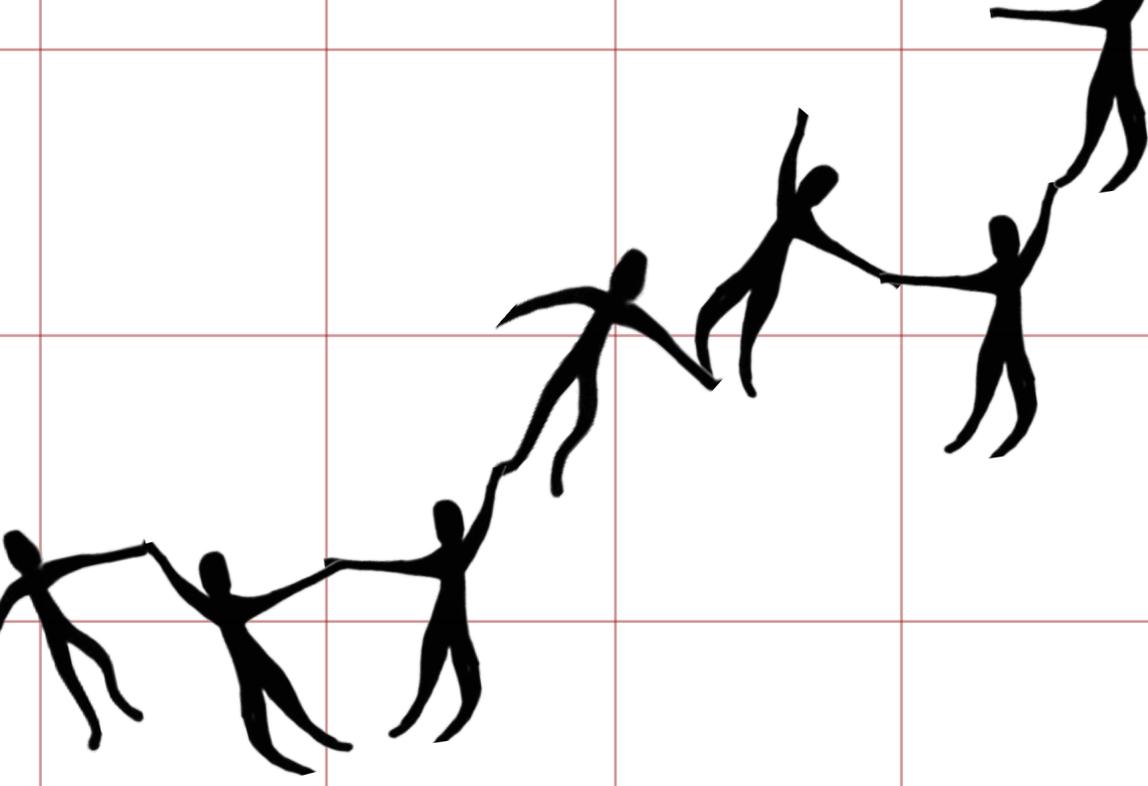


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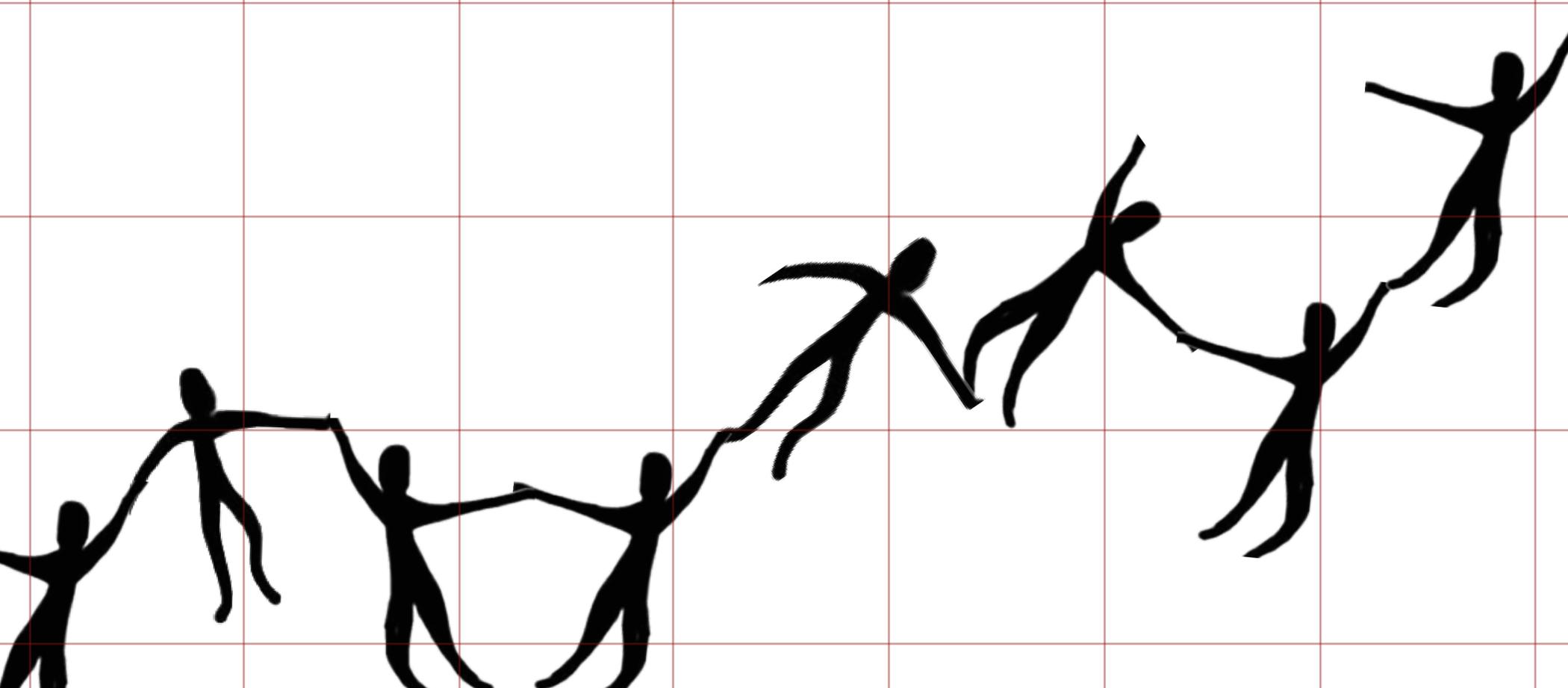
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**About the Seminar:** Research, literature and discourses have presented Adivasi communities as passive victims to contemporary changes in the market society. Very few post-colonial literature has focused on the resistance by Adivasi groups on the development models imposed on them. Apart from constitutionally mandated reservation provisions for jobs and political representation, predicaments of Adivasi communities are determined by several contemporary changes in society and market. Often research has focused on traditional institutions and governance system. Question on welfare research has been limited to how adivasi communities access government programmes. However, an inquiry into market and technological changes would be able to show how the ideas of self-determination has changed through emerging aspirations.

This seminar would like to take note and document positive elements of resilience and adaptation towards technology and market from Adivasi communities across country. These changes are marked by the nature of interaction between settlers and Adivasi communities. Some of these changes are monetization of natural resources (primarily land but also other natural resources of jal-jungle), penetration of English medium schools, modern health care facilities, tourism, availability of fast-moving consumer goods, exposure to media that shapes the demands internally, new modes of entertainments through alcohol and drug, and changes to transcendental institutions such as religion. How are Adivasi communities responding to these contemporary changes? How is technological adoption, and changes to traditional livelihoods taking place in the context of market penetration? This is the key question that a three day national seminar to be held at St. Mary's College, Sultan Bathery will be addressing.

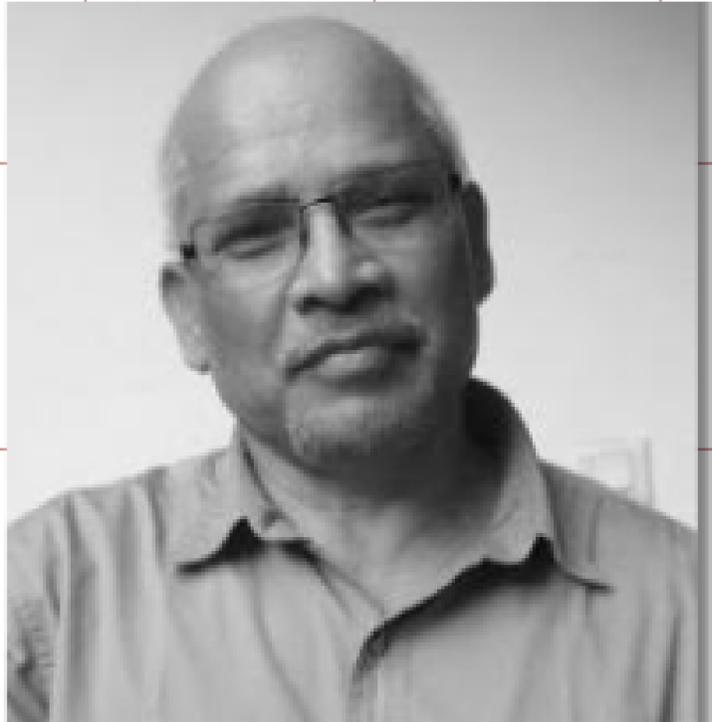
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## Keynote Speakers



**Virginius Xaxa**



**Bratindi Jena**



**Babu Mathew**

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# **Legal Services in Adivasi Areas**



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In the light of the concept note focusing on the ideas of self-determination, conference organizers intend to bring out a special issue of a journal/ edited book. Towards, this aim, we invite abstracts of papers by scholars that would contribute to discussions particularly in the areas of:

- Protection of cultural identity in a globalized world
- Extractive industries in Adivasi regions
- Education and Social Mobility among Adivasi Youth
- Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission in Adivasi Societies
- Adivasi Autonomy and Governance
- Adivasi Movements and Resistance to Displacement
- Man-Animal Conflict and Security Issues in Adivasi Areas
- Decentralization and Grassroots Democracy among Adivasi Populations
- Sustainable Livelihoods and Traditional Economic Systems
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation among Adivasi Youth
- Tourism and Cultural Commodification in Adivasi Regions
- Digital Inclusion and Technology Adoption in Adivasi Areas
- Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies among Adivasi Populations
- Integration of Indigenous Knowledge Systems with Modern Science
- Adivasi Resilience and Adaptation to Market and Technological Change
- Adivasi justice systems and mainstream legal system
- Gender roles and Empowerment in Adivasi Societies

We encourage abstracts strongly rooted on empirical material in the experience of Adivasi communities all over India. They should be submitted in following format:

- Title of the paper
- Name (s) of author with affiliation
- Abstract not exceeding 300 words.

Send abstracts to [seminar2026@stmarysbathery.ac.in](mailto:seminar2026@stmarysbathery.ac.in) before 31st December 2025. You will hear the decision by 7 January 2026.

**THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR BOTH PAPER PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS**

**Travel and Logistic Support:** Conference organisers will provide local accommodation and hospitality. We are unable to provide travel support. For selected paper authors (one author per paper) a modest accommodation in twin-shared rooms will be provided for the nights of 10th, 11th and 12th of February 2026. Sultan Bathery is approximately 300 kms from Bangalore International Airport (via Mysore). Other airports to access Sultan Bathery are Kannur (105 kms) or Calicut (105 kms). Nearest railway stations are Kozhikode (100 kms) or Mysore (117 kms). There are regular bus services from these hubs to Sultan Bathery.

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