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**WOMEN AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY  
MICRO-LEVEL STUDY IN RURAL KERALA**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Information Communication Technology [ICT] concentrates on these three aspects - Information, Communication and Technology. The paper is based on a study which covered various aspects of the Users of ICT Gadgets, in terms of their socio-economic profile, pattern of utilization of ICT tools, purpose for which the ICT tools used and also the constraints experienced by SC and ST women in Use of ICT tools. The micro level study was undertaken in two villages of Kollam district in Kerala. These two villages are identified based on the concentration of SC and ST population in the Kollam district, Anchal Block and Two Villages - Kulathupuzha and Thinkalkarikakom are identified and purposively chosen for the study. The researcher has used a structured interview schedule, and also Focus Group Discussion with women. In this paper, outcome of the Focus Group Discussion and Case studies are presented and discussed.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Access, Employment, Information, Technology, Utilization, Enabling*

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