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**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**

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Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India-695 034

**THREE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON**

**UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES TO  
INDIAN SECULARISM**

**20-22 MARCH 2018**

**SENATE CHAMBER, UNIVERSITY OF KERALA  
PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
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## About the Seminar

It will be a three day national seminar on *Understanding the Challenges to Indian Secularism*. Even though our country has been moving from religiosity to secular way of life, evidences show that religious beliefs have not fully declined in our society. The existence of communalism and fundamentalism in India suggest that no necessary connection exists between modernisation and secularisation. Supernatural elements are being revived and revitalized. The different reasons for failure of India's secularism are: the origin of the religious extremism, the diverse ethnic and religious characteristic in India and the failure of secular political parties.

We cordially invite the academicians, representatives of the civil society and research scholars to submit their research papers on the sub-themes to be covered in different technical sessions during the national seminar. Interested participants may submit soft copies of the abstracts and full papers for presentation in the proposed seminar.

### Sub Themes:

- The Conceptual issues of Secularism
- Secularism versus Fundamentalism
- Communal and Religious conflicts: Causes and the way out
- Growth of religious extremist Political parties: Our experiences
- Separatist movements: Hard realities
- Uniform Civil Code: Possibility and Challenges
- Cultural Symbols and Secularism: Practical experiences
- Minority Group Perceptions: Fear Psychosis
- Communalism in India: Past and Present
- Vote Bank Politics and electoral process

### Guidelines for abstract and full paper submission

An abstract should contain 300 –350 words. The full paper should not be of more than 5000 words. It must be typed in Times New Roman Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1” margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word. A Uniform Style of Citation must be strictly adhered to while submitting the abstracts and full paper. All the abstracts and full length papers shall be sent on email-id: [kuseminarmarch2018@gmail.com](mailto:kuseminarmarch2018@gmail.com)

**Registration fee: Nil**

**Important Dates**

- *Submission of Abstract: 28th February, 2018*
- *Confirmation of abstract selection: 5th March, 2018*
- *Submission of full paper: 10th March, 2018*
- *Conference Dates: 20-22 March, 2018*

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