

SEMINAR REPORT

Two-Day National Seminar on “Governance and Development: Intersections of Policy, Power, and Economy”

Organised by the PG Department of Public Administration,
Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Govt. Arts and Science College, Attappady.

17–18 December 2025

The Post Graduate Department of Public Administration, Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Government Arts and Science College, Attappady, organised a Two-Day National Seminar on “Governance and Development: Intersections of Policy, Power, and Economy” on 17th and 18th December 2025 with the support of the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala. The seminar aimed to provide an academic platform to discuss the complex relationship between governance structures, policy processes, power relations, and developmental outcomes, especially in the Indian and Kerala contexts.

The programme commenced on 17 December 2025 with an inaugural session. Dr. Salim N., Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address. Dr. G. Muthulakshmi, Principal, delivered the presidential address. The seminar was formally inaugurated by Dr. Prasad M.G., Assistant Professor of Economics, Government Victoria College, Palakkad, who also delivered the keynote address. Felicitations were offered by Dr. Rekha Elayidath, Head of the Department of History and Aiyshabi P., Head of the Department of Malayalam and Sildia Thomas, Seminar Coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks.

Across two days, the seminar witnessed six academic sessions, each led by expert academicians from various institutions. The first day included sessions by Dr. Prasad M.G., and Dr. Sujathan who spoke on India’s developmental transitions since LPG reforms and PVTG vulnerabilities. A paper presentation session was also held, allowing participants to share research findings.

The second day featured four technical sessions handled by Dr. C. Athena, Dr. Jisha K.K., Manikandan K, and Ameendas A.P. Their sessions focused on digital governance, decentralisation in Kerala, migration and development, and Panchayati Raj influences on tribal self-governance in Attappady. The seminar concluded with a brief valedictory session.

The two-day programme brought together academicians, research scholars, and students to engage in meaningful discussions on governance and development. The seminar successfully fulfilled its objective of fostering academic dialogue and promoting critical reflections on policy, power, and developmental challenges in contemporary India.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

2025 December 18

Academic Session IV	10.00 AM – 11.30 AM
Chair	Mr. Sivajith Sasi Asst. Professor, Dept. of Public Administration
Resource Person	Dr. C. Athena Assistant Professor, Department of Economics PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore
Topic: Digital Governance for Social Inclusion: Pathways to Inclusive Development in India	
Academic Session V	11.30 AM – 1.00 PM
Chair	Mr. Sooraj S. Asst. Professor, Dept. of Public Administration
Resource Person	Dr. Jisha K.K. Associate Professor of Economics, Govt. College Chitaur
Topic: Kerala's Democratic Decentralization: Lessons, Challenges, & Pathways Ahead	
Lunch Break	1.00 PM – 1.30 PM
Academic Session VI	1.30 PM – 3.00 PM
Chair	Dr. Rekha Elayidath Head, Dept. of History
Resource Person	Mr. Manikandan K. Assistant Professor of Economics, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad
Topic: Migration and Development: Kerala Experience	
Academic Session VII	3.00 PM – 4.30 PM
Chair	Mrs. K.R. Malarchithra Head, Dept. of Commerce
Resource Person	Mr. Amedas A.P. Assistant Professor of History Govt. College Malappuram
Topic: Bridging Two Worlds: Examining Panchayati Raj Influences on Tribal Self-Governance in Attappadi	
Valedictory Session	4.30 PM – 5.00 PM

For more details

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Dear Sir/ Madam,
Department of Public Administration, Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Govt. Arts and Science College, Attappady is organizing a Two-Day National Seminar on the topic "Governance and Development: Intersections of Policy, Power, and Economy" with the support of the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala, on 17th and 18th December 2025.

Governance and development are two interdependent pillars that define the progress of a nation. In the Indian context, where democracy, federalism, and diversity coexist, governance plays a decisive role in shaping developmental trajectories. Development cannot be understood merely as economic growth; it involves social justice, inclusiveness, sustainability, and empowerment. Likewise, governance is not limited to administration but extends to policy-making, institutional capacity, and citizen participation. Policy decisions, the distribution of power, and the functioning of the economy together form the foundation of developmental outcomes. This seminar aims to provide an academic platform to explore these intersections in light of India's journey toward Viksit Bharat 2047.

Dr. G. Muthulakshmi Principal	Dr. Salim N. Head, Dept. of Public Administration	Sildia Thomas Seminar Coordinator
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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

2025 December 17

9.00 AM	Registration
Inaugural Session	09.15 AM – 10.00 AM
Welcome	Dr. Salim N. Head, Dept. of Public Administration
Presidential Address	Dr. G. Muthulakshmi Principal
Inauguration & Keynote Address	Dr. Prasad M.G. Assistant Professor of Economics, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad
Felicitations	Dr. Rekha Elayidath (Head, Dept. of History) Mrs. K.R. Malarchithra (Head, Dept. of Commerce) Mrs. Ayishabi P. (Head, Dept. of Malayalam)
Vote of Thanks	Ms. Sildia Thomas Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration
Academic Session I	10.00 AM – 11.30 AM
Chair	Dr. Salim N. Head, Dept. of Public Administration
Resource Person	Dr. Prasad M.G. Assistant Professor of Economics, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad
Topic: Development Pathways of India Through The Lens of LPG	
Academic Session II	11.30 AM – 1.00 PM
Chair	Mr. Binu P.L. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration
Resource Person	Dr. Sujathan P.K. Assistant Professor of Economics, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad
Topic: Left Behind: Is the Safety Net Failing the PVTGs?	
Lunch Break	1.00 PM – 1.30 PM
Academic Session III	1.30 PM – 3.00 PM
Chair	Dr. Asha T. Rajan Asst. Professor, Dept. of Public Administration
Resource Person	Dr. Sandhya J. Nair Associate Professor, Department of History University College, Thiruvananthapuram.
Topic: Policy Frameworks and Power Relations in Shaping Kerala's Public Health Model	
Paper Presentation	3.00 PM – 4.30 PM







