

PG and Research Department of History

Report of the Activities for 2018-2019

Business meeting

The Business meeting of the History Association for the academic year 2018-2019 was held on 25th June 2018 at 12.30 pm in the History hall. The meeting began with the prayer.

The following students were unanimously elected as office bearers

Vice President : M. Surajini

Secretary : Nandhavathi

Joint secretary : H. AfifaSherin

And Ms. K. ThahiraBanu was nominated as the President of the association. A warm welcome for the Ist year students by the Senior students of the department and it was followed by a cultural programme. The meeting came to an end with the singing of National Anthem.

Inaugural Meeting

The Inaugural meeting of the History Association for the Academic year 2018-2019 was held on 4th July 2018 at 2.30 p.m in the History Hall. Dr. N. Athiyaman, Professor and Head, Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur presided over the meeting.

He gave an interesting and informative talk on Marine Archaeology. He spoke on different types of Marine Archaeology, and stressed on the importance of Marine Archaeology in discovering the history of submerged ports and cities. He pointed out on the usage of the equipments needed for undertaking underwater Archaeology. Dr. Athiyaman stimulated the students to participate in the archaeological activities both in land and underwater. At last, after his talk the students eagerly cleared their doubts by posing questions to him.

The vote of Thanks was proposed by Nandhavathi of II B.A History. The meeting came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.

Field Exposure study
On
Numismatics From “ From Stone Age to Technological Age”

A visit to the Numismatics Exhibition on the title “ From Stone Age to Technological Age” was organised by the Department of History to all the UG and PG students of History on 13th July 2018 in Srinivasa hall near the Sangam hotel. The students had the opportunity to see the currency of the world countries, Coins, Stamp heads and things which were brought from the archaeological excavations. The coins of the Cheras, Cholas Pandyas and the Pallavas with their symbols, currency of the various world countries, and the stamps of the various countries which exhibit the history, economy and culture of various countries were attractive to the students. The students enthusiastically watched all the things in the exhibition. The students received an enriched experience.

Outreach Programme
on
“TRADITIONAL TREE PLANTATION” at
Government Higher Secondary School, Thirupanjalee
7th August 2018

To motivate the school students in Tree Plantation and to make the school environment green our college extension department RESCAPES in association with the Department of HISTORY jointly organized a Traditional Tree Plantation program. The Traditional trees numbering 25 such as *Thalavirucham* tree, Medicinal, trees which purify air as well as trees which were used for the ship building were planted.

MR.RAMANATHAN was the Chief Guest, who is proud recipient of National Award for TREES PLANTATION and he received it from our Honorable late President Dr.APJ.Abdul Kalam.Mr.RAMANATHAN explained the various benefits of TREE PLANTATION to the school students, and also he adopted one boy student and one girl student and promised to sponsor their education.

Village officials, Parent Teacher association in charges also participated in the Tree Plantation.The Head Master, and School Teacher shared their valuable thoughts regarding TREE Plantation.

Tree Saplings were planted around the school campus also with the school students, students from the department of History, school teachers and village officials. Through this programme the students were motivated to promote the Green Culture.

Preservation Heritage Monuments Programme

The Department of History, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli and Archaeological Survey of India Chennai Circle jointly organized a “ Swachchhata Pakwada under Swach Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Campaign)” and visit to temples in Trichy and Pudukkottai districts from 19th to 22nd September 2018. The students of I. II and III B A History were taken to the Temples which were built during the period of Sangam Cholas and Imperial Cholas. The students eagerly studied the architectural features of the temples and the artistic beauty of the sculptures. The students have gained knowledge about the protected monuments of UNESCO and Archaeological Survey of India, Living monuments and nonliving monuments. Then the students willingly cleansed the temples as part of the Swachchhata Pakwada under Swach Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Campaign). They were given awareness about the cleanliness and protection of the monuments around us. They were given certificates by the Archaeological Survey of India for their contribution towards the above mentioned programme.

History Meets Science – Field Visits

As part of the paper on History of Science and Technology in curriculum, the III B. A History students were taken to Anna Science Centre (planetarium) in Tiruchirappalli on 1st December 2018. The students obtained knowledge on Scientific advancements, astronomical developments and Lunar, Solar Eclipses. Also They visited the Museum inside the Planetarium which gave them the awareness on Environmental Protection, different approaches in preventing pollution etc. In addition The students were taken to the Tiruchirappalli International Airport to know the availability of different Airlines and its various functions. The students were shown the mega size Tricolour atop a 100ft high flag mast at the Trichy International Airport. The students interacted with the foreigners about Indian culture and Tourism.

Historical Visits To Kerala & Kanyakumari – India's Land's End

The Department of History, Holy Cross College organised a study tour from 24th to 26th January 2019 for both UG and PG outgoing students. It was an exposure trip to a places of educational and historical importance. The students were taken to Kanyakumari where they witnessed the spectacular sunrise, Thripparappu waterfalls, Ukkadam beach and Trivandrum.

The students also visited Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Museum, Zoo and Palace. The students gained knowledge on the intricate fusion of the indigenous Kerala style and the Tamil style (kovil) of architecture associated with the temples located in the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu, featuring high walls, and a 16th-century Gopuram. They also visited the great Napier Museum and the Natural History Museum in the Museum compound, close to the Zoological Park which was built in the 19th century, it has its own natural air-conditioning system. It contains a host of historical artefacts including bronze idols, ancient ornaments, a temple chariot and ivory carvings. The students were especially impressed by the Japanese shadow-play leather that is used to depict the epics of the Mahabharata and Ramayana. Through this study tour the students were relaxed, rejuvenated and gathered knowledge and experience for their future.

Report on the Extension Programme “Voyage into History” conducted by the Department of History on 4th February 2019

The Department of History of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli-2 had conducted the inauguration of the extension programme **”Voyage into History 2019“** on the 4th of February 2019 at St.Teresa’s High School, Viralimalai, Pudukkottai District for the students of Std X appearing for their Government Exams.

The objective of the programme was to impart examination guidelines and hints in facing Social Science exams with confidence and how to score a centum in the paper.

Rev.Dr.Sr.Rajakumari.P, Head, Department of History had welcomed the gathering and briefed on the objective of this programme. As a token of gratitude a shawl was presented as memento to the Headmistress of the school and in turn the school welcomed the chief guest and resource person with traditional welcome and presented a shawl.

The Chief Guest of the programme was Rev. Sr.Bella, PGT Assistant, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Tiruchirappalli-2 who is a social science teacher and expert, made a power point presentation on how to score marks in social science paper, the possible questions that are often repeated, how to approach in writing the answers for questions, and the intricacies of valuation of paper. The other resources persons were Dr.Teresa, Dr.Pricilla and Ms.Bonita Lynette Cooper, Assistant Professors, Department of History, Holy Cross College(Autonomous)Tiruchirappalli-2 spoke on the scope and the method to approach the social science exams.

A feedback form was given to the students who had mentioned their likes and desires of the conduction of the class; and the highlighting factor of the feedback on assessment showed that the students wanted the same method of providing tips in Science and Mathematics as well. The Headmistress thanked the Principal of Holy Cross College through a Letter of Appreciation and wished the Department of History all wellness in our future endeavours.

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