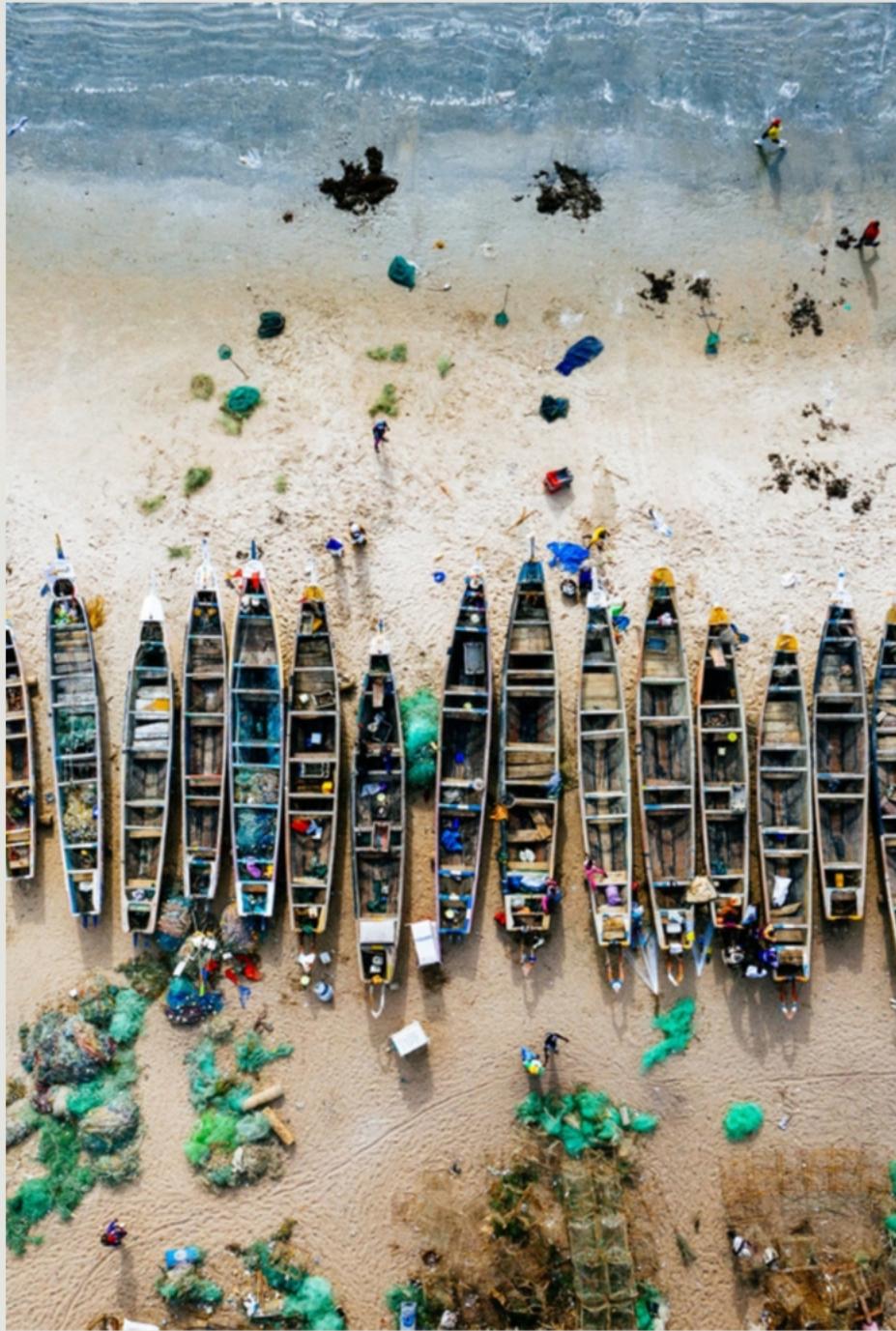


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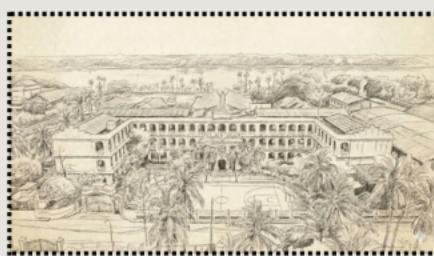
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Chairman (rtd), KCHR and Former Vice Chancellor, Kannur University

Prof. Pius Malekandathil

Protosyncellus of the Eparchy of Kothamangalam and Professor (rtd), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University



Prof. Sarath Menon-Chembottil
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Programme Schedule

Day 1, Thursday, 22nd Jan. 2026

- 10.00 A.M. **Inauguration**
- 10.45 A.M. **Tea Break**
- 11.00 A.M. **Plenary Session 1: Kochi: Building an Urban Complex in and around a Port by Prof. Michael Tharakan**
- 12.30 P.M. **Lunch Break**
- 01.30 P.M. **Plenary Session 2: Of Palimpsests and Peripheries: Mapping the Artscape of Kochi by Dr. C. S. Jayaraman**
- 02.45 P.M. **Tea Break**
- 03.00 P.M. **Paper Presentations**

Day 2, Friday, 23rd January, 2026

- 10.00 A.M. **Plenary Session 3: Dynamics and Meanings of Dual Urbanity in Early Modern Cochin by Rev. Fr. Pius Malekandathil**
- 11.15 A.M. **Tea Break**
- 11.30 A.M. **Plenary Session 4: Scapes, Overlays, Erasures: An Eastern Tragedy. by Dr. Sarath Menon, (Online)**
- 01.00 P.M. **Lunch Break**
- 01.45 P.M. **Paper Presentations**
- 03.00 P.M. **Tea Break**
- 03.15 P.M. **Valedictory Function**

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