

Day 1 – 8 August 2025

The celebration commenced with an inaugural session presided over by ITSR Director Harikumar. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Bijitha P. R. (HOD, Sociology), followed by the inauguration of *Onjappa Manpodu – 3* by Majid, Tribal Development Officer, Sulthan Bathery.

The Chief Guest, Vasumali Thoda (Veteran Indigenous Leader and Writer), delivered the keynote address on the significance of protecting indigenous cultures and traditions in the context of globalization.

The second session, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., was addressed by Dr. Kumaran Vayaleri (Writer and Former Professor, Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady), who spoke on "*Kerala Tribal Art and Culture*." The day concluded with cultural performances by students, including a special programme by the first-year Nagapattu section.





Day 2 – 9 August 2025

As part of the “*Four Days with Community*” initiative, *Community Engagement Activity 1* was conducted, engaging students with tribal communities through role-sharing, oral history interactions, and cultural immersion.

In the afternoon, the *Talimeren Memorial Football Tournament* was organized in memory of Dr. Talimeren Ao, celebrating the sporting spirit of indigenous communities.

Day 3 – 10 August 2025

The morning session featured “*Heirs of the Earth*,” a workshop for tribal children focusing on self-reflection, storytelling, and creative activities.

In the afternoon, a dialogue with tribal women farmers at Poovanji Hamlet highlighted indigenous agricultural knowledge and sustainable livelihood practices.

The finals of the *Talimeren Memorial Football Tournament* were held, with B.Com 3rd-year students emerging victorious against B.A. Sociology 2nd-year students.

Day 4 – 11 August 2025

The *P. K. Kalan Memorial Lecture* was delivered by Vinod Manjeri on the theme “*Tribal Public Education Movement and Community Education*.” He emphasized the role of education in strengthening indigenous communities.

In the afternoon, the Arts and Culture Club hosted a Tribal Folk Song Competition, where students presented traditional songs, showcasing the vibrancy of indigenous musical heritage.

Day 5 – 12 August 2025

The day began with a legal awareness programme by Advocate V. M. Joy, who discussed mechanisms for legal aid and the protection of rights.

This was followed by sessions on drug abuse prevention and sexual health awareness conducted by Bhadra Ajith Kumar (Psychiatric Social Worker, IMHANS).

In the afternoon, the *Indigenous Youth Dialogue* featured discussions and performances by actor-singer Chandru Wayanad, artist Rajesh Anchilen, and writer-poet Sindhu Manganiyan, who reflected on indigenous literature, folk arts, and music.



Day 6 – 13 August 2025

The day began with a talk on *“Tribal Women and Intersectionality”* by Remya V. R. (District Resource Person, Mahila Samakhya, Wayanad), who examined the intersecting impacts of gender, class, and community background on tribal women’s lives.

In the afternoon, Talking Circles were held on *“Music at Fingertips”* and *“Adivasi Stories in the Age of AI.”* A reading session followed, featuring excerpts from *Adima Makkan*, *Valli*, and *Pazhakkada*.

Later, a debate competition on *“Marendath Padana Muriyo or Padana Reethiyo”* engaged students in critical reflections. The day concluded with the screening of a documentary film on indigenous communities.



Day 7 – Valedictory Day (14 August 2025)

The valedictory session, held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., began with the formal address and the honouring of the Chief Guest, Dr. Ammini K. Prizes were awarded to winners of various competitions, and the magazine “*Oonthali*” was formally released. A mini-exhibition and the presentation “*Nanka Padhanatta*” were also showcased.

The *Mayilamma Memorial Lecture*, delivered by Dr. Ammini K., focused on “*Adivasi Rashtreyam – Charithram, Varthamanam*” (Adivasi Politics – History and Present), providing deep insights into the struggles and resilience of tribal communities.

The programme concluded with reflections on the eight-day celebration, highlighting indigenous creativity, knowledge, and the continuing struggle for rights and recognition.

Conclusion

The Indigenous Day celebrations at ITSR (8–14 August 2025) successfully combined academic engagements, cultural events, sports, and community-based learning. The programmes emphasized the resilience, creativity, and knowledge systems of indigenous peoples while addressing their contemporary challenges. Students, faculty, and community members actively participated, making the celebration a vibrant and meaningful event that upheld the spirit of indigenous pride and solidarity.

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