

## UGC SPONSORED TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR – 2011

A two day national seminar on ‘KERALA’S ECONOMY- TWENTY YEARS AFTER ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION’ was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 under the aegis of the Postgraduate department of Economics. This was the fourth national seminar organized by the department since 2004. It was inaugurated by Dr. M.N. Sudhakaran, the former Head of the Department of Economics, St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth. Prof. A. O. Varughese, Principal, presided over the function. Dr. Sthanu R. Nair, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) delivered key note address on ‘Food Inflation in India and its Implications for Kerala’.

The second technical session on ‘What ails the agricultural sector in Kerala – its far reaching consequences and the way for possible solutions’ was chaired by Dr. Vaisakha Varma, Maharaja’s College, Eranakulam. Dr. K. P. Mani, Head of the Department of Economics, University of Calicut and Dr. S. Harikumar, Professor, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) presented papers on the agricultural sector and plantation sector problems and its consequences.

The third technical session on ‘Migration and Foreign Remittances’ was chaired by Dr. A.C. Kuttykrishnan Nambiar, former Head of the Department of Economics, University of Calicut. Dr. B.A. Prakash, former Head of the Department of Economics, University of Kerala presented a paper on ‘Gulf Migration and its Economic Consequences’.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011, the fourth technical session was devoted for a deliberation on the Industrial Backwardness of Kerala. Dr. Balakrishnan Pulepra, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and visiting professor of IIMK and Oxford University dilated upon the topic ‘Why Kerala Does Not Attract Much Industrial Investment’.

The valedictory session was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Mathai O.I.C, Principal, St. John’s E.H.S.S, Kunnamkulam. Principal of the college, Prof. A.O.Varughese distributed certificates to the participants. More than one hundred and fifty Post graduate students from different affiliated colleges and faculty members from nearby colleges participated in the programme. Prof. Lalu Issac, Head of the Department of Economics and Dr. G. Rajeev, Convener of the seminar expressed their deep sense of gratitude to all resource persons, paper presenters, faculty members, participants and the management.





