

**PG & RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY ASSOCIATION REPORT-
2023-2024**

PG & RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY ASSOCIATION INAUGURATION

The PG & Research History Association was inaugurated for the academic year 2023-2024 on 13.07.2023 (Thursday) around 2:15 pm at the History Hall, Department of History, Holy Cross College. The Chief Guest of the program was Dr. Y.Srinivasa Rao, Head, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, History. The program commenced with a prayer service offered by the UG and PG students of the Department of History.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Varsha, President of the History Association. Following the address, the Head of the Department of History, Holy Cross College honored the Chief Guest with a memento.

The resource person started his talk on “Expectations from young educated people in the present day”, by congratulating the newly sworn in office bearers.



He further stresses the mishaps going on in Manipur which could provide justice if the demands of the voiceless were heard. He continued to provide significant insights on the purpose of education which transforms a human into a humanist! He also stated that with the change of time and the advancement of science and technology, problems with regard to different identities in Modern India began back from 1900s. Sir has pointed out the political pressurization of world superpowers amidst the chaos and conflicts which enhances the already existing degree of domination of the general public.

In that matter, the sufferings of the Israel-Palestine inhabitants were addressed by highlighting the examples that correspond to World War II. Sir had listed out reasons that may hinder social life which include, criminalization of identity and regional disputes over nationalism matters by the so-called educated young minds. He told the gathering the obligation of an individual over a caste, community and race and to look at the degree of transformation. The essentiality of inequality can be sorted out with the increased purpose of education. He asked the young minds to be the voices of the unheard and contribute to provide them justice. Sir described the pros and cons of minimalism and capitalism in the 21st century. Sir concluded his address by pointing out the higher rate of irresponsibility among the lower classes than that of the rich and the upper middle classes. Dr. Srinivasa Rao further advised the students to pursue education forever as it's a never-ending process. He had also briefed the effects of commercialization of education.

The program has come to conclusion by the delivery of Vote of Thanks by Sri Kowsalya, Secretary of the History Association.

REPORT ON OUTREACH PROGRAMME ACTIVITY ON 14TH JULY 2023

The PG & Research Department of History conducted an outreach programme on 14th July 2023 in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Thiruvallarsolai in commemoration of 120th Birth Anniversary of the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. K. Kamarajar, a Politician and a freedom fighter. The main aim of the program was to create an awareness among the school students about his introduction of free education and free mid-day meal scheme and its significance.



The students from III UG, I and II PG History were taken to the school. The students performed different activities including a skit & a group song for the classes VI to XII at the school. The students were divided into three teams and carried properties such as charts, matching boards and photos to explain them.



The school students were asked some general knowledge questions, quiz along with some fun games about Thiru.K. Kamarajar and his schemes. They were encouraged by giving chocolates. The

students were taught about the importance of Thiru. K. Kamarajar and his history. Our students interacted freely, motivated the school students and also clarified their doubts.

REPORT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The PG & Research Department of History organized a special lecture on Shaping of the Seventy-Five Years: A Reminiscence as a part of Independence Day celebration on 14.08.2023 from 02:30 pm and 04:00 pm in Sophy's Hall. The program commenced with the prayer service rendered by the students of the History department. The welcome address was delivered by Sri Kowsalya, Secretary of History Association. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Varsha, President of History Association.



The Keynote speaker of the program was Dr.T.Asokan, Associate Professor & Head of the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichy. Sir had recollected his fond memories with the department of History, Holy Cross College. He started his remarkable lecture by pointing out the mindset of the millions of Indians 77 years ago who were looking forward to being independent.



He had shared his views on the importance of the British in politically integrating India once the country was independent once and for all from the British hegemony. The prominence of English education can be attributed to the Indian territorial consolidation after 1947.

Sir had addressed the matters of geopolitical concern, especially the foreign policy formulated by Nehru strengthened India in various means. It was during the times when India had neither Kashmir nor Kanyakumari. Meanwhile, sir had talked about the vagueness in which Jinnah's thoughts were defined when Lord Mountbatten clarified the territorial acquisition of both India and Pakistan.

Sir had told the gathering the refugees of the newly partitioned India into Pakistan like I.K.Gujral. L.K.Advani who later rose to positions the highest political officials of India.

Further he narrated differences between the Indian and Pakistan consolidation with their statistical moves to get Junagadh and other such provinces. He added the naming of India (or Bharat) when there were discussions to name the country as Hindustan which was dropped, eventually claiming India as a secular state. Sir has also talked about the background of the Official Language of India where Hindi and English are said to be in communication for 15 years since the commencement of Indian Constitution. Sir has also narrated the linguistic reorganization of states and setting up of Dhar Committee and JVP Committee, and Andhra Pradesh became the first state to have formed on the basis of language. Later, the State Reorganisation Act, 1956 was carried out in the seventh amendment of the Indian Constitution. This reorganization paved the way for further unification of the country despite various other differences. From 14-17th of December 1971, Indian army defeated the Pakistan Army and within 72 hours Pakistan commander in chief was surrounded.

Sir has briefly addressed the contributions and reputation of Indira Gandhi during her period in office. Various economic reforms at the time of independence were discussed elaborately. Sir discussed India's space research programs and in 1975, Aryabhata was launched from the USSR's Space Station, and recently the launching of Chandrayaan -III that praises India's self-reliance in space programs.

Sir further addressed the nomophobia (fear of losing mobile phones) prevailing amongst the people these days.

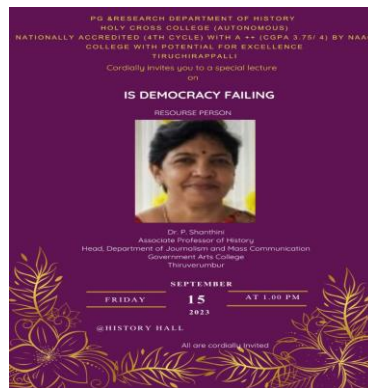
Lastly, he talked about the foreign policy of India since independence. When the world was divided into two blocs as Capitalism and Communism, India went on to form the Non-Alignment Movement for the third world nations, and for decolonization of various nations. Yet, the ideal goal was non-intervention in external affairs. Sir asked the gathering to be the change of whatever they want.

The participants of the singing competition conducted by Holy Cross College to commemorate Mother Foundress' Day were given certificates by Dr. T. Asokan, and the winners of Scintilla 23 were given medals by Ms. Letitia, Assistant Professor of History.

The delivery of vote of thanks was by Mahamugasundari of II BA History. The program came to an end by singing the National Anthem by the students of the department of history.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRACY DAY PROGRAM

The PG & Research Department of History organized a special lecture on "Is Democracy Failing?" as a part of International Democracy Day celebration on 15.09.2023 from 12:00 to pm in History Hall. The program commenced with the prayer service rendered by the students of the History department. The welcome address was delivered by Sri Kowsalya, Secretary of History Association. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Mariyam.K of III B.A.History.



The Chief Guest for the program was Dr.P.Shanthini, Associate Professor of History, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Ma'am being an alumna and has recalled her memories with the department of History, Holy Cross College during her college days. She commenced her address on the topic by stressing the importance of learning the past. She shared a quote of William Churchill, "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." She then talked about the various forms of Nationalistic ideologies followed by leaders like Hitler, and Gandhi, Swami Vivekananda, V.D.Savarkar and Tagore.



Dr. Shanthini then shared her views that the Constitution of India was written to focus on peaceful living of people despite India's diversification. She stressed upon the fact that Secularism of India is unique on

its own. Her speech brought out the significance of Directive Principles of State Policy which are not enforceable by the Rule of Law unlike the Fundamental Rights, and asked the students to have a deeper understanding in the differences between the two.

Ma'am illustrated that the denial of "One Man, One Value," leads to social and economic equality which is the sole reason for failure of setting up of strong democracy, as desired by Dr.B.R.Ambedkar. Alongside, she discussed the importance of Article 21 - Right to Life with fruitful references.

She talked about the ongoing injustice in the lands of Manipur with regard to racial, caste, differences were the complexity and indifferences between the Union Government and the State Police Forces directed to the abrupt failure of democracy. She made a remarkable statement that attack on women belonging to a particular community seems to psychologically affect and humiliate the men of the same community, which is absolutely nothing but ridiculous.

Dr. P. Shanthini addressed the unjust activity where the drinking water tank of the Scheduled Caste was contaminated with human feces that took place in Vengaivayal, which once took place at Thinniyam, near Lalgudi in 2002.

Ma'am criticized that despite the formation of Parliament in the UK in 1688, women got their right to vote only in the 20th century, in the USA, the women were given their right to vote in the 1920s, and in Switzerland, their infamous referendum failed to provide voting rights to women until the 1990s.

The inclusion of opposition parties' members of the Parliament to the Nehru's Cabinet cannot be happening this day with the on-going political disturbances between the ruling and the opposition parties at the centre. She stressed that constructive role played by the Opposition Parties and Coalition Governments provide for better governance. Rather, "One Nation, One Election" motto taken by the Union Government at the center discourages various principles of democracy and good governance. Ma'am recalled the instances where simultaneous elections took place at the center and at State Legislative Assemblies in India.

Ma'am highlighted the dismalness of the press and the status of journalists which naturally leads to failure of Democracy. While concluding her lecture, Dr.P. Shanthini asked the students to be of sound knowledge with reading of the newspapers and be aware of current affairs. The Program came to an end with the delivery of Vote of Thanks by Harsini.E of II B.A.History.

REPORT ON THE FIELD VISIT TO THANJAVUR

The UG and PG Students of the department of History visited Pudukottai as a part of their curriculum to get hands-on experience about archaeology and epigraphy on 21st July 2023.

The students were taken to Narthamalai, where they visited Vijayalaya Choleswaram. From there, the students visited Sittanavasal, the place where the Jaina beds with Tamil Brahmi script were found on the hilltop after a strenuous climb.



Students at Narthamalai



Students at the Tamil Brahmi site, Sittanavasal

At the foothill, a Jaina rock-cut cave carved by the Pandyas was found. It is known for beautiful paintings, where nature is shown in all her bounty.



Sittanavasal Jaina temple

Along with the architecture, the inscriptions found on the walls were also explained to the students.

Visit to Porpanaikottai, an excavated site

Mr. Tangadurai, State Department of Archaeology the director of the Porpanaikottai excavation gave a guided tour to the students. He explained the layout of trenches, pottery, structures found, and important antiquities. Students got real-time experience of excavation methods and the significance of the site.



Students at Porpanaikottai site

The students were guided by Dr. S.B. Darsana, Ms. Leitia K. Vinoy, and Ms. Priyadarshini, K Assistant Professors, Department of History.

REPORT ON THE FIELD VISIT TO THANJAVUR

The UG and PG Students of the department of History visited Thanjavur as a part of their curriculum to get hands-on experience about archaeology and epigraphy on 23rd September 2023.

They visited the Rajarajesvaram temple, Thanjavur. The temple built by King Raja Raja I of the Chola dynasty in 1010 CE is an architectural wonder. The students were given a guided tour of the temple, which has three gateways, a Nandi Mandapa built during the time of the Thanjavur Nayak period, mandapas, a sanctum Sanctorum with a tall vimana, a Ganesha shrine built by the Thanjavur Marattas, Subramanya Shrine built by the Nayaks and Amman Shrine built during the Pandya period. The temple has a cloistered hall built by the minister of King Rajaraja I. The students were taken to the interpretation centre where the reproductions of the paintings and the Bharatanatya Karnas found in the inner circumambulatory passage are displayed. Along with the architecture, the inscriptions found on the walls were also explained to the students.



Staff and students at Rajarajesvara temple, Thanjavur

Estampage Training

The training to copy the inscriptions from temple walls was given to the students by Dr. Gowrishankar, Assistant Professor (Guest), Tamil University, Thanjavur. The entire process was taught by the resource person and the students were getting the hands-on experience of taking estampage.



The students were guided by Dr. S.B. Darsana, Ms. Letitia K. Vinoy and Ms. Lakshmi Pavithraa, Assistant Professors, Department of History.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR- FOR II UG NME STUDENTS 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

In the commemoration of World Tourism Day, the PG and Research Department of history have conducted One day NME Course Study Tour was on 27th September, 2022 to Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu. II UG NME Course entitle “*Places of Tourist interest in India*” and III UG NME Course “Tourism and Travel Formalities” Students around 118 numbers from B. Com, B.Com (CA) BBA, B.A Economics, Vis com Tamil and English were participated. Course in charge Dr. Theresa Rosetti and Dr. Angaleswari. S accompanied the students.

The trip was started on 27th morning 01. 00 am from Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy and we reached the destination (Kodaikanal) by 5.45 am. The students were taken to the most famous places like Upper Lake view, Pine Forest, Moir Point, Pillar Rock, Green Valley, Thalaiaru Waterfalls, Kodaikanal Lake, Silver Cascade Falls, Bryant Park and Museum accordingly.



Students learned more about the places in Kodaikanal and they were further enthusiastic to visit many more tourist places. By 10.30 pm we return to college on the same day.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM

In Commemoration of Constitution Day, the PG and Research Department of History organized a Special Lecture on “*Right to Privacy and Digital Protection Era*” on 30th November 2023 from 12.00 to 01.00 pm in History Hall.



The program was commenced by invoking God’s presence and blessings. Ms. Sri Kousalya, welcomed the gathering and Dr. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department introduced and honored the chief guest Ms. S.Sruthy Sowrnam B.A, L.L.B., LL.M., Advocate, Madras High Court. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Ms. Varsha

Ms. S. Sruthy Sowrnam gave an interesting lecture on Right to Privacy and Digital Protection. Precisely, she focused on Shreya Singhal v. Union of India- Freedom of Speech and Expression case.



Then she explained the information of Adhar card act, data protection under Article 21 and Information Technology Acts., and the three important measures to educate the people to ensure the data security. Finally, she spoke on how the netizens burglary our data with the intermediate apps the social networks like Whatsup, Twitter Facebooks etc., and the necessary actions should be taken by the government for the production of Data privacy. It was a very Interactive session between Ms S.Sruthy Sowrnarn and the students of the history department. The students were at their best clearing their doubts on Privacy and Protection of Data.

The lecture was very well-informed and inspired the gathering, Ms. Maheswari, II UG Vice President proposed the vote of thanks.

REPORT ON NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “TRANSGENDERS-PROBLEMS, PERCEPTIONS & PROSPECTS”

The Department of History organized one day National Conference on “Transgenders-Problems,Perceptions & Prospects” at Lady’s Hall which started on 13th December.The conference commenced with Almighty God’s blessings through prayer song.The session is started with good spirit and most awaiting enthusiciam. Dr.Theresa Rosetti.J, Assistant Professor & Head of the Department delivered the welcome Address.The inaugural address was given by Rev.Sr.Dr.Isabella Rajakumari.P,Prinicpal of Holy Cross College (Autonomous).Her speech provides optimistic encouragemetns over the spectators.



Following this the Felicitation was carried out by Rev.Sr.Dr.Anne Xavier,Secretary,Holy Cross College that seems to highlights and cheered the Guest’s accomplishments.Our eminent resource person,Ms.Priya

Babu, Managing Trustee, Transgender Resource Center, Madurai, She mentioned the evidence of Transgender in Tamil Literature such as Nannul, Purananure, Naladiyar and so on and the problems faced by the Transgender in the societies. Then there is an event of Booklet and CD's. Ms. Sana suman, Transgender Rights activist from Swasanthra and Jeeva, Karnataka highlights the difference between sex and gender and shared some incidents that she faced.



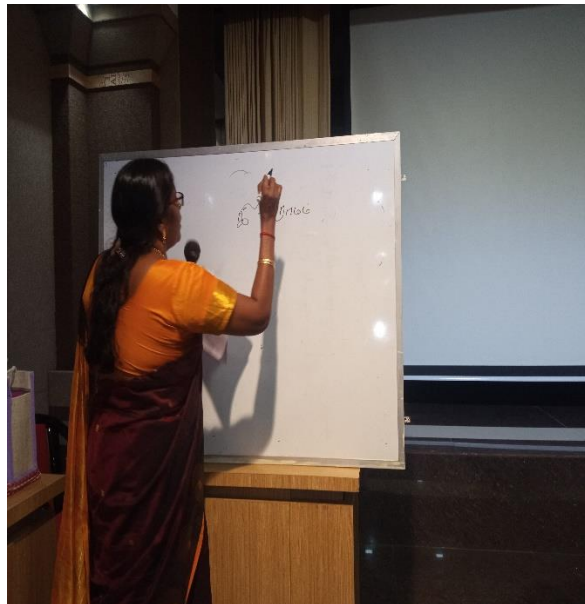
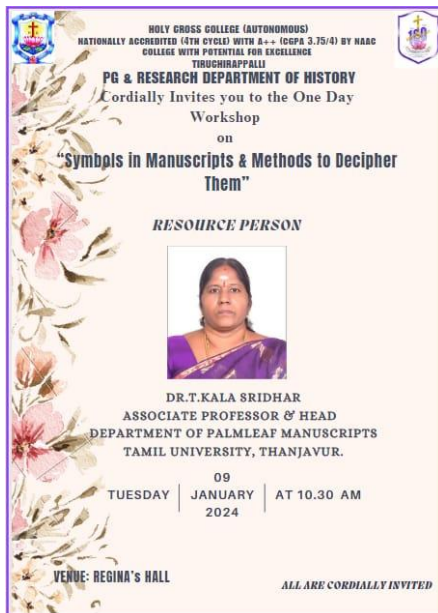
There was a documentary screening on “Transgenders in Transition- a Kaleidoscope of success stories which created some insights among the audience. Professor Dr. S. Amirdhalingam, Professor of Law, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, discussed the topic of “Legal and Institutional Responsibility on the production of Trans Genders in India” and discussed legal cases and social consciousness over the Transgenders.

Mr. Kennedy. J Advocate, Tiruchirappalli delivered the thought provoking speech on International covenant on Civil and Political Rights. He criticized the International outcomes and its effects by ensuring the importance of Human Rights. The validictory function was commenced with Welcome Address by Dr. Darsana S.B. Assistant Professor, Department of History, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli.

Mr. S. Martin, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli delivered the Validictory Address on the Legal rules and Regulations that protect the interest of Transgenders and social influence over them. Finally, Ms. Letita K. Vinoy, Assistant Professor of History delivered vote of thanks and ended up the session with her thankful note.

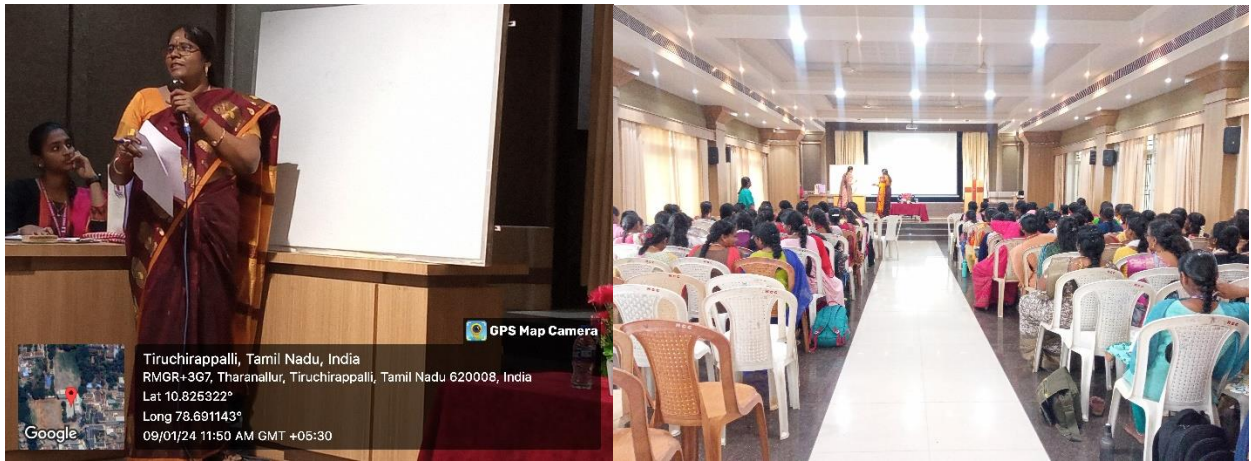
REPORT OF ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON MANUSCRIPTOLOGY

The PG & Research Department of History organized One Day workshop on Manuscriptology entitled “Symbols in Manuscripts & Methods to Decipher Them” on 09 January 2024 at 10.30 am at the Regina’s Hall. The program commenced with a prayer service offered by the UG and PG students of the Department of History. The Chief Guest of the program was Dr. T. Kala Sridhar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Palmleaf Manuscripts, Tamil University, Thanjavur. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Pricila, Assistant Professor. The resource person gave a lecture on the significant of Manuscripts and thought the students about the basic Manuscript symbols and were his talk on “Expectations from young educated people in the present day”, by congratulating the newly sworn in office bearers.



Dr. Kala

Sridhar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Manuscriptology delivered a talk on the symbols used in palm leaf manuscripts. She used chalk and talk method to explain various symbols, and joining of letters to create new letters.



After her detailed explanation, students were encouraged to write the symbols that they learnt on the board. A few students were creative and they coined new words with the help of the old symbols. The talk was informative as well as interactive for the students. The Program came to an end with the delivery of Vote of Thanks by Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Head, Department of History.

REPORT ON THE REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 18TH JANUARY

In Commemoration of the 75th Republic Day, the PG and Research Department of History organized a Special Lecture on India's Transition to A Republic- A View on 75th Republic Day on 18th January at 2.30 pm in the History Hall. The program commenced by invoking God's presence and blessings. Ms. Sri Kousalya.S II UG welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Ms. Varsha.



Dr. John Kumar, Former Head & Associate Professor of History, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Dr.J. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department honored the chief guest.

Dr. John Kumar gave a captivating lecture on India's Transition to A Republic today. Precisely, he focused on today's politics and social responsibilities. It was an interactive session between chief guest and the students of the history department. The students were at their best clearing their doubts. The lecture was very well-informed and inspired the gathering, The lecture was very well-informed and inspired the gathering, Ms. Maheswari, II UG Vice President proposed the vote of thanks.

REPORT ON THE CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

16th February 2024

The PG and Research Department of History organized a Career Guidance Programme on “Competitive Examinations and Employability Skills on 16th February 2024 from 10.00 to 11.00 am in the History Hall. The theme of the programme was on “Forthcoming trends and Tests in Competitive Examinations” The program commenced by invoking God’s presence and blessings. Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest Mr. Tamilarasan, M.A Graduate (Alumnae of HCC), Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department honored the chief guest.



The talk was on Career guidance, Mr. Tamilarasan started his speech with how career guidance is a comprehensive, developmental program designed to assist individuals in making and implementing informed educational and occupational choices to build one’s future. This programmer helped UG & PG students to see plentiful available options in UPSC & State service examinations and to find how to build plans to reach their future goals. The special talk was very well-informative for the students.

REPORT ON THE SKILL BASED PROGRAMME

16th February 2024

The PG and Research Department of History organized a Skill based programme on “Entrepreneurship Skills” on 16th February 2024 from 11.00 to 12.00 am in the History Hall. The program commenced by invoking God’s presence and blessings. Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest. The Chief guest of the day was Ms.Kowsalya, M.A Graduate (Alumnae of HCC), Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department honored the chief guest. The talk was on Entrepreneur guidance, Ms.Kowsalya explained about important of regional culture, Traditional products and how to use those things in business. Then she spoke about the emotional intelligence, financial management, Adaptability and time management



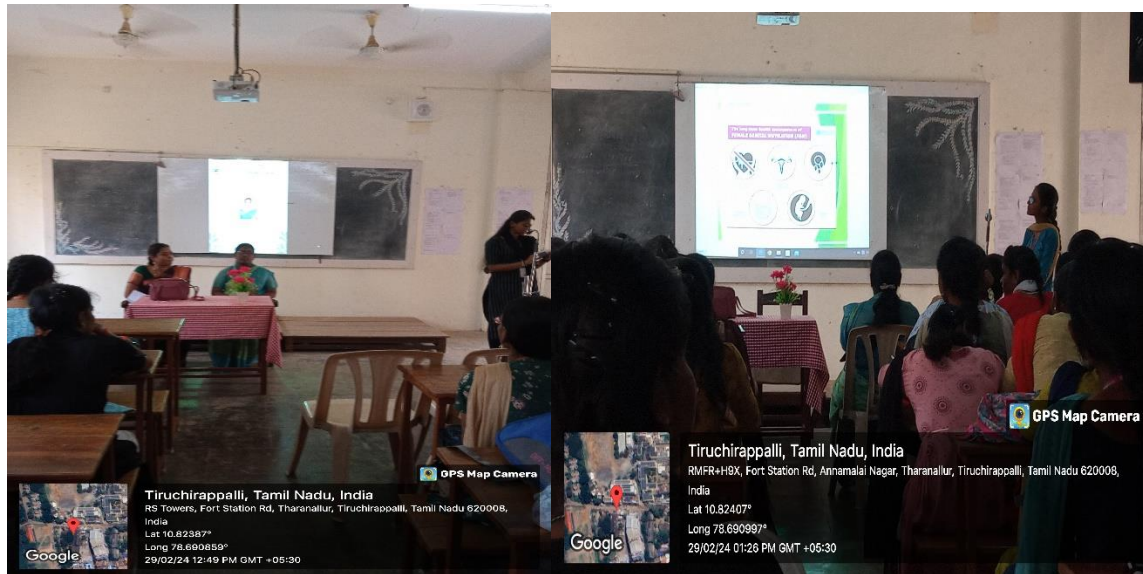
REPORT ON INAUGURATION OF HISTORY RESEARCH FORUM

29TH FEBRUARY 2024

The PG & Research Department of History Inaugurated the History Research Forum on **29th February 2024 at 12.00pm at Histon Hall** . The program commenced by invoking God's presence and blessings the Chief Guest of the Programme was Dr. V.Kalapana Devi, Associate Professor of History, Thanthai Periyar Govt. Arts & Science College, Tiruchirappalli. Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Head of the Department welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest.



The Speaker Spoke on the significances of the Study of Women in History and asked the students to focus much on Women centric researches. Students of both PG Student Sujitha Thangaselvi and UG students Mounishree and have presented papers and were appreciated by the Chief Guest.




The Programme was concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Ms.Maheshwari from II-UG.History.

REPORT ON VALIDICTORY PROGRAMME-“INSPIRE INCLUSION”


29TH FEBRUARY 2024

The PG & Research Department of History conducted a valedictory programme on 20th February 2024 at 1.00 pm at the History Hall. The program commenced by invoking God’s presence and blessings the Chief Guest of the Programme was Dr. V.Kalapana Devi, Associate Professor of History, Thanthai Periyar Govt. Arts & Science College, Tiruchirappalli. The Programme commenced with the prayer, Welcome Address was delivered by Me.Varsha, from III-UG History. Reading of the Minutes was done by Ms. Kowsalya from III-UG History. Dr. V.Kalapana Devi explained about the significance of writing women History and its Challenges. The title of the Programme was “Inspire Inclusion”.



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She made the students clear about the challenges in women History. The Interaction session went on with the students. The Programme was concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Ms.Maheshwari from II-UG.History.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL: FACETS OF HISTORY AND RESEARCH”- 5TH MARCH 2024

The international Seminar on From Local to Global: Facets of History and Research was conducted by the PG and Research Department of History on 5th March 2024 at Our Lady’s Hall. The conference was commenced with a prayer. Dr. Theresa Rosetti, J, Head of the department of History welcomed the gathering and introduced the theme of the conference. The inaugural address was given by Rev.Sr.Dr.Anne Xavier, Secretary, Holy Cross College, who emphasized on the spreading of the wings from local to global. Key note address was delivered by Dr. Wolfgang Manig Johannes, Ambassador (Rtd) Germany, talked about the Global Human Rights and Local Values. He noted that international boundaries are getting redrawn by the wars between Russia-Ukraine and Israel and Gaza. He voiced everyone should take steps to make peace in their world.



In the first technical session, Dr. Wolfgang Manig Johannes interacted with the audience on Human rights that is in threat. He mentioned some countries do not acknowledge that human rights exist. Students asked questions related to gender inequality and human rights. Staff and Students from other colleges also participated in the interactive session.



In the second session Dr. Thomas, Former Hear & Professor (Retd), Department of History, EVR College Trichy, talked about Humanism and Philosophy of Sangam Society. He explained the need of humanism in a society to solve the problem. The conference had the parallel paper presentation by scholars and students from our and other colleges. The offline session was co-ordinated by Dr. Darsana S.B Assistant Professor, Department of History and Online Session was Co-ordinated by Dr. Angaleswari.S Assistant Professor, Department of History. Ten papers were presented in offline and five papers were in online mode.

In the third Session Dr. Ashok, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Madras Christian College, Chennai, talked on B2A From a Benighted Province to an Advanced State-Tamil Nadu's Growth Story. He attributed political stability, policy making, stature of leadership, trade and communications, education, access to public health and social welfare are the causes for Tamil Nadu in growth stage.

Dr. Angaleswari, S Assistant Professor, Department of History welcomed the gathering for the valedictory session. The Chief Guest was honoured by Rev. Dr. Sr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal, Holy Cross College. Dr. Darsana, S.B, Assistant Professor, Department of History presented the report of the conference. The valedictory address was given by Prof. Dr. N.Rajendran, Former Vice Chancellor, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu. He highlighted the concept of the conference and explained about the significance of local to global based research in History. He emphasised to know about the local history and how one should relate it with global history.

Ms. Letitia K Vinoy, Assistant Professor, Department of History thanked the resource persons and the participants. The Conference came to an end with National Anthem.

STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON “FROM SINDHU TO PORUNAI”

07 MARCH 2024

The PG and Research Department of History and the Department of Tamil of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli along with Save History movement organised one day State level Seminar on From Sindhu to Porunai at Our Lady’s Hall on 7th March 2024. “Archaeological Excavation Photo Exhibition” Opening Ceremony was done with ribbon- cutting by Rev. Dr. Sr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal Holy Cross College along with the Chief guests Prof. A. Karunanathan, Coordinator, Save History Movement, Mr. K.Amarnath Ramakrishna, ASI, Chennai and staff members of Holy Cross College in the College Ground.

The programme started with a prayer service by the students of the Department of Tamil followed by the welcome note by Dr. Theresa Rosetti, J, Head of the department of History. the Chief Guest was honoured by Rev. Dr. Sr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal Holy Cross College. Dr. A. Jesintha Rani, Head of the department of Tamil felicitated the gathering. A. Marimuthu, Principal, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R Government Arts and Science College, Kudavasal also felicitated the meeting. Key note address was given by Prof. A. Karunanathan, who talked about distorting Indian history in the name of Rewriting. He also emphasised that history is not an unalterable scripture and can be perfected through academic deliberations and exercise, and he noted that current attempts to rewrite history are being done through abuse of Power. Special address was given by Mr. K.Amarnath Ramakrishna, who emphasised on the need of large scale excavations at various sites of Tamil Nadu to get a broader picture of our ancient past. Sites like Keeladi and a few Harappan sites such as Rakhi garhi have become popular due to the large-scale excavations, he further noted. Dr. Latha, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil thanked the gathering.