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11 – 13 December 2026

Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kollam

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LOCAL SECRETARY'S CIRCULAR

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kollam.

It is my privilege to welcome you to the **Eleventh Annual International Session** of the **Kerala History Congress,** to be held from **11th to 13th December 2026** at the **Sree Narayana Guru Cultural Complex, Asramam, Kollam**. The session is hosted by **Sreenarayanaguru Open University** and organised by its **Department of History**. Over three days, it seeks to foster critical debate on a range of historical themes and to engage with recent developments in the discipline. We cordially invite you to contribute to these deliberations.

Kollam provides a historically resonant setting for this Congress. One of the oldest ports on the Malabar coast, it was integral to the ancient Indian Ocean trading world, attracting merchants, travellers and envoys from across Asia and beyond, among them Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta. The city lent its name to the Kollam Era (Kollavarsham), which commenced in 825 CE, and figures in the records of early Christian and mercantile communities, as well as those of the Portuguese, Dutch and British, who later contested control of its commerce. Asramam, on the Ashtamudi shore, stands in a landscape where local, regional and oceanic histories have intersected for over a millennium.

Founded in 2013, the Kerala History Congress has established its scholarly reputation through annual sessions and methodology workshops, and through the publication of proceedings and volumes that meet international standards. It serves as a common platform on which research on Kerala is placed in conversation with wider historiographical debates, and on which emerging scholars are trained in the historian's craft alongside established colleagues. The Eleventh Session continues this tradition.

THE HOST INSTITUTION

Sreenarayanaguru Open University is well placed to host the Congress. Established by the Government of Kerala on 2nd October 2020 as the first Open University in Kerala, it bears the name of Sree Narayana Guru, who regarded education as the means to social dignity. The University translates this principle into practice by extending higher education to learners of all ages and backgrounds who might otherwise lie beyond the reach of conventional institutions. Its Department of History, established in April 2022

within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is committed to producing rational, inclusive and critically engaged historical scholarship. It also seeks to bring the experience of Kerala's renaissance and its social movements into dialogue with broader historical inquiry. A Congress devoted to Kerala's past, convened in Kollam under the auspices of this University, unites place, purpose and intellectual heritage. We look forward to your participation.

The Sessions

The Kerala History Congress is a professional body of teachers and research scholars dedicated to fostering a rational, secular, and critically informed study of Kerala's past. Its annual sessions provide a scholarly forum for presenting, discussing, and debating new research findings, methodologies, and interpretive perspectives in Kerala historical studies. By bringing together emerging and established scholars, the sessions seek to encourage sustained intellectual exchange and dialogue, and thereby to advance the discipline.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Social History · Political History · Cultural History · Economic History · Historiography of Kerala · Environmental History · Local History

Note: Spot registration will be available; however, priority will be given to participants who register online.

Reception and Registration

The reception counter at the venue will function from 5 PM on 10th December 2026 till 13th December 2026. Registration will be done at the registration counters, at the Sree Narayana Guru Cultural Complex and preference will be given to those delegates who have already sent the delegate fee and submitted the online delegate form.

VENUE

Sree Narayana Guru Cultural Complex, Guest House Rd, Asramam, Kollam, Keralam 691002

SCAN FOR LOCATION

Registration Fee

Keeping in mind the cost of conducting the conference, the Organising Committee has decided on the following differential Registration Fee structure:

Category	Fee
Delegate fee (with accommodation)	**Rs 2000/-**
Delegate fee (without accommodation)	**Rs 1000/-**
Teachers of the Sreenarayanaguru Open University (without accommodation)	**Rs 750/-**
Research Scholars (with accommodation)	**Rs 1000/-**
Research Scholars (without accommodation)	**Rs 500/-**
PG and UG students (with accommodation)	**Rs 750/-**
PG and UG students (without accommodation)	**Rs 300/-**
PG and UG students of Sreenarayanaguru Open University (without accommodation)	**Rs 300/-**

DELEGATE FEE: PAYMENT DETAILS

MODE OF PAYMENT	Online transfer
ACCOUNT NAME	Convener, Finance Committee, Kerala History Congress
BANK & BRANCH	State Bank of India, Vazhuthacaud Branch
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**44533038544**
IFSC CODE	**SBIN0070033**

Please make the payment in favour of the Convener, Finance Committee, Kerala History Congress.

The last date for receiving online payment is **30/11/2026**. Please provide your annual membership payment details when paying the delegate fee. **All participants must register online with their transaction ID and a copy of the receipt.** The delegate registration form can be accessed from the link given below.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Board and lodging cannot be provided without online registration, and there is no provision to accommodate accompanying family members or dependants.

MEMBERSHIP

(a) Annual Membership — At the time of enrolment as members, they shall pay an admission fee of Rs. 200/- and an annual fee of Rs. 250/-

(b) Life Membership — Members paying Rs 2000/- shall become life members of the Congress.

Remittances are to be made as an Electronic Transfer or bank Draft favouring 'Kerala History Congress', Account No. **0819101100367, IFSC code: CNRB0000819,** payable at **Canara Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Trivandrum. The details should be sent to the Treasurer, Kerala History Congress, Department of History, University College, Thiruvananthapuram—695034, along with the Application Form. For queries regarding membership fees and payment options, contact **Robinson Jose, KHC Treasurer (Mob. No. 9387120506).**

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

All delegates participating in the **11th Annual Session of the Kerala History Congress** are requested to note the following instructions:

1. Submission of Abstracts

Delegates shall submit the abstracts of their papers **only** to the email address **khcsgou11papers@gmail.com** on or before **30 November 2026**.

Delegates may upload their full papers online on the day of presentation by logging into their journal account through the registration portal.

2. Submission of Full Papers

Delegates who have already completed their full papers may submit them online through the **OJS (Open Journal Systems)** platform of the *Proceedings of the Kerala History Congress*.

STEP 1	**One Time Registration** **Authors must complete a one-time registration on the journal's main page.**
STEP 2	**Manuscript Submission** **Manuscripts must then be submitted using the author's login credentials through the journal's submission page**
STEP 3	**Email Manuscript** **Authors must also send a copy of the manuscript** to **khcsgou11papers@gmail.com** by **30 November 2026.** For detailed submission guidelines, please visit **the journal page.**

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Manuscripts must be submitted only through the OJS platform. The submission window will remain open as notified.

Papers should be limited to **5,000–10,000 words** and must include proper references in footnotes, following *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

Submissions should be prepared in **MS Word**, using **Times New Roman, 12-point font, and double spacing**.

As in previous years, well-presented papers will be published in the Proceedings volume.

For further information, please contact:

Dr. Sebastian Joseph
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Kerala History Congress, 11th Session
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ACCOMMODATION

We are trying our best to accommodate the delegates in various hotels and dormitories. Accommodation will be provided from **10th evening to 13th morning** of December 2026.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

The Sree Narayana Guru Cultural Complex is hardly two kilometres from Kollam Railway Station and the Main KSRTC Bus Stand. It is easily accessible by bus from both locations.

TRANSPORTATION

Transport to and from the accommodation to the cultural complex will be provided in the morning and evening during the programme.

Yours faithfully,

Zubin Antony Mehar Reynold
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Head of the Department, Department of History,
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22/10/2026

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