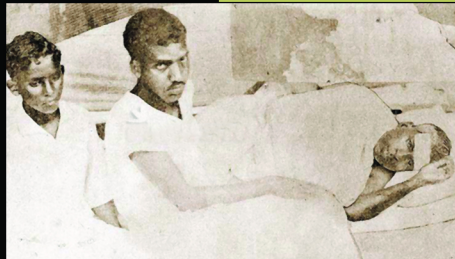




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of*
GURUVAYOOR SATYAGRAHA SMARAKAM

Dear friend,

It takes a rare confluence of stars to create a true-blood leader. A rarer one to mould a staunch servant out of such leader-material. And those of us who are privileged to witness this unique spectacle have every reason to consider ourselves blessed. Comrade K. Madhavan's evolution from a rich landlord to a humble peasant activist in our own times is one such extraordinary phenomenon because it speaks of arrogance giving way to empathy, and of indifference morphing into involvement, as a sensitive individual chose to become a man of action and a defender of the underdog rather than be an ivory tower intellectual. What nobler way to cherish his values and perpetuate his idealism than by launching a project that is fuelled by his principles and vision?

The K. Madhavan Foundation was set up at Kanhangad in 2010 to carry forward the legacy of this political stalwart who stood in the forefront of all the struggles waged in the soil of Malabar during 1930-50 against British imperialism and landlordism.

Madhavettan, as he is fondly known, turned 101 on Aug. 26, 2015. Harnessing the collective energy that was triggered by the year-long centenary celebrations in Kanhangad, the Foundation wishes to extend its activities to newer areas and make a meaningful contribution to creating an egalitarian society, a dream very close to his heart. This includes plans for establishing a scientifically-designed geriatric care centre, setting up a well-equipped library for advanced research in topics related to the freedom and agrarian struggles and culture, adopting colonies inhabited by the socially and economically backward people, imparting vocational training to youngsters, etc. Holding school/college level seminars at regular intervals to inspire the younger generation to fight social evils like corruption, communalism and parochial practices will be another priority area.

However, in order to place K. Madhavan Foundation in the mainstream of social activities of north Malabar, a central office is of paramount importance. The Foundation has decided that this office will be known as Guruvayoor Satyagraha Smarakam because it is one of the historic struggles in which Madhavettan took an active part. The Kerala government was kind enough to sanction 7 cents of land on the side of NH 17 in Kanhangad for this purpose. The immediate aim of the

Foundation is to construct a building to accommodate an office, a meeting hall as well as library. Our decision is to start construction work in January 2016 and to complete it by Dec. the same year. The budget is estimated at Rs 1 crore and the idea is to raise funds mainly through Crowdsourcing. Substantial donations from the state and central governments are also expected.

On this occasion, we request all of you – friends, relatives and well-wishers of Madhavettan – to join in this noble venture, and contribute liberally to the building fund. Your cheque/draft may kindly be drawn in favour of the General Secretary K. Madhavan Foundation, Kanhangad and those who prefer net-banking may send their contributions to the Foundation Account no. **40464100013012, IFSC: KLGB0040464** (Kerala Gramin Bank, Kanhangad Branch, Ph: 0467-2204104)

Earnestly soliciting your generous participation in this noble venture,

E. Chandrashekar, MLA
Chairman

Dr. C. Balan
General Secretary

Adv. C.K. Sreedharan
Treasurer





Milestones in K. Madhavan's Political Career

- 1915** Born to Aechikannath Cherakkara Raman Nair and Kozhummal Unnanga Amma in Kanhangad, North Malabar
- 1927** Schooling primarily at Vijnanadayini Sanskrit National School, Kanhangad, the first major turning point.
- 1928** Selected volunteer, under Vidwan P Kelu Nair, in Payyannur KPCC conference
- 1929** Embraced nationalist politics on Gandhiji's 60th birth anniversary
- 1930** Youngest member in the historic march from Kozhikode to Payyannur; subjected to brutal police lathi charge; 6 months' rigorous imprisonment at Kannur Central Jail
- 1931** Youngest member in the march led by Subramanian Thirumumbu and AKG from Kannur to Guruvayur as prelude to the historic Guruvayur Satyagraha
- 1932** Led picketing of foreign clothes in Kanhangad; beaten unconscious by the police
- 1934** Member of the Congress Socialist Party inspired by P Krishna Pillai and EMS Namboodiripad; 1st Secy of Congress Socialist Party, Kasaragod Taluk
- 1937** Led peasants' movement in Kasaragod Taluk; 1st secretary of Taluk Peasant Union
- 1938** Member of KPCC
- 1939** Joined Communist Party; 1st Kasaragod Taluk Secy & Member, Malabar Committee
- 1941** Life in hiding, as Communist Party Kasaragod Taluk Secy, following the Kayyur incident on 29 March; continued political activities
- 1943** While in hiding, accompanied All India Communist leaders to Kannur Central Jail, daring police arrest, when Kayyur comrades were sent to the gallows
- 1947** Arrested at Kanhangad on Independence day; spent the night in police lock-up
- 1950** A reward of Rs 1000 on his head; arrested; brutal torture; long imprisonment
- 1957** Candidate of undivided Communist party from Hosdurg constituency for the 1st Kerala Legislative Assembly Election; lost
- 1972** Honoured with Tamrapathram by the Govt. of India
- 1984** 1st edn of memoirs Payaswiniyude Theerathu (Prabhath Book House)
- 1992** Oru Gramathinte Hridayathilude - monograph on his political experiences in Madikkai; Communist Samara Naayakar - profiles of fellow comrades
- 2000** 2nd edn of memoirs, renamed Oru Gandhian Communistinde Orammakal
- 2010** Constitution of K Madhavan Foundation in Kanhangad; 3rd edn of autobiography
- 2011** English version of the autobiography On the Banks of the Tejaswini (NBT, India)
- 2013** Conferred honorary Doctorate in Letters (D. Litt.) by Kannur University
- 2014** Birth centenary celebrations at Kanhangad inaugurated by Hon. CM of Kerala; 4th edn of autobiography; English version of monograph, A Village Comes to Life
- 2015** Celebrated 101st birthday on August 26