



## Centre for Research & Development

### Research Supervisor (Guide) Profiles

#### Discipline of Supervision: **Sociology**



#### **Dr. Libina K Sebastian**

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#### **Areas of Specialisation:**

Political Ecology, Environmental Justice, Waste Governance,  
Urban Sociology, Gender & Development

Dr. Libina K. Sebastian has carried out significant research in the areas of Tribal Sociology, Sociology of Media, and ethnographic research, with a particular focus on Adivasi communities. Her work critically examines issues of identity, representation, and socio-political change among marginalized groups. She has presented and published research on Adivasi movements in Kerala, addressing themes such as displacement, resistance, and cultural transformation. Her scholarship also contributes to the field of Media and Society, where she analyses the role of media in shaping public narratives about indigenous communities. She has experience in guiding undergraduate and postgraduate student research (at her previous institution), particularly using qualitative and ethnographic methods, fostering critical inquiry and methodological rigour. She continues to contribute to interdisciplinary and socially relevant scholarship while mentoring emerging researchers.

#### **Selected Publications:**

- 1. Sebastian, L. K., & Gunashekhar, B. (2025).** Precarious democracy. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 60(38). <https://www.epw.in/journal/2025/38/letters/precarious-democracy.html>
- 2. Sebastian, L. K., & Asha, S. K. (2024).** Aattam: Unmasking gender inequality in reel and real world. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 59(24). <https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/24/postscript/aattam-unmasking-gender-inequality-reel-and-real.html>
- 3. Sebastian, L. K. (2023)** Artificial intelligence and consumer culture: Special reference to social media users. In D. Vetrivelan (Ed.), *National conference proceedings on the impact of artificial intelligence on business and society*. Wisdom India Publication.