: Mr. Adhil N.S. , Secretary, Political Science Association, St. John’s College, Anchal.

Academic Session I **Time 11.00am – 12.30pm**

Welcome	: Ms. Ganga S.A. , II BA Political Science
Chairman	: Dr. R. Rajeevan , Former Principal, NSS College, Rajakumari, Idukki.
Topic	: “Modifying the Indian federalism : The impending dangers”
Presentation	: Dr. Shaji Varkey Former Head, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala.
Vote of Thanks	: Mr. Vijin V. , II BA Political Science
Lunch Break	

Academic Session II

Welcome	: Mr. Arif N. , III BA Political Science
Chairman	: Dr. Abraham Mathew , Vice Chairman, IIPA-KRB
Topic	: “Navigating Federalism : Challenges & Opportunities in Contemporary India”
Paper Presentation	: Ms. Hajira T.M. , II MA Public Administration Ms. Haritha D. , I MA Public Administration Ms. Jani S. Prajith , III BA Political Science Ms. Harda M.L. , II BA Political Science Ms. Hannah P. Roy , II BA Political Science

Ms. Aparna Bhanu, II BA Political Science

Ms. Christina Saji, I BA Political Science

Ms. Stella S. Sunny, I BA Political Science

Ms. Uma Rajeev, I BA Political Science

Vote of Thanks : **Ms. Athulya Anil**, I BA Political Science

Valedictory Session

Welcome : **Mr. Ajay Krishnan**, I MA Public Administration

Presidential Address : **Dr. G. Radhakrishna Kurup**, Secretary, IIPA-KRB

Valedictory Address : **Dr. Abraham Mathew**, Vice President, IIPA-KRB

Rapporteurs Report : **Ms. Athulya Babu A.**, II MA Public Administration

: **Ms. Anupama K.**, I MA Public Administration

: **Ms. Manjima Madhusoodhanan**, III BA Political Science

: **Ms. Anila Sreekumar**, III BA Political Science

: **Ms. Avani D.**, II BA Political Science

: **Ms. Sweety S.B.**, II BA Political Science

: **Mr. Mohammed Nehjin**, I BA Political Science

: **Ms. Aruna V.S.**, I BA Political Science

Vote of Thanks : **Ms. Muhsina Farsana**, III BA Political Science

Academic Session III

Time 7.30 pm-8.30 pm

Google meet link: <https://meet.google.com/bke-bwhe-hgj>

Welcome : **Ms. Shibina S.**, II MA Public Administration

Topic : **Nation & Federalism in Contemporary India**

Presentation : **Dr. Biju B.L.**,
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science,
University of Hyderabad.

Vote of Thanks : **Mr. Amal Mathew**, II MA Public Administration

Conference Report

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Overview

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration at St. John's College, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Kerala Region, organized a one-day National Seminar on "Federalism and Governance in Contemporary India." The event aimed to provide a platform for scholars, students, and policymakers to discuss challenges and opportunities in Indian federalism.

Programme Highlights

Inaugural Session

The seminar commenced with a welcome address by Dr. G. Radhakrishna Kurup, Secretary, IIPA-KRB, followed by the Presidential Address by Dr. Nisha Thomas, Principal, St. John's College. The inaugural speech and keynote address on "The Contours of Indian Federalism" were delivered by Dr. Stany Thomas, Member, Kerala Public Service Commission. Felicitations were offered by Dr. Abraham Mathew, Vice Chairman, IIPA-KRB, and Mr. Jerry C. Jacson, IQAC Coordinator, St. John's College. Mr. Adhil N.S., Secretary, Political Science Association, proposed a vote of thanks.

Academic Sessions

Session I: Modifying Indian Federalism: The Impending Dangers

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- Chairperson: Dr. R. Rajeevan, Former Principal, NSS College
- Presenter: Dr. Shaji Varkey, Former HoD, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala
- This session critically examined potential threats to Indian federalism in the current political and administrative landscape.

Session II: Navigating Federalism: Challenges & Opportunities in Contemporary India

- Chairperson: Dr. Abraham Mathew, Vice Chairman, IIPA-KRB
- Paper Presenters: Students and researchers, including Ms. Hajira T.M. and Ms. Haritha D.
- A variety of perspectives were shared on contemporary challenges in Indian federalism, from grassroots governance to national policies.

Session III: Nation & Federalism in Contemporary India

- Chairperson: Ms. Shibina S., II MA Public Administration
- Presenter: Dr. Biju B.L., Associate Professor, University of Hyderabad
- Dr. Biju's insightful analysis of the evolving relationship between nationalism and federalism was delivered virtually, attracting diverse participants.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory session featured a Presidential Address by Dr. G. Radhakrishna Kurup and the Valedictory Address by Dr. Abraham Mathew. Rapporteurs, including students from the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, presented a detailed summary of the day's proceedings.

Outcomes and Takeaways

- The seminar successfully brought together academics and students to explore and debate key aspects of federalism in India.

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- It highlighted the interplay between governance structures, policy implementation, and grassroots engagement.
- The active participation of students and researchers demonstrated the event's impact on nurturing young scholars.

A 3x3 grid of participant tiles in a Google Meet session. The tiles are as follows:

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- Top-middle: Profile picture of a man in a green shirt, name 'Jaya Ram'.
- Top-right: Green circle with white letter 'M', name 'Muhammad shakir Sa'.
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- Middle-middle: Profile picture of a man in a blue shirt, name 'Mohammed Azeem'.
- Middle-right: Video feed of a man with glasses, name 'Biju. B. L.'.
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- Bottom-middle: Purple circle with white letter 'V' and a profile picture, name '29 others'.
- Bottom-right: Green circle with white letter 'T', name 'Thomas Mohan'.

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