

Two – Day National Seminar on

# **DRUMBEATS FROM THE SIDEWALK: SUBALTERN VOICES COMPELLING ATTENTION**

**Organized by Post graduate and Research Department of English  
Government College Malappuram (with financial assistance from Directorate of  
Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram)  
(30 & 31 October, 2018)**

## **REPORT**

The registration for the seminar ‘Drumbeats from the Sidewalk: Subaltern Voices Compelling Attention’ was completed by 9: 00 am, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, with most of the student participants within the school registering well in advance.

### **30-October- 2018: Day One**

#### **Session-I: Inauguration.**

Upon inauguration of the event AT 9: 30 am, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Zainul Abid Kotta, the Head of Department of English, followed by the presidential address of the college principal, Dr. Maya K.S. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. A.F. Mathews, Associate Professor of Humanities and Liberal Arts in Management, IIM Kozhikode. The session concluded at 11: 30 am with the vote of thanks from Anne Placid, Assistant Professor of English Government College Malappuram.

#### **Session- II**

The second session which began at 11: 35 am was chaired by Dr. A.I. Vilayathullah, Assistant Professor of English at Government College Malappuram. The chief speaker, Dr. A Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Associate Professor of English at Jamal Mohammed College, lectured on the subject ‘**Reconfiguring the Periphery: New Directions in Subaltern Literature**’. The session concluded at 1 pm and broke for lunch.

## Session- III





The third session began at 1: 30 pm and was chaired by Dr. Shamla KM, Assistant Professor of English. Government College Malappuram due in the absence of the plenary chair Dr. Binu K.D. Transgender poet and activist, Vijayaraja Malika was the keynote speaker who spoke on the topic 'Trends **Focusing on Transgender Reality**'. This was followed by a Documentary screening at 3: 30 pm, which drew day one of the seminar to a conclusion.

## **31-October-2018: Day Two**

### **Session- IV**





On 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018, day two of the national Seminar ‘Drumbeats from the Sidewalk: Subaltern Voices Compelling Attention’, the fourth session began at 9: 30 am. The session was chaired by P.C. Thahir, Assistant Professor of English, and Government Engineering College Kannur. The keynote speaker Dr. Habeeb C, Assistant Professor of English, Farook College Kozhikode, spoke on the topic **“Disability; Theory, Practice and Context”**. The session was concluded by 11 am.

### **Session-V**

After a short tea break, at 11: 15 am, the fifth session began. The session was chaired by Dr. Ramdas C, Assistant Professor of History, and Government College Malappuram. The chief speaker Geethanandan, Coordinator of Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha, spoke on the topic **‘A Manifesto of Dalit Adivasi Agitations’**. The session was concluded around 12:45 pm.

### **Session-VI**

After a brief lunch break, the sixth session began at 1: 15am. This session, chaired by Dr. Abdul Latheef K, opened up the stage for paper presentation. At 2:45pm the session broke for a brief tea break.

### **Session- VII**

The paper presentations continued onto the seventh session, which was chaired by Shahina Mol AK, Head of Department of English, KAHM Unity Women's College, Manjeri

### **Session-VIII**

The final session began at 4:15 pm and consisted of evaluation and feedback from the participation. This session was wrapped up by 5:00 pm and marked the official conclusion of the national seminar.