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### **Book Release honoring Prof.M.A.Oommen**

*Development, Decentralization and Democracy*, a collection of essays edited by the Director of ISS, Dr.Ash Narain Roy and Dr.George Mathew, Chairman, ISS in honor of renowned economist Prof.M.A.Oommen was officially released by the Honourable Governor of Kerala, Justice P.Sathasivam on 13<sup>th</sup> October,2015 at Muscat Hotel, Trivandrum, Kerala.

Amongst his rich and diverse credentials, Prof.Oommen has been a fellow at Yale University, USA, a Senior Fulbright Fellow, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and a Post-Doctoral fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation in 1969-70 with over several hundred academic publications to his name. He is presently Emeritus Professor with the Institute of Social Sciences and Regional Coordinator for its Thiruvananthapuram centre.



While presenting the book, Dr.Ash Narain Roy stated that the volume is a deeply challenging one for those engaged in development and grappling with issues that matter for equity and social justice. He further said that the volume is an enduring testament to the scholarship of Prof.Oommen who has spent a life-time researching on the theme.



Releasing the book, The Governor of Kerala said that good economists should consider all sections of the society, especially those who receive less attention. The Director of Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and Kerala DGP T. Senkumar along with UNDP Advisor John Samuel were some of the other dignitaries at the book release.

Immediately after the book release function, a national seminar on Development, Decentralisation and Democracy was organized at the same venue. Professor Manoranjan Mohanty of the Council for Social Development, Dr Rajan Gurakkal, former Vice-Chancellor of M G University, Dr John Samuel, Advisor, UNDP and Prof K N Harilal addressed the seminar, Dr Amit Shivan Ray, Director, CDS presided.

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