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26-28 January 2024

Union Christian College
Aluva (Post) Ernakulam-683102



Local Secretary's Circular

Aluva

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Dear friends,

Greetings from Union Christian College, Aluva.

I feel privileged to welcome you all to the Eighth Annual International Session of the Kerala History Congress which will be hosted by Union Christian College, Aluva, and organized by the Department of History. Scheduled for three days from 26th to 28th January 2024, the session is expected to generate critical debates on various themes in history and discuss the latest developments in the sphere. It gives us immense pleasure to extend a most cordial invitation to participate in the deliberations of the session.

The Host

Union Christian College, Aluva was established in 1921 as an ecumenical, Indian Christian initiative in the field of higher education in Kerala. A sprawling green campus spread over 40 acres, the college is located on the banks of river Periyar, about 12 kilometres away from the Cochin International Airport. Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, the institution is known for its academic excellence and research potential. The college has 18 academic departments, with around 1900 students and 160 faculty members. The college has been rated as an 'A' Grade institution by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the fourth cycle with 3.45 points. The college strives to produce

intellectually competent, morally upright, and spiritually inspired citizens in the service of the nation. The list of eminent international teachers who have associated with the college in the past includes stalwarts like Canon W. E. S. Holland, Rev. L. W. Hooper, Malcom Muggeridge and Rev. B. G. Crowley. This ethos continues in the form of international collaborations and student exchange programmes with Universities outside India.

From the time of its inception, History has been one of the important disciplines taught in the college. In the early days, it was taught alongside Economics and Philosophy. In 1965, a separate Department of History, offering under-graduate and post-graduate programmes, came to be constituted with Dr. A. K. Baby as the first Head of the Department. Subsequently, in 2000, the department developed into a Research Centre, supervising several research scholars across the state. It was the first of its kind in an aided college in Kerala.

Some of the former students and faculty members who have made important contributions to the academic and public life of India include Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Prof. Michael Tharakan, Mr. R. B. Sreekumar IPS, Dr. P. J. Cherian and many others. At present, the department has 7 faculty members and about 120 students. Besides the academic courses prescribed by the university, the department encourages research and inter-disciplinary initiatives with the objective of enabling students to think critically and to develop a historical consciousness.

The Sessions

Kerala History Congress is a professional organization of teachers and research students seeking the promotion of rational and secular history of Kerala. The annual sessions of the Kerala History Congress intent to provide platforms for discussing and debating new research and perspectives coming up in historical knowledge on Kerala. It envisages the sessions in such a way as to bring the budding scholars and erudite scholars on a common platform to offer immense possibilities of interaction and exchange of ideas between them.

The Presentations are held simultaneously in the following Sections.

- Social History
- Political History

- Cultural History
- Economic History
- Oral Histories / Local Histories

Papers from this session are anticipated to be published in the UGC CARE listed Proceedings.

Commemoration Lecture on Centenary Years of *Vaikom Satyagraha*

Prof. Karthikeyan Nair (Former Director of Kerala Bhasha Institute)

Panel Discussions - Session I - History, Textbooks, Politics, and Ideology

– Prof Kukum Roy (Prof. CHS, JNU), Prof. K N Ganesh (Chairman, KCHR & President KHC), Dr. Malavika Binny (Assistant Professor, Department of History, Kannur University) Moderator - Dr P P Addul Razak (EC Member **KCHR**)

Panel Discussions - Session II -NEP- Issues and Concerns

-Prof. Rajan Gurukul (Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council), Prof. Michael Tharakan (Former Chairman, KCHR), Prof. S. Sivadasan(Former Prof of History, SSUS, Kalady), NM Pearson (Author, Political Observer), Moderator - Prof K V Kunjikrishnan (President, Library Council, Kerala)

Erudite Lectures

Prof . Aditya Mukherjee, Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan, Prof. Shahid Amin, Prof. Purushottam Aggarwal - Prof. Kukum Roy- Prof. Rajan Gurukkal -Prof. K. N Ganesh, Prof. Sanal Mohan.

Special Lectures

Prof. Sujith Kumar Parayil (Central University, Hyderabad) Dr. Manjusha K.A, (Associate Professor, School of Gandian Thought and Development Studies, MGU)

Reception and Registration

The reception counter at the college campus will function from the afternoon of 26th January 2022 till 28th January 2024. Registration will be done at the Union Christian College campus from 26th evening. At the registration counters preference

will be given to those delegates who have already sent delegate fee and submitted the online delegate form.

Registration Fee

Keeping in mind the cost of conducting the conference, the Organizing Committee has decided on the following differential Registration Fee structure:

- Delegate fee (with accommodation) : Rs.2000/-
- Delegate fee (without accommodation): Rs.1000/-
- Students/ Research Scholars (with accommodation) Rs.1000/-
- Students/ Research Scholars (without accommodation) Rs.500/-
- PG and UG students (with accommodation) – 750/
- PG and UG students (without accommodation) – 300/

The Delegate fee may be paid to the Local Secretary, Kerala History Congress 8th Annual Session, Union Christian College by Online transfer in favour of ***Tresa Divya T J, Local Secretary, Kerala History Congress*** Payable at State Bank of India, Thottakattukara Branch. **A/C No. 42576534592** IFSC Code. **SBIN0070336**

The last date for receiving online payment is 15/01/2024. Please quote your Membership No. while paying the Delegate Fee. All participants will have to register online with their transaction ID and copy of the receipt. The delegate registration form can be accessed from the link given below.

<https://forms.gle/u8HEssvZdy2xoPLcA>

Without online registration, board and lodging cannot be provided. There is no provision to accommodate accompanying family members. The link to Delegate Registration form is attached with this circular.

***Paper Submission Deadline:** Those who wish to present papers during the session may kindly mail their papers on or before 20 January 2024 to this E-mail: khcupapers2024@gmail.com, **copies to** keralahistorycongressucc@gmail.com

Accommodation

We are trying our best to accommodate the delegates in various hotels and dormitories. Accommodation will be provided from **26th evening to 28th evening** of January 2024.

Transportation

Transport to and from the accommodation centers to the campus will be provided in the morning and evening during the programme.

Yours faithfully,

Aluva

04/01/2024

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