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Three day International Seminar on **“Development and Marginality of Fisher Folks”**

Date: 07 – 09 January, 2019 Venue: Seminar Hall, Department of Economics

About the Seminar

Development is defined as both the qualitative and quantitative change in the life and livelihood of human beings to advance a better life. The attributes in the definition is often denied to the marginalised communities like tribes and fisher folks who always live at the margins of the physical and social plain. Their needs and demands are deliberately unheard or preferably silenced by the policy makers. Often we argue that the development projects and plans are meant to uplift this lot, and outlay millions of rupees in this behalf. However, they are still in utter despair. For instance, we have a Tribal Sub Plan in operation for more than four decades, but the upliftment of tribes from their social vulnerability is a sham. The same issue is persisting on the life and livelihoods of fisher folks. Most of the development projects we propose for their wellbeing, ironically turn their life more vulnerable. In this context the recent studies on their life and livelihood shall be brought together to put into notice of the policy makers to have a positive policy formulation. The seminar may act as dissemination point to understand the current state of affairs of the community and suggest the government how and what kind of effective aid may improve the community and their development as such. The seminar brings those who work on different aspects of life of the fisher folks and their vulnerability and make a policy note and submit the same to the government.

Perspective Themes

- ❖ **From Social Science**
- ❖ **From Natural Science**
- ❖ **From Literature and Arts**
- ❖ **From Activism and Life Experience**

We expect a short write up (4-6 page/1000-1500 words) in Malayalam on the topic of your interest and presentation. This note should essentially be your reflection on the issue of fisher folks in Kerala and how their life and livelihood ecology can be improved. Presentation can be either in Malayalam or in English.

Date of submission of write up is 20th December 2018.

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