



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
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**Report of the Wednesday Circle No. 5
Held on 08 October 2026**

The Department of Political Science, University of Calicut, conducted the Wednesday Circle on 8 October 2026 at the department seminar hall. Muhammed Nihal K V, II MA Political Science, presented a paper titled 'State, Law and the Criminalisation of Dissent: A Critical Analysis of Three UAPA Cases'.

The presentation critically analysed how the state's authoritarian capacities operate within a democratic system to criminalise dissent. It highlighted how procedural delays, prolonged incarceration and legal proceedings can themselves function as forms of punishment, even before a final conviction.

The session, chaired by Dr Ranjithkumar, Assistant Professor of Political Science, was followed by an interaction with students on state power, dissent, law and democratic rights.





WEDNESDAY CIRCLE

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**STATE, LAW AND THE
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OF THREE UAPA CASES

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