

Institutional Distinctiveness

A.F. Sealy



Alfred Forbes Sealy was the first principal of Maharaja's College. A F Sealy started his career as an elementary school headmaster in Ernakulam. When the school was elevated as a college after 24 years, he became the first principal of the college. He got the college building constructed in the model of his former place of work in the Cambridge University. Sealy was born in India to William Benjamin Dawson and Mary Annie, both employees of the British East India Company. He studied and worked in England before taking up his assignment in Kochi.

Pandit Karuppan



Pandit Karuppan was a poet, dramatist, and social reformer. He was the professor in Malayalam in Maharaja's College. He was called the "Lincoln" of Kerala for steering socio-economically and educationally backward communities to the forefront. Hailing from a community of inland fishermen who engaged in localised fishing in backwaters and rivers, Karuppan became a Sanskrit scholar, poet and dramatist of repute. As the first human rights activist of the Cochin State, he used his literary skill and organizational ability to combat illiteracy, social injustice, casteism, and superstitions. He campaigned for the empowerment of backward caste people, who at that time were not even permitted to enter Ernakulam.

G. Sankara Kurup



G. Sankara Kurup better known as Mahakavi G (The Great Poet G), was an Indian poet, essayist and literary critic of Malayalam literature. He was a professor in Malayalam in Maharaja's College. Known as one of the greats of Malayalam poetry, he was the first recipient of the Njanapedam, the highest Indian literary honour. He served as a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha from 1968 to 1972 and received the Padma Bhushan, the third highest Indian civilian award, in 1967. He was also a recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award and Soviet Land Nehru Award.

K. G. Sankara Pillai



K. G. Sankara Pillai is an Indian poet. He came into prominence in the 1970s with the publication of the poem "Bengal" and is now one of the most popular among the modernist poets of Kerala. A recipient of the state and central Sahitya Akademi Awards in 1998 and 2002 respectively, his writings in Malayalam have been translated into many Indian languages, as well as Chinese, French, German, English and Sinhala. He has been a professor in Malayalam, and then the Principal of Maharaja's College., titled Samvidhayaka Sankalpam.[2]

O.N.V Kurup



Ottaplakkal Neelakandan Velu Kurup, popularly known as O.N.V. Kurup or simply and endearingly O.N.V., was a Malayalam poet and lyricist from Kerala, who won the Jnanpith Award, the highest literary award in India for the year 2007. He was a professor in Malayalam in Maharaja's College. He received the awards Padma Shri in 1998 and Padma Vibhushan in 2011, the fourth and second highest civilian honours from the Government of India. In 2007 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by University of Kerala, Trivandrum.

K.N. Menon



Dr. K. N. Menon was a Professor in Chemistry in Maharaja's College. He worked first at University College, London and later at Oxford University. He completed his doctoral research under Nobel laureate Sir Robert Robinson in natural product chemistry in London University. His best work was the elucidation of the active principle of Nux vomica and was termed Menon-Robinson structure of Strychnine.

M.K Prasad



A biologist by qualification, **M.K. Prasad** spend over 30 years in the academic arena holding various positions in the Kerala higher education system including Principal of the Maharaja's College Ernakulam, Kochi. Prof. Prasad has authored numerous books and monographs in Malayalam on environmental issues and popular science and co-authored a techno-economic and socio-political assessment of the Silent Valley Hydro Electric project.

M. Krishnan Nair



M. Krishnan Nair was an Indian academic, orator, literary journalist and literary critic of Malayalam literature. He was a recipient of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Overall Contributions and the B. D. Goenka Award for excellence in literary journalism. He served as the head of the department of Malayalam.

M. K. Sanu



M. K. Sanu is a Malayali writer, critic, biographer, journalist, orator, social activist, and human rights activist. He was a professor in Malayalam in Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. He is a prominent literary figure who has authored over thirty-six books. He is a permanent

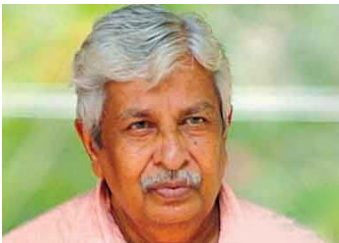
member of the International body for Human Rights, as well as the founding member of the Mithram, School for Mentally Handicapped, in Mulanthuruthy, Ernakulam District, Kerala. In 2011, M.K. Sanu won the Padmaprabha Literary Award.

Mundanat Leelavathy



Mundanat Leelavathy is a Malayalam writer, literary critic, and educationist. She was a professor in Malayalam in Maharaja's College. During her long literary career, she won several awards including Kendra Sahithya Academy Award and Kerala Sahithya Academy Award. She is a recipient of Padma Shri Award.

C. R. Omanakuttan



C.R. Omanakkuttan is an Indian writer, humorist and cultural activist from Kerala. He worked as a professor in the Department of Malayalam in Maharaja's College. In addition to short stories and novels he has written satirical and biographical articles. He was awarded the 2010 Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Humour for his book *Sri Bhuthanathavilasam Nair Hotel*.

L. Vishwanatha Ramaswami Iyer



L. Vishwanatha Ramaswami Iyer popularly known as L.V.R., was an Indian linguist who specialized in Dravidian languages. He is remembered as a pioneer of Malayalam and Tulu linguistics. He was a professor in English in Maharaja's College. Ramaswami Iyer had his early schooling in Trichur and completed his intermediate from the Maharajah's College, Ernakulam in first class. Iyer graduated in geology from the Presidency College, Madras in 1914 and in law from the Madras Law College in 1916. Iyer practised as a lawyer at Trichur and Ernakulam before joining the Education Department of the Cochin service and worked as a school teacher at Kunnamkulam and Ernakulam.

Nileena Abraham

Nileena Abraham (née Dutta) is a writer and translator. She was born in Pabna. After earning master's degrees in Bengali language, political science and history, she moved to Kerala and worked as a professor of Bengali at Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. She has translated more than eight Bengali works into Malayalam and ten Malayalam works into Bengali. She has won the Sahitya Academy award for translation in 1989 for Bengali translation of Pathummayude Adu and Balyakalasakhi, a collection of Malayalam short stories by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer.

B Hridayakumari



B. Hridayakumari was a well writer, academician, orator and educationist. She was a professor in English in Maharaja's College. She had written extensively and gave lectures on literature, philosophy and education and had served on various education-related committees

of the government. She bagged the Kerala sahitya academy award in 1991 for her book 'Kalpanikatha'. She has written a well-received autobiography 'Nannipoorvam'.

B. Sujatha Devi



B. Sujatha Devi, was an award-winning writer and an environmental activist. She was a professor in English in Maharaja's College. She had won the Kerala Sahithya Academy award for the best travelogue for her work *Kaadinte Thalam Thedi*. She wrote poems under the pseudonym Devi. Her poems have been collected under the title *Mrnmayi*. She had played a leading role in the anti-Silent Valley Project struggle in the late 1970s and was active subsequently too in several environmental battles in the State and elsewhere.