

Programme Schedule 07-01-2026 (Wednesday)

9.30 am to 10.00 am : Registration

10.00 am to 11.30 am : Inaugural session

11.30 am to 11.45 am : Tea Break

Technical Session I : Policing, Law and Community Trust in Kerala
11.45 am to 1.00 pm

Chair : **Dr. K.S. Hakim**
(Director, School of Sociology, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur)

Panel : **1. Dr. Sandeep P.N**
(Asst. Prof. & Criminologists, Christ University, Bangalore)
(**Title** : Policing, Law and Community Trust in Kerala)

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm : **Lunch Break**

Technical Session II : Crime and Society: Sociological Interpretation
2.00 pm to 3.15 pm

Chair : **Dr. Abdurahim MP**
(Asst. Prof., Dept. of Sociology, Govt. KNM Arts and Science College, Kanjiramkulam)

Panel : **1. Dr. Ahammadu Zirajudheen**
(Asst. Prof., Dept. of Sociology, SNGOU, Kollam)
(**Title**: Structural Strain Theory and Self Destructive Behaviour : An Analysis of Suicide Rate in Kerala)
: **2. Mr. Mujeebu Rahman Vazhakunnan**
(Asst. Prof.,Dept. of Sociology, Nasara College of Arts and Science, Malappuram)
(**Title**: The Post-Welfare Precariat: Rethinking Class, Aspiration, and Anxiety in Contemporary Kerala)
: **3. Mr. Muhammed Sabith E C**
(Scholar, IGNOU)
(**Title**: From Data to 'Bare Life': A Bio-political Critique of Crime, Rights, and Exclusion in Kerala)

3.15 pm to 3.30 pm : **Tea Break**

Technical Session III : Gender, Crime and Victimization
(3.30 pm to 4.30 pm)

Chair : **Mrs. Suhana Sathar A**
(Asst. Prof., Dept. of English, GASC, Tavanur)

Panel : **1. Mr. Nihal N**
(Asst. Prof., Dept. of Sociology, MAO College of Arts and Science, Elayur)
(**Title**: Masculinity and Femicide: Understanding the Gender Roots of Intimate Partner Killing in Kerala)
: **2.Ms. Vinusha Sankar**
(Independent Researcher)
(**Title**: Cultural Silences and Everyday Harms : A Qualitative Study of Intimate Partner Violence Perceptions among Young Women in Kerala)
: **3. Ms. Khadeeja Sharin KK & Ms. Ashika Fahmiya V**
(BA Students Dept. of Sociology, MAO College, Elayur)
(**Title**: Informal Justice Mechanisms (Jamaat/Mahallu Committees) and their Gendered Effects on Crime Resolution)

08-01-2026 (Thursday)

Technical Session IV : Prison Narratives and Rehabilitation of Offenders
(10.00 am to 11.30 am)

Chair : **Capt. Dr. Suresh Babu P**
(Asso. Prof., Dept. of Sociology, NSS Hindu College, Kottayam)

Panel: : **1. Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj**
(Asso. Prof., Dept. of Social Work, SSUS, Kaladi)
(**Title**: Beyond Prison Cells: Implementation of Probation of Offender's Law)
: **2. Dr. Vijayan P**
(Superintendent (Rtd), Central Prison, Kannur)
(**Title**: Imaginary Walls: An Insider Ethnography of Prison Narratives)

11.30 am to 11.45 am: **Tea Break**

Technical Session V : Media Representation of Crime and Justice/ Crime in Everyday life: Sociological Perception
(11.45 am to 1.00 pm)

Chair : **Dr. Nuaiman Keeprath Andru**
(Asst. Prof., Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Calicut)

Panel : **1.Mr. Biju Govind**
(Senior Journalist, The Hindu)
(**Title**: The Anatomy of Organised Crime and Communal Tension: A Journalist's View)
: **2. Dr. Abdurahim MP**
(Asst. Prof., Dept. of Sociology, Govt. KNM Arts and Science College, Kanjiramkulam)
(**Title**: Decreasing Social Interaction and Increasing Crime: A Sociological Analysis)

1.00pm to 2.00 pm : **Lunch Break**

Technical Session VI : Drug, Media, and Deviance: Emerging Challenge
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Chair : **Mr. Vinod C V**
(Head In Charge, Dept. of Political Science, GASC, Tavanur)
Presentation of Selected Papers

3.00 pm to 3.15 pm : **Tea Break**
Valedictory Session : (3.15 pm to 4.00 pm)

Welcome : **Dr. Shafeeque K**
(Asst. Prof.(C) Dept. of Sociology, GASC, Tavanur)

Presidential Address : **Dr. Seeja V.V**
(Staff Secretary, GASC, Tavanur)

Valedictory Address : **Mrs. Rema K**
(Principal In Charge, GASC, Tavanur)

Vote of Thanks : **Mr. Sreejith K**
(Organizing Secretary & Head, Dept. of Sociology, GASC, Tavanur)



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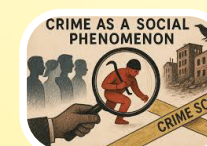
Department of Sociology

Two-Day National Seminar on

“Beyond Statistics: Crime, Justice, and Everyday Realities in Kerala”

January 7 & 8, 2026

Venue @ Seminar Hall



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About the Seminar

In recent years, Kerala has undergone a notable shift in the landscape of crime. While political offenses have decreased significantly, there has been a troubling rise in violence and deviance within families and communities. This change highlights a deeper transformation in the motivation and intention behind criminal behavior. What used to be rare instances of crime and death have now woven themselves into the fabric of daily life, prompting urgent discussions about psychological, cultural, and structural factors that contribute to these acts.

The heartbreaking case of Ashfaq Alam, a young man who tragically took the lives of his family, sparked widespread conversations across Kerala about the true nature of crime. It is not just about breaking the law, it is about the evolving social dynamics, emotional breakdown, and moral dilemmas that underpin these actions.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Kerala has now become one of the states with the highest crime rates. Yet, these statistics don't fully reflect the intricate social realities and changing motivations that characterize today's crime landscape.

This seminar aims to go beyond mere numbers, inviting scholars, researchers, and practitioners to share their original insights on the evolving motivations, agency, and socio-cultural contexts of crime in Kerala. Through interdisciplinary discussions, we hope to redefine what “crime” means in a society that is rapidly changing and to explore how individual choices, societal pressures, and systemic influences come together in acts of violence and deviance.

Sub-Themes

- ✓ Crime and Society: Sociological Interpretations
- ✓ Policing, Law, and Community Trust in Kerala
- ✓ Prison Narratives and Rehabilitation of Offenders
- ✓ Gender, Crime, and Victimization
- ✓ Media Representations of Crime and Justice
- ✓ Youth, Drugs, and Deviance: Emerging Challenges
- ✓ Social Justice, Reforms, and Human Rights

About the College

Government Arts and Science College, Tavanur, established in 2014, is a prominent educational institution located in the Malappuram district of Kerala. Since its inception, the college has been dedicated to providing quality higher education and academic opportunities to students from various social and cultural backgrounds. It serves as an important educational center in the region, nurturing the intellectual growth and aspirations of a diverse student community.

The college boasts a unique infrastructure that supports both academic and co-curricular excellence. Modern facilities, well-equipped classrooms, and a conducive learning environment make it an ideal destination for students seeking holistic development. The institution also prides itself on having a dedicated and diverse faculty, whose expertise and commitment greatly contribute to the academic progress of the students.

Among the various departments, the Department of Sociology,

established in 2016, holds a special place. It stands out as one of the few sociology departments in government colleges across Kerala. The department provides a great opportunity for students who are genuinely interested in understanding society, culture, and human relationships through a sociological lens. With engaging teaching methods and a focus on both theory and practical learning, the department continues to inspire students to explore and contribute meaningfully to the field of sociology.

Seminar Co-ordinators

: **Mr. Sreejith. K**
(Asst. Prof. & Head, Dept. of Sociology, Government Arts and Science College, Tavanur) Mob: 9947303135

: **Dr. Shafeeque. K**
(Asst. Prof (C). Dept. of Sociology, Government Arts and Science College, Tavanur) Mob: 9943578514

KEY SPEAKERS

Mr. R. Viswanath IPS



The current Superintendent of Police (SP) of Malappuram district, who heads the district's police force, overseeing law enforcement, crime, and administration. R. Vishwanath, a chartered accountant by profession, entered the civil services in 2016. He is known for handling sensitive cases, that drew statewide and even national attention. His timely intervention was decisive in ensuring punishment for the accused in the Attappadi Madhu murder case. Whenever serious crimes occurred, he personally visited the crime scenes and supervised the investigations.

Dr. Sandheep P.N



Assistant Professor in Life Science in Christ University. He specializes in Questioned Document Examination, Fingerprint Science, Criminology, and Forensic Psychology. With more than eleven years of industry experience, Dr. Sandheep has worked as a Forensic Document Examiner, Fingerprint Expert, and Expert Witness in Kerala courts. He has also provided training at the Kerala Police Academy and Excise Academy. Committed to education and research, he upholds the values of hard work and humanity. He has extensive publications in the field of Forensic Science and Criminology

Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj



Assistant professor in the department of Social Work at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady. Reshma took her Phd on “Ways of Being: Ontological Insurrections by Little Selves in Keralam” from the department of Social Anthropology, Bergen University, Norway. Editor of “Mithyakalkkappuram” (on homosexuality in Kerala) and translator of Romantic Encounters of a Sexworker by Nalini Jameela. Her recent publications also include a book chapter, “Death, friendship and migration of queer people: revisiting the countryside of Kerala”.

Dr. Vijayan P



Served as a Superintendent in various prisons across Kerala for over thirty years, retiring in 2024 as the Superintendent of Kannur Central Prison. He also held the position of Regional Head of the Prison Training Institute in Thrissur. With extensive experience in presenting papers on prison-related topics at seminars, he earned a doctorate in Social Sciences from Mahatma Gandhi University. An avid reader and traveler, he has a keen interest in acquiring knowledge and engaging in discussions on topics related to prisons. His exemplary service in the field has been recognized with prestigious medals for distinguished service from both the President of India and the Chief Minister.

Mr. Biju Govind



Biju Govind is a distinguished journalist currently serving as the Chief of Bureau at The Hindu in Kozhikode. With extensive experience in news coordination and investigative reporting across the Malabar region, he has established himself as a prominent voice in Kerala's media landscape. He has authored numerous high-impact reports and analytical articles on complex socio-political issues, including political violence and communal tensions in North Kerala. His field reporting includes critical coverage of significant events such as the Marad riots, the Muthanga agitation in Wayanad, and the infiltration of Maoist activities within the tri-junction area of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala.

7-8 January 2026

Inaugural Session (10.00 am- 11.30 am)	
Welcome Address	: Mr. Sreejith. K (Seminar Coordinator & Head, Dept. of Sociology, GASC, Tavanur)
Introduction to Seminar	: Dr. Shafeeque. K (Asst. Prof. (C) Dept. of Sociology, GASC, Tavanur)
Presidential Address	: Mrs. Rema K (Principal In Charge, GASC, Tavanur)
Inaugural Address	: Mr. R. Viswanath, IPS (District Police Chief (SP), Malappuram)
Felicitations	: Dr. Seeja V.V (Asso. Prof. & Head, Dept.of Physical Education, GASC, Tavanur) : Mr. Anas V (Senior Superitendent) : Mr. Vineeth T.P (Asst. Prof. Dept.of Commerce, GASC,Tavanur) : Mr. Vinod C.V (Head In Charge, Dept. of Political Science, GASC, Tavanur) : Mr. Unnikrishnan K (Asst. Prof. & Head, Dept. of English, GASC, Tavanur) : Dr. Lukhmanul Hakeem K.K (Asst. Prof.(C) Dept. of History, GASC, Tavanur)
Vote of Thanks	