



## LECTURES IN HONOUR OF K N PANIKKAR

THEME

**INDIA - SECULARISM  
DEMOCRACY & SOCIALISM**

28 February, 2021 - 4 pm - 6.30 pm

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### Brief Profile of Dr. K.N. Panikkar

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*(Director, Institute for the Studies in the Heritage of Coastal Kerala-ISHCK)*

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Lecture 2 : Irfan Habib  
*(Professor Emeritus, Aligarh Muslim University)*

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*(Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council)*

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*(Professor Emeritus, JNU, New Delhi)*

Lecture 4 : Rajeev Bhargava  
*(Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies)*

Reflections: G. Arunima  
*(Director, Kerala Council for Historical Research)*  
Sheeba K.M.

Reply Speech: K N Panikkar  
*(Professor, Sriee Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady)*

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