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# PROF. JACOB JOHN KATTAKAYAM

## FIFTH MEMORIAL LECTURE

**After Massification:  
The Democratization of Discontent in Indian  
Higher Education**

HOSTED BY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)



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*Speaker*

**PROF(DR.) SATISH DESHPANDE**

Professor of Sociology (Rtd), Delhi School of  
Economics, University of Delhi

**16** February  
2026  
Monday

Time: 11:00 AM (IST)

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## Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam



*A Seasoned Academician, Educationist, Research Guide, Administrator, Leader, Organiser, an Affectionate & Enabling Mentor and Friend.*

Professor Kattakayam was an accomplished academician, a passionate scholar, and a practitioner in Sociology with more than four decades of teaching and research experience in Sociology. He was in the forefront of the discipline of Sociology at the regional, national and international realms and had contributed immensely to the growth of the discipline. A tireless advocate of the problems of elderly, he took up elder abuse as a special concern and has helped to set up Vigilance Committees and counseling programmes in several rural and urban locations to prevent its occurrence. An indefatigable campaigner, he stood for the rights of the elderly and raised this issue even in the UN's Open-ended Working Group on Ageing sessions in New York. He adorned several coveted positions, notable among them were Vice-President of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Ageing, Member of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Board of Directors of International Rural Network (IRN), Canada, President and Secretary (2 terms) of the Indian Sociological Society, Member of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR, 2005-2008), Former Director of the UGC Academic Staff College & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kerala. He had served as Visiting Professor in many universities in the USA and Canada, and had visited and delivered lectures in several universities in Europe, South America, Australia, Africa and Asia. An inspiring teacher, capable of eliciting the best from his students, he was instrumental in changing the lives of many of his scholars. An administrator par excellence and a storehouse of social capital, his memory is cherished by all who came in contact with him.

## SPEAKER

### Prof(Dr.) Satish Deshpande

*Professor of Sociology (Rtd), Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi*



Satish Deshpande retired from the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi in 2023, and is now an independent scholar living in Bengaluru. His interests include class and caste inequalities; social justice policy; higher education; and the history and politics of the social sciences, including questions of pedagogy and language.

## CHAIRPERSON



### Prof(Dr.) J Prabash

*Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala*

Dr. J. Prabash is a political scientist and academic leader, formerly Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kerala, with a longstanding career in higher education, governance and policy.



# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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<b>11:00 AM - 11:03 AM</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
	<b>Dr. Sheethal S Kumar</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala
<b>11:03 AM - 11:05 AM</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
	College Choir
<b>11:05 AM - 11:08 AM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	<b>Dr. Nisha Jolly Nelson</b> Head, Department of Sociology, Loyola College of Social Sciences & Convenor, Prof.Jacob John Kattakayam Fifth Memorial Lecture
<b>11:08 AM - 11:13 AM</b>	<b>Memoir</b>
<b>11:13 AM - 11:18 AM</b>	<b>Principal's Address</b>
	<b>Dr. Prakash Pillai R</b> Loyola College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)
<b>11:18 AM - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Presidential Address</b>
	<b>Prof(Dr.) J Prabash</b> Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala
<b>11:30 AM - 12:15 PM</b>	<b>Memorial Lecture</b>
	<b>Prof(Dr.) Satish Deshpande</b> Professor of Sociology (Rtd), Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
<b>12:15 PM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Reminiscence &amp; Vote of Thanks</b>
	<b>Prof(Dr.) Anishia Jayadev</b> Professor, Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvananthapuram
<b>12:30 PM - 02:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>02:00 PM - 03:00 PM</b>	<b>"Doing Social Research: Circumventing Issues and Challenges"</b> An Interactive session with Prof(Dr.) Satish Despande



## ABSTRACT

### AFTER MASSIFICATION:

### THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF DISCONTENT IN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

The astonishing rate at which enrolment in higher education has expanded in the 21st century is an undeniable fact today. Equally undeniable, however, is the evidence that this “massification” has not brought the benefits that were supposed to follow from the democratization of higher education. In particular, the tripling (roughly) of the enrolment ratio has not helped to lower India’s unprecedented levels of inequality by offering mobility to hitherto excluded or marginalised sections of our society. Why and how has this happened? What does the future hold for Indian higher education? These are some of the questions that this memorial lecture hopes to address.

J.J.K. Students’ Collective is a band of forty one research scholars who secured Ph.D under the supervision and mentoring of Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam, majority of whom are presently teachers and researchers across the country and abroad.

Institute of Social Research and Action (ISRA) is a voluntary organization founded by Prof. Jacob John Kattakayam with a few of his scholars and close associates. The main objective of this organization is to engage in study, research, training, and advocacy on social issues and generate socially significant knowledge. He was its founding Chairperson.

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