

**Two Day**  
**UGC Sponsored National Seminar**  
**on**  
**Infrastructure and Economic Development: Present**  
**Scenario, Challenges and Future Options**

15 & 16 September 2015

**Organised by: Department of Economics**

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Department of Economics, St Mary's College, Thrissur organized a two day UGC sponsored National Seminar on Infrastructure and Economic Development: Present Scenario, Challenges and Future Option (SEM 1243/14-15/KLCA040/ UGC-SWRO in collaboration with South Indian Bank on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The seminar consisted of six technical sessions in the main venue and 2 paper presentation sessions in the Seminar Hall.

The seminar started at 9.30 am with the prayer. Principal of the College, Sr. Dr. Jacintha C.C. welcomed the gathering. Prof. Dr S. Iyyampillai in his Presidential address emphasized the importance of the topic of the seminar and gave a brief description of the topic and also pointed out its relevance in the present scenario. The Seminar was inaugurated by Shri. A.G. Varughese, Senior Vice President, South Indian Bank. In his key note address he gave an account of infrastructure financing and role played by banks for providing necessary financial support to improve the physical infrastructure in India. He concluded his talk by raising certain flagship questions to improve the infrastructural facilities. Sri Mohanan. K, DGM and Principal, Staff Training College, South Indian Bank, Sri Suresh Kumar N. PTA Vice President, Prof Dr K. Gangadharan, Head, Dept of Economics, Kannur University, Thalassery Campus and Dr Josepheni Joseph, Head, Dept of English, St Mary's College, Thrissur rendered felicitations for the seminar. The session concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr Julie P. Lazar, Head, Department of Economics and Convener of the seminar.



The second technical session started at 11.45am. The session was handled by Prof. Dr S. Iyyampillai (Prof. & Chair, School of Economics and Commerce and Financial Studies, Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirappalli.) on Funding for Infrastructure: Nature and Concerns. The session was chaired by Ms Molly Joseph, Retired Head, Department of Economics, St Mary's College, Thrissur.

The afternoon session started at 2.00 pm and the resource person was Prof Dr. K. Gangadharan, Head, Dept of Economics, Kannur University, Thalassery Campus. He gave a talk on "Planning and Infrastructure Development in India: Views and Vision" Dr Ramachandran K.V., Head, Dept of Economics, University of Calicut, Dr John Mathai Centre chaired the session.

The second day's proceedings started at 9.30 am on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Prof. Dr. K. P. Mani, Dept. of Economics, University of Calicut, Dr. John Mathai Centre, Thrissur gave an eloquent presentation on Infrastructure in India: Performance Challenges and Options. Dr Chacko Jose P. Associate Prof & Head, Department of Economics, S H College, Chalakudy chaired the session.

The second technical session of the day started at 11.15 am. Dr. P. Arunachalam, Professor and Head, Dept. of Applied Economics, CUSAT gave a presentation on the topic Infrastructural Development in India: Challenges and Opportunities. Dr Chacko Jose P. Associate Prof & Head, Department of Economics, S H College, Chalakudy chaired the session.

The last technical session of the seminar was at 2 pm. Dr Nirmala Padmanabhan, Associate Prof, Head, Department of Economics, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam gave her presentation was on Solid Waste Management

There were two paper presentation sessions in the Seminar. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Remya R. (Assistant Professor, C. Achuthamenon Memorial Govt. College,

Thrissur) and Dr. Baby V. O.(Assistant Professor and Head , St. Joseph’s College, Irinjalakuda ). 25 papers were presented by faculty, research scholars and Postgraduate students. 286 participants attended the seminar.

The valedictory session was inaugurated by Dr Nirmala Padmanabhan. In her address she described about the role and need of Infrastructure development in the Indian Context and motivated the students to look forward to the issues affecting the common man. Ms Isabella Davis, V Sem BA Economics student presented the seminar report. Dr Nirmala Padmanabhan distributed the certificates to the participants. Ms Diya Philip, Assistant Professor, B. K. College, Kottayam presented the feedback on behalf of the participants. The two day intellectual and academic exercise ended with the Vote of thanks by Ms Liji Maliakkal, Seminar Coordinator.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABOUT THE COLLEGE</b></p> <p>St Mary's College, Thrissur established in 1946, is the first Women's College in the District and is affiliated to University of Calicut. The College offers 14 UG, 10 PG and a Research Programme. The institution re-accredited with A grade by NAAC in 2015, plays a pioneering role for the holistic development of women students. The Department of Economics formed in 1946 offers UG Programme in Economics and PG Programme in Applied Economics (Self Financing).</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>The Department of Economics, St Mary's College, Thrissur is organizing a Two-Day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on <b>"Infrastructure and Economic Development: Present Scenario, Challenges and Future Options"</b> on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. We are highly privileged to welcome academicians, faculty, research scholars and post graduate students for their active participation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Warm Regards</p> <p>Sr. Dr. JACINTHA C. C.      Dr. JULIE P. LAZAR      Smt. LIJI MALIAKKEL Principal                      Convenor &amp; HOD                      Coordinator</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROGRAMME SCHEDULE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Venue – Jubilee Hall</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>9.00 am – 9.30 am</td> <td>: Registration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.30 am – 11.15 am</td> <td>: <b>Inaugural Session</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prayer</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welcome Speech</td> <td>: <b>Sr. Dr. Jacintha C.C.</b> Principal, St. Mary's College, Thrissur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presidential Address</td> <td>: <b>Prof. Dr. S. Iyyampillai</b>, Professor of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inauguration and Keynote Address</td> <td>: <b>Sri. A.G. Varughese</b>, Senior Vice-President, South Indian Bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Felicitation</td> <td>: <b>Sri. N. Suresh Kumar</b>, PTA Vice President <b>Dr. Josepheni Joseph</b>, Head, Dept. of English <b>Dr. Julie P. Lazar</b>, Head, Dept. of Economics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vote of Thanks</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Tea Break</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Technical Session I</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>11.30 am – 1.00 pm</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>: <b>Smt. Molly Joseph</b>, Head (Retd.), Dept. of Economics, St. Mary's College, Thrissur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Topic</td> <td>: <i>Funding for Infrastructure: Nature and Concerns</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presentation</td> <td>: <b>Prof. Dr. S. Iyyampillai</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Lunch Break</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Technical session II</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.00 pm – 3.30 pm</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>: <b>Dr. K. V. Ramachandran</b>, Head, Dept. of Economics, Dr John Mathai Centre, University of Calicut</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Topic</td> <td>: <i>Planning and Infrastructure Development in India: Issues and Perspectives</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presentation</td> <td>: <b>Prof. Dr. K. Gangadharan</b>, Professor &amp; Head, Dept. of Applied Economics, Kannur University, Palayad P.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Tea Break</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.40 pm - 4.30pm</td> <td>: Paper Presentations</td> </tr> </table>	9.00 am – 9.30 am	: Registration	9.30 am – 11.15 am	: <b>Inaugural Session</b>	Prayer		Welcome Speech	: <b>Sr. Dr. Jacintha C.C.</b> Principal, St. Mary's College, Thrissur	Presidential Address	: <b>Prof. Dr. S. Iyyampillai</b> , Professor of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	Inauguration and Keynote Address	: <b>Sri. A.G. Varughese</b> , Senior Vice-President, South Indian Bank	Felicitation	: <b>Sri. N. Suresh Kumar</b> , PTA Vice President <b>Dr. Josepheni Joseph</b> , Head, Dept. of English <b>Dr. Julie P. Lazar</b> , Head, Dept. of Economics	Vote of Thanks		<b>Tea Break</b>		<b>Technical Session I</b>		11.30 am – 1.00 pm		Chair	: <b>Smt. Molly Joseph</b> , Head (Retd.), Dept. of Economics, St. Mary's College, Thrissur	Topic	: <i>Funding for Infrastructure: Nature and Concerns</i>	Presentation	: <b>Prof. Dr. S. Iyyampillai</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		<b>Technical session II</b>		2.00 pm – 3.30 pm		Chair	: <b>Dr. K. V. Ramachandran</b> , Head, Dept. of Economics, Dr John Mathai Centre, University of Calicut	Topic	: <i>Planning and Infrastructure Development in India: Issues and Perspectives</i>	Presentation	: <b>Prof. Dr. K. Gangadharan</b> , Professor & Head, Dept. of Applied Economics, Kannur University, Palayad P.O.	<b>Tea Break</b>		3.40 pm - 4.30pm	: Paper Presentations
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