

## QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE (A), MYLAPORE, CHENNAI -4

### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL STUDIES REPORT

(2022 - 2023)

The Department of Historical Studies along with the students celebrated the Teacher's Day with great fervour on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The post-graduate students attended the meeting held at the University of Madras where **Mrs. M.K. Kanimozhi**, Member of Parliament addressed on the vestiges of Dravidian Movement.

The association meeting of the Department of Historical Studies was inaugurated on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at the Golden Jubilee Hall Block. The **75 years of Indian Freedom Struggle (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav)** was also celebrated on the same day with the Chief Guest of the Day, **Dr. M. Thilakavathi**, Former Professor, Department of History and Tourism Management, Ethiraj College for Women (A), Chennai. The Chief Guest spoke on the topic "*Contributions of Women in the Indian National Army*" which was so inspiring and the programme was well received by the students.

The Department of Historical Studies has organized the International Seminar on "**Empowering Youth towards Sustainable Development**" during 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. Dr. Varalakshmi Anandakumar, Principal-in-Charge gave the Presidential Address and the Seminar by **Rev. Dr. Arul Lourdu**, Parish Administrator, Leimen, Germany and the Founder of Arul Arakkattalai. The Resource persons were - **Dr. B. R. Balajee**, Personal Finance Life Coach and the Fellow of Amercian Academy of Financial Management, USA and **Dr. J. Sulaiman**, Assistant Professor of Commerce, The New College, Chennai. They gave their technical sessions on the Success Formula and Success in Life wherein around 500 participants were benefitted out the same as well. The Seminar was well received by the student community since the topic was the need of the hour.

**Dr. B. Mekala** arranged for the visit to the Tamil Nadu Archives and the Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai for the second year PG students and the students had gained good benefits. The students also successfully completed the **Internship Training in Archaeology** arranged by the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Madras, Chennai during the period between 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. One day tour to the historical sites of in and around Chennai was organised for the final year UG and PG students as well.

A great opportunity was given for the post-graduate students to witness the surveillance-cum-war ship, *INS Darshak* at the Chennai Harbour on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The students were thrilled in witnessing the ship and the Lt. Commander of the ship explained the role and special features of the same. In order to make the learning effective among the students, the audio-visual techniques are being used and some documentaries were screened on various topics such as Human Rights, Contemporary History of Tamil Nadu and the History of the World during different days of this academic year.

Dr. M. Raziya Parvin, Head – Department of History has written the Book on *“Trends and Patterns of Women’s Political Participation in Tamil Nadu”* published by MJP Publishers, New Delhi during March 2023. She has also published an article on *“Captain Lakshmi Sehgal”* in the Tamil magazine, Thittam, Publication Division, Government of India during January, 2023. Dr. M. Raziya Parvin chaired a session in the International Summit on *“Culture, Heritage and Nation Building”* in the University of Madras during 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023. She has also delivered the special lectures on *“Women Empowerment”*, *“Gender Mainstreaming”* and *“Attitudinal Importance”* in the institutions such as the Bharathi Women’s College, Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute and the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India during the months of February and March 2023 on account of the International Women’s Day Celebrations. On account of International Women’s Day during 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 celebrations were organised in the Department along with the students and *Dr. M. Raziya Parvin*, HOD of Historical Studies received the *“Sirantha Mangaiyar Virudhu – 2023”* for her contribution towards excellence in teaching and exemplary social service by Tamil News International and Police Magazine on the same day.

Our staff namely – *Mrs. C. Ramalakshmi*, *Mrs. K. Suja* and *Mrs. R. Karpagam* successfully gained their Ph. D. degrees from the University of Madras during this academic year. The staff and the Research Scholars of the Department participated and presented research papers in various Conferences and Seminars organised in and out of Chennai during this academic year with great fervour. *Dr. M. Raziya Parvin*, *Dr. S. Kamala Devi*, *Dr. C. Ramalakshmi*, *Dr. K. Suja*, *Dr. M. Thenmozhi* and *Dr. R. Karpagam* have also acted as the subject experts in the TRB, TNPSC and TANSCH and contributed a lot during different periods of this academic year.

In connection with the International Women's Day, one Day Psychological Counselling Workshop on "*Attitudinal and Psycho-Social Problems faced by Young Women in the Contemporary Society*" was organized by the Department of Historical Studies under the banner of *QMC Women's Champion Club* in association with the sponsorship gained from *Rev. Dr. Arul Lourdu, the founder of Arul Arakkattalai* on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023. This programme was inaugurated by *Mrs. E. Rajeshwari*, Inspector of Police (Law & Order), Zam Bazaar, Chennai. Her speech was so inspiring and students got well acquainted about the current happenings and how to protect themselves from violence and abuses in the society. The resource person *Mrs. Hilda Mary* from *AIMSS* gave a very informative session regarding the attitudinal and psychological problems faced by young women with practical examples by displaying short documentary on screen. The programme was well received and more than 300 under-graduate students of first and second years from the Department were benefitted very effectively out of the same.

The under-graduate and post-graduate students participated very enthusiastically in various Inter-Collegiate competitions held at different city Colleges such as the New College, Loyola College and Press Information Bureau – Government of India and gained good number of prizes during this academic year. *Ms. R. C. Vijayalakshmi* of *III BA Historical Studies TM* has won many awards and the most important is the second place in the Javelin Throw in the 18<sup>th</sup> State Senior Para Athletics Championship 2023 at TN Physical Education and Sports University during January, 2023. *Ms. Priyadarshini* of *II BA Historical Studies EM* has come out in flying colours as she achieved various prizes. Similarly, *Ms. Priyadarshini* of *III BA Historical Studies EM* has won several accolades both in the extra-curricular and sports.

The staff from the Department of Historical Studies, conducts the *Parent Teacher Meet* at regular intervals wherein the tutors of the classes meet the parents and they were asked to instruct their wards to study well and complete their courses successfully. The tutors discussed about the rules and regulations of the college and highlighted the problems faced by students, relating to attendance and usage of cell phones inside the campus.

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