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POST GRADUATE AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES 2025-2026



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Research Activities for the Academic Year 2025-2026

Sl.No.	Programme Title	Type	Date
1.	Beyond The Basics : Writing A Meaningful Research Proposal in Economics	Lecture	18/11/25
2.	Exploring The Economic Unknown Through Research	Seminar	02/12/2025
3.	R - Programming	Workshop	05/02/26 to 07/02/26
4.	From GDP to GPT The Future of Economics Careers	Lecture	24/02/26



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Beyond The Basics : Writing A Meaningful Research Proposal in Economics

Venue / Platform : Research Room,
Department of
Economics

Date	: 18-11-2025
Time	: 9:30 am - 11.30 am
Level	: Department
No: of teacher participants	: 5
No: of student participants	: 30

Brief Description:

The Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics of St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, organised a lecture titled "**Beyond the Basics: Writing a Meaningful Research Proposal in Economics**" with the objective of enhancing students' understanding of the essential elements of high-quality economic research proposals. The session emphasized that a research proposal is not merely a formal requirement but a roadmap that guides the entire research process. Dr. Justine George, (Assistant Professor and Research Guide, Department of Economics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery) was the resource person. The program mainly for final year BA Economics students. The speaker highlighted the importance of identifying a relevant and researchable problem, formulating clear research objectives, and developing meaningful research questions. Special attention was given to conducting a comprehensive review of literature to identify research gaps and establish the significance of the proposed study. The lecture also discussed the formulation of hypotheses, selection of appropriate research methodologies, and the importance of choosing suitable data sources and analytical tools. Participants were introduced to the key characteristics of a strong research proposal, including clarity, originality, feasibility, and policy relevance. The session further emphasized ethical considerations in research, proper citation practices, and the need for logical coherence between objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes.

Benefits in terms of learning/skill/knowledge obtained:

Participants gained knowledge about identifying relevant research problems, formulating clear objectives and hypotheses, conducting a systematic literature review, and selecting appropriate research methodologies. The session improved their skills in developing coherent and logically structured research proposals that effectively connect research questions, data sources, analytical techniques, and expected outcomes. It also strengthened their understanding of research ethics, academic writing standards, and citation practices. Furthermore, the lecture increased awareness of the importance of originality, feasibility, and policy relevance in economic research, thereby equipping participants with the necessary competencies to undertake quality research and prepare proposals suitable for academic, funding, and publication purposes.

**Special Lecture
on**

**BEYOND THE BASICS: WRITING A
MEANINGFUL RESEARCH PROPOSAL IN
ECONOMICS**

Organised by

**Department of Economics
Centre for Research in Economics
St. Paul's College Kalamassery**



 **November 18, 2025**

 **9.30 AM**

 **Research Room**

Speaker

Dr. Justine George
Assistant Professor
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**Inauguration of Research Centre
and Seminar on
“Exploring The Economic Unknown Through Research”**

**Venue / Platform : Theatre De
Pauline**

Date	: 02-12-2025
Time	: 10am
Level	: Department
No: of teacher participants	: 15
No: of student participants	: 50

Brief Description:

The Department of Economics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, successfully organized the Inauguration of the Research Centre on 02 December 2025 at Theatre De Pauline. The programme commenced at 10:00 AM with the objective of promoting a vibrant research culture and encouraging scholarly inquiry among faculty members and students.

The program started with prayer. Dr. Smiji A J (Asst.Professor and HoD, Economics, St.Paul's College, Kalamassery) delivered the welcome speech. The event was graced by eminent academicians and researchers. Prof. (Dr.) S. Harikumar, Emeritus Professor and Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, CUSAT, inaugurated the Research Centre. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the growing importance of research in addressing contemporary socio-economic challenges and highlighted the need for rigorous academic investigation to contribute to policy formulation and sustainable development. The keynote session was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Chacko Jose P., Retired Principal and Professor of Economics, St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth, Thrissur. His talk, titled “Exploring the Economic Unknown Through Research,” inspired participants to view research as a systematic process of discovering new knowledge and generating innovative solutions to economic issues. He stressed the significance of selecting relevant research problems, adopting appropriate methodologies, and maintaining ethical standards in academic research.

The ceremony also witnessed the handing over of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between St. Paul's College and Sree Sankara College, aimed at fostering collaborative research, academic exchange, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. The MoU was handed over by Dr.Smiji A J(Asst.Professor and HoD,Economics, St. Paul's College) and Sri. Prasad V (Associate Professor and HoD, Economics,Sree Sankara College). The programme was further enriched by the felicitation addresses of the Principal(Prof.Dr. Pramada Ramachandran) , Sri. Prasad V (Associate Professor and HoD, Economics, Sreesankara College, Kalady), Assistant Manager(Fr.Nigin Kattiparambil) and Academic Coordinator (Fr. Baiju Ben) who encouraged students and faculty members to actively engage in meaningful research and academic excellence. Faculty members, research scholars, and students actively participated in the programme. The event provided an excellent platform for academic interaction and discussion on emerging research opportunities in economics and allied disciplines.

The inauguration marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of the Department of Economics. The newly established Research Centre is expected to foster high-quality research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and scholarly excellence, thereby strengthening the institution's contribution to knowledge creation and community development. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Justine George (Asst.Professor) expressing gratitude to the distinguished speakers, organizers, and participants for making the event a grand success.

Benefits in terms of learning/skill/knowledge obtained:

The inauguration of the Research Centre successfully created awareness among students and faculty regarding the importance of research in economics and social sciences. Participants gained valuable insights into the research process, the significance of scholarly inquiry, and the role of research in addressing real-world economic issues. The programme motivated students to develop a research-oriented mindset and encouraged them to undertake independent and collaborative research projects. It also strengthened the department's commitment to promoting academic excellence, innovation, and evidence-based learning. Overall, the event laid a strong foundation for enhancing research activities, interdisciplinary collaboration, and knowledge creation within the institution.







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THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON R PROGRAMMING

Venue / Platform : Sree Sankara
College, Kalady

Date : 05, 06, and 07 February 2026

Time : 9.30 AM – 4.00 PM

Level : State

No: of teacher participants : 20

No: of student participants : 55

Brief Description:

The Department of Economics, Sree Sankara College, Kalady, organized a Three-Day Workshop on R Programming from 05 to 07 February 2026 under the SMART Scheme of IQAC, in association with the Kerala Economic Association and the Department of Economics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery. The programme was designed to equip participants with practical skills in statistical computing and data analysis using the R programming language.

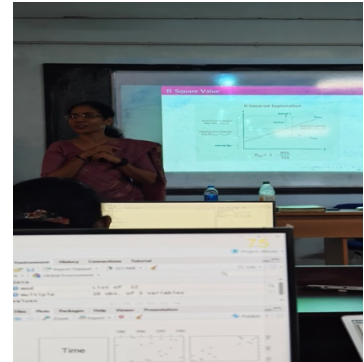
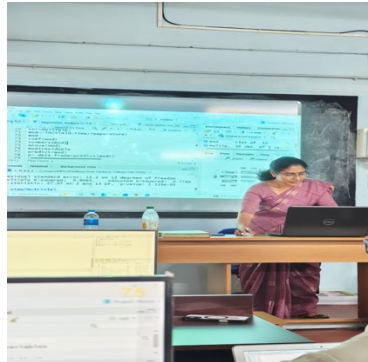
The workshop started with prayer. Sri. Prasad V (Associate Professor and HoD, Economics, Sree Sankara College) delivered the welcome speech. The event was graced by eminent academicians and researchers. Prof. (Dr.) S. Harikumar, Emeritus Professor and Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, CUSAT, inaugurated the workshop. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Bindu Krishnan, Senior Statistician, IBM, who shared her expertise in statistical programming, data management, and analytical techniques. The workshop provided a comprehensive introduction to R Programming and its applications in economics, statistics, and social science research. During the three-day programme, participants were introduced to the fundamentals of R, including data types, variables, functions, data import and export, data cleaning, and data visualization. The sessions also covered statistical analysis, graphical representation of data, and practical applications of R in research and decision-making. Hands-on training sessions enabled participants to apply theoretical concepts to real datasets and gain practical experience in coding and data analysis.

The workshop witnessed active participation from students, research scholars, and faculty members. Interactive discussions and practical exercises enhanced the learning experience and encouraged participants to explore the potential of R Programming in academic research and professional applications. The programme successfully achieved its objective of developing analytical and computational skills among participants. The workshop provided a valuable platform for acquiring industry-relevant knowledge and strengthening research competencies. The event concluded with a feedback session and vote of thanks, delivered by Dr. Smiji A J (Asst.Professor and HoD, Economics, St.Paul's College, Kalamassery) expressing gratitude to the resource person, organizers, and participants for their active involvement and support.

Benefits in terms of learning/skill/knowledge obtained:

Participants gained practical exposure to coding, data handling, visualization, and statistical techniques using R. Acquired foundational and advanced knowledge of R Programming. Developed practical coding skills for data

analysis and statistical computing. Gained hands-on experience in performing statistical and econometric analyses. Enhanced problem-solving, analytical, and computational skills. Improved understanding of the application of R in economics, business, and social science research. Increased readiness for research projects, dissertations, and data-driven careers. Gained exposure to industry practices and expert guidance from a professional statistician.





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Merit Day Celebration and

Lecture on "From GDP to GPT: The Future of Economics Careers"

Venue / Platform : Baccinelli Hall

Date : 24 February 2026

Time : 11.00 AM

Level : Department

No: of teacher participants : 7

No: of student participants : 50

Brief Description:

The Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, organized a special Merit Day Celebration on 24 February 2026 at Baccinelli Hall. The programme aimed to recognize academic excellence among students while providing insights into the evolving career opportunities available in the field of economics in the age of artificial intelligence and digital transformation.

The program started with prayer. Dr. Smiji A J (Asst. Professor and HoD, Economics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery) delivered the welcome speech. The programme was meant to celebrate the academic achievements of meritorious students of both UG and PG. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Santhosh Kumar P. K., Professor, Centre for Budget Studies, CUSAT. The speaker provided an engaging and thought-provoking discussion on the topic "From GDP to GPT: The Future of Economics Careers". During the session, participants were introduced to the growing demand for economists with strong quantitative, analytical, and technological skills. The speaker emphasized the importance of integrating economic knowledge with data science, programming, and digital tools to remain competitive in the modern job market. Various career opportunities in research institutions, government organizations, international agencies, financial institutions, consulting firms, and technology-driven industries were discussed. The interactive session enabled students to engage with the resource person, seek career guidance, and gain clarity regarding higher education and employment opportunities in economics. The programme was highly informative and inspirational, motivating students to adapt to emerging technological changes while strengthening their core economic competencies. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Justine George (Asst. Professor) expressing gratitude to the resource person, faculty members, organizers, and participants for making the program a success.

Benefits in terms of learning/skill/knowledge obtained:

The session encouraged students to develop interdisciplinary skills by combining economic knowledge with data analytics, programming, and digital competencies. It also provided guidance on higher education prospects, research opportunities, and employment trends in both public and private sectors. Overall, the program motivated students to adapt to technological advancements, strengthen their analytical capabilities, and prepare themselves for future careers in a rapidly changing global economy.

Merit Day Celebration

**FROM GDP TO GPT
THE FUTURE OF ECONOMICS CAREERS**

Organised by
Department of Economics
Centre for Research in Economics
St. Paul's College Kalamassery

  February 24, 2026
 11.00 AM
 Baccinelli Hall

 **Speaker**
Prof. Dr. Santhosh Kumar P K
Professor
Centre for Budget Studies
CUSAT





