

CALL FOR PAPERS

- Decentralisation and participatory democracy
- Local governance and electoral dynamics
- Assembly elections and grassroots institutions
- Digital governance and electoral reforms
- Citizen participation and social inclusion
- Fiscal decentralisation and local autonomy

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of final paper: 29/01/2026

Format - APA 7TH Edition

Word Limit - 4000-5000 words

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Selected papers shall be published in the Journal of IPA with ISSN or in an edited book with ISBN

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Organised by the Department of History and Political Science, S.D College, Alappuzha, in collaboration with the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala.

The seminar will provide a platform to discuss the role of local self-government in strengthening democracy, the impact of assembly elections on grassroots governance, and the emerging challenges of electoral reforms. Drawing on Kerala's pioneering decentralisation experience, sessions will highlight successful models of participatory governance and inspire new approaches to transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement.

With participation from scholars, policymakers, students, and professionals, the seminar aims to generate valuable insights, policy recommendations, and academic discourse that can contribute to strengthening Panchayati Raj institutions and urban local bodies across India.

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ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

LOCAL SELF- GOVERNMENT AND ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 29 JANUARY 2026



VENUE :

Sri K Parthasarathy Iyengar Memorial
Golden Jubilee Auditorium

Session 4 : 2:30 - 3:30

Paper Presentations on the
Topic by Students

VALEDICTORY SESSION

4:00 P.M-4:30 P.M:

Distribution of certificates and concluding
remarks

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SESSIONS

Session 1: 10.30 – 11.30 A.M

Emerging Trends in Local and Assembly
Elections

Dr. E.N. Sivadasan

(Former Principal, S.N College, Alathur,
N.S.S Programme Coordinator, M.G.
University)

Session 2: 11.30 – 12.30 P.M

Reimagining Local Democracy: Beyond
Party Issues and Power Equations
Sri. Anas N (Assistant Professor of Political
Science, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam)

Session 3: 12.30 – 1.30 P.M

Delimitation and Reservation Policies:
Analysing their impact on Elections
Ms. Meenu Jackson, Assistant Professor on
Contract, Department of History and
Political Science, S.D College, Alappuzha)

Lunch Break – 1.30 – 2.30 P.M

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

INAUGURAL SESSION : 29.01.2026 (THURSDAY)

9:00 A.M: Registration
9:30 A.M: Prayer
Welcome: Ms. Meera Sivadas
(Programme Coordinator)

Presidential Address: Prof. (Dr.) Prabhakaran Nair V.R
(Principal in charge, S.D College)

Inaugural Address: Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopakumar
(Former Vice Chancellor,
Central University of Kerala)

Special Address: Dr Biveesh U.C
(Director General, Institute
of Parliamentary Affairs)

Felicitations: Smt Deepti Unnikrishnan
(Municipal Ward Councilor, Kalarkode)

Dr Unnikrishnan G
(District Coordinator, INPA)

Dr Rakesh Chandran S B
(IQAC Coordinator)

Dr. S Rajesh Kumar
(Associate Professor, Economics)

Vote of Thanks: Dr Vishnu Sreevalsan
(Assistant Professor, History)