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P.K. GOPALAKRISHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

(A prelude to 37th Kerala Science Congress)

Date: **10 January 2025**

Venue: **Government College Chittur**
Palakkad

10.00 AM- 12.00 PM

PROGRAMME

Welcome: **Dr. Kavitha A. C.**
Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Economics
Government College, Chittur

Presidential Address: **Dr. Reji T**
Principal, Government College, Chittur

Introduction to P.K. Gopalakrishnan: **Prof. A. Sabu**
Member Secretary, KSCSTE &
General Convenor, 37th Kerala Science Congress

Introducing the Speaker: **Dr. Richard Scaria**
Associate Professor & Member Syndicate
University of Calicut

P.K. Gopalakrishan Memorial Lecture: **Prof. R. Ramakumar**
Expert Member, Kerala State Planning Board &
Professor, School of Development Studies
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

Word of Thanks: **Dr. Siju C. R.**
Junior Scientist, KSCSTE



Dr. P. K. Gopalakrishnan, an eminent sociologist and economist had played a crucial role in formulating the Science & Technology Policy of Kerala in 1972 and in establishing the R&D institutes under it. He took his Master's Degree in Social Science from the Institute of Social Sciences, The Hague. He completed his Ph.D. in Economic Sciences from Amsterdam University, The Netherlands under Prof. Tinbergen, a nobel laureate. Dr. Gopalakrishnan affectionately called 'PKG' had occupied many important positions in Government of Kerala. He was associated in different capacities with Cardamom Wage Board, Taxation Enquiry Committee, Labour & Industrial Bureau and Backward Classes Reservation Commission. He was a Special Secretary to Planning & Economic Affairs Department during 1974-80.



Prof. R. Ramakumar is an economist and a Professor at the School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. Trained as an undergraduate and postgraduate in agricultural science, Ramkumar received his PhD in Quantitative Economics from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. He also serves as an expert member in the Kerala State Planning Board. Previously, he was the NABARD Chair Professor at TISS as well as the Dean of the School of Development Studies. He held visiting appointments at the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Zurich, Queen Mary University of London, and Goa University. He is also a member of the Research Programmes Committee, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, and in the editorial board of the Journal Review of Agrarian Studies. His work has largely been on Indian economy, agrarian studies, and agricultural economics, with special focus on rural banking and agricultural research.

