



From the Editor's Desk

The Department of History is proud to bring out **ISTORIA, Vol. III**, our Newsletter covering all the research, academic, curricular and extra-curricular activities of both the students and staff members for the academic year 2013-14. Our initiatives helped us to grow and learn more and contribute to society better. We are always grateful to the Jesuit Management for its constant support and encouragement to the department. We sincerely thank Rev. Dr. S. John Britto SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr. S. Sebastian SJ, Secretary, Rev. Dr. F. Andrew SJ, Principal, officials of the college and well wishers of the department for their continuous support.

Homage to Dr. T. Sundararaj

We, the staff and students pay our respectful **homage to Dr. T. Sundararaj**, former Professor and **Head of our Department**, and the founder editor of **Indian Historical Studies**, a biannual research journal, who expired on 7th December 2013. The Department organized a prayer service for the repose of his soul on 8th January 2014. May his soul rest in peace. Let his spirit lead us to march ahead towards committed work in the field of history.





National Seminar

"Foundational Inspiration of the Mission and its Resurgence in the New Madura Mission"

As the mark of Commemoration of the Twin Jubilee celebrations of 200th year of Restoration of the Society and 175th year of New Madura Mission a National Seminar on the above topic was organized by **Departments of History and Tamil** between 26th and 27th September 2013. The main objective of the well attended seminar was to bring out the contributions made by the Jesuits of the New Madura Mission in the fields of Science, Environment, Education, Theology, Social Action, Art and Architecture, Music, etc. Research papers on the above areas were presented by Jesuits and academicians from various disciplines.



Academic Visits to Foreign Countries

- ❖ Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ was invited to participate in the **Junior Research Scholars' Committee on "Intellectual Apostolate of the Jesuits"**, at Jesuit Curia, **Rome, Italy** from 31st October to 2nd November 2013. 
- ❖ He also delivered a lecture on "Multiculturalism: Prospects and Challenges - A Historical Perspective", in an International Conference organized by the Department of History, **Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei, Taiwan** on 10th November 2013. 

Lectures Delivered by our Staff


- ❖ Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ presented a research paper on **Matru Samuthaya Muyarchikalum Paratchikalum** in the Annual Session of Tamil Iraiyaal Mantram held at Sacred Heart College, Poonamallee, Chennai on 11th July 2013.
- ❖ He was invited to present a paper on Jesuits Involvement in Grassroots Struggle for Justice and Equality in Tamil Nadu, at an ICPR National Seminar cum Workshop on "Christianity and Indian Culture" organized by **Saleians College, Darjeeling, West Bengal** on 1st August 2013.
- ❖ He was also invited as resource person to a Regional Level Seminar on "The Socio-Religious Reform Movements in Tamil Nadu", held at Jayaraj Annappaikiam College for Women, Periyakulam, on 21st February 2014.
- ❖ Dr. P.J. Biju Joseph presented a paper on **Railway Strikes, Protest and Indian National Movement (Madras and South Mahratan Railway Strike)**, in Indian History Congress held at **Cuttak** between 28th and 30th December 2013. 
- ❖ He was also invited as a resource person to an ICHR National Seminar and delivered a lecture on **Theory of Nation - A Comparative Study on Tagore and Eric Hobsbawm**, held at the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 4th March 2014.
- ❖ Rev. Fr. S. Aruldoss was invited as a resource person to a National Seminar organized by the Department of History, Holy Cross College, 

Tiruchirappalli on 25th February 2014 and gave a lecture on **Marketing Strategies in Eco-Tourism**.

Staff Participation in Seminars and Workshops

- ❖ **Dr. K. Lingammal** participated in Tamil Nadu History Congress held at St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi from 20th to 22nd September 2013. 
- ❖ **Dr. K. Lingammal, Mr. M. Selvanathan, Mr. M. Britto Stalin and Ms. Theresa Rosetti** participated in one day National Seminar on "Heritage of River Cauvery Basin in the Historical Perspective", held at Jamal Mohammed College, Tiruchirappalli on 20th February 2014 and in one day Regional Seminar held at Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli on 25th February 2014. 
- ❖ **Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier and Dr. K. Lingammal** attended XXXIII Annual Session of South Indian History Congress held at Pondi Sri Pushpam College between 28th February and 2nd March 2014.
- ❖ **Dr. J. Santhosh Kumar, Dr. P.J. Biju Joseph, Mr. S. Manikandan and Ms. Theresa Rosetti** participated in a two day National Seminar held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli between 3rd and 4th March 2014.

Congrats to our New Doctors

- ❖ The Department has produced two Doctors in this year. Research Scholars of our department, **Ms. R. Subha** and **Mr. Augustin** defended their Doctoral theses on 5th July 2013 and 15th February 2014 respectively. 


Ph.D., Theses Submission

- ❖ Assistant Professors of our Department **Mr. S. Manikandan, Rev. Fr. S. Aruldoss, Ms. J. Theresa Rosetti** and **Mr. Vinoth Vincent Rajesh** of M.S. University submitted their Ph. D., theses and are waiting for the VIVA VOCE.

New Ph. D., Scholar enrolled


- ❖ **Fr. Babu Paul** has enrolled his name under Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ HOD, for his Doctoral Research.

Fellowship Awarded & Synopsis Presentation

- ❖ **Ms. R. Pricila**, Ph. D., Research Scholar, was awarded the **ICHR fellowship** Rs. 2,71,000/- for the research topic "The Press and National Movement in Tamil Nadu with Reference to the Commonwealth and New India" and she has submitted the **Ph. D., Synopsis** on 24th March 2014. 

HISTORY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The Department of History had the Inauguration of Association, on 18th July, 2013. The Inaugural Address was

delivered by **Mr. P. Soundararajan**, Philatelist and Journalist, Tiruchirappalli on the topic "**Writing History - Philately a Tool**". 


Endowment Lectures

The Department of History organized four endowment lectures in this academic year.


- ❖ **Prof. Dr. C. Nithyaanandam** President - Acupuncture Doctors' Association ATAMA - State Deputy Treasurer delivered **Dr. T. Sundararaj Endowment Lecture** on "**Acupuncture - An Emerging Field in Health Tourism**" on 4th September 2013. 
- ❖ **Mr. J. Kennedy** Advocate, Tiruchirappalli delivered **Rev. Fr. P. Susai SJ Endowment Lecture** on the topic, "**Indian Constitution: A Foundation for Human Rights**" on 20th December 2013.
- ❖ **Ms. Nahla Nainar**, Chief Sub-Editor / Principal Correspondent, 'Metro Plus', Weekend, The Hindu, delivered **Dr. M. Arumairaj Endowment Lecture** on "**Documenting our Local History through Journalism**" on 24th February 2014. 
- ❖ **Dr. K. Sadasivan**, Former Professor and Head, Dept. of History, M.S. University, Tirunelveli delivered **Dr. Arunachalam Endowment Lecture for Fr. Anglade Archaeological Club and Valedictory Address of History Association** on the topic "**Experiences of a Historian**" on 12th March 2014. 

New Endowment Instituted

In honour of Dr. T. Sundararaj, the Department of History was pleased to institute, **Dr. T. Sundararaj Research Endowment** on 12th March 2014 with the generous contribution of Professors of various Colleges and Universities, Research

Scholars, Alumni, Staff and Students of our Department. The interest accrued from the deposited amount Rs. 1,30,000/- would be spent for three Research purposes viz., i) **Endowment Lecture** ii) **Research Paper** and iii) **Publication**. 

Indian Historical Studies becomes an e-Journal

The first and second issues of Volume X of our Department Biannual Research Journal **Indian Historical Studies** ISSN 0973-2713 were released on record time. This time the journal was uploaded in the college website. Thus it has become **an e-journal**. 

Member in Academic & Administrative Bodies

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ was invited to serve as a **member of Board of Studies** in History in PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore on 22nd February 2014. He was invited to be a **member in the Governing Body** of Fatima College, Madurai on 12th April 2014. He was also made a **member in the Governing Body of Institute for Dialogue with Cultures and Religions (IDCR)**, Loyola College, Chennai.



Refresher Course Attended

The staff members of our Department, Dr. J. Santhosh Kumar, Dr. P.J. Biju Joseph, Mr. S. Manikandan, and Dr. K. Lingammal participated in an ongoing Training Programme organized by the Jesuit Higher Education Commission at Dindigul from 19th to 22nd June 2013.



Teachers' Forum

To improve the skill of the professors of our department in the research field, Teachers' Forum was initiated. Thursday of the last week of every month, one presented a **research paper** and another reviewed a **book**.



Administrators' Visit to our Department

The administrators, the Principal and the Secretary visited our department on 17th July 2013. A detailed report about our department was presented to them with documental evidences. The administrators **appreciated** and wished the department to carry on the regular and extracurricular activities.



Students' Participation in Seminar

- ❖ **M. Phil., Scholars** of our Department participated in **Tamil Nadu History Congress** held at St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi from 20th to 22nd September 2013.
- ❖ Our **M. Phil., Scholars** and **PG students** participated in one day National Seminar on **Heritage of River Cauvery Basin in the Historical Perspective** organized by the Department of History, Jamal Mohammed College, Tiruchirappalli on 20th February 2014, and they participated in another one day Regional Seminar organized by the Department of History, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, on 25th February 2014.
- ❖ The **PG students** participated in a two day National Seminar on **Eric J. Hobsbawm (1917-2012) - Interesting Times and Writings of a Historian**,



organized by the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 3rd and 4th March 2014.

Quiz Club

Three literally good students from each class of both B.A. and M.A. totally **fifteen students** were selected and formed a **Quiz Club** on 6th September 2013, for the academic year (2013-2014). Inter-School Quiz was well organized by this Club under able coordinatorship of Dr. P.J. Biju Joseph.



Intra Department Quiz Competition

The Quiz Club of our Department conducted Intra Department Quiz Competition to the students of both UG and PG at AV Hall of the Department on 6th September 2013.



Inter-School Quiz Competition

In order to cultivate historical sense among the school students and to develop a passion for history in their future academic career, the Department conducted Inter-School Quiz Competition for students of History on 3rd October 2013. Both Government and Government Aided schools from Tiruchirappalli city participated in the quiz competition. **Rev. Fr. Ponnad SJ, Rolling Cup and Cash Prizes** were given away to the winning teams. The Quiz Club organized this meticulously.



Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition

The Department of History conducted Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition for the students of History on 7th February 2014. Fifteen colleges across Tamil Nadu participated in this competition. **Rev. Fr. Heras SJ Rolling Cup and Cash Prizes** were given away to the winning teams.



Students' Achievements

Sports Day

Athletic Team of our Department won the **Overall Championship** in 170th Annual Sports Meet of St. Joseph's College held on 27th August 2013.



Competition at Lady Doak College

The students of our Department participated in the cultural competition on **Tourism: Protecting Our Common Future** held at Lady Doak College in Madurai on 20th September 2013 and won the overall second prize.



Tour Package

B.A., History II year students were given a group project work on Tour Package as part of the



Allied paper, Tourism Business. They presented their work to the whole department. The response was so good that one of their packages was chosen for the tour programme of our M.A., History.

Documentaries on 'Teacher's Day' & 'Dept. of History'

Mr. S. Prabin, B.A., History III year student prepared a documentary on Department Staff Members and the film was screened on 5th September 2013 i.e., Teacher's Day. It was highly appreciated.



The Department has prepared a documentary entitled '**Roots and Wings**' on the history of the Department. This is the outcome of the creativity of Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, Head, and Mr. S. Manikandan Assistant Professor. Mr. S. Prabin edited the same. Kudos to Prabin!

Department Reunion

We organized Alumni Reunion on 22nd February 2014. The Department invited **Dr. N. Arunachalam**, former Professor of our Department to be the chief guest for the meet. Old students of our Department actively participated and they shared their nostalgic memories. They also remembered gratefully the role of the department and our professors in shaping their personalities.



Award for a short film

Mr. S. Prabin directed a short film entitled '**Kanavu Nijam Aguma**' which won the third prize in the short film competition held at Mahendra Engineering College, Nammakkal. Congratulations to Prabin.

Hiroshima Day

In order to conscientize the student community on the evil effects of nuclear bombs, our students brought out graphically the catastrophic destruction of USA in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This awareness programme, called 'Hiroshima Day' organized by the Department had various components like special lecture, chart display, screening of documentary movie on the destruction of Hiroshima, etc., on 6th August 2013.



Field Visits & Educational Trips

In order to be familiar with the court proceedings related to the Human Rights Course, one day field visit to **Tiruchirappalli District Court** was arranged for the students of Inter-Department Course (IDC) on 10th August 2013.



We organised an educational trip to **Thiruvellari** on 3rd September 2013 and to **Poompuhar** on 18th December 2013. Both the first and second years of M.A., along with Mr. M. Britto Stalin and Ms. R. Pricila visited these historically important places.



Department of History arranged an educational tour to **Mysore, Sravanabelgola, Belur, Helligabed and Bangalore** from 15th to 19th March 2014. All the PG and M. Phil., students made use of this opportunity. Mr. M. Britto Stalin accompanied them.



The first UG students along with Mr. S. Manikandan, visited **Thirupattur** and **Thiruvellarai** the sacred places related to Aasivagam religion and Aiyyanar on 10th March 2014. The students enjoyed the architectural beauty of Aasivagam, Saivism, Vaishnavism and Rock Cut Caves and Temples. The trip was guided by the well-known Tamil Scholar Prof. K. Nedunchezian.



Our III UG students undertook an educational trip to **Kanyakumari** and **Padmanathapuram** between 30th March and 31st March 2014 under the captainship of Dr. J. Santhosh Kumar.



Coaching for Competitive Examinations

Our PG students participated in the coaching for **NET and Civil Services** organized by the Department of HRM and the College respectively.

Exhibition

Our students participated actively in the exhibition organized by our College as part of the Twin Jubilee Celebrations on 1st February 2014.



Internship

Our **third year students** got involved in the internship programme arranged by the Department and benefitted out of it.

Placements

Our students have been placed in respectable government and non-governmental positions with reasonable remuneration. They are: **Annie Zhakaria**, Assistant Professor at Don Bosco College, Manipur; **K. Athistam, Vijay Clement** and **M. Manoj Velan** in Tamil Nadu Police; **B. Azaruddin**, TTE in Indian Railways; **Anburaj** and **S. Ramesh** in Indian Army; **S. Rajesh**, Reporter of Murasoli at Chennai. We congratulate them all and wish them all the best in their career.

Department Group Photo



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