

Department Profile

The Corporate Educational Agency, Diocese of Kothamangalam has decided to begin B.A. Degree Course in History in Newman College, Thodupuzha in 1967. It was started as a double main course with History and Economics papers. The Head of the Department at the inception was Sri. Jacob Mathew. The details of the Department are given below.

Name of the Department	History
Year of Establishment	1964
U.G Course Started in	1967
Number of Permanent Staff Servied till Date	8
Number of Sanctioned Studying Strength in the Dept.	180
Number of Present Teachers	3
Number of History Books in the Library	1653
Number of Journals	8
Teachers with Ph.D Degree	1
Teachers with M.Phil	1

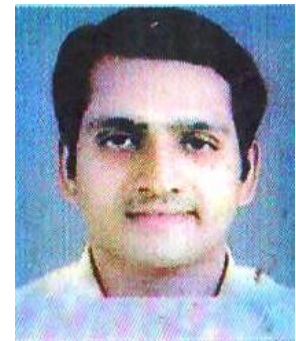
Present Faculties



Sri. K.A. Benny (HoD)



Dr. Krishnakumar.M.V



Sri. Joby Thomas

Name	Designation	Qualification	Years of Service
Sri. K.A. Benny	Associate Professor (HOD)	M.A., M.Phil., DTA	27
Dr. Krishnakumar.M.V	Assistant Professor	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D	4
Sri. Joby Thomas	Assistant Professor	M.A., B.Ed., NET, SET	3

Retired Faculty Members

Name	Period of Service
Sri. Jacob Mathew	(1964-1994)
Sri. Mathew Thomas	(1968-1988)
Sri. A.K John	(1969-1991)
Sri. George Jacob	(1979-1991)
Sri. Ittera Chacko	(1972-2005)
Sri. Joseph Augustine	(1982-2010)
Sri. M.J. Jacob	(1972-2010)

Curricular Aspects

Curricular Design & Syllabus

The Department of History has a syllabus divided into Six Semesters. As the department is bound to the university rules, we have to follow the syllabus prepared by the Board of Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

The syllabus touches different aspects of history like Methodology and Perspectives of Social Science Research, Kerala History and Culture; Indian History divided into Ancient, Medieval and Modern periods; World History of the Ancient, Medieval and Modern periods etc. In addition to this, the Department also offering Open and Choice Based Courses to the students. The open course offered in the 5th semester is Social Implications of Modern Revolutions. Student from 8 other programmes attend this open course offered by this department. Similarly, the history students are given choice to participate in the open course offered by other Departments of our college.

Even though we have to follow the syllabus prescribed by Mahatma Gandhi University, we get chances to participate in the curricular designing and re-structuring attempts by participating in such meeting, we can make our suggestions for framing of the syllabus. The Head of the Department has participated in the curriculum-restructuring meeting held at university on 25 August 2011.

Curriculum Update

In the present situation, curriculum updating is the task of the university. As we are within the framework of the university regarding curriculum updating, we co-operate with the institution and make periodical suggestions, in additional to all, we have included value education as part of our curriculum.

Admission Process

The admission of students to this Department is honest and transparent. We do give admission as per the government directions. The total number of students admitted to history in every year is 60. In certain years, the University permits 10% marginal increase to the sanctioned strength.

The admission of students is purely on merit basis. Consideration is also given to talent in sports. Physically differently abled students are also given special consideration on admission. Recently the University has introduced a Centralized Admission Procedure (CAP) and we comply with that setup.

Learner Centre

In this method of teaching, we consider the capacity of learners in addition to the general teaching and special attention is given to slow learners. Every day we check their learning interest through asking questions and giving some task to do at home. Remedial teaching is another method adopted to bring up the slow learners to the level of others.

Teacher Quality

All the teachers who already taught and presently teach in the department are sufficiently qualified. The formal degrees are important criteria for appointment of teachers along with their aptitude in teaching, dedicating character etc. In all these criteria, the department of history is a good one. Since the Government and University provide periodical coaching classes (refresher courses) and training to the recruited teachers which enable us to maintain and update our knowledge base.

The teaching ability of the faculty from the Department of History was proved when the government availed the service for teach the enumerators for 2011 census.

Considering the teaching ability as master trainer, the HoD from history was selected to teach in two centers.

Evaluation Process

Evaluation is essential to assess the quality in educational field. For the evaluation of the teachers, we issue a student evaluation form to students and collect their opinion about each teacher. This evaluation is done without hurting anybody either the teacher or the student because it is done secretly. However, the spirit is conveyed to the teacher for improving his/her method of teachers, if needed. The department also conducts online evaluation by the students from the year 2015.

For the evaluation of student, we have different stages of evaluation process. The first is recurring evaluation or evolution on day today basis. Each class has a tutor in charge who studies the students in detail and handles them in a better way, similarly each teacher who teaches in the class assess the students and discuss things with the tutor and other teachers in the concerned department. Another method of student evolution is conducting test papers or internal examinations. As per the university rule, we have to conduct one internal examination in each semester. It is enough and more to evaluate the learning interest of the students. After internal exams, parents are informed the marks and other activities of this students through PTA meetings.

As per curriculum, students are required to write assignments and present seminars. The performance of each student in timely submission of assignments and serious presentation of seminars also help us to evaluate them. In short, each student is assessed perfectly through their learning and extracurricular activities.

Academic Seminars/Workshops, etc. Organized by the Department

Category Number

Seminars	6
Workshops	1
Public Lectures	3

Title	Nature	Funding Agency	Date
Archaeological Environmentalism	Seminar	College	05/02/2009
History Through Cinema	Lecture	College	15/02/2009
Philosophy of History	Workshop	College	21/07/2010
General Informatics	Seminar	College	25-27/11/2010
Challenges to Secularism in India	Seminar	College	10/02/2011
Approaches to History	Seminar	College	12/07/2011
Historical background of Renaissance	Seminar	College	26/08/2011
Political History of Kerala	Lecture	College	30/03/2012
Efflorescence	Orientation	College	12/07/2012
Indian Environmental History	National Seminar	University Grants Commission	24-25/02/2014

Through the Lens



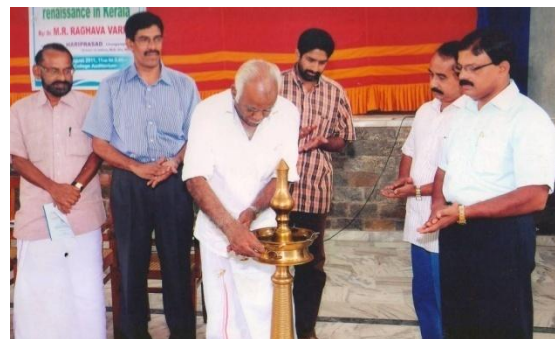
Workshop on Philosophy of History
(21/07/2010)



Seminar on Approaches to History
(12/07/2011)



Condolence Meeting on the Death of
Prof. A. Sreedhara Menon (26/07/2010)



Seminar on Historical Background of
Renaissance in Kerala (August 2011)



Lecture on "Political History of Kerala" by
Fr. Dr. Pius Malekandathil from
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
(30/03/2012)



Prof. Aditya Mukherjee of JNU Inaugurating
the Two Day National Seminar "Themes &
Issues in the Environmental History of India
(24-25/02/2014)

Research Projects by the Faculty

Major Research Project: 1

Principal Investigator: Dr. Krishnakumar.M.V

Title: Imperial Forestry: Ambiguities and Contradictions – A Study in Governmentality of the Andaman Forests, 1880s-1980s

Funding Agency: University Grants Commission

Allotted Amount: 9,44,600/-

Status: Submitted.

Minor Research Project: 1

Principal Investigator: Sri. K.A.Benny

Title: Historic Perspectives on Tourism Development and Environment in Kerala with Special Reference to Munnar

Funding Agency: University Grants Commission

Allotted Amount: 73,000/-

Status: Submitted

Research Publications

- K.A.Benny, “Munnar: A Beauty Spot on the Cheek of Kerala – the God’s Own Country”, *Pragati-the Quarterly Research Journal*, December 2014.
- K.A.Benny, “Kerala as a Tourism Destination- Its Input and Output Through Centuries” (forthcoming journal article)
- K.A.Benny, “Tourism in Kerala” (forthcoming journal article)

- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Imperial Forestry: Ambiguities and Contradictions - A Study in Governmentality of the Andaman Forests", *New Man & Society*, Vol. 3, No. 2, (ISSN: 2231-6698), 2012, pp. 79-84.
- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Imperial Forestry: Ambiguities and Contradictions - A Study in Governmentality of the Andaman Forests", in *Colonial and Post-Colonial Environmental History of India* (UGC Sponsored National Seminar Proceedings, Department of History, Newman College, Thodupuzha), 2014, pp. 73-78.
- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Political Ecology of Forestry in the Andaman Islands", in *Indian Environmental Issues: Lessons From History* (UGC Sponsored National Seminar Proceedings, Department of History, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam), 2013, pp. 72-80.
- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Colonizing the Andamans: A Historical Overview of the British Forest Management System", *Meridian: A Biannual National Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies and Research*, Vol. 2, No. 3, 2014, pp. 33-43.
- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Development or Despoilation? The Andaman Islands Under Colonial and Post-Colonial Regimes", *Shima: The International Journal of Research into Island Cultures*, Vol. 3, No. 2, (ISSN: 1834-6049), 2009, 104-117.

Departmental Publications

New Man & Society (Bi-annual Research Journal): 8 Volumes

Special Issues on:

- Science & Religion
- Gandhian Strategy for Communal Harmony and Development
- Water Governance
- Public Private Partnerships
- Themes and Issues in the Environmental History of India
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Media, Technology & Democracy

Seminar Proceedings: 1

Title: "Themes and Issues in the Colonial and Post-Colonial Environmental History of India"

Department Magazines: 5 Volumes

Paper Presentations

- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Imperial Forestry: Ambiguities and Contradictions - A Study in Governmentality of the Andaman Forests", in *Colonial and Post-Colonial Environmental History of India* (UGC Sponsored National Seminar, Department of History, Newman College, Thodupuzha), 2014.
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- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Representation of Andaman Islands in the Colonial Writings", *Subaltern Chronotopes* (UGC Sponsored National Seminar, Department of English, Newman College, Thodupuzha), 20-21 October 2014.
- Krishnakumar.M.V, "Recent Trends in Indian Historiography", Henry Baker College, Melukavu, 26 July 2013.
- Krishnakumar.M.V has invited for a talk and interaction on "Respecting the Religious Sentiments of Others" at CONGIZANT, Infopark, Ernakulam on 2 August 2013.

Participation in Academic Seminars & Conferences

Name	Number of Programmes Attended
Sri. K.A. Benny	2
Dr.Krishnakumar.M.V	6
Sri.Joby Thomas	4

Walk With a Scholar Programme

Coordinator: Dr. Krishnakumar.M.V

It has been observed that the students in Arts, Science and Commerce Colleges do not get necessary orientation to prepare them for employment or guidance necessary to select areas for higher study. Walk With a Scholar (WWS) scheme proposes to arrange specialized mentoring programs for students in Under Graduate Programs in Arts, Science and Commerce and to provide guidance for their future. The scheme introduces the idea of mentoring and builds on the concept of mentor as a 'Guide' and 'Friend'.



**External Mentoring Session by Dr. Tojo Jose
(2015-16)**



**Motivation Activities by Sri. Babu Pallippattu
(2015-16)**



**Sri. Peter Myalipambil interacting with WWS
Students on Human Rights, RTI & Service Rights
(2015-16)**



**Interactive Session by Sri Jijo Chittadi
(2015-16)**

Students Human Rights Club

Coordinator: Sri. Joby Thomas

The formal inauguration of the NSHRC was done on 10 August 2015 in the college auditorium at 2.30 P.M. the inauguration was done by Hon. Justice Cyriac Joseph, Acting Chairman, National Human Rights Commission in the gracious presence of Hon. Justice C.N. Ramachandran (Rt.), Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Oliapuram, Manager of the College, Sri. K.V. Joseph IPS (Superintendent of Police), Dr. T.M. Joseph, Principal, Newman College and Dr. P.C. Achankunju President, National Human Rights Foundation.



Inauguration of NSHRC by Hon. Justice Cyriac Joseph



Dr. T.M. Joseph Receiving 'Gurusreshta' Award

Orientation/Refresher Courses Attended by the Faculty

Name	Nature	Venue	Date
Krishnakumar.M.V	Orientation	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	27/01/2015 to 20/02/2015

Extension Activities

- Department of History organized an “Archives Exhibition” on 5-6 January 2012 to impart knowledge on general public and school and college students about our heritage and historical truths.
- Sri. K.A.Benny, HoD, served as Programme Officer of National Service Scheme (N.S.S) for 3 years from 2007 to 2010 and awarded Exemplary Service Certificate.
- Dr. Krishnakumar.M.V is acting as the Coordinator of the Walk With a Scholar (WWS) Programme of the college since 2014.
- Sri. Joby Thomas acting as the College Coordinator of the Human Rights Students Club.
- Sri. Joby Thomas is also having the charge of PSC & Civil Service coaching in the college.
- Sri. Joseph Augustine, former HoD, was the President of Block Panchayat during the period 2005-2009.
- Sri. Joseph Augustine was the Vice President of District Panchayat during 2000-2005.
- Sri. M. J. Jacob, former HoD of the department was Member of Syndicate at Cochin University of Science and Technology from 1998-2002.
- Sri. M.J. Jacob is Secretary, Gandhiji Study Centre, Thodupuzha.
- Sri. M. J. Jacob was appointed as Member of the State Debt Relief Commission.
- Sri. M. J. Jacob was Member of Idukki Tourism Promotion Council from 1996 to 2001.
- Sri. M. J. Jacob was Member of Telephone Advisory Committee, Thodupuzha

Prominent Alumni

- Adv. P.T. Thomas, Ex. M.P & Ex. M.L.A
- Adv. Sunny Joseph, M.L.A., Koothuparamba, Kannur.
- Mr. Ratheesh Krishnan, DySP, Vigilence
- Sri. Joseph Augustine, former Syndicate Member, MG University & Vice President, Idukki Zilla Panchayat

- Sri. M.J. Jacob, former Syndicate Member, CUSAT; Member, Debt Relief Commission; & District President, Kerala Congress (M)
- From Sri. Ittera Chacko to Sri. K.A. Benny, all the teachers of the Department are Alumni.

Academic Results

The Department has brought credit to the college through Ms. Ancy John, who secured 4th Rank in BA History examination 2008

Year	Appeared	Passed	I Class	II Class	III Class
2008-09	65	55	5	16	34
2009-10	54	52	5	16	26
2010-11	48	35	3	10	22
2011-12	55	47	2	12	32

Year	Appeared	Passed	B+	B	C+	C
2012-13	50	41	2	11	15	13
2013-14	48	37	6	13	12	6
2014-15	60	41	5	12	16	8

Scholarship Winners (Students)

- **Endowment Awards**
 - Nimisha Joseph (2011-12)
 - Saranya Viswambaran (2012-13)
 - Br. Jose Francis (2013-14)
 - Br. Bilju George (2013-14) (1977-80 Alumni Award)
 - Sreedevi Mohan (2014-15) (1977-80 Alumni Award)

- **UG Scholarship**
 - Vishnu Venugopal
 - Nimisha Joseph
 - Bini.C.N
 - Anju T.N
 - John George
 - Preethy.K.L
 - Saranya Viswambaran
- **Muslim Nadar Girls Scholarship**
 - Ajmi Assis
 - Anciya Rassak
 - Shijina.K.S
- **State Merit Scholarships**
 - Saranya Viswambaran
- **Physically Handicapped Scholarships**
 - Anju T.M
- **Minority Scholarships**
 - Habinsa.V.H
 - Somy John
 - Seena Bashir

Sports

- **MG University Weight Lifting Competition 2008-09**
 - Anvar O S - I
 - Tiju A N - I
 - Bobu Antony - II
 - Rijo Varghese - II
 - Ms. Rashida M B - II

- **53rd Kerala State Senior Weight Lifting Competition 2009**
 - Rijo Varghese - II Prize
 - Tiju J N - II Prize

- **MG University Inter-Collegiate Weight Lifting & Power Lifting Championship 2009**
 - Bobu Anthony - Silver Medal in both items
 - Rijo Varghese - Gold Medal in both items
 - Geo C George - Silver Medal in Power Lifting

- **Rijo Varghese secured Gold Medal in State Power Lifting Championship held at Ernakulam**

- **Manu Mathew secured Bronze Medal in the MG university Inter Collegiate Body Building Competition**

- **M G University Power Lifting Championship 2010 (St. Dominic College, Kanjirapally)**
 - Rijo Varghese - Gold Medal

- **M G University Power Lifting Championship 2010 (Cochin Gymnasium)**
 - Arunkumar - Bronze Medal
 - Vishnu A P - Silver Medal
 - Rijo Varghese - Gold Medal

- **Abdul Jalal participated in the South India Inter University Cricket Tournament held at Hyderabad from 11-17 December 2011.**

- Newman College won the M G University Weight Lifting and Power Lifting Championship 2013.

Team Members:

- Jojo Joseph
 - Hareesh Mahadevan
 - Manu Mohan
 - Ebilet J. Chemparathy
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- Ananda Krishnan secured **III** in MG University Body Building Championship in 2013.
 - Abhi S. Govind and Anandu secured **III** in MG University Shuttle Badminton Championship.
 - Jojo Joseph secured **Ist Prize** in MG university Weight Lifting and Power Lifting Championship 2014
 - Hareesh Mahadevan secured **II prize** in MG University Weight Lifting and Power Lifting Championship 2014
 - Ebilet J. Chemparathy won **II prize** in MG University Weight Lifting and Power Lifting Championship 2014

Arts Festival

M G University Arts Festival 2014

- Basil Benny Secured 3rd Prize in Mimicry

Contribution to Civil Life

Sri. K.A. Benny

- Has conducted various Social Service activities as Programme Officer of NSS from 2007-2010.
- Is Interview Board Member of Kerala Public Service Commission.
- Has contributed to the society through Television and Print media about Pepper Cultivation

Dr. Krishnakumar.M.V.

- Has delivered a lecture on “Recent Trends in Indian Historiography” at Henry Baker College, Melukavu on 26 July 2013.
- Has interacted with the staff of COGNIZANT, Infopark and delivered a lecture titled “Respecting Religious Sentiments of Others” on 2 August 2013.
- Has coordinated Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition on Gandhi at Newman College on 2 March 2013.
- Has selected a Question Paper Setter and prepared Question Papers for so many PSC Examinations.
- Has selected as Question Paper Setter at Calicut University in 2014.

Healthy Practices

Guidance and Counseling

- Provide guidance in all aspects of students’ life such as higher studies, competitive examinations, interviews, group discussions, learning related activities, etc.

Tutor and Mentoring System

- The Department strictly follows Tutor System.

- Students can approach their respective tutors round the clock for any assistance relating to both academic and non-academic life.
- Internal Mentoring as part of Walk with a Scholar Programme also implemented in the department.

Environmental Friendly

- The Department is Flex free & practices maximum avoidance of plastics.

Teachers Availability

- Teachers are available at the department from 9 am – 4.30 pm.

Library Use

- Promotes a Library using culture.
- Tutors and students spend their time together in the library.

Zero Hour

- Both the students and teachers are actively participating in the Zero Hour Programme of the college.

Financial Ethics/Financial Support

- Students are less burdened with financial collections.
- The teachers are ready to support the needy students in times.

Remedial Teaching

- The Department regularly conducts remedial classes for slow learners

English Speaking Culture

- To develop English-speaking culture among the students, the department is subscribing English newspapers for each classes other than the library newspapers.

History Text Books in the Library

No. of History Text Books in the Library: 1,663

Facilities in the Department

- Broadband Internet Connection
- Computers (1 Desktop & 1 Laptop)
- Printer with Scanner and Photocopier - 1
- Notice Board - 2
- Almira - 3
- Tables -7
- Chairs (armed) - 7
- Chairs (Fibre) - 2
- Desk - 2
- Bench - 2
- Racket - 1