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# The Joy of Winning Together

From the challenging and uncertain times as UPSC aspirants at Fortune IAS Academy to cherishing the foundation course days at LBSNAA. They have come a long way together ❤️



From left, our very own  
Arya VM IAS (AIR-36),  
Anjana Krishna VS IPS (AIR - 355) &  
Ardra Ashok IRMS (AIR- 681)







## Results & **11** Years of Trust

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☆ Best Results in Kerala

# Success is Our Habit

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Fortune IAS Academy since its inception in 2014, has brought a sea change in the way civil service coaching is done. A student centric approach with excellent facilities and expert faculty has led it to become the best civil

service coaching institute in South India. In a short span of 11 years Fortune has been able to guide 460+ students into civil servants with integrity who shall remain “the steel frame” of the nation for years to come. However more

than the results it is the trust that students & parents bestow upon us that drives us forward. We believe this to be the reason why students & others associated with us, proud to be part of the Fortune Family.



Sajulal TR, Managing Director of Fortune IAS Academy receiving the 'Best IAS Academy in South India Award' in the function held at Delhi



# Mentored by Masters

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On the platform of Fortune IAS Academy, I have interacted with several successful aspirants from across Kerala who have had the benefit of its teaching and guidance. Based on my experience with Fortune IAS Academy, I am confident that our students are well qualified and well-motivated with the potential to become successful civil servants.

## **T.K.A Nair, IAS**

Former Principal Secretary and Advisor  
to the Prime Minister of India

I have had occasions to interact with the faculty of Fortune Academy as well as a number of civil service aspirants coached by the Academy. Fortune has proved time and again that it is one of the best coaching institutes in South India. The expertise, commitment, dedication and coaching techniques of the faculty at Fortune IAS Academy are unparalleled.

## **Vinson M Paul, Retd IPS**

(Former DGP and State  
Chief Information Commissioner)



# Advisory Board

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**T.K.A Nair, IAS (Retired)**

- ★ Indian Administrative Service, 1963 batch
- ★ Former Advisor to the PM of India with the rank of State Minister
- ★ Former Principal Secretary & Advisor to the Prime Minister of India
- ★ Former Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab



**HN Nair, ICLS (Retired)**

- ★ Indian Corporate Law Service, 1978 batch
- ★ Former Consultant with the International Monetary Fund (IMF)



**Bijulal TR, IFoS**

- ★ Indian Forest Service, 2004 batch
- ★ District Forest Officer (DFO), Nainital



**Sreevisakh RK (IRS-IT)**

- ★ Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax)
- ★ Former Faculty at Fortune



**Harikrishnan D (IRS-Customs & Central Excise)**

- ★ Indian Revenue Service, 2015 batch
- ★ Former Faculty at Fortune



# It Takes a Team To Win

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The core strength of Fortune is its team of young and dynamic faculty who are updated and attuned to the latest changes in the pattern of UPSC Civil Services Examination. The core team consists of alumni from premier institutes like IIM, IIT, NIT and CET who have taken it upon themselves to improve the quality of education in the country. We believe that the quality of our

team enables us to reach greater heights every year.

In fact many of our faculties have gone on to get IAS like Saju Vaheed, Hari Kallikat, Chandini Chandran, Anand O, Sreelakshmi Ram and Dheenah Dastageer. We leave no stone unturned to ensure that the best faculties are provided for every subject. We also invite guest faculties

regularly from Delhi, Hyderabad & Chennai, to ensure the best of experience for our students.

Another hallmark of the academy is the special bond that the students and faculty share. The human face of our approach has had many students comment that Fortune is more than just an academy, it is like family!



Being a very dynamic examination, a good teacher should be willing to continuously update himself and also have the energy to communicate his lecture in a crisp, interactive manner.

**-Sylesh Fernandes**, Academic Director



**Sylesh Fernandes**  
Academic Director



**Muni Darsan VG**  
Executive Director



**Anton Babu**  
Business Director



**Sherin Khadar**  
Executive Director



**Nitin Menon**  
Executive Director



**Achuth Gangadharan**  
Executive Director



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Geography



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Senior Faculty for  
Ethics & Current Affairs



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Economics



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General Essay



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Senior Faculty for  
Internal Security



**Fairuz M**  
Senior Faculty for  
General Essay



**Frijo Francis**  
Senior Faculty for  
Indian Society



**Dr Stanly Johny**  
Visiting Faculty for  
International Relations



# Taking a Vision Forward

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Despite the craze for government jobs in Kerala, the number of aspirants trying for a top role in Indian Civil Services was limited. A mix of lack of awareness, accessible mentors & self-doubt

were the listed as primary reasons for students from Kerala not aspiring for Civil Services.

Even for the few who do attempt the civil services examination, Delhi

was the only option until recently. The driving force behind the creation of Fortune IAS Academy was the experience of a person who wasn't happy with the prevailing situation.



Back in the day, my brother Biju Lal had to travel to Delhi to undertake his civil services coaching. In the process, he had to endure the harsh climate, high cost of living & other challenges in urban Delhi, along with the demands of this examination. When he went on to secure 18th rank in the Indian Forest Services Exam, it was his ardent wish to start a quality IAS Academy in South India, so that others would not have to face similar challenges. Fortune today is the culmination of his vision.

**-Saju Lal, The Managing Director**



The civil service examination is more like a marathon since entire cycle of Preliminary, Mains and Interview lasts for one year. Our vision is to instil EQ in our students along with IQ. Mentorship team led by Nitin Menon, Sherin Khadar and Achuth Gangadharan plays a pivotal role in the same.

**-Munidarsan VG, Executive Director**



# Systematic Course Plan Ensures Success

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## Comprehensive Coverage:

Covers the entire Prelims and Mains syllabus of UPSC civil service examination in 850+ class hours. CSAT, Current Affairs and Essay classes are integrated into the course plan.



## Engaging Classes:

Engaging and effective classes are provided by expert faculty. Classes are interactive and students are encouraged to ask doubts.



## Individual Mentorship

Receive personalized one-on-one mentorship from expert mentors who will clear all your doubts regarding preparation. They act as partners in your path to success.



## Progress Tracking:

Learning in the classroom is reinforced and progress is tracked through an intensive assessment system:

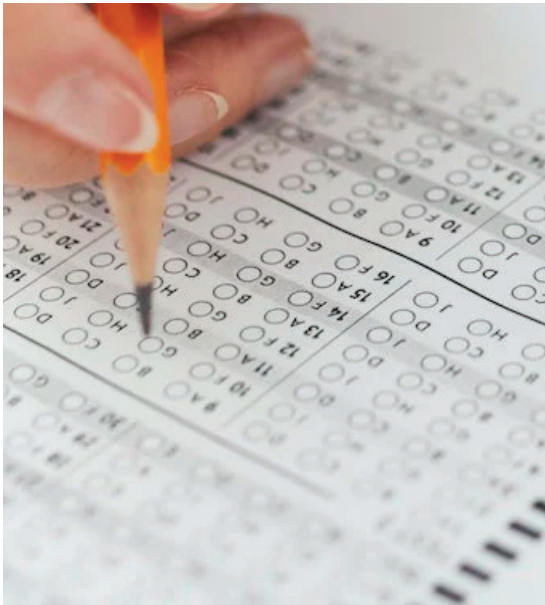
- Daily Revision Tests based on the previous class
- NCERT Tests to ensure strong foundation
- Daily answer writing practice
- Mains Test Series
- Prelims Test Series





## All India Prelims Test Series:

Prelims test series with the strongest post-test diagnosis and improvement mechanisms will be provided.



## All India Mains Test Series:

Mains Test Series closest to UPSC pattern is provided along with a strong individual feedback mechanism. The daily QIP (Quality Improvement Program) is highly sought after by students.



## Peer Learning

An innovative approach that enables learning from the peer group. A mentor curates the discussion among peers in the prelims last lap sessions.



## Interview Mentorship Program:

Individual DAF Analysis, Mock Interviews, Video Analysis of mock interviews, group discussions and handouts are provided.



## Current Affairs:

Weekly current affairs sessions complemented by daily analysis of The Hindu newspaper. Monthly magazines that cover current affairs from a prelims and mains perspective are an effective tool for current affairs revision.



## Study Materials:

- Study Kit (Fortune Success Series)
- Class Notes and Handouts
- PRECISE (Monthly Prelims Current Affairs Magazine)
- FWD (Weekly Digest for Mains)
- FIND & FINDER (Daily Current Affairs Magazine)



## Flexibility:

Classes will be conducted through both online and offline modes. Offline students will also have access to online live and recorded classes. This facility allows you to make use of online resources in case you are unable to attend classes in person.



## Toppers Talk

Toppers talks and toppers round table enables students to interact with the recent toppers.





# Extra-curricular Activities

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## Mentorship Talks

A platform for students to interact with eminent personalities

Former **UPSC** Chairman, **Dr D.P. Agrawal** addressing our students in 2019 at Trivandrum



## Fortune Fiesta

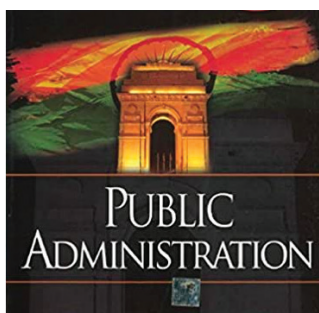
The cultural extravaganza of Fortune IAS Academy where students showcase their varied talents. The fest is a celebration of togetherness within the Fortune family.





## 04 Optional Subjects

UPSC Civil Services Mains consists of 9 papers out of which 2 papers are on the optional subject. An aspirant's score in the optional subject majorly impacts the overall score in the Mains exam. Hence it is essential to choose an optional subject wisely and have a wide array of subjects to choose from. Fortune offers the following 6 optional subjects:



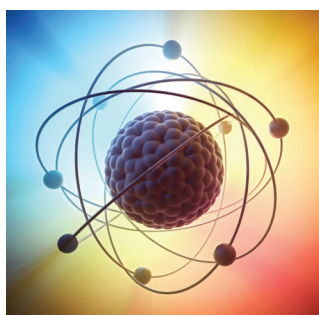
Public Administration



Political Science &  
International Relations



Malayalam Literature



Physics



Sociology



Geography

# Toppers Choice

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*Toppers Felicitation 2024 with former Principal Secretary and Advisor to the PM, T.K.A Nair as the chief guest accompanied by H.N. Nair, former Advisor to the IMF and World Bank*



*Toppers Felicitation 2025 with actor Asif Ali as the chief guest accompanied by former Principal Secretary and Advisor to the PM, T.K.A Nair and H.N. Nair, former Advisor to the IMF and World Bank*



*Her Story made History- Sreedhanya Suresh, IAS addressing the media at Fortune IAS Academy when the UPSC Results were announced*

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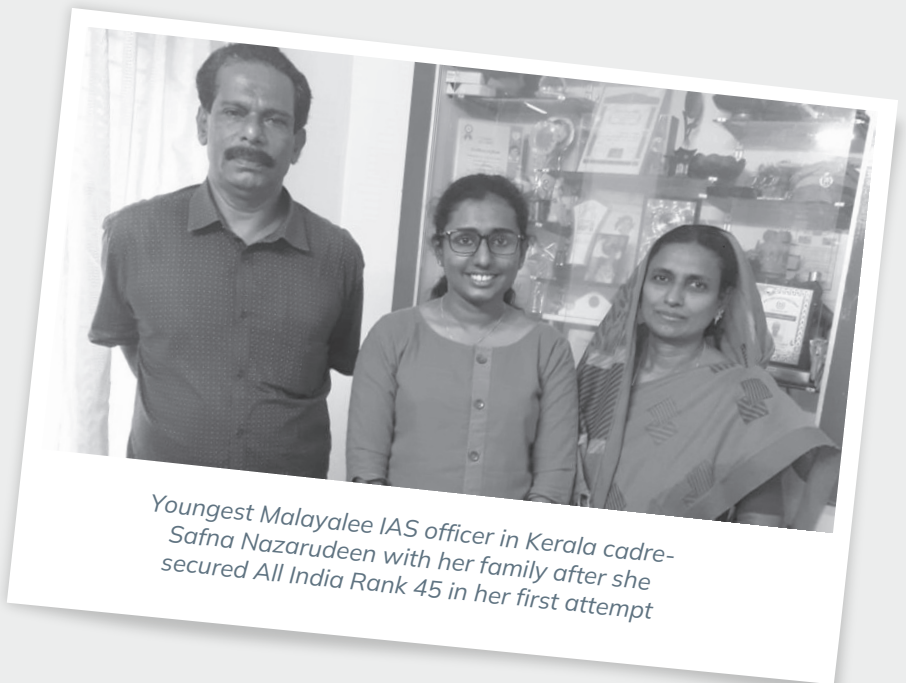
Fortune is where I realized my UPSC dream. I was fortunate to have received the guidance which particularly helped in my mains preparation. Special thanks to Muni sir, Thomas sir and Sylesh sir for guiding me towards my dream.

Sreedhanya Suresh IAS

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I joined Fortune IAS Academy immediately after my graduation and did my entire civil services preparation there. I am indebted to Nitin sir and Anand sir for all the guidance throughout my mains and interview preparation. My heartfelt thanks to Sherin sir, Anton sir, Muni sir, Sylesh sir and everyone at Fortune for being my guiding light and instilling the confidence in me that I will clear the exam.

Safna Nazarudeen IAS



*Youngest Malayalee IAS officer in Kerala cadre- Safna Nazarudeen with her family after she secured All India Rank 45 in her first attempt*





*Keeping the flag flying high- Hari Kallikat, IAS unfurling the national flag on Republic Day. He secured All India Rank 58 in the UPSC Civil Service Examination*



My Alma mater in civil service preparation-The role played by Vishakhettan & Muni chettan during all the years of my preparation is unmatched. Abhay chettan helped me in volumes for mains & interview preparation. In short Fortune was the source of inspiration and guidance which helped me in converting my dream into reality.

Hari Kallikat IAS



*Sreelekshmi R, IAS (AIR 29, 2018), in her office  
as the Sub Collector, Wayanad.*



*Arya VM, IAS (AIR 36, 2022), at her first posting as  
the Assistant Collector, Malappuram District.*



**Top 10: Felicitating Kerala Topper, Meera K who achieved All India Rank 6 in 2021. She was a scholarship student at Fortune.**



**IAS in first attempt: Anand Mohan who secured IAS in his first attempt being felicitated at Fortune**

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I cannot thank the entire Team Fortune enough for helping me through the entire Civil Services preparation. I've gained immensely from the classroom session & test series, but more than that I value the care & affection that teachers like Sylesh sir & Muni Darshan sir have showered on me. Thank You, Fortune!





**National Interview Topper 2018-  
Ramit Chennithala, IRS after being the  
national UPSC interview topper**

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My journey in civil services preparation begins & ends with Fortune. I became part of the Fortune family & as a family, they gave 360 degree contribution towards the achievement of my results, only 1% belongs to me, the rest 99 % is purely thanks to Fortune.



*From left: Dilip K Kainikkara IAS, Hridya S Vijayan IAS, Alfred OV IAS, Ashik Ali IAS and Akhil V Menon IAS on their Assistant Secretary postings with the Central Government.*

# Enabling a Good Learning Ecosystem

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Our reading room with 400 individual cubicles provides a good learning environment for focused learning. The students also often reinforce individual learning through peer discussions during breaks. This makes a huge difference in their eventual success.

**-Anton Babu, Business Director**



*Reading rooms with individual cubicles create the best learning environment.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO

# OUR KAS TOPPERS

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**RANK 1**



**Malini S**

**Rank 1 in KAS**

(Kerala Administrative Service)  
Stream 1

**RANK 2**



**Nandana S Pillai**

**Rank 2 in KAS**

(Kerala Administrative Service)  
Stream 1

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**Proud to have Mentored  
Parvathy Gopakumar, IAS who  
recently joined as the Assistant  
Collector of Ernakulam**







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Vinson M Paul IPS Retd (Former DGP and Chief Information Commissioner) felicitating the toppers Kasturi Sha (AIR 68), Fabi Rasheed (AIR 71), Annie George (AIR 93), Dr. Vineeth Lohidakshan (AIR 169), Dr. Manjima P (AIR 235), Swathi S Babu (AIR 522) and Oormila JS (AIR 561) who cracked the civil service examination in their first attempt.

# 7 Toppers

from Fortune IAS Cleared in Their

# 1st Attempt

# Toppers Talk

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**P K Sidharth Ramkumar**  
**AIR 04 in 2024**

A big thank you to Fortune IAS Academy for being my pillar of support throughout my prelims, mains and interview preparation. I was also a mentor at Fortune IAS and the interaction with students helped me fine tune my conceptual understanding of topics.

The questions of test series at Fortune were close to the actual UPSC questions and helped me to assess my preparation levels. I would definitely recommend Fortune to any aspirant who has a civil service dream.

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Fortune IAS Academy was my home away from home during preparation. Conducive learning ecosystem, dedicated teachers and supportive mentors, altogether Fortune gave me a very enriching and memorable experience where I met many loveable friends, learned a lot about life. Special thanks and heartfelt gratitude to Muni Sir and Jeevan Sir for their mentorship and support.

- **Kasturi Sha**  
**AIR 68 in 2024**



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Fortune IAS Academy transformed my childhood dream of civil services into reality. Starting with minimal knowledge in 2022, Nitin Sir mentored me tirelessly, supported by Sylesh Sir's unwavering belief. Grateful to Imthiyaz Sir, Nandagopan Sir, Sherin Sir, Anand Justin Sir, Jeevan Sir and the entire Fortune family for their constant support. Joining Fortune was one of my best life decisions.

- **Fabi Rasheed**  
**AIR 71 in 2024**



39  
43 Toppers

90% OF 2025  
KERALA TOPPERS ARE FROM  
**FORTUNE IAS ACADEMY**



**NANDANAA G P**  
AIR 47  
PCM



**SONNET JOSE**  
AIR 54  
PCM



**REENU ANNA MATHEW**  
AIR 81  
Sociology Test Series



**DEVIKA PRIYADERSINI**  
AIR 95  
IMP



**KRISHNA C**  
AIR 139  
MTS, IMP



**AMAL P V**  
AIR 158  
PSIR, PTS, MTS



**ALEX ABRAHAM P J**  
AIR 165  
MTS, IMP



**RAJATH R**  
AIR 169  
PCM Working Professional,  
Sociology



**GOPIKA B**  
AIR 185  
MTS, IMP



**SOWMYA KRISHNAN**  
AIR 196  
PCM, Malayalam  
Optional



**VINEETH LOHIDAKSHAN**  
AIR 211  
MTS, IMP, PTS PRO



**HEMANTH SANKAR P**  
AIR 223  
PCM



**AKSHAY DILEEP**  
AIR 246  
MTS, PTS PRO,  
Sociology



**NINIYA THOMAS**  
AIR 254  
Open Mock MTS



**LAKSHMIPRIYA P**  
AIR 297  
MTS





**LAKSHMI MENON V**  
AIR 310  
MTS, Sociology



**MANJIMA P**  
AIR 321  
PCM, Sociology



**ADITYA NARAYAN H**  
AIR 357  
PTS, MTS, Sociology



**SWATHY S**  
AIR 377  
PCM, Malayalam  
Optional



**MICHAEL JOM**  
AIR 415  
IMP, Sociology



**NADIYA ABDUL RASHEED**  
AIR 429  
MTS, PTS



**NAJMA A SALAM**  
AIR 442  
MTS, IMP, Malayalam  
Optional



**ADARSH C S**  
AIR 457  
IMP



**ANAND PYARELAL**  
AIR 484  
IMP, MTS



**GREESHMA K B**  
AIR 559  
IMP



**OORMILA J S**  
AIR 563  
PCM, Sociology



**HEMA V**  
AIR 569  
MTS, IMP, Sociology



**AKSHAY RAJ P**  
AIR 641  
MTS, IMP



**VAISAKH C R**  
AIR 656  
IMP



**ANJALI P**  
AIR 702  
PCM, Malayalam  
Optional



**NESRIN P FASIM**  
AIR 703  
IMP



**AJAY R RAJ**  
AIR 730  
IMP



**YEDU K RAJAN**  
AIR 785  
IMP



**GANGA GOPI**  
AIR 786  
PCM



**PRANAV P MANANGATH**  
AIR 800  
PCM



**ADHIL SHUKOOR**  
AIR 822  
IMP



**KIRAN G**  
AIR 835  
IMP



**NISA UNNIRAJAN**  
AIR 1000  
PCM



**SAGAR MOHANDAS**  
AIR 1003  
IMP



# Proud Moments

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*Nandanaa G P (AIR 47) who was our PCM batch student as well as college foundation batch student receiving award from the chief guest Asif Ali during Toppers Felicitation 2025*

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“I am thankful to Fortune IAS Academy for the support I have received here. I was part of Prelims cum Mains batch 2022. Classes by Nandagopan sir, Shahad sir, etc helped me to attain conceptual clarity in subjects. My mentor Nitin sir helped me in refining my answers for both Mains as well as Interview. Thank you Fortune...”

- Nandanaa G P  
AIR 47 in 2025



# Student Police Cadet to **Chief Guest**

**Sonnet Jose**



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“I owe my success to Fortune IAS Academy, where I was a full-time Prelims-cum-Mains student. I'm deeply grateful to my mentor Nitin Sir for his unwavering support throughout both attempts. Special thanks to Shahad Sir for his guidance during Prelims, and to Achuth Sir and Anton Sir for their invaluable help during the Interview stage. Heartfelt thanks to the entire Fortune faculty for their role in this journey.”

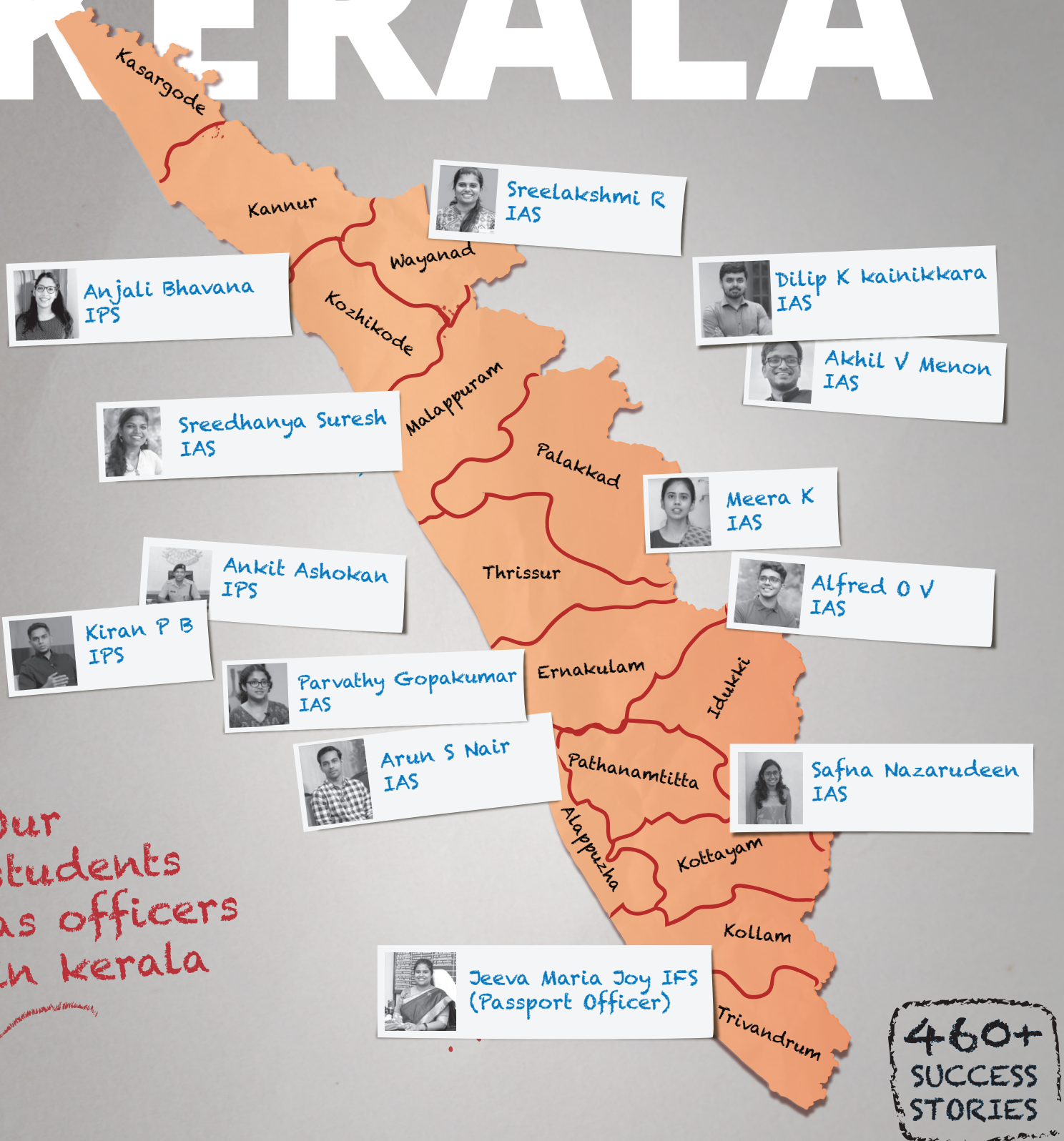
- Sonnet Jose  
AIR 54 in 2025



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as officers  
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## TOPPERS FROM KERALA IN TOP 100

 Rank 4 P K Sidharth Ramkumar 2024	 Rank 6 Meera K 2021	 Rank 15 Sidharth B 2017	 Rank 21 Dilip K Kainikkara 2022	 Rank 28 Hamna Mariyam 2017
 Rank 29 Sreelakshmi Ram 2019	 Rank 31 Vishnu Sasikumar 2024	 Rank 33 Anand 2016	 Rank 36 Arya V M 2023	 Rank 40 Archana P P 2024
 Rank 45 Safna Nazarudeen 2020	 Rank 47 Nandanaa G P 2025	 Rank 49 Renjina Mary V 2019	 Rank 54 Sonnet Jose 2025	 Rank 55 Dr. Arun S Nair 2020
 Rank 57 Alfred O V 2022	 Rank 58 Hari Kallikkat 2018	 Rank 59 Benjo P Jose 2024	 Rank 62 Aparna M B 2021	 Rank 63 Dheenah Dastageer 2021
 Rank 66 Akhil V Menon 2022	 Rank 66 Arjun Mohan 2019	 Rank 68 Kasturi Sha 2024	 Rank 71 Fabi Rasheed 2024	 Rank 81 Reenu Anna Mathew 2025
 Rank 81 Malini S 2023	 Rank 92 Devi Nandana 2020	 Rank 93 Annie George 2024	 Rank 95 Devika Priyadersini 2025	 Rank 100 Kiran P B 2022



# WOMEN IN POWER



## OUR TOPPERS

### Safna Nazarudeen, IAS

Secured **All India Rank 45** in her first attempt, at the young age of 23, currently **Labour Commissioner**.

### Meera K, IAS

Secured **All India Rank 6** in 2021 and was the **Kerala Topper**. Currently **Sub Collector (SDM)** in Ernakulam.

### Sreelakshmi Ram, IAS

Currently the **Joint Commissioner SGST** and was the **Kerala topper** in 2019 with **All India Rank 29**.

### Sreedhanya Suresh, IAS

Currently the **Director Samoohya Sannadha Sena** and made history by being the **first from her community** to secure IAS.

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