

## **ITSR WEBINAR ON “LAKSHADWEEP: INVADING ITS LAND AND CULTURE”**

30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021, 11.00 am

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| Welcome speech:       | Dr. Shafeeque K                          |
| Presidential address: | Dr. Ahamed Sirajudheen (Head, ITSr)      |
| Resource person:      | V. Musafir Ahmed (Writer and Journalist) |
| Felicitation:         | Faculty/Teachers                         |
| Interactive session:  | Teachers/students                        |
| Vote of Thanks:       | Mr. Mujeeb Rahman                        |

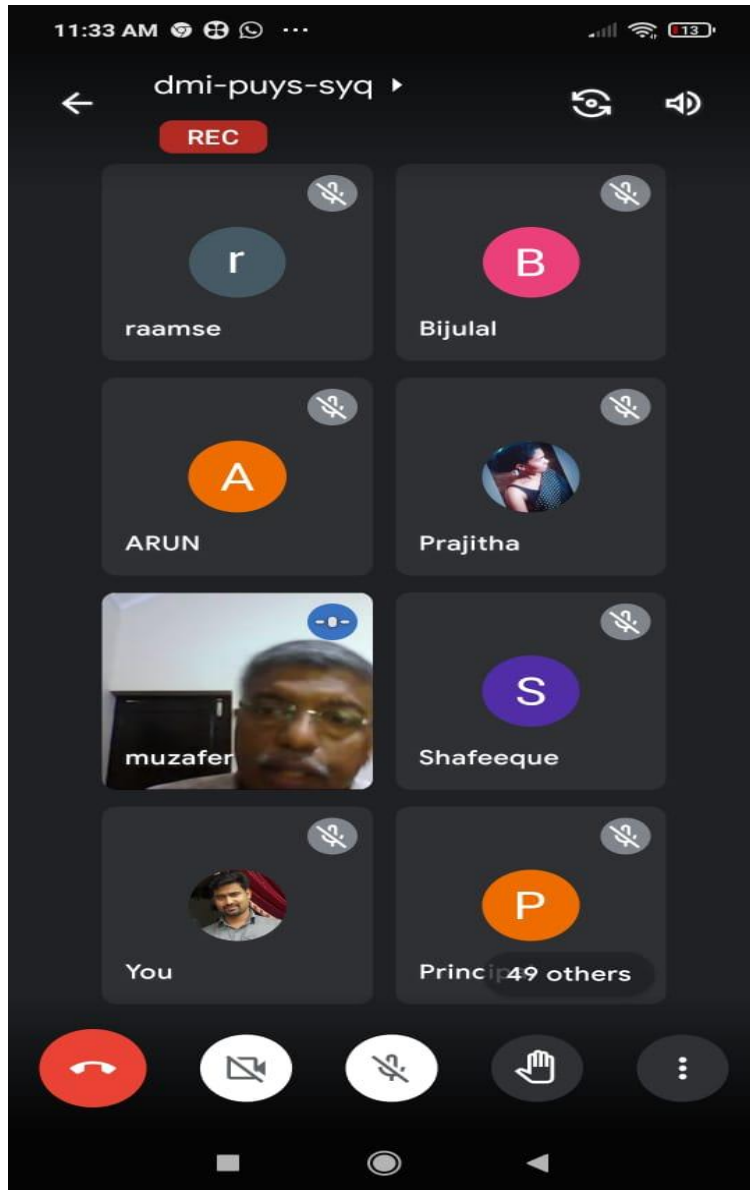
## **REPORT OF WEBINAR ON “LAKSHADWEEP: INVADING ITS LAND AND CULTURE”**

Institute of Tribal Studies and Research (ITSR), Chethalayam, Wayanad, conducted a webinar on “**Lakshadweep: Invading its Land and Culture**”, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021, at 11.00 am. The resource person invited to speak in the webinar was the famous Malayalam writer and Kerala Sahitya Academy Award winner V. Musafir Ahmed. The webinar commenced with the welcome speech of Dr. Shafeeqe K, the faculty (Dept. of Sociology), who gave brief note on Lakshadweep and introduce the chief guest. In his welcome speech, he pointed out the present situation of Lakshadweep and the nature of the controversial laws implemented by the administrator of Lakshadweep. He also mentioned about the cordial relation exists between Kerala and Lakshadweep especially in terms of the wider support extended by the people of Kerala to this issue. Following the welcome speech, Dr. Ahammed Sirajudheen, (Head, ITSR) provide the felicitation address. He put it in a wider perspective that the present problem of Lakshadweep is part of the administrative agenda of state, wherein the elements of capitalism and communalism works together.

The chief guest V. Musafir Ahmed delivers his speech on the aforesaid topic. The speech attracts for its style, narration and the ways in which it presented. He primarily understood the present situation in Lakshadweep is part of the administrative project of acquiring adivasi land. He suspects that the entire issue is aroused when the administrator politically control its people for the purpose acquiring their land for tourism project. He substantiated his claims by highlighting numerous instances of tribal stories which happens in many parts of the world. Finally, he summarized that Lakshadweep issue is part of the corporate-political nexus for the alienation of advasis from their food habits, work, culture and finally from their habitat itself.

The webinar was very success in terms of the discussion held after the presentation of the chief guest. The faculty members of ITSR, such as Dr. Ahamed Sirajudheen, Dr. Jamaludheen, Mr. Sabeesh, and Mrs. Shilpa lead the discussion. The faculty members of other universities were also vigorously contributed in the discussion. It was also noted the active participation and co-operation of the students of ITSR throughout the webinar.

Finally, Mr. Mujeeb Rahman, faculty (Dept. of Sociology) delivered the vote of thanks. He admitted thoughtfulness of the speaker, especially putting the entire story of Lakshadweep into an adivasi perspective. He further believes that this type of an understanding can unfold many aspects of adivasis not only in Lakshadweep, but in many areas.



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