

C. Achuthamenon Study and Research Centre, Thrissur

C. Achuthamenon Study and Research Centre founded in 1995 in association with COSTFORD by T. R Chandradutt. It functions in COSTFORD premises at Ayyanthole, Thrissur, Kerala,

Objectives

1. To conduct research on local level planning and development
2. To provide consultancy guidance to local governments, Institutions and individuals on local economic development, housing and waste management.
3. To carry on research on alternative technologies for housing waste management and natural resource management.
4. To conduct conference, seminars, workshops, lectures on issues which have contemporary relevance.
5. To publish books, journals, working papers etc. on various issues subjects with in the core area of study of the centre.
6. To award fellowships and financial assistance to young and budding researchers to carry out their studies in the areas of alternative development perspectives, sustainable development, Green Economy and Green Technology.
7. To build up a secular progressive platform for discourses and debates.

Organization

The Centre is registered as a Charitable Trust. The Chairman of the Trust is Dr. V. Ramankutty (former Professor, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences &

Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Shri. S. M Vijayanand (Former Chief Secretary of Kerala) is the Secretary. Dr. M. N Sudhakaran is the Director of the Centre.

Activities – Recent

Memorial Lectures

1. Dr. K. N Raj Memorial Lecture 2020

Dr. Thomas Isaac, Finance Minister, Kerala delivered the K. N Raj Memorial Lecture on January 4, 2020 on **“Threats to Indian Fiscal Federalism”**

2. C. Achuthamenon Memorial Lecture

Dr. M. S Vallithan, world renowned cardiac surgeon made the C. Achuthamenon Memorial Lecture 2019 on **“Aging Kerala”**. Dr. Anand Teltumde, Academician and human right activist delivered the previous edition on **“Is India a Democracy”**

3. Dr. K. K. Subramanian Memorial Lecture 2019

Dr. M. Suresh Kumar, Professor IIT Chennai, made the lecture on **“Declining Indian Manufacturing Sector”**

C.Achuthamenon – T. R Chandradutt fellowship 2019

Four Fellowships are awarded annually to young researchers to make study on local development issues.