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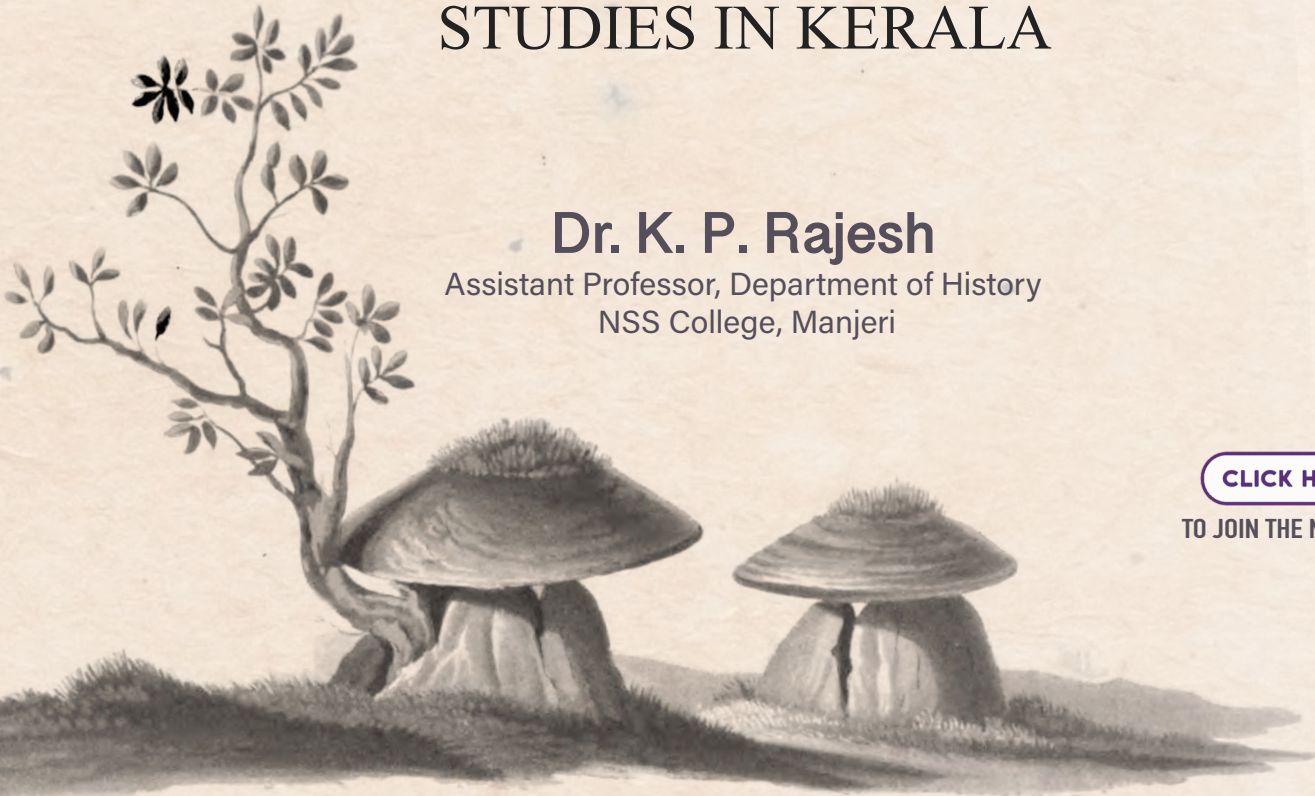
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200 YEARS OF BABINGTON'S PANDOO COOLIES

A CRITIQUE OF THE MEGALITHIC
STUDIES IN KERALA

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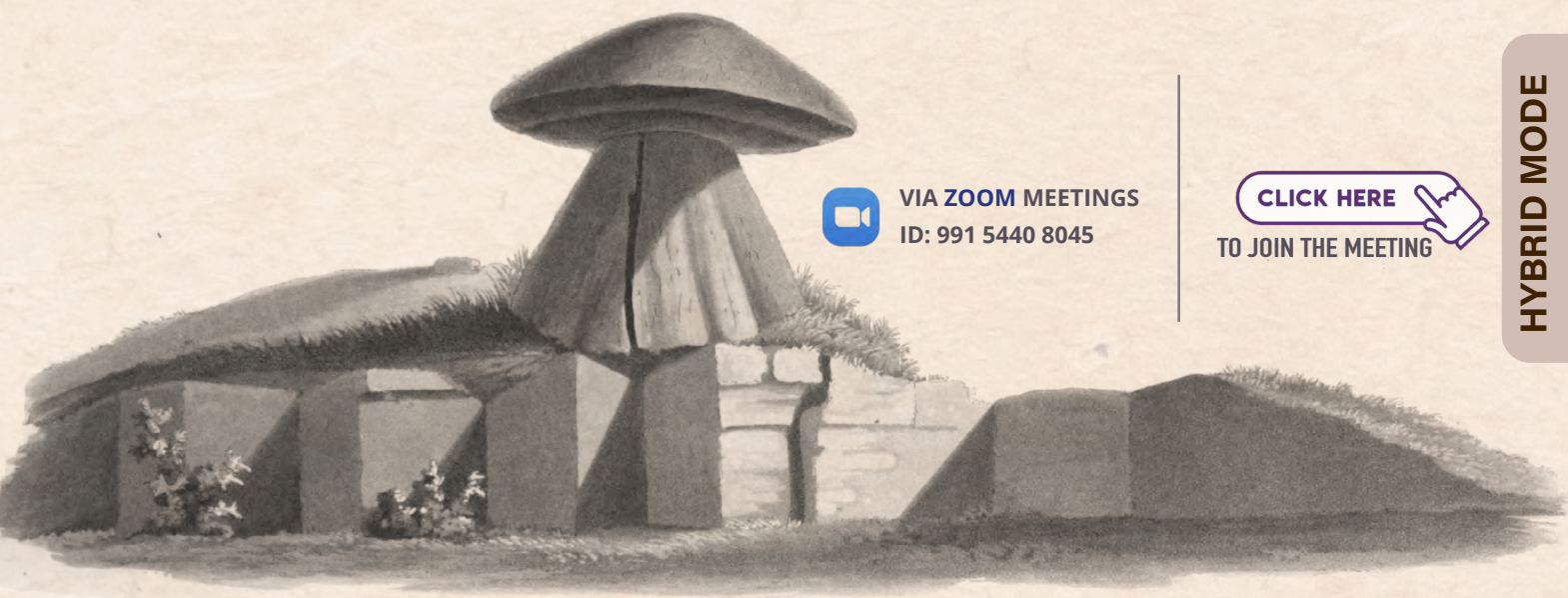
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ABSTRACT

Megaliths, the large stone structures built in memory of the dead ancestors, are the foremost material evidence for the study of Iron Age and Early Historic periods of peninsular India in general and Kerala in particular. The studies on megaliths in India started with the antiquarian research of J. Babington at Chataperambah (Chattapparamb), near Farook, Calicut dist., in 1819. The report of the same was published in 1823 as "Description of the Pandoo Coolies in Malabar: with four drawings," in *Transactions of the Literary Society of Bombay*, (1823: 3:324-330). Babington did not term the monument as Megalith, instead he called it as Pandoo Coolies, probably the anglicised version of local traditions such as *Pandu Kuzhi* or *Pandavar Kuzhi*. The present paper attempts to critically analyse the nature of megalithic studies in Kerala for the last two centuries after Babington's study and argues that it is still remaining in some sort of antiquarian stage.



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