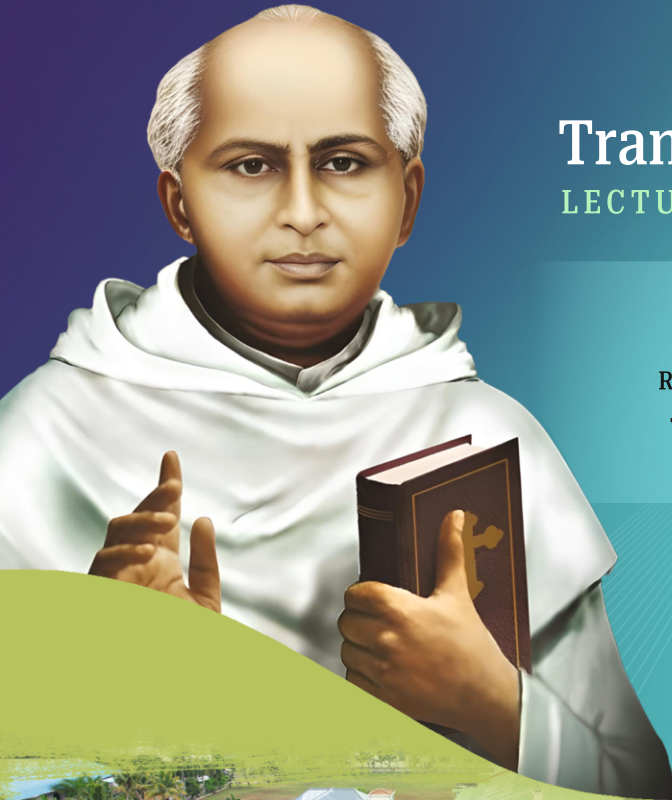




Chavara 'Excellence for Social Transformation' LECTURE SERIES - 2024



Lecture by:
DR. ARUN KUMAR
Retd. Professor of Economics,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

10
DECEMBER 2024
TUESDAY, 10AM



Dear all,

It is our great pleasure to announce that the 2024-25 edition of St. Chavara Excellence Lecture Series is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 10th December 2024. This year's event will feature DR. ARUN KUMAR, Retd. Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, as our distinguished speaker.

We would be honored to have you join us during this significant occasion as your distinguished presence would give meaning and substance to the event. The Lecture is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 10th December 2024, at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium, Thevara.

St. Chavara Excellence Lecture Series is a platform that brings together thought leaders and it fosters meaningful discussions. We genuinely value your support and look forward to sharing this auspicious moment with you.

Regards,

Dr. C S Biju
Principal,
Sacred Heart College,
Thevara, Kochi

02-12-2024



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10.00 am

Receiving the guest with
Guard of Honour by NCC

10.05 am

Receiving Guest in Principals' Office

10.15 am

Introduction & Lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp

10.20 am

College Anthem

10.25 am

Welcome address by **Dr. C S Biju,**
Principal, Sacred Heart College, Thevara

10.35 am

Presidential Address

Rev. Dr. Varghese Kachappilly CMI,
Manager, S H Institutions, Thevara

10.45 am

Introducing the speaker

Rev. Dr. Joseph Kusumalayam, Vice Principal,
Sacred Heart College, Kochi

10.50 am

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Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi,

11.45 am

Vote of thanks **Dr. Lesly Augustine, Staff Secretary**

11.50 am

National Anthem



St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara

St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias' name is indelibly marked in the annals of the history of Kerala, not only for the profound contributions he has made to the Catholic church of Kerala, but also for the many revolutionary reforms he has initiated towards the social and cultural renaissance of the state. A spiritual alchemist, St. Chavara was committed to the cause of transforming the then Kerala society which was languishing in ignorance, illiteracy and casteism, and its corollary practices such as untouchability, discrimination and exploitation. In what can be termed as a Promethean effort, St. Chavara brought the light of knowledge among the marginalized multitude and led them to the main stream of social life and to progress. Recognizing the immense significance of education in the empowerment of the weak, he introduced 'pallikoodams' (schools associated with churches) and ensured the entry of students from all walks of life into such schools.

St. Chavara is honoured as a great sage, educationist, founder of various congregations and one of the early social entrepreneurs in the state. St. Chavara is the founder of the CMI congregation and among the many CMI educational institutions spread all over the country, Sacred Heart College, Thevara enjoys a peerless pride of place.

St. Chavara's exemplary role in the nascent phase of Kerala renaissance is yet to be duly researched, recognized and commemorated as an abiding model for future generations and that is what the Sacred Heart community is committed to.

