

### 3.2 Department of Anthropology

1. Name of the Department : Department of Anthropology
2. Year of establishment : 1986
3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the university? : Yes  
School of Social Sciences
4. Names of programmes offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Litt., etc.) : PG, M.Phil., Ph.D
5. Interdisciplinary programmes and departments involved : Yes
6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.: Nil
7. Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons : Nil
8. Examination System: Annual/Semester/Trimester/Choice Based Credit System: CCSS
9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments: Yes
10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors/others)

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual (Including CAS & MPS)
Professor	1	Vacant	2
Associate Professor	2	1	0
Asst .Professor	3	3	3
Others (Field Assistant)	1	Vacant	0

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance.

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No.of years of experience (in the dept)	No.of M.Phil/Ph D students guided for the last 4 years
Dr. Vineetha Menon	M.A, M.A. Ph.D.	Professor	Socio Cultural Anthropology, Marginalized communities and Groups, Health and Aging, Local level development, Theory and Methods	29	Ph.D. -1 M.Phil. -2
Dr. S. Gregory	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Professor	Development Studies, Tribal and Village Studies, Decentralisation, Affirmative	21	Ph.D. -1 M.Phil. -2

			Action, Participatory Research		
Dr. B. Bindu	M.A, UGC NET, Ph.D., PGDRD	Assistant Professor	Anthropology of Architecture, Tribal studies, Economic anthropology, Cognitive Anthropology	21	Ph.D.- 3 M.Phil.-2
Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar	M.A, UGC NET, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor & Head	Social Cultural Anthropology, Anthropological Theories, Village Community Studies, Audio-Visual Anthropology	13	M.Phil.-2
Dr. Sini, M.	M.A, UGC NET M.Phil, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Village and community studies, Gender studies, Kinship studies, Endogenous Development	12	M.Phil.-4

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professor: Nil

13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty – programme-wise information : Nil

14. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio

1. M.A. : 6.6

2. Ph.D. : 3

15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned, filled and actual : Field Assistant (sanctioned technical) - 1

16. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies:

Development studies, Medical Anthropology, Tribal studies, Globalization and Decentralization, Livelihood studies, Knowledge utilization.

17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title and grants received project-wise.

1. UGC Post Doctoral Research Award 2014-16. Amount sanctioned is 2 lakh.

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received : Nil

a) National collaboration

b) International collaboration

19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE,

etc.; total grants received:

UGC-SAP DRS-1. Total 21 Lakh received

20. Research facility / centre with
- state recognition : Yes
  - national recognition : Yes
  - international recognition : Yes
21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies : Nil

22. Publications:

Name	a	B	c	d	e	f	G
Vineetha Menon	17			4	1		
S. Gregory	4		1				
B. Bindu	7	2	3				
M.S. Mahendrakumar			1		2		
M. Sini	4		1				

a. Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national/international)

b. Monographs : 2

c. Chapters in Books : 5

d. Edited Books : 4

e. Books with ISBN with details of publishers

1. Environment and Tribes in India: Resource Conflicts and Adaptations. (Written By Prof. (Dr.) Vineetha Menon. ISBN- 9788180698729, Concept Publishing Co. New Delhi.
2. Social Change among the Cultivators (Written by Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar) ISBN - 9350560150, 9789350560150, Discovery Publishing Co., New Delhi.
3. Audio-Visual Anthropology – A New Version of Visual Anthropology. (Written by Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar) ISBN – 9788180699207, Concept Publishing Co., New Delhi.

f. Number listed in International Database (For *e.g.* Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.).

g. Citation Index – range / average

h. SNIP

23. Details of patents and income generated : Nil

24. Areas of consultancy and income generated : Nil

25. Faculty selected nationally / internationally to visit other laboratories/institutions / industries in India and abroad.

1. Prof. (Dr.) Vineetha Menon, York University Canada for Ph.D. programme (1995).
2. Prof. (Dr.) Vineetha Menon, IGRMS, Bhopal for Training in Museum Workshop (2010).
3. Prof. (Dr.) S. Gregory, University of Chicago as Nehru Full-Bright Visiting Lecturer (2008).
4. Dr. B. Bindu, London School of Economics and Political Science, England, as Post Doctoral Fellow (2007).
5. Dr. B. Bindu, IFMR, Chennai for Training in Recent Advances in Cultural Psychiatry (2009).

6. Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar, Department of Sanskrit, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady for a National Workshop on Myth, History and Sanskrit Literature (2014).
  7. Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar, Krishna Menon Memorial Government Women's College, Kannur for National Workshop on Econometric Tools for Panel Data Analysis (2014).
  8. Dr. M. Sini, IGRMS, Bhopal for Training in Museum Workshop (2010).
  9. Dr. M. Sini, CWRDM, Kozhikode, for a Workshop on Research Methodology, Writing Practice and Language Skills for Women Scientists (2011).
26. Faculty serving in
- a) National committees b) International committees c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify)

Prof. (Dr.) Vineetha Menon

- Member of the Executive Council of Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram. Two years w.e.f. 15th June 2013.
- Member, Permanent Cell for Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women, Kannur University. Since 2001
- Served as Peer Reviewer for Journal of Comparative Family Studies, 2010-11
- Member, Editorial Board, Studies on Ethno-medicine.
- Member, Editorial-cum-Advisory Board, Himalayan Studies Journal, a biannual double-blind refereed international research journal published by the Institute of Integrated Himalayan Studies, UGC Centre of Excellence, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.
- Member, Faculty of Humanities, Kannur University. 2013
- UGC Nominee to the Advisory Committee, Special Assistance Programme, Dept of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad. 2012-
- Life Member of Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. (since July 2012).
- Nominated member of the Expert Committee on Social Science Research in the Universities in Kerala with Prof. Romila Thapper as Chairperson
- Nominated Observer by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, for the Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members at the Department of Applied Economics, CUSAT.

Prof. (Dr.) S. Gregory

- Member, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, 2013
- Life Fellow in the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), Kolkotta
- Life Fellow, and Joint Secretary of the Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), Kolkotta
- Life Fellow in the Indian Academy of Social Sciences (IASS), Allahabad
- Life Fellow in the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi
- Life Member in the Mangalore Sociology Association (MSA), Mangalore
- Life Member, Society for Indian Medical Anthropology (SIMA), Mysore
- 2006-11: *Journal of Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities* (IRISH, Thalassery (Two Issues as Member, Editorial Board, and Eight Issues as Associate Editor)

Dr. B. Bindu

- Alumni Member, Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science, England.
- Life Member, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)
- Associate member,
- National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore. India
- Member, National Observatory for Anthropological Research (NOAR), Karnataka-India
- Member, SAARC forum of Social Scientists
- Member, Editorial Board of, 'International Journal of Social and Economic Research' (online ISSN).
- Associate Editor, Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, to be published by Kannur University, Kerala

Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar

- Member, Core Committee for the editing and preparation of Self Study Report for NAAC Accreditation (Cycle-I) 2014.
- Life Member, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA).
- Life Member, Anthropological Association, Mysore.
- Member, Board of Studies, Kannur University- Anthropology (2013- Cont....).

Dr. M. Sini

- Life Member, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)
- Member, Board of Studies, Kannur University- Anthropology (2013- Cont....)
- Life Member, INSOSO (Indian Sociological Society)

27. Faculty recharging strategies (UGC, ASC, Refresher / orientation programs, workshops, training programs and similar programs).

Dr. B. Bindu – Attended two Refresher Courses (2010 and 2011)

Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar – Attended one Refresher Course (2010).

Dr. M. Sini – Attended one Refresher Course (2011).

28. Student projects

- a percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects - Nil
- b percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities industry / institute – Nil

29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- a Faculty – 1. Prof. (Dr.) Vineetha Menon received the Panchanan Mitra Lectureship Award (2015) instituted by Asiatic Society, Kolkata for distinguished contribution to Anthropology.  
2. Dr. B. Bindu received UGC Research Award for the year 2014-16
- b Doctoral / post doctoral fellows : Nil
- c Students : Nil

30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

1. UGC-SAP National Seminars on Indigeneity, Ecological Stress, Resource Conflicts and Adaptations on 10 and 11 March 2009.
2. UGC-SAP National Seminar on Women's empowerment, Gender-Justice and Inclusive

Development: Issues and Perspectives on Tribal India, Organized by the Department of Anthropology, Kannur University on 10 and 11 February 2010.

3. Ten-Day Exhibition on Human Origins, Genome and People of India between 13 and 23 December 2010 at Science Park in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
4. Two Day-Workshop on Anthropological Research, Teaching and Training in Kerala: Retrospect and Prospects on 20 and 21 December 2010, Park in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
5. Anthropological Film-Fest on 22 December 2010, at Kannur University Thalassery Campus, Palayad, Park in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
6. Two-day National Seminar on the focal theme 'Anthropology in the Service of Human Society and Culture' on 16 and 17 February 2012, to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Prof L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer and to mark the beginning of the Silver Jubilee of the PG Teaching in the Department.
7. Indian Anthropological Congress – 2013 (10<sup>th</sup> INCAA Congress) on the Focal Theme 'Anthropology and the Future of Humankind', Between 14 – 16 February 2013, under the Aegis of the Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists and in collaboration with ICSSR, IGRMS, KIRTADS and INCAA Kerala Chapter.
8. One day seminar on Right to Education Acts jointly organized by Kerala Federation of the Blind, National Institute for visually Handicapped, Dehradun and Department of Anthropology- Kannur University on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014
9. National Seminar on Dr. PRG Mathur and his Contributions to Anthropology, organized by Folkland, KILA-Thrissur, Kerala Folklore Academy and Department of Anthropology-Kannur University on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at KILA, Thrissur
31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments:  
The codes as envisaged by the UGC, Govt of Kerala and Kannur University for the conduct and promotion of research activities

32. Student profile programme-wise:

Name of the Programme (refer to question no.4)	Applications Received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
M.A.	33	7	14	38	100
M.Phil.	6	0	5	0	100
Ph.D.	1	0	1	Course work	

33. Diversity of Students

Name of the Programme (refer to question no.4)	% of students From the same	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from universities outside the State	% of students from other countires
M.A.	85	15	11	Nil
M.Phil.	100	0	0	Nil
Ph.D.	50	25	25	Nil

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise.

NET - 20

SET - 25

JRF - 4

35. Student progression

Student Progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	---
PG to M.Phil.	25 %
PG to Ph.D.	10 %
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	9 %
Employed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Campus Selection</li> <li>▪ Other than campus recruitment</li> </ul>	No Campus Selection process
Entrepreneurs	Nil

36. Diversity of staff

Percentage of faculty who are graduates of	
the same University	20 %
Other Universities within the State	40 %
Universities from other States	40 %
Universities outside the country	

37. Number of faculty who were awarded M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period:

One Ph.D. awarded in the year 2011

38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to

- a) Library: Campus Library
- b) Internet facilities for staff and students: Wi-Fi internet connection
- c) Total number of class rooms : 3
- d) Class rooms with ICT facility : 2
- e) Students' laboratories : 1
- f) Research laboratories : Nil

39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates

- a) from the host institution/university

Doctoral students:

1. Varun Thampan
2. Sajina Bharathan
3. Madhu Narayanan
4. Shaji T.V.
5. Manojkumar A.
6. Mini P.V.

- b) from other institutions/universities : Nil
40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university: Nil
41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology: Nil
42. Does the department obtain feedback from
- Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?  
Yes. Department follows a systematic multi-level process in the design, development and implementation of the Post Graduate curriculum. Considering the UGC Model Curriculum and the inputs received from the faculty the Department proposes the Curriculum Structure and Syllabus.
  - Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?  
Based on the feedback from the students remedial measures and coaching are given to students by mentors and in tutorials.
  - Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback?  
The feedback is incorporated while revising the syllabus.
43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10)
1. Dr. M. Sasikumar, Deputy Director, Anthropological Survey of India.
  2. Dr. S. Bindu, Director, KIRTADS, Kozhikode.
  3. Dr. B. Francis Kulirani, Superintending Anthropologist (Rtd.), Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore.
  4. Dr. Seetha Kakkoth, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU, Vatakara Regional Centre.
  5. Dr. George Tharakan, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Central University, Hyderabad.
  6. Dr. Bindhulakshmi P., Faculty, Advanced Centre for Women Studies, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai.
  7. Dr. Ratheesh Kumar, Faculty, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi.
  8. Manibhooshanan A., Regional Deputy Director, Backward Communities Development Department, Kozhikode.
  9. Dr. Priya K.R., Assistant Professor, Amrita Viswa Vidya Peedam, Coimbatore.
  10. Dr. Sona, E., Course Director, Department of Rural and Tribal Sociology, Kannur University, Mananthavadi Campus.
44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts.
- Special Lectures:
1. Prof. (Dr.) Vinaykumar Srivastava, Delhi University.
  2. Prof.(Dr.) P. Venkata Rao, University of Hyderabad.
  3. Prof (Dr.) PC Joshi, Delhi University
  4. Prof. (Dr.) Subhadra Mitra Channa, Delhi University



5. Prof. (Dr.) Shalina Mehta, Panjab University, Chandigarh
  6. Murkoth Ramunny, IAS retd. on: "Tribal Development Issues in India".
  7. Prof. (Dr.) P. Venkat Rao, University of Hyderabad on "Modernity and Civilisation: Future Challenges".
  8. Prof. (Dr.) PC Joshi, Delhi University on: "Traditional Healing Systems: Status and Future.
  9. Prof. (Dr.) Maria Ines Arratia, Mc Master University, Canada, on " Symbolic Anthropology".
  10. Dr. K.K. Chakravarthy, Chancellor, National University of Planning and Administration, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. On: "Re-orientation of Heritage Education: Re-cognize or Perish".
45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes.  
Lectures with PowerPoint presentations, Seminar, Assignments, Tutorial, Practical and Group Discussions are conducted. Scholars have to make regular presentations based on research topics within and without syllabus followed by discussions where teachers lead and supplement the discussions of the students.
46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?  
Test papers, Seminar presentations, Assignments, Group Discussions and tutorials are part of the continuous assessment of students for which internal marks are given.
47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.  
Both students and faculty are actively involved in extension activities. The students of the Department every year hold important positions in the Department Students Union in various capacities and lead other students in extension activities.  
Faculty members also contribute to extension activities.  
Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar, Assistant Professor, is the Co-ordinator of UGC Coaching for Entry into Services for SC/ST/OBC (Non creamy layer)/Minority students and conducted three Civil Services Coaching Programmes in the Thalassery Campus during 2013-2014.  
Dr. M. Sini, Assistant Professor, is the University Level Co-ordinator of Acquire Scholarship Programme from 2012 onwards and conducted many training programmes.
48. Give details of "beyond syllabus scholarly activities" of the department.  
Organised Invited Lectures.
49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details.  
The programmes are the approved programmes of Kannur University which in turn are approved by other universities and govt. agencies like Public Service Commissions.
50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.  
Dr. M.S. Mahendrakumar, Assistant Professor of the Department has proposed a new Theory of Social Change in India, "Peculiarisation" and published it through his book entitled 'Peculiarisation- A New Theory of Social Change in India' and he has also developed a new branch of anthropology as 'Audio-Visual Anthropology – A New Version of Visual Anthropology', which was published in 2013 from a leading publisher of New Delhi. Both

contributions are incorporated in the M.A. Syllabus of the Department.

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Strength

1. Qualified Faculty
2. Good library
3. Comfortable teaching environment
4. Convenient class rooms
5. Curriculum is updated with national level curriculum

Weaknesses

1. Lack of computers
2. Lack of enough practical tools
3. Lack of Permanent Field Assistant
4. Lack of advanced software
5. Student computer ratio is low

Opportunities

1. The only one Anthropology Department in Kerala
2. Good interactions with Anthropology related Departments and Organisations
3. Opportunity to conduct field based research and study
4. Opportunity to publish anthropological findings
5. Opportunity to interact with society

Challenges

1. Employment opportunities for outgoing candidates will have to be augmented
2. No undergraduate programmes in Anthropology have started in Kerala
3. Anthropology in Higher Secondary is confined to the northern districts of Kerala
4. The Department have to make steps to start UG programmes in Anthropology to maintain the link in higher education
5. The Department has to start new PG and/or PG Diploma programmes with new specializations.

52. Future plans of the department.

1. Planned to conduct National and International Seminars and Conferences in the new areas of Anthropology.
2. Planned to start a Journal of Anthropology.
3. Planned to start new PG and/or PG Diploma programmes in Anthropology.
4. Planned to start a placement cell.