



UGC-Nehru Studies Centre
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA



3 DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
On
Secularism, Democracy and Nation Building: Nehru's Vision and Philosophy
19,20, 21 March, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

UGC-Nehru Studies Centre is organising an International Seminar on the theme 'Secularism, Democracy and Nation Building: Nehru's Vision and Philosophy' from 19th to 21st March, 2019 at the Conference Hall of Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus. This Three Day Conference will reflect upon the Nehruvian contributions towards the making of a modern, liberal and secular India. Nehru's views on secularism and democracy, Nehru's foreign policy, Nehruvian economic model, Nehru's role in the institution building process of modern India, his contributions to the growth of science and technology etc will be discussed in detail in the Three Day Conference sessions. Nehru's role as a statesman, parliamentarian, diplomat and nation builder will also be subject of analysis. As we conclude the 130th Birth Anniversary celebrations of the First Prime Minister of India, on the other side, it is important to note that, he and his legacies are becoming constant targets of sniping and veiled spread of calumny. In this context, rethinking Nehru and understanding his vision and philosophy becomes pertinent. This Conference will examine the scope and relevance of Nehruvian ideas in today's context especially in the backdrop of changing socio-political milieu of the country. I warmly invite you to be part of this three day long academic deliberations.

Sincerely,
Dr. Anu Unny
Organising Secretary & Hon. Director
UGC-Nehru Studies Centre

3. **Krzysztof Jacek Bekieszcuk** (Department of Sanskrit, University of Kerala)

State-Religion Separation in Western Constitutionalism Vs Nehru's Version of Secularism

Session VIII :(3.00 - 4.30 PM)

Chair: **Philomina Simon** (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Kerala)

1. **Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair** (Professor and Head, Department of Bioinformatics, University of Kerala)

Nehruvian Science and Technology: A Retrospect

2. **Shri. K.S Sabarinathan MLA** (MLA , Aruvikkara Constituency)

Nehru, Science and Modernity

DAY 3 : 21/03/2019

Session IX 10.00 A.M-12.00 P.M : Nehru and Economy

Chair: **Dr. Anitha V.** (Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala)

1. **Dr. B.A Prakash** (Former Professor and Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala)

Nehru's Economic Policies for Development

2. **Prof. Mridul Eapen** (Member, Kerala State Planning Board and Honorary Fellow, CDS, Thiruvananthapuram)

Planning and Budgeting: The case of Kerala

3. **Shri. Josy Joseph** (Journalist & Former Editor, The Hindu)

State Under Siege: Indian Democracy and its unique challenges

Tea Break: 11.45

Valedictory Session 12.00 P.M

Welcome Speech: **Dr. Josukutty** (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala)

Rapporteur's Report:

Valedictory Address: **Prof. Mohan Gopal** (Former Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India, Bangalore)

Special Invitee: **Shri. Jiji Thomson** IAS (Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Kerala and Director at Cochin Smart Mission Ltd)

Special Remarks : **Ms. Madhurkankana Roy** (Regional Officer, ICCR, Trivandrum)

Vote of Thanks: **Dr. Anu Unny** (Organising Secretary of Seminar & Hon. Director, UGC-Nehru Studies Centre, University of Kerala)

Lunch

