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## **MERCY COLLEGE PALAKKAD** **DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES**



# *Arnos Padiri Chair Inauguration*

**19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
**MAIN SEMINAR HALL**  
**@10 AM**



**Dr. Sr. N. M. Louly**  
Principal  
Mercy College



**Fr. Dr. George Joseph**  
Thenadikulam S.J.  
Arnos Padiri Academy  
Velur



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Professor & Head of the Department  
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Govt. Victoria College Palakkad.

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The Department of Languages, Mercy College Palakkad, organized the Inauguration of the Arnos Padiri Chair and MoU Signing Ceremony on 19th August 2025. The primary aim of this programme was to preserve and promote the literary legacy of Arnos Padiri, foster academic research and collaborations, and to create awareness about the socio-cultural impact of missionaries in the 19th century.

The programme was presided over by Dr. Sr. N. M. Louly, Principal, Mercy College, who emphasized the relevance of language and literature studies in higher education and appreciated the department's initiative in instituting the Arnos Padiri Chair. The session was inaugurated by Fr. Dr. George Joseph Thenadikulam S. J., Director, Arnos Padiri Academy, Velur, who highlighted the legacy of Arnos Padiri, one of the pioneering figures in Malayalam literature. An MoU between Mercy College, Palakkad and Arnos Padiri Academy, Velur was signed on this occasion, marking a new milestone in collaborative academic and cultural exchange.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sushmakumary K. S., Professor and Head, Department of Malayalam, Government Victoria College, Palakkad, on the topic "Social Scenario of the 19th Century and Contributions of the Missionaries." Her talk shed light on the transformations that Kerala witnessed in the nineteenth century, highlighting the pioneering role played by missionaries in the spheres of education, literature, and social reform. The program was not only a tribute to the remarkable contributions of Arnos Padiri but also a forward-looking academic initiative. It marked the beginning of a new phase of scholarly collaboration, cultural enrichment, and historical reflection. By bridging the past with the present, this initiative promises to inspire future generations of students and researchers to engage deeply with Kerala's literary and socio-cultural heritage.



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