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Harnessing New Technologies for Creative Disruption

By

Dr Ashok Thomas
Assistant Professor,
Indian Institute of Management,
Kozhikode

10.00 am
Wednesday, 12th March 2025
College Seminar Hall

Invitation

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are immensely happy to invite you to the 28th Annual Lecture scheduled to be held at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 12th March 2025, in the College Seminar Hall.

The theme of this year's lecture is ***Harnessing New Technologies for Creative Disruption*** in the context of AI and its applications in economic growth, labour market and financial markets. The lecture will be delivered by **Dr Ashok Thomas, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode**. The lecture will be followed by a discussion. Dr. Icy K John, Former Principal, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla will be the moderator.

Your valuable presence and active participation in this academic event are humbly solicited.

With warm regards,

Dr Mathew Varkey T K
(Principal)

Mr Anoop Koshy George
(Head of the Department)

Mr Aravind Sankar N.
(Co-Ordinator)

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(Organizing Committee)

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(Secretary, Economics Association)

06-03-2025

PROGRAMME

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m

- Prayer Song : *Department Choir*
- Welcome : **Anoop Koshy George**
(Head, Dept. of Economics)
- Presidential Address : **Dr. Mathew Varkey T K**
(Principal)
- Moderator : **Dr. Icy K John**
(Former Principal, Mar Thoma College, Tiruwalla)
- Keynote Address : **Dr Ashok Thomas**
Assistant Professor,
Indian Institute of Management,
Kozhikode
- Discussion*
- Vote of Thanks : **Aravind Sankar N.**
(Assistant Professor,
Dept. of Economics)



Dr. Ashok Thomas is an economist and Assistant Professor at IIM Kozhikode. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pisa, Masters Degree from the University of Hyderabad, and Bachelors Degree from the University of Madras. His research examines topics such as the influence of pension funds on market volatility, the role of financial literacy in market participation, public health subsidies, and the economic empowerment of rural women entrepreneurs. In addition to his academic role, he has engaged in consultancy work and participated in European Union-supported research projects, with his findings published in several peer-reviewed journals. He has to his credit widely cited publications in top-tier journals such as the Journal of Financial Stability, Journal of Economic Surveys, and Oxford Development Studies.