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**“What Can the History of Science Contribute to Manuscript Studies
or
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Abstract

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Astronomy preserved in Trivandrum, India: Some examples of manuscripts in libraries and private houses with reference to its practice.

The Kerala University Oriental Institute and Manuscripts Library owns a large collection of manuscripts, mostly Malayalam scripts written on palm-leaves. It includes large number of astronomical texts, and I shall talk about a few aspects of this collection which I found through the investigation of manuscripts on the "Āryabhaṭīya (499 CE)" and on the "Goladīpikā (1433 CE)". Meanwhile, a considerable number of manuscripts still remain in private houses, where important discoveries are latent but hard to access. I shall also give comments on the traditions that remain today (i.e. astrology) and its relation to manuscripts.