

# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION AT BCM COLLEGE, KOTTAYAM

A full-day seminar on higher education was conducted at BCM College on 8th January 2025, with the running theme "FYUGP"—the Four-Year Undergraduate Program initiated by the Government of India. The purpose of this seminar was to initiate a new curriculum design aimed at positive outcomes to create next-generation graduates with advanced skills for employability anywhere in the world while creating engaged and knowledgeable global citizens. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. C.T. Aravindakumar, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

The morning technical session was conducted by Prof. Dr. Sunny Luke from IISAC, USA, while the afternoon session was led by Prof. Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair, the former Head of the Department of Bioinformatics, University of Kerala.

Dr. Stephy Thomas, Principal of BCM College, Rev. Father Philmon Kalathara, Dr. Annu Thomas (Vice Principal), Dr. Reeja P.S. (IQAC Coordinator), and Dr. Neethu Varghese were the organizers of this highly productive seminar.

Dr. Sunny Luke handled the topic "Kerala's Higher Education Transformation: Lessons from the USA," while Dr. Achuthsankar dealt with the topic "Outcome-Based Education in Practice." More than 100 professors from BCM College, along with professors from other colleges by invitation, participated in the seminar.







**ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**  
on  
**Transition to FYUGP in Kerala's Academic Landscape**


in association with **KSHEC & Mahatma Gandhi University**  
An IQAC initiative of BCM College, Kottayam



**Inaugural Lecture**  
**Dr. C T Aravindakumar**  
Hon. Vice Chancellor,  
Mahatma Gandhi University,  
Kottayam



**Presidential Address**  
**Rev. Fr. Abraham Parambatt**  
Manager, BCM College, Kottayam



**Technical Session 1**  
**Dr. Sunny Luke**  
Professor & Scientist,  
International Institute for  
Scientific and Academic  
Collaboration, USA



**Technical Session 2**  
**Dr. Achyuthankar S Nair**  
Former Professor & Head of  
the Department of  
Bioinformatics,  
University of Kerala

08 January 2025 | 09:30 a.m. - 04:30 p.m. | Sr. Savio Memorial Hall  
BCM College, Kottayam

Organizing Committee  
Rev. Fr. Abraham Parambatt, Manager | Dr. T.M Joseph, Pro Manager | Dr. Stephy Thomas Principal  
Rev. Fr. Philimon Kalathara, Bursar | Dr. Annu Thomas, Vice Principal | Dr. Reeja P.S, IQAC Coordinator

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**Programme Schedule**

**INAUGURATION & INAUGURAL LECTURE**  
09:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ✦  
**Dr. C T Aravindakumar**  
Hon. Vice Chancellor,  
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam  
*Tea Break & Photo Session*

**TECHNICAL SESSION I**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
**Dr. Sunny Luke**  
Professor & Scientist,  
International Institute for Scientific and  
Academic Collaboration, USA  
**Topic:** Kerala's Higher Education  
Transformation : Lessons from USA

**INTERACTIVE SESSION**  
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
*...Lunch Break...*

**TECHNICAL SESSION II**  
01:45 p.m. - 03:45 p.m.  
**Dr. Achyuthankar S Nair**  
Former Professor & Head of the  
Department of Bioinformatics,  
University of Kerala  
**Topic:** Outcome Based Education in  
Practice

**INTERACTIVE SESSION**  
03:45 p.m. - 04:15 p.m.  
**VOTE OF THANKS**

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