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A Brief Report on the Activities of the Chair during the calendar year 2025

1. A talk on “Research on Engagement of Youth in Politics: A Study of Political Affiliation of Youth in Kerala” was held on 03.01.2025 at C. H. Chair, .30 PhD Scholars attended the programme.
2. A sitting with Dr. G. Mohan Gopal, Visiting Professor of C. H. Chair, was held on 8th January 2025. 13 scholars were attended in the sitting
3. Conducted Meet the Scholar programme on 22.01.2025. Shri. Abdullah Abdul Hameed spoke on Translating Pakshippattu at C. H. Chair.
4. Conducted Meet the Scholar Programme on 23rd January 2025. Abbas Panakkal, Visiting Scholar at School of History, University of St. Andrews, UK spoke on Histories and Global Connections.
5. The Chair conducted Meet the Scholar programme on 27th January 2025. The chief guest was Shri. Kareemgraphy, an internationally renowned calligrapher from Kerala.
6. Conducted a film screening programme “Oru Jaathi Pillerishtta” on February 13, 2025 at Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Hall.

7. Conducted a workshop on Crafting History and Shaping Society, Travancore Local History on 15th February 2025 at Mecca House, Palayam, Trivandrum.
8. The Chair conducted a Kolkali seminar on 27th February 2025. Yasar Kurikkal, the eminent Kolkali artist of Malabar, was the chief guest of the seminar.
9. The Chair conducted Meet the Scholar programme on Nationalism and Internationalism: The Politics of Indian Union Muslim League. Dr. Muhammed Shihabudheen. K., Asst. Professor, SGT University spoke on the topic on 7th April 2025 at Chair Hall.
10. Shri. Haris Beeran MP visited the Chair and interacted with students of Calicut University Campus on 11.05.2025 at C. H. Chair Hall.
11. The Chair conducted Arabi Malayalam typing workshop for ten participants in collaboration with Wiki source group on 15.05.2025 at C. H. Chair hall
12. The Chair conducted Meet the Scholar programme on 15.04.2025 Shri. Thahir Jamal Kiliyamannil spoke about Ambedkar and Muslims Dialogues, Disputes and Limits of Critique at Chair hall.
13. The Chair conducted a colloquium on Wakf Amendment Act on 26th April 2025 at Chair hall. Adv. P. V. Sainudheen, Member, Kerala State Wakf Board, Shri. K.P. Noushad Ali, Secetary, KPCC, Adv. V. Anas, Dr. Naseef. M.K., Shri. Riyas Mon. T etc. spoke on the topic.
14. The Chair conducted a talk of Shri. Shibi Peter on “Christian Witness and Secular Resistance: Fraternity Amid Rising Religious Fascism” on 3rd May 2025. The session was led by Shri. Shibi Peter, Vice President of the Kerala Councils of Churches.
- 15 The Chair conducted a public lecture of Prof. G. Mohan Gopal, Visiting Professor of the Chair , on 04 June 2025 He spoke on the topic “Democracy and Development.”

16. The Chair conducted a seminar on "Adjudicating the Right To Information Act on the 20th Year of its Enactment " on 26th November 2024 @ CH Chair Hall. Dr A Abdul Hakim and Adv TK Ramakrishnan, members of the Information Commission of Kerala, spoke on the topic.

17. The Chair conducted an interactive session with P.K. Sharafudheen, Vice President, Peruvayal Grama Panchayat, Kozhikode, on 18 July 2025, at the Chair Hall on the topic Centralisation and Decentralisation: Three Decades of Kerala Panchayati Raj.

18 The Chair in collaboration with the Department of History, University of Calicut and the Institute for Social Sciences, Humanities and Oceanic Research (I-SHORE), conducted a two-week Arabimalayalam Bootcamp from 16 to 29 June 2025 at the Chair Hall. This programme was designed for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers having interest in the Arabimalayalam literary tradition of the Malabar coast and its wider Indian Ocean connections.

19 The Chair organised a talk of noted human rights lawyer and founder of Innocent Network, Abdul Wahid Sheikh on August 12, 2025.

20 The Chair conducted a two day National Seminar on 27th and 28th September 2025, at Seminar Complex, University of Calicut. The seminar was organized as part of the 42nd death anniversary of C. H. Mohammed Koya, the former Chief Minister of Kerala. Eminent scholars from across the country were participated in the seminar.

21 The Chair conducted a two day workshop on Social Media and Rural Development on 13th and 14th September 2025 at C. H. Chair Hall. Experts in the field led the workshop.

22 The Chair in association with Listening Community Foundation, a collective of mental health professionals conducted a Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training on 13 and 14 September 2025 at Seminar Complex, University of Calicut.

23 The Chair conducted a commemoration meeting about Bakar Chernoor, a social worker and well-wisher of CHMK Chair, on 15th October 2025 at CH Chair. His colleagues, friends and relatives reflected his contributions.

24 The Chair conducted Meet the Scholar programme on 27.10.2025. Dr. Salwa Yahya, Post Doctoral Fellow at Moturi Sathyanarayana Centre for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences. She spoke about the Social and the Political in Lower-Caste Muslim Activism in North India.

25. The Chair in association with Kerala Science Commune conducted a Science Seminar on 15.11.2025 at Seminar Complex, University of Calicut. Sri. Abdul Hameed Master MLA. Sri. Madhu Ramanattukara, Prof. M.M. Musthafa, Dr. M. B. Manoj, Sri. Khadar Palazhi, Sri. Ashraf Malayil, Dr. Praseetha. P., Dr. Shihabudheen T.P. Prof. K. Papputty, Suhaibul Haithami and Dr. Musammil N.M. were spoke in the programme.

26. The Chair conducted a commemoration programme on P. A. Sayed Muhammed, eminent historian and cultural activist, on 20th December 2025. Jamal Kochangadi, eminent writer was the chief guest

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- 1 The Chair conducted a discussion on “ A World in Flux: Conflicts, Alliances and International Challenges” on 27th January 2026 at Chair Hall. Dr. Ashraf Valoor, Assistant Professor, EMEA College Kondotty and Shri. Ashik Wafi, Ex. Mission Secretary, Embassy of Kuwait presented the topic.
- 2 The C. H. Chair conducted a two day workshop on Doing Ethnography Through the Questions of History, Geography and Autobiography on 20th and 21st April 2026 in association with Cadence Institute of Excellence and Social Empowerment, Kozhikode (CIESE), a forum of women researchers and academicians and the Department of Sociology, University of Calicut. The renowned academician Dr. Arun Asokan led the workshop.
- 3 The Chair conducted a talk by Thoufeek Zakriya, a public historian from Kochi on “The Muslim Heritage of Kochi: Reinterpretation of History Through Epigraphy and Primary Sources” on 21.05.2026 at our Chair hall.

- 4 C. H. Chair in association with Islahul Uloom Arabic College, Tanur conducted the Pangil Ahmed Kutti Musliyar Memorial Lecture on 27th June 2026. The lecture titled “The Ulema as Agents of Social Change : Community Leadership in Twentieth Century Malabar,” by Dr. Shabeer Thacholi, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kannur University.
- 5 C. H. Chair conducted a talk by Shri. Shajahan Madampat, eminent writer and cultural commentator, on “Minority Politics : Kerala Model and Indian Potential” on 2nd July 2026 at C. H. Chair Hall

Yours faithfully,



Abdul Khadar. K.P.
(Director)