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Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam,Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Alapuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, and Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur , Idukki and Kasaragod Districts Districts

The competition aimed to enhance awareness and understanding among college students regarding the tribal communities of India, their cultural heritage, traditions, historical background, and contemporary socio-economic challenges. Special attention was given to the tribal communities of Kerala, which is home to several indigenous tribal groups. The event provided an academic platform for students to engage with issues related to tribal studies, social justice, and cultural diversity.

Quiz Competition

The quiz competition was conducted in an engaging and interactive manner, covering various aspects of tribal communities in India and Kerala. Multiple rounds tested participants' knowledge, analytical abilities, and awareness of tribal societies and related issues.

The questions covered topics such as:

- Tribal communities of India and Kerala
- Traditional livelihood practices and indigenous knowledge systems
- Tribal culture, customs, rituals, and belief systems
- Constitutional safeguards and provisions for Scheduled Tribes
- Government welfare and development programmes for tribal communities

Important tribal settlements and the socio-cultural characteristics of tribal groups in Kerala. The competition encouraged participants to develop a deeper understanding of tribal heritage and contemporary issues affecting indigenous communities.

Participation

The programme witnessed active participation from colleges across all districts. Students enthusiastically took part in the competition and demonstrated a keen interest in learning about tribal communities and related issues. Total 14 district level programmes were conducted in different districts .

Thiruvanathapuram

The competition was held on **September 29, 2025**.The primary goal of this quiz competition was to impart knowledge to students about Scheduled Tribe communities and the importance of their socio-cultural characteristics.The designated topic for the quiz competition was "Tribal Communities of India and their Socio-Cultural Characteristics, especially in the context of Kerala". The College level competition was held in collaboration with Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreekaryam. A total of 30,Students participated in the college level competitions. The details of the winners in the Thiruvananthapuram District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows:

1st Place	Malavika T, Abhirami S.G	Kerala University, Karyavattom Campus
2nd Place	Adithyan D.M, Subhadra	Mar Ivanios College
3rd Place	Gauri Shankaran M.P, Jithu Jayesh	All Saints College





Kollam

A quiz competition on the topic ; Tribal Communities and socio - cultural characteristics of India , with special reference to Kerala ‘ was successfully

conducted for college students of Kollam district on 6 November 2025 . The College level competition was conducted in collaboration with Fatima Mata National College. A total of 28 students participated.Certificates and mementos were distributed by Mr Augustine Paul , HOD History department, Dr Vinyl Paul , Assistant professor , History Department along with Mr Sanal Raj M K , Senior Superintendent. The details of the winners in the Kollam District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows.

The first - Jeevan Rajeev & Alphi Stephan

Second price - Ebin Edgar & Adithya S

Third price - Salma Naushad & Anagha Jorly





Pathanamthitta

Quiz competition for college students of Pathanamthitta district was on 5 November 2025 in collaboration with St Thomas college Kozhanchery. A total of 22 students participated in the competition. The details of the winners in the Pathanamthitta District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows.

First price - Rajeshwari PR & Reshma Rahul

Second price - Adithyan P & Parvathy R

Third price - Devooty S & Asin A







Alappuzha

District Level Quiz Competition for College students of Alapuzha District was held on 31st october 2025 in collaboration with Mar Gregorios College Punnapra .. A total of 10 students participated in the competition. The details of the

winners in the Alappuzha District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows:

First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Muhammad Nasweeb 9746105085 & Sajan Thankachan 9072055768 - Mar Gregorius College , Punnapra	**Anjana R Kamal 9142060346& Ancy F M 7736895937 St. Joseph College for women**	**Gauri Manoj 9037716376& Haifa H 6238163998 Mar Gregorius College Punnapra**




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Kottayam

The Kottayam District Level College Quiz Competition on the theme "Tribal Communities of India, with Special Reference to Kerala" was conducted on 3 rd December 2025 at BCM College Kottayam . A total of 28 students participated in the competition. The details of the winners in the Kottayam District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows:

First Prize

Ardhra C R &Nandhana Krishnan.B,St.Thomas College ,Pala

Second Prize

Allan shaji & Sruthy Nandhana .M.S ,St.Thomas College ,Pala

Third Prize

Anjitha Saji & Dona James ,St.Thomas College ,Pala





Eranakulam

The college level programme happened in collaboration with Union Christian College, Aluva Ernakulam District on 15 th Octoberber 2025 . A total of 13 students participated in the competition. The programme commenced with a

welcome address by Ms. Nayana V., Lecturer in Sociology, KIRTADS.The session was presided over by Dr. S. M. Varghese, who, in her presidential remarks, emphasised that the tribes of Kerala are not merely a constitutional entry, but communities whose presence precedes the very notion of the nation-state. To include them is not an act of benevolence but it is an obligation of historical justice.The Chief Guest, Dr. Jenee Peter, Head of the Department of History, Union Christian College, Aluva, delivered the felicitation, followed by the formal inauguration by Dr. Mini Alice, Principal, Union Christian College.Prize distribution was carried out by Dr. Mini Alice, and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Nandita I. R, Investigator, KIRTADS. The details of the winners in the Erunakulam District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows:

1. First Prize – Anugrah V. K. and Nithiya Paulose – Union Christian College, Aluva

2. Second Prize – Abhinay K. Ashokan and Alex Jose – CUSAT

3. Third Prize – Sona Devi and Aliya Fathim – Union Christian College, Aluva




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UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE





Thrissur

The college level programme happened in collaboration with Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur District on 15 th Octoberber 2025 . A total of 37 students participated in the competition. The details of the winners in the Thrissur District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows

First Prize: Drishya & Feba – PMGC College, Thrissur

Second Prize: Sneha T. Ramesh & Sona Raju – Government IHSC, Thrissur

Third Prize: Aishwarya K. R. & Keerthana C. C. – Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur




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Palakkad

The programme was conducted on 31 October 2025 at Government Victoria College, Palakkad, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce of the college. The programme began with an introductory session organised in collaboration with the Department of Commerce at Victoria College, Palakkad, and Government. The programme was introduced by Smt. Deepa S., Lecturer, KIRTADS Department, who welcomed the participants and briefly explained the significance of organising a quiz competition focusing on tribal communities of India and Kerala. The participants were then addressed by Dr Sankaran U. M., Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Government Victoria College, Palakkad, who highlighted the importance of understanding the cultural diversity and socio-economic realities of tribal communities in India. In his address, he emphasised that academic engagement with tribal studies is essential for promoting social awareness, inclusive development, and respect for indigenous knowledge systems. A total of 22,Students participated in the college level competitions.

The details of the winners in the Palakkad District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows

First Prize - Hanusha V and Raina Shirin from Mercy College, Palakkad.

Second Prize - Abhirami and Sruthy Das from Vishnu Ayurveda College, Shoranur.

Third Prize - Anirudh V and Ayishabi A. V from Government Victoria College, Palakkad.


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Malappuram

The Malappuram District Level College Quiz Competition on the theme "Tribal Communities of India, with Special Reference to Kerala" was conducted on 06 November 2025 at MES College, Malappuram in collaboration with the Centre for Dalit and Tribal Studies (CDTS), Department of History, MES College, Mampad.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sabik, Principal, MES College, Mampad. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the importance of understanding the cultural heritage, social life, and development challenges of tribal communities. He also appreciated the initiatives taken by KIRTADS in organizing academic programmes that help students gain knowledge about tribal societies and their contributions to the cultural diversity of India. A total of 22,Students participated in the college level competitions. The details of the winners in the Malappuram District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows

First Prize

Rameez V, MES College, Mampad &Athul Raj K P, Panyagad, Muthuvallur, Kondotty

Second Prize

Mohamed Arshed P P & Muhamed Shaheem M V

Third Prize

Nidha Sherin A P & Shimna P








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QUIZ COMPETITION



Wayanad

The Wayanad District Level Quiz Competition was held on 29 September 2025 at Model Residential School, Kaniyambatta, Wayanad . The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Jassela K., Headmistress, Model Residential School, Kaniyambatta. Smt. Deepa,Lecturer introduced the programme and explained its objectives and significance. Dr. Jafar .K,Research Assistant delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Preliminary-level quiz competitions were conducted at the institutional level using model question papers prepared by KIRTADS. Selected students from various institutions participated in the district-level competition. A total of 10,Students participated in the college level competitions. The details of the winners in the Wayanad District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows:

First Prize -Adhil T & Jumma Abdulla Kannur University Campus

Second Prize- Abhiram Krishna & Ram Yadhav Government College, Mananthavady

Third Prize- Aiswadh Ahammed & Anas Muhammed WMO College, Muttil







Idukki

The Idukki District Level College Quiz Competition was conducted on 4 December 2025 at Government College, Kattappana, Idukki. The programme commenced with an inaugural session held at Government College, Kattappana. The participants, faculty members, and guests were warmly welcomed by the organising team.

The competition was formally inaugurated by Dr.Kannan, Principal, Government College, Kattappana, who delivered the inaugural address. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of understanding the history, culture, and contributions of tribal communities in India. He emphasised the role of educational institutions in promoting social awareness, inclusiveness, and respect for indigenous knowledge systems.The inaugural session also included an introduction to the objectives of the programme and an overview of the activities planned for the day. The details of the winners in the Idukki District Level College Quiz Competition are as follows:

Winners

Sisira K. S. and Hridya P. M.

Government College, Kattappana

Second Prize

DineeshaMariyam Daniel and JeslineTeres Bijoe

Newman College Thodupuzha

Third Prize

Sivaprasad P. S. and Aslam Ashraf

MES College Nedumkandam







Kozhikode

The first event in this series was held in Kozhikode district on June 15, 2025, specifically targeting college students. The event was organized as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of freedom fighter and tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda. To ensure wide participation, information about the quiz was disseminated through direct visits to colleges, as well as through email, phone calls, and newspaper announcements.

A total of 18 students from various colleges in the district participated in the competition. The birth anniversary celebration of Bhagwan Birsa Munda was formally inaugurated at the department campus by Dr. Shashikumar M, Joint Director, Anthropological Survey of India. The event was presided over by Dr. Pradeep Kumar K S, Deputy Director, Training Division. Poet Ms. Lijina Kadumeni was also present during the occasion.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the quiz competition was conducted. Nine teams participated, out of which the top three scoring teams were selected for the final round. After an intense competition, the winners were announced.

Winners of the Competition:

- **First Prize:**

  Adwaith M S, Navaneeth Suresh , Government Law College, Kozhikode

- **Second Prize:**

  Namshad Puikkal, Amal Hasin, Farooq College, Kozhikode

- **Third Prize:**

  John Ajith & Muhammed Rafi C P, Government Law College, Kozhikode







Kannur

Kannur District Level Quiz Competition was conducted on 15 October 2025 at Government Brennen College, Thalassery, Kannur .The programme was

formally inaugurated by Dr. Vasanthi, Principal, Government Brennen College, Thalassery, who emphasized the importance of academic initiatives that promote knowledge about marginalized communities and their cultural traditions. The quiz competition was conducted by Mr. Raneesh Muhamed, who served as the Quiz Master and efficiently moderated the programme with a series of well-structured and informative questions related to tribal history, culture, governance systems, constitutional safeguards, and development programmes. The overall coordination of the programme was carried out by Dr. Jafar K., KIRTADS, who ensured the smooth conduct of the event and coordinated with participating institutions and students.

The students participated with great interest and displayed strong academic understanding of the subject. At the conclusion of the competition, the First Prize was secured by Nahla Moideen and Anjana Parveen, the Second Prize was won by Kirthana K.V. and Muralika K.V., and the Third Prize was awarded to Dhansree P.P. and Vishnu Priya K.M.. The college-level competition reflected a high level of academic engagement and awareness among students regarding tribal communities and their socio-cultural characteristics.







Kasargod

Kasargod District Level Quiz Competition was conducted on 05 December 2025 at Govt.College, Kasaragod. The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. Balakrishanan, Assistant Professor Dept. Of Economics, Govt.College, Kasaragod. In his inaugural address, sir highlighted the academic relevance of such programmes and emphasized theimportance of fostering awareness and

respect for the socio-cultural heritage of tribalcommunities. The objectives and scope of the programme were explained by Deepa S., Lecturer, KIRTADS, who formally introduced the event. She outlinedthe educational significance of the quiz competition, particularly in relationto tribal studies, indigenous knowledge systems, and cultural diversity.

A total of 20 students from different colleges in Kasaragod participated in the competition. Lasitha V and Suvitha, Knnair, from Nehru Arts and Science College, Padannkadthe First Prize, Muhamed Misbahand Vijithvinod from Zainab Memorial B. EDCentre, Kasaragodgot theSecond Prize, Abhilash K And Fathimath Farha Banu Govt. Arts and Science College, Uduma Secured Third Prize.







The quiz competition in all districts of Kerala has strengthened awareness and academic understanding of indigenous communities among students within the district itself. The competition encouraged students to explore several important aspects related to tribal communities, including:

- **Tribal history and migration patterns**
- **Traditional governance and social organization**
- **Cultural rituals, belief systems, and festivals**
- **Educational and occupational mobility**
- **Constitutional and legal safeguards for Scheduled Tribes**

Follow-Up and Recognition

The first place winners from each category are eligible to participate in the State Level Quiz Competition. All participating students received Certificates of Participation. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners as per Government guidelines

Conclusion

The District Level Quiz Competition was a significant academic initiative aimed at promoting awareness about tribal communities and their socio-cultural heritage. The programme successfully fostered knowledge, inclusivity, and social responsibility among students from schools and colleges across the district. Through such educational initiatives, KIRTADS continues to strengthen outreach programmes and promote awareness about tribal communities and their rich cultural heritage across Kerala.

DIRECTOR

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The District-Level Quiz Competition aimed to enhance awareness and understanding among college students about the tribal communities of India, with special reference to Kerala. The competition encouraged students to explore tribal history, culture, traditions, constitutional safeguards, welfare schemes and contemporary socio-economic issues. Students from colleges across all 14 districts of Kerala participated enthusiastically, making the programme a meaningful academic initiative for promoting knowledge, inclusivity and social responsibility.

14 DISTRICTS
14 DISTRICT LEVEL PROGRAMMES

COLLEGE STUDENTS
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM ACROSS KERALA

KNOWLEDGE
COMPETITION THAT INSPIRES LEARNING AND AWARENESS

RECOGNITION
CERTIFICATES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS & CASH PRIZES FOR WINNERS

AWARENESS
PROMOTING TRIBAL HERITAGE, RIGHTS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY



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"Understanding tribal communities is not only about acknowledging the past, but also about building an inclusive and just future together."

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