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**കേരള** പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിന്റെ മുഖപത്രമായ 'INPA NEWS' ന്റെ അർദ്ധവാർഷിക പതിപ്പ്, ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ സംബന്ധിച്ച വാർത്താവലോകന പത്രികയായി പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്നു എന്നറിഞ്ഞതിൽ സന്തോഷം.

എല്ലാ ഭാവുകങ്ങളും നേരുന്നു.

പിണറായി വിജയൻ



**എ. കെ. ബാലൻ**

ബഹു. പട്ടികജാതി, പട്ടികവർഗ്ഗ, പിന്നാക്ക വിഭാഗ ക്ഷേമ, നിയമ, സാംസ്കാരിക, പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യ വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി



തീയതി: 18.09.2020

**കേരള** സർക്കാരിന്റെ പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യ വകുപ്പിന് കീഴിൽ 2003-ൽ സ്ഥാപിതമായതുമുതൽ സ്മൃതർഹമായ പ്രവർത്തനമാണ് പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് നടത്തിവരുന്നത്. പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കിടയിലും വിശിഷ്ട വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കിടയിലും ജനാധിപത്യമൂല്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി അവബോധം സൃഷ്ടിക്കുന്നതിനും ആയത് പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും ഉതകുന്ന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളാണ് ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് നടത്തിവരുന്നത്. ഈ കോവിഡ് മഹാമാരിയുടെ കാലത്തും ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് അതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശ്യലക്ഷ്യങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും പിന്മാറിയിട്ടില്ല. ഇന്ത്യയിലെ രാഷ്ട്രീയ ജനാധിപത്യ വ്യവസ്ഥകളെ കുറിച്ച് മികച്ച രീതിയിൽ ഒരു ഓൺലൈൻ കിസ് പരിപാടി ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ചുവരുന്ന 'INPA NEWS' എന്ന അർദ്ധവാർഷിക വാർത്താ അവലോകന പത്രികയും അതിന്റെ ഉള്ളടക്കത്തിലൂടെ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശ്യലക്ഷ്യങ്ങളെ സാധൂകരിക്കുന്നു. പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിനും വിശിഷ്ട 'INPA NEWS' നും എല്ലാ ഭാവുകങ്ങളും നേരുന്നു.

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## The Board of Governors

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## Director General's Note



The Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala, functioned energetically in the last year. Institute forced to cancel some of its scheduled programmes in the last few months due to Covid 19. However, it was an eventful year for the Institute.

Every year Institute organize Youth and Model Parliament Competitions, Seminars, Lectures, Workshops, etc. in the educational institutions in the state. Apart from this, the Institute provides financial assistance to organize Parliamentary Literacy Club, Human Rights Education Club, School Seminars, College Seminars, Budget discussion, etc. During the last academic year, a large number of institutions enthusiastically participated in these programmes.

I am extremely thankful to the Hon'ble Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sri. A. K. Balan for extending all support and co-operation for the smooth functioning of the Institute. I express my deep and sincere gratitude to the Ministers, MLAs, Members of the Board of Governors of INPA, the Co-ordinators of YPCs, PLCs, HRECs, Seminars, Model Parliaments Competitions, the office staff of INPA and all those who spared some time for the activities of the Institute.

**Dr. Dimpi V. Divakaran**

## Meeting of the District Co-ordinators



*Co-ordinators from 14 districts with Director General of INPA Dr. Dimpi V. Divakaran and Registrar Sri. Shobana Kumar*

Meeting of the District Co-ordinators held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at SCERT, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram. Teacher co-ordinators from 14 districts participated in the meeting.

The meeting discussed the steps for the effective conduct of programmes of the Institute.



## Training Programmes for Youth/Model Parliament Competition

Training for judges of the Youth Parliament Competitions was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Govt. Guest House, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram. The training was inaugurated by the Secretary of Kerala Legislature **Sri. S.V. Unnikrishnan Nair**, Sri. T Manoharan Nair (Private Secretary to Speaker), Sri. K. Purushothaman (Deputy Secretary, Kerala Legislature), conducted classes.

Training programme for the school/college level co-ordinators of Youth and Model Parliament Competition were conducted in three regions- Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Calicut. In Thiruvananthapu-



*Sri. S. V. Unnikrishnan Nair, Secretary, Kerala Legislature speaks at the training programme. Dr. Dimpi V. Divakaran, DG, INPA and Sri. S.R. Shakthidharan, Member, Board of Governors.*



*Sri. V. S Sivakumar MLA inaugurates training programme for Youth/Model Parliament Competition in Trivandrum*

ram the training was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. It was inaugurated by **Sri. V. S. Sivakumar MLA**. Teacher co-ordinators from Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha districts participated in the programme. Classes were handled by Sri. K. Purushothaman (Deputy Secretary, Kerala Legislature) and Sri. G. P. Unnikrishnan (Deputy Secretary, Kerala Legislature)

Training programme conducted in Kozhikode on 30<sup>th</sup> September and in Ernakulam on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.





## Parliamentary Literacy Club



GHSS, Mezathur, Palakkad celebrating Constitutional Day



Govt. Boys HSS, Attingal conducted exhibition on Indian Secularism

To strengthen ideals of Parliamentary democracy and a sense of responsible citizenship among the students, the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs provides financial assistance to the establishment of Parliamentary Literacy Club

in the state. It offers a detailed guideline to schools for the functioning of Clubs. Twenty-three schools conducted the activities of Parliamentary Literacy Club in the last academic year.

## State Level Inauguration of Human Rights Education Club

Institute of Parliamentary Affairs organized a state level inauguration of Human Rights Education Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at HSS Kallungalpadam, Palakkad. Hon'ble Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, Law, Culture & Parliamentary Affairs **Sri. A.K. Balan** inaugurated the club. Eighteen schools organized the activities of the club in the year 2019-20.





## Commemoration of Human Rights Day

Commemoration of Human Rights Day was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Regional Centre of Sree Sankara University, Thiruvananthapuram. Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, Tourism and Devaswoms **Sri. Kadakampally Surendran** inaugurated the function. **Adv. Harish Vasudevan** delivered the keynote address in the programme. Dr. P V Omana, Director of Center of the Sanskrit University, Dr. Dimpi V. Divakaran, Director General of the Institute has participated in the programme.



## Repeat Performance 2017-18



*Deepthi HS, Thalore, Thrissur receiving Ever Rolling Trophy from the Hon'ble Minister*

Repeat Performance of Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18 was organized on 9 May 2019 at old assembly hall, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram. Sri. A K Balan, Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, has inaugurated the function and distributed the prizes. Sri. S R Sakthidharan, Member, Bord of Governors, presided the meeting.





## School Seminars

Institute provided financial assistance to 37 schools to conduct seminars in the year 2019-20. The seminars enabled students to develop ideas about foundations of our constitution and parliamentary democracy.



*Seminar at Ganapathy Vilasom HS, Koovapady*



*Lecture by Prof. J. Prabhaskar at MES College, Mampad*

## College Seminars

In the year academic year 2019-20, one day seminars were conducted in 15 colleges and 8 colleges organized two-day seminars. Institute provided Rs. 25,000 to one day seminars and Rs. 50,000 to two day seminars.



*Seminar at NSS Training College, Ottappalam*



## Repeat Performance

### Youth/Model Parliament Competition 2018-19

Repeat Performance of Youth and Model Parliament competition 2018-19 was conducted on 30 January 2020 at old assembly hall Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram. A K Balan, Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, has inaugurated the function and distributed the prizes. Sri. P. Unni MLA, Sri. V. Joy MLA and Sri. S. R. Sakthidharan, Member Bord of Governors has participated in the meeting.



*First prize of Youth Parliament Competition to GHSS, Navaikulam, Trivandrum*



*First Prize of Model Parliament Competition to NSS Training College, Ottappalam, Palakkad*





## Two Day Camp for the Best Parliamentarians of Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18

The Institute organized two-day camp for the Best Parliamentarians of Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18 on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at RTTC, Kaimanam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Classes were conducted by Sri. S.R. Sakthidharan (Member, Board of Governors, INPA), B. Sandhya IPS, Prof. J. Devika (Centre for Development Studies), Dr. B. Iqbal (Member, Kerala State Planning Board), Sri. Jayachandran Kadambanad (Director Folklore Academy). Students interacted with Hon'ble Minister Sri. A.K. Balan at minister's chamber. The team visited Kerala Niyamasabha, Priyadarshini Planetarium and other historical places.



Best Student Parliamentarians with Dr. B. Sandhya IPS



Interaction with Prof. J. Devika



Interaction with Dr. B. Iqbal



## Two Day Camp for the Best Parliamentarians of Model Parliament 2018-19



Two day camp for best parliamentarians of Model Parliament competition - 2018-19 was organized on 27 -28 December 2019 at SCERT Poojappura. Classes were conducted by Sri. S.R. Sakthidharan (Member, Board of Governors, INPA), Prof. J. Prabash (Ex. Pro. Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala), Smt. Vidhu Vincent (film director), Smt. V. Vighneswary IAS (Director, Collegiate Education), Dr. Beena P.L (CDS). The team visited Kerala Niyamasabha, Center for Development Studies, Priyadarshini planetarium and other historical places

*Smt. V. Vighneswary IAS (Director, Collegiate Education) at the Two Day Camp*



*Lecture by Prof.J. Prabhash*



*Lecture by Smt. Vidhu Vincent*

*Lecture by Dr. Beena P L at Center for Development Studies*





## Two Day Camp for the Best Parliamentarians of Youth Parliament Competition 2018-19



*Best Parliamentarians with Hon'ble Parliamentary Affairs Minister*

Two day camp for the best parliamentarians of YPC 2018-19 was organized on 16 & 17 January 2020. Students interacted with Hon'ble Minister Sri. A.K. Balan at his chamber. Classes were conducted by Prof. K.N. Ganesh, Dr. Divya S Iyer IAS, Sri. Anto Mickle, Dr. Jayseelan Raj, CDS, Sri. Eldo Pachilakkadan. The team visited Kerala Niyamasabha, Center for Development Studies, Priyadarshini Planetarium and other historical places.



*Interaction with Dr. Divya S. Iyer IAS*

*Lecture by Dr. Jayaseelan Raj, CDS*



*Nature walk with Sri. Eldo Pachilakkadan*





## Parliament Visit for the Best Parliamentarians of Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18

Institute of Parliamentary Affairs organized ten days 'Parliament Visit' for the Best Parliamentarians during the month of September 2019. 25 Students took part in the programme. The team visited Indian Parliament and other historical places such as Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri, Mathura Krishna Temple, Jantar Mantar, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Mahatma Gandhi Museum, National Museum, Indira Gandhi Museum, Birla Mandir, Akshardham, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, Teen Murti Bhavan and Rajghat. The Team also visited Jawaharlal Nehru University and interacted with Dr. Biju Kumar (Center for Political Studies), Dr. Happymon Jacob (Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament) and Dr. Sudhir Kurmar Suthar (Center for Political Studies).



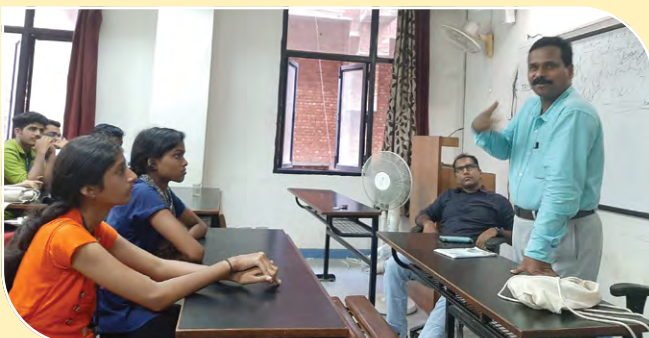
*At Jawaharlal Nehru University*



*Team with D Raja, Gen Secy of Communist Party of India*



*Interaction with Dr. Happymon Jacob, (Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament), JNU*



*Interaction with Dr. Bijukumar (Center for Political Studies), JNU*



*Dr. Sudhir Kurmar Suthar (Center for Political Studies, JNU) interacts with the team*



# State Level Essay, Elocution and Quiz Competition 2019-20



Fathima Semeer



Renjitha R. J



Sreya S.S



Shifna Sherin



Blaisy Babby P



Muhammad Luqman

Due to spreading of Covid -19 and lockdown Institute of Parliamentary Affairs conducted state level competitions of essay, elocution and quiz through online. Zonal level competitions were organized in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode respectively. The zonal level competitions were inaugurated by Dr. Dimp V. Divakaran, Director General, Institute of Parliamentary Affairs. State level essay competitions for High School, Higher Secondary School and College students were conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020. Kum. Sreya S. S of GHSS, Naduvannur, Kozhikode secured First place and Kum. Shifna Sherin A. P of GG-HSS, Manjeri, Malappuram secured Second place in the High School level. Blaisy Babby P of Vimala Hridaya HSS for Girls, Kollam secured First place and Muhammad Luqman of Govt. Rajah's HSS, Kottakkal, Malappuram secured Second place in the Higher Secondary level. Fathima Semeer of University College, Thiruvananthapuram secured First place and Renjitha R. J of St. John's College, Anchal, Kollam secured Second place in the College level essay competitions.

State level quiz competitions for College students on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and for High School and Higher Secondary School students were conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Master Ashik S. P of GHSS, Keezharoor, Thiruvananthapuram secured First place. Master Adwaid M. Prasanth and Master Abhithish S. B of Janardhanapuram HSS, Ottasekha-

ramangalam, Thiruvananthapuram secured Second place in the High School level. Fayaskhan F. Y and Anandhu A. S of Govt. HSS, Navaikulam, Thiruva-

State level elocution competitions for High School and Higher Secondary School students were conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. Kum. Sradha Sunny of



Fayaskhan F. Y



Anandhu A. S



Hanna Paul



Ashik S. P



Adwaid M. Prasanth



Abhithish S. B



Rakshith A. J



Rinsha P



Sradha Sunny



Aswathy B. P



Dany John



Alex David



Gaya A. S



Callistine Lewis



Blaisy Babby P

nanthapuram secured First place and Hanna Paul and Aswathy B. P of Brahmanandodayam HSS, Kalady, Ernakulam secured Second place in the Higher Secondary level. Dany John and Alex David of Mar Ivanious College, Nalanchira, Thiruvananthapuram secured First place and Rakshith A. J and Rinsha P of University College, Thiruvananthapuram secured Second place in the College level quiz competitions.

St. Jerome's HSS, Vellayamkudy, Idukki secured First place and Kum. Gaya A. S of GVHSS, Njekkad, Thiruvananthapuram secured Second place in the High School level. Callistine Lewis of Sacred Heart HSS, Thevara, Ernakulam secured First place and Blaisy Babby P of Vimala Hridaya HSS for Girls, Kollam secured Second place in the Higher Secondary level competitions.



## Online Quiz Competition



*Neema V*

In the context of Covid -19 and state wide lockdown of Educational institutions, Institute conducted 14 days online quiz competition in the month of May 2020 which was followed by a final. The final round of quiz was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Neema V of Palakkad district secured First place and Shinto Mathew Abraham of Pathanamthitta district secured second place in the final. A copy of the Indian constitution presented to the daily winners and Cash prize to the winners of the final competition.



*Shinto Mathew Abraham*

## Water Parliament



*Dr. Dimpi V Divakaran, Director General of INPA speaks at the Water Parliament*

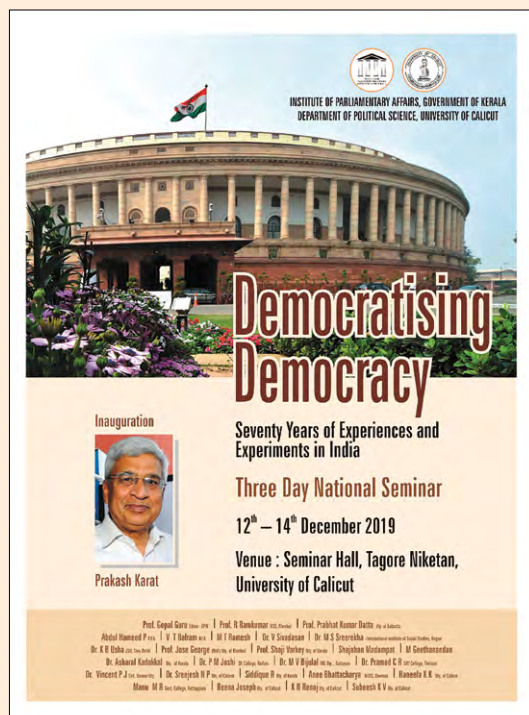
Institute of Parliamentary Affairs was one the co-organisers of 'Water Parliament' conducted at Kattakada. It was a novel programme organised under the leadership of Sri. I.B. Satheesh MLA. Nearly 750 student representatives from the various schools participated in the programme. It was inaugurated by Prof. C. Ravindranath, Minister of Education, Govt. of Kerala. Many secretaries and head of Institutions including Director General of the Institute responded to the questions raised by students.

*Prof. C. Ravindranath, Minister of Education inaugurated Water Parliament*





# Three Day National Seminar Democratising Democracy



Institute organized a three day National Seminar at Calicut University Campus in association with Department of Political Science, University of Calicut on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 on “**Democratising Democracy: 70 years of Experience and Experiments in India**”. The seminar was inaugurated by **Sri. Prakash Karat**, **Prof. Gopal Guru** (Editor EPW), **Prof. R. Ramakumar** (TISS), **Prof. Pratap Kumar Dutta** (Kolkatta University), **Dr. M.S. Sreerekha** (ISS, Hague), **Prof. K.B. Usha** (JNU), **Prof. Jose Thomas** (Bombay University), etc. presented papers in the seminar. Nearly 25 academics from all over India participated in the programme.



Dr. V Sivasdasn, Dr. Vincent PJ, Sri. Sandeep Varrier, Sri. P A Abdul Hameed



Inaugural address by Prakash Karat



Welcome Address  
Dr. Dimpi V Divakaran



Key Note Address by  
Prof. R Ramakurmar  
(Member, Planning  
Board, TISS Mumbai)



Dr. Bijulal MV,  
MG University



Sri. Geethanandan



Dr. M.S. Sreerekha  
(ISS, Hague)



Prof. Jose George  
(University of  
Mumbai)



Dr. Gilbert Sebastian  
(Central University,  
Kerala)



Prof. Prabhat Kumar  
Dutta (University of  
Kolkata)



Prof. Siddique R  
(University of  
Kerala)



Dr. K. B. Usha (JNU)



## Panel Discussion 'Kashmir After Abrogation of Article 370'



*Sri. Sidharth Varadarajan*



*Dr. Happymon Jacob*

**I**nstitute of Parliamentary Affairs conducted a panel discussion at Kannur University in association with E K Nayanar Chair for Parliamentary Affairs on 'Kashmir After Abrogation of Article 370' on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Sri. Siddharth

Varadarajan (Editor, The Wire), Dr. Happymon Jacob (JNU) and Prof. Gopinath Ravindran (Vice Chancellor, Kannur University) participated in the discussion.

## Round Table Discussion 'Building Resilience to Natural Hazards through Stakeholder Engagement'



*Sri. V T Balram MLA, Sri. Shaft Parambil MLA, Shri Eldose P. Kunnapillil MLA, Sri. Anwar Sadath MLA in the Round Table Meeting*



*Amb. T P Sreenivasn, M G Radhakrishnan in the round table Meeting*



*Sri. M Muneer MLA, Sri. Sabareenath MLA, Sri. Roji M John MLA, Dr. Himanshu Grover in the Round Table meeting*

**I**nstitute of Parliamentary Affairs organized a Round Table Discussion on 'Building Resilience to Natural Hazards through Stakeholder Engagement' in association with United States Consulate General, Chennai, and Centre for Public Policy Research, Cochin on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Apollo Dimora, Thiruvananthapuram. The Discussion was led by Dr. Himanshu Grover, University of Washington. US Consulate General, Chennai was the chief guest of the discussion. MLAs, members of Local Self Government institutions, activists, journalists, academicians, etc. participated in the programme.



## Publications of INPA



### A Well-Maintained Library

The Institute has got a large collection of very useful books in the different areas of social sciences and humanities. The Institute has been collecting books regularly to update the library.

The Institute has got ambitious publishing schemes on the anvil. The Institute publishes the Journal of Parliamentary Studies (Bi-Annual). This contains original research articles on issues and problems in the areas of democracy and constitutionalism, parliamentary democracy, social change, development, political economy, law, ethics, philosophy, culture etc in addition to more mainstream and policy analysis aspects. We welcome articles which are pluralist in outlook. The articles submitted to the journal should be original, unpublished and not under consideration elsewhere. The Journal of Parliamentary Studies has been recognized as a research journal by Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kerala. The Board of Studies, PG (Political Science) of the University of Kerala has also recommended the journal in 2012.

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*Director General*

**Smt. Deepa N.C.**  
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