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Davis Pynadath is based in Thrissur, Kerala and currently works as News Editor at Deepika Daily, the first Malayalam Daily of Kerala. In his 25-year long career, Davis has reported, often through in-depth, well-researched series of stories, many humanitarian issues which were well applauded by the public. His recent work, which has won him many National and State media awards, has looked at cadaveric organ transplantation and the need for a change in the existing laws, mental health problems in Kerala and tuberculosis in the state.



“... many Keralites are under the illusion that TB is a totally eradicated disease... the naked fact is that there is an average of at least 25,000 people in Kerala who get TB every year, according to the official records ... The number of patients approaching private hospitals and of those who refuse treatment will tote up a few more thousands to this score..... high prevalence of diabetes and sedentary lifestyle diseases which reduce body resistance power, has enhanced the growth of the pandemic in the State.”

