



**CHAVARA
EXCELLENCE
FOR SOCIAL
TRANSFORMATION
LECTURE SERIES 2026**



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**February 2026
Monday, 10 am**



SRI YOGENDRA YADAV
Political Thinker and Activist





Dear all,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the 2025-'26 edition of the St Chavara Excellence Lecture Series will be held on 2 February 2026 at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium, Kochi.

This year, the Lecture Series will feature Sri Yogendra Yadav, political activist and Convener of the Bharat Jodo Abhiyaan, as the distinguished speaker. His presence and address are expected to offer valuable insights and stimulate thoughtful engagement on issues of contemporary relevance.

Your presence at this prestigious annual event will be a great honour and an encouragement to us. The St Chavara Excellence Lecture Series serves as a platform for bringing together leading voices from diverse fields and fostering informed public dialogue within the academic community.

We sincerely look forward to your participation and support in making this event a meaningful academic gathering.

Regards,
Dr C. S. Biju
Principal
Sacred Heart College
Kochi



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10.00 AM

Receiving the Guests
with Guard of Honour by NCC

10.05 AM

Receiving the Guest
at the Principal's office

10.15 AM

College Anthem and Chavara Hymns

10.20 AM

Introduction and Lighting
the Ceremonial Lamp

10.30 AM

Welcome Address by Dr C. S. Biju,
Principal, Sacred Heart College, Kochi

10.40 AM

Presidential Address by
Rev. Dr Varghese Kachappilly CMI,
Manager, SH Institutions, Kochi

10.50 AM

Introducing the Speaker by Dr Jinu George,
Senior Woman Faculty Member

11.00 AM

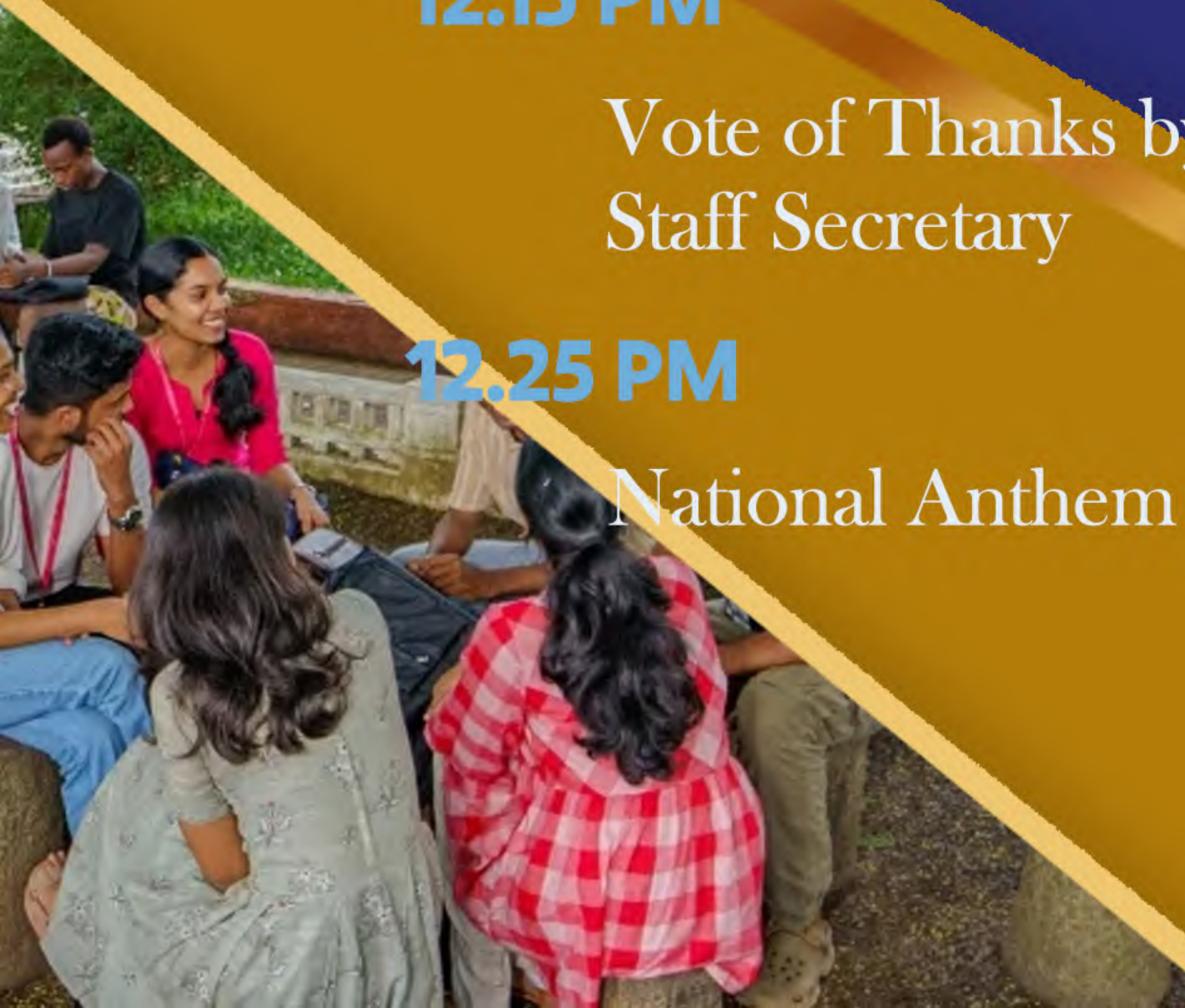
St. Chavara 'Excellence for Social Transformation'
Lecture 2026 by Sri Yogendra Yadav
followed by an Interaction Session

12.15 PM

Vote of Thanks by Dr Roby Cheriyan,
Staff Secretary

12.25 PM

National Anthem





St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara

St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara's name endures indelibly in Kerala's historical annals, celebrated not merely for his profound contributions to the Catholic Church, but for the revolutionary reforms he spearheaded in the state's social and cultural renaissance. A spiritual alchemist, St. Chavara devoted himself to transforming a Kerala society mired in ignorance, illiteracy, and casteism—beset by untouchability, discrimination, and exploitation. In a Promethean endeavour, he kindled the light of knowledge among the marginalized multitudes, guiding them into the mainstream of social life and progress.

Mindful of education's paramount role in empowering the vulnerable, he instituted *pallikoodams*—schools affiliated with churches—and opened their doors to students from every stratum of society.

Venerated as a great sage, educationist, founder of religious congregations, and one of Kerala's earliest social entrepreneurs, St. Chavara established the CMI congregation. Among the myriad CMI educational institutions spanning the nation, Sacred Heart College, Thevara, holds a singular position of distinction.

Yet St. Chavara's exemplary leadership during Kerala's nascent renaissance remains underexplored and undercommemorated as an enduring paradigm for posterity—a mission to which the Sacred Heart community remains steadfastly committed.

