



**The Director
Centre for Development Studies
Thiruvananthapuram**

cordially invites you to the

Sixth P. K. Gopalakrishnan Memorial Lecture

on

***'Women's rights to land and the
challenge of the commons'***

to be delivered by

Professor Nivedita Menon
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Date : **18 February 2016 (Thursday)**
Time : **4 p.m.**
Venue : **CDS Auditorium,**
Prasanthnagar, Ulloor, Thiruvananthapuram
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Please join us for high tea after the lecture
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The late Dr.P.K.Gopalakrishnan was one of the outstanding civil servants who played an important role in setting up advanced institutions of research in Kerala during 1970-80. The Centre is one among them. As Secretary to the Government during the Chief Ministership of the late C. Achutha Menon, Dr. Gopalakrishnan provided significant support in formulating a science and technology policy for

Kerala. He served as Member-Secretary to the State Planning Board and was Secretary, Planning until his retirement. After retirement he served as Member, State Planning Board and Chairman of the Committee for Economic Affairs of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee.

To perpetuate the memory of Dr. Gopalakrishnan, his family has instituted an Endowment at the Centre. This lecture is organised as part of the activities of the endowment.



Nivedita Menon, Professor at Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, is the author of *Seeing like a Feminist* (2012). Apart from research papers in Indian and international journals, her previous books are *Recovering Subversion: Feminist Politics Beyond the Law* (2004); and a book co-written with Aditya Nigam *Power and*

Contestation: India after 1989 (2007). She also has two edited volumes *Gender and Politics in India* (1999) and *Sexualities* (2007); and a book co-edited with Aditya Nigam and Sanjay Palshikar *Critical Studies in Politics. Exploring Sites, Selves, Power* (2013).

She is a regular commentator on contemporary issues on the collective blog **kafila.org** (of which she is one of the founders), and active in democratic politics in India.

She also has translated fiction and non-fiction from Hindi and Malayalam into English, and from Malayalam into Hindi, and received the AK Ramanujan Award for translation instituted by Katha.