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Kerala Innovation Talks

Empowerment
through Innovation

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Dr. Nirmala Padmanabhan is a graduate in Economics from the University of Calicut with Second rank in the year 1985 having specialization in Gender studies, Environment, and Local Governance. She has also acquired a Post Graduate degree in Economics from Kerala University securing First rank in the year 1987 and an M. Phil in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in the year 1990. She acquired her Ph.D. in Economics from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala in 2010. She has 26 years of experience in teaching UG and PG and as a Research Guide in the Dept. of Economics at St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam. Nirmala's constant efforts with an innovative mind give rise to a Social Enterprise Startup "Bhume Women's Collective", mentored by TIBIC and STEP which was selected for the inaugural cohort of the Green Innovation Fund by UNDP, KSUM, and Harithakeralam Mission in Feb 2021. Their venture into the soft toy production initiative that upcycles tailoring excess, has received accolades from the Prime Minister of India in his Mann ki Baat address to the nation on March 28, 2021. This venture has won Nirmala several National and State awards for extension activities.

"Kerala Innovation Talks" series is organised by Kerala Development & Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) as a part of its flagship 'Young Innovators Programme' for democratisation of ideas and to develop an innovation eco-system linking students, research scholars and educators across Kerala. The tagline of the talk series is "Empowerment through Innovation". Through the talk, eminent personalities and luminaries share their experience and views on innovations, leadership, technology, management and social inclusion. The event aims at inspiring students to dream big as innovators and future leaders. Creating an ecosystem of student innovators who will make a positive impact on the overall development of the state is also an objective. "Kerala Innovation Talks" speakers are Malayalees who have grown big and obtained name and fame in the National and International arena. They will be sharing their experiences, challenges, suggestions and ideas with students. This will be followed by a Q & A session where the speakers answer the questions from the participants. The event is coordinated by ICT Academy of Kerala.

AGENDA

Topic

*Innovation and
Social
Entrepreneurship*

Schedule

25 min Talk &
15 min Q&A

Moderator

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Member Secretary
K-DISC

Zoom Link

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