

Department of History

ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

Madras Day Talk - 24/08/2022

Mr.Venkatesh Ramakrishnan - Topic: Importance of Local History

Topic: Importance of Local History Venue: Bamford Hall

The Histronomics club of history department organized a program in commemoration of the Madras Week Celebrations. Our chief guest Mr.Venkatesh Ramakrishnan is a bilingual novelist and historian. He also specializes in the history of Madras city.

He gave a broad perspective on local history and said that local history can be about anything and there is no restriction to what constitutes local history. He gave enormous detail about the history of our college and its surrounding. The classrooms that we sit in once had Japanese prisoners of war in the 1940s. He also spoke about the Doveton House, Tipu Sultan, Edward Clive, Francis Whyte Ellis, LIC building, strikes at Kilpauk Medical College and Tiruvottiyur dancing girls.



Mr. Venkatesh Ramakrishnan narrating the history of College Road

A collage of images. On the left is a photograph of an audience seated in a hall, looking towards a stage where a presentation is being held. On the right is a promotional poster for the Madras Day Celebration. The poster features the following text: "Women's Christian College Department of History Histronomics club", "Cordially invites you to the MADRAS DAY CELEBRATION", "On 24th August 2022, Wednesday", "Resource Person", a portrait of Mr. Venkatesh Ramakrishnan, "MR.VENKATESH RAMAKRISHNAN Novelist & Historian", "Topic: Importance of local History", "Venue : Bamford Hall", and "Time :12:20pm". At the bottom left of the collage is a Google Maps location pin for "College Rd" in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, with coordinates and a timestamp of 24/08/22 12:45 PM.

Career Ahead - Seminar - 10/09/2022

Session I: Career Opportunity in the Field of Archeology - Resource Person: Ms.Vetriselvi, Assistant Archaeologist, ASI, Chennai Circle



Archaeology is a discipline that deals with study on History and historical events on the basis of material evidence. This is a vast field of study that has various different sub-disciplines. Many students that have chosen History for pursuing their higher studies often lack awareness and guidance on career opportunities provided in the field of Archeology. Therefore Women's Christian College in collaboration with the Histronomics Club organized a seminar on "Career in Archaeology " graced by the chief guest Mrs. S. Vetriselvi (Assistant Archeologist, ASI, Chennai circle). The seminar gave a brief overview about what role does Archeology play with reference to History and what career opportunities does this field offer for students with a graduate degree in the subject of History. The event was made successful by coordination and active participation by the students of third year from the Department of History and the teachers of History Department - Head of the Department of History, Ms. Anuradha, Dr. C. Joy Sheryl, Dean of Student Services, Ms. Arokiya Anbazhagi club coordinator of Histronomics and Dr. P. D. Sherlin, Assistant Professor in History Department

Session II: Career opportunities in the Government Sector - Resource Person: Dr. Saravanan Subramanian, Director of the Gurukulam IAS Academy

The Histronomics club of history department organized a seminar on "Career opportunities in Government Sector " from 11.20am to 12.20pm. in the Bamford Hall. The program began with the prayer followed by introduction of the chief guest by the Club President Anush Priya. Dr. Saravanan Subramanian is the Director of the Gurukulam IAS Academy.

He gave a broad perspective on the various job opportunities in the government sector and what advantages does a history student have for aspiring Civil Services. He also talked about the ways in which a student can prepare for the UPSC examinations. The session was very informative and motivated the students to know how to crack competitive exams.



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Narrative flow in Ajanta Paintings - Workshop 15/09/2022

15/09/2022 - Resource Person: Mr Rangarathnam Gopu

The event started with a prayer by Dhanashree. Then it went on with the introduction of the speaker by Madhumati. Mr Rangarathanam Gopu, Varahamihira foundation group who is a pioneer in Ajanta paintings and deciphering the meaning of paintings in Ajanta from the thoughtful ideas of Ms. Swaminathan who is the one who did a lot of efforts in exploring Ajanta paintings. Ajanta has 29 caves which were found unintentionally by John Smith a British who went on hunting a tigress . Most of the paintings are available in cave 16 and 17. He taught about the two styles of Ajanta paintings.

The narrative style consists of two subtypes - stories with few panel and large panel narratives. They contain episodes from Gautama Buddha's life and jataka stories from previous lives of Buddha. They will contain the entire life of Buddha from birth to death. The Ajanta Paintings another style is non-narrative style .It consists of Grand single panel and decorative paintings. Sometimes flowers and elephants' marching are decorative paintings. One of the best examples of non-narratives is bodhisattva padma Pani. We also learnt about the miracle at Shravasti. It is the story of the miracle of creating thousand buddhas.

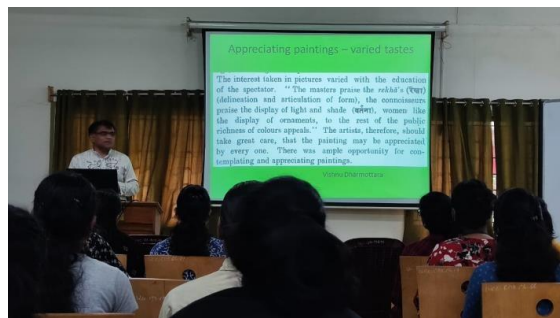
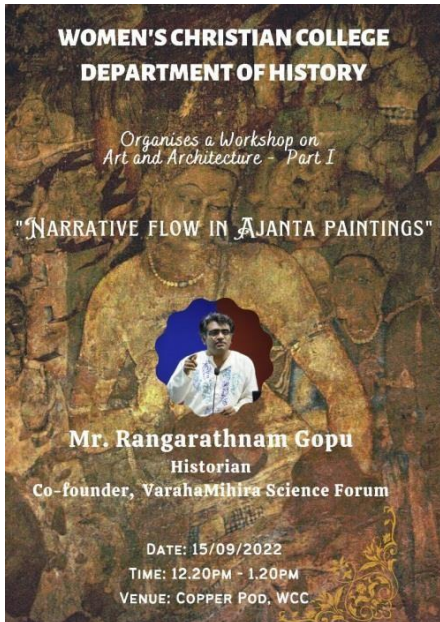
Mr. Ranganathnam Gopu also gave us an insight on one jataka panel called taming of Nalagiri which was very interesting .He also told us that today's comics layout was derived from the Ajanta concept he also told us the Matri poshaka jataka, mriga jataka and vessantara jataka and he ended his session then it was followed by the question and answer session. Finally the vote of thanks was given by Anush Priya. A total of 54 students participated and the event ended.



Knowing About Fossils in commemoration of International Girl Child Day – Webina - 8/10/2022

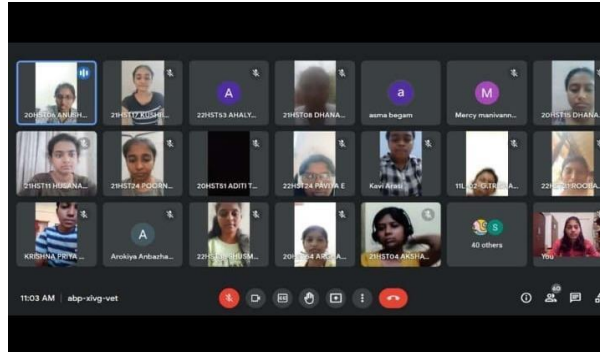
Resource Person: Ms. Aswatha Biju, Youngest Paleontologist in India & Recipient of Rashtriya Bal Puraskar award 2022

The Histronomics club of History department organized a webinar on "knowing about fossils" in commemoration of International Girl Child Day. The webinar begins with the prayer followed by induction of the chief guest Ms. Aswatha Biju by Ms. Anush Priya (President of Histronomics club). Ms. Aswatha Biju is one of the world's youngest paleontologists. She has won the second prize of the ENGIE project's video contest organized in 2020 and has recently obtained the



Rashtriya Bal Puraskar award 2022 from the Government of India for her extraordinary contribution to paleontology.

Fossils are important from an evolutionary perspective as they reveal important details and insights about an organism and how it lived. Animals like the dinosaurs died out millions of years ago and one of the best ways to study their anatomy is through their fossil records. Some animals, such as jellyfish do not have any hard parts such as bones, thereby fossils of these organisms are extremely rare. However, the bodies of these organisms do fossilize, given the right environmental conditions. Such fossils are called “soft-fossils”, and leave an imprint of their bodies on the rock. Additionally, She broadly explained what fossils are, their types, evolution, formation and so on. The session became further interesting when she showed some of the fossils that she had collected which helped the students to get practical knowledge on fossils. The question-answer session took place at the end of the webinar which was very interactive. Ms. Aswatha answered all the questions without hesitating.



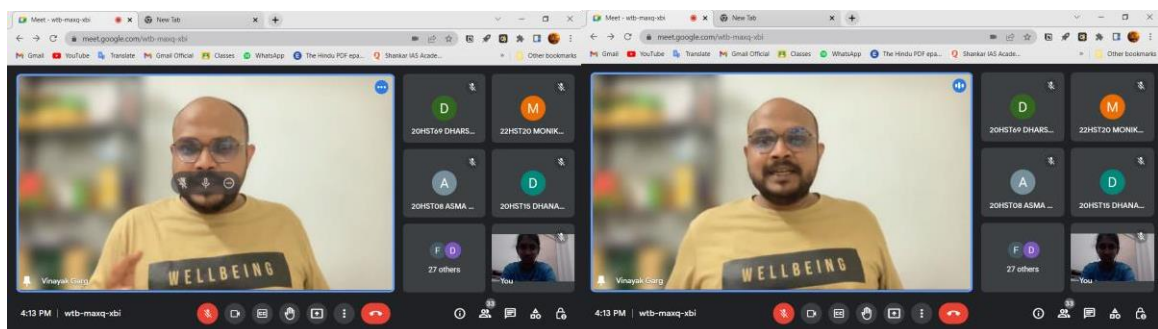
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – WEBINAR ON DIGITAL MINDFULNESS – 10/10/2022 -

Resource Person: Mr. Vinayak Garg is the Founder of Lazy Gardener, a D2C brand serving urban gardeners. Vinayak was among the 12 fellows chosen under the Gurukul program (2008), run by H.H. Dalai Lama’s foundation.

The Histronomics club of History department organized a webinar on "Digital Mindfulness" in commemoration of World Mental Health Day. The webinar begin with the prayer followed by induction of the chief guest Mr. Vinayak Garg by Ms. Anush Priya (President of Histronomics club). Mr. Vinayak Garg is the Founder of Lazy Gardener, a D2C brand serving urban gardeners. Vinayak is awarded Entrepreneur 35 Under 35 in 2022. Vinayak was among the 12 fellows chosen under the Gurukul program (2008), run by H.H. Dalai Lama’s foundation. He spent two months in the monastery of H.H. Dalai Lama, and it marked the start of his journey into mindfulness, meditation and exploring spirituality.

Focus is one of the most important skills of the 21st century but it’s becoming much harder to pay attention because our smartphones are always interrupting us. The consequences of being constantly interrupted by today’s hyper-connected digital lifestyle are a chronic state of anxiety, stress, busyness, and a general sense of restlessness. But he said there is an antidote to this age of digital distraction. That antidote is digital mindfulness, which involves developing smartphone habits that enable you to focus and concentrate for long periods of time by training your attention and minimizing interruptions and secondly getting out of digital distractions is simple. Not easy, but simple. He gave some tips that could help manage technology in a more mindful manner and help you to be less stressed and be more productive such as tame the emails, set aside for phone calls, Reclaim interruption-free time, consolidate communication channels, turn off notifications ,call it a day, etc.

The webinar was very helpful to the students and finally ended with a vote of thanks by the President of Histronomics club.



One Day Seminar On "Rethinking Tourism” Department Seminar - 7 October 2022 INAUGRATION OF THE TOURISM CLUB & ONE DAY SEMINAR ON ““RETHINKING

TOURISM”- 7 October 2022 - The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. Sriharan Balan, Managing Director, Madura Travel Service (P) Ltd Group, Chennai.



One day Workshop – "Women Empowerment and Protection in the 21st

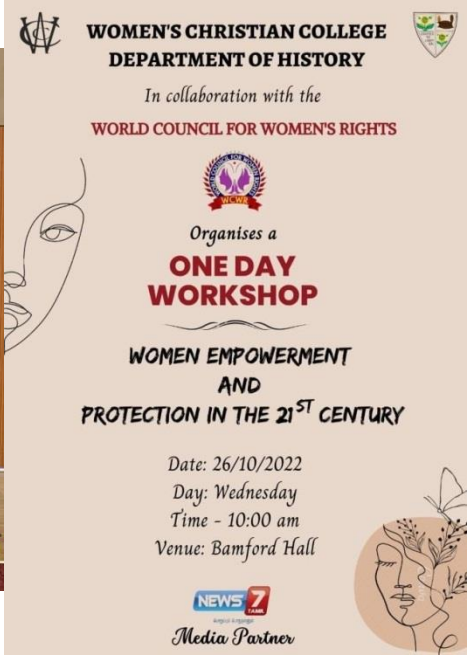
Century" - October 26, 2022 organized by the Department of History, Women's Christian College, Chennai In collaboration with World Council for Women's Rights - October 26, 2022 at 10:00 am

Session 1 (10:40-11:10 am): Speaker 1 - "Knowing Yourself -Identify" by Dr. A. Ramleth, founder and trainer of IPERC (International Psychology Education and Research Council). She also serves as the President of World Council for Women's Rights, South Chennai.

Session 2 (11:10 - 12:20 pm) Speaker 2 - "Personal development and career crafting" by Ms. Roshini, founder and CEO of ROZIER. She is the student wing president of the World Council for Women's Rights.

Session 3 (12:20 - 01:10 pm) Speaker 3 - Legal Awareness: Know Your Rights - Combating Violence by Advocate Ms.Ferosha Shiffon Ansari, Advocate, Madras High Court. She is also the District Secretary, World Council for Women's Rights. She is an alumnae of Department of History, WCC.

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One Day Workshop On “Tie And Dye” - 06/03/2023

Resource person Mrs. Jayashree – A One Day Workshop on “Tie & Dye” was organised by the Department of History for the final year students. The students were given hands on training on this technique. The students were given the kit with which they learnt the process of tie and dye. This workshop enabled the students to acquire a useful skill.



TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON: INDIA @75: ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS” NATIONAL CONFERENCE 23/03/2023 TO 24/03/2023

TITLE: India@75: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects

DATE: 23rd and 24th March 2023

DAY 1

Session I - Environment and Sustainable Development @ 75

The keynote address for session I was given by Dr Arun Bandhopadhyay, Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta. He spoke about the various measures taken by the Indian government through the years to combat the problems in the environment and what sustainability means in the process of development. His speech was followed by paper presentations.

Session II - Women Empowerment and Gender Equality @ 75

The keynote address for session II was given by Dr Malavika Binny, Head, Department of History, Kannur University, Kerala. She spoke on the prospects for empowerment of women in India and what it takes to achieve gender equality in the Indian context. Her speech was followed by paper presentations.

Day 2

Session I - Economic Development and Issues @ 75

The keynote address for session I was given by Dr K Jothi Sivagnanam, Professor, Head, Department of Economics, University of Madras. He spoke about the economic development of India through the 75 years, the new economic reforms and its impact and the issues faced by the Indian Economy at present. His speech was followed by paper presentations.

Session II - India’s Historic Journey @ 75

The keynote address for session II was given by Dr N Manohar, Director, Centre for East Asian Studies, Christ University, Bengaluru. He spoke about the various aspects of India’s journey in the 75 years of Indian Independence. His speech was followed by paper presentations.

VALEDICTORY:

The Valedictory address for the Two Day National Conference was proposed by Dr L Selvamuthukumarasamy, Principal, Government Arts College, Valparai, Tamil Nadu. Followed by that the students of History Department, WCC, gave cultural performances on the various dance forms and arts of India.

Day 1 – 23/03/2023



Chief guest for Inaugural: Dr. J.Jeyaranjan, Chairman, State Planning Commission, Tamil Nadu Government

Session I: Environment and Sustainable Development@75

Keynote by Dr. Arun Bandopadhyay, Professor of History, University of Calcutta, West Bengal



Session II: Women and Gender@75

Keynote by Dr. Malavika Binny, Head, Department of History, University of Kannur, Kerala



Day 2 – 24/03/2023

Session III: Economic Development@75

Keynote by Ms. Merlin Juliet Arul Thangam, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, Chennai



Session IV: Historical Developments@75

Keynote by Dr.N.Manoharan, Director, Center for East Asian Studies, Christ University, Bengaluru



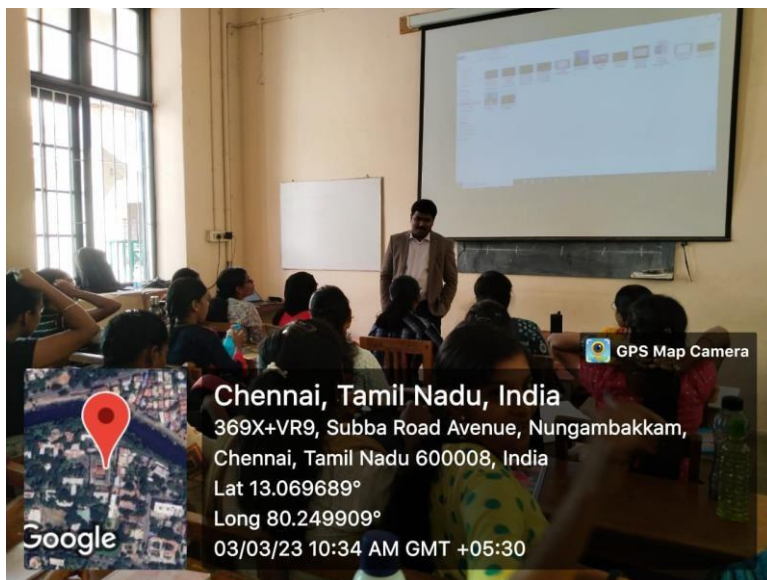
Valedictory Address by Dr.Selvamuthukumarasamy, Principal, Government Arts College, Valparai



International Seminar on “Japan’s Foreign Policy” and “NIEO” - 03/03/2023

ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR – 03/03/2023 –

Resource Person: Dr. Vinnaras Nithyanantham, Professor in Education, UNICAF University, Cyprus on the topic “ New International Economic Order and Japan’s Foreign Relations”



One-day Workshop on Museology and Conservation of Museum Objects Class Workshop 05-04-2023

A one day workshop on Museology and Conservation of Museum objects was conducted for the third year history students in Copper Pod hall of the Women’s Christian College from 8.45 am to 4.30 pm by Dr. V. Jeyaraj, Honorary Director, Hepzibah Institute of Heritage Conservation, Chennai-78.

The programme was started with prayer by Ms.Dhanashree of III B.A. History at 8.45 am. Prof. Ms. Arokiya Anbazhagi.J of the History Department introduced the resource person, Dr. V. Jeyaraj to the 51 students of III B.A.

In the forenoon session, introductory talk was given by the resource person on museum, ryes of museums, role of museum, presentation, exhibition etc. The subject of conservation was introduced to the students by brain storming exercises. Preventive conservation, Interventive conservation definitions were taught.

The strategies of preventive conservation was taught.

The subject of Preventive Conservation was made to understand to the students by group discussion in three groups viz. Moisture, rain, light and heat and the group leaders presented their findings in safeguarding the museum objects. The resource person supplemented points in the four titles.

After tea break, museum, museum objects, documentation, preservation were discussed. First the students were divided into four groups and one copper based object was given to each group. They were asked to write down the name, type, provenance, period, provenance, dimensions, condition, suggested conservation treatment, reference to photograph taken etc., were written by the participants. This was guided by the resource person. The metal objects were physically and chemically treated and conserved.

Then one wooden object was given to the four groups. The resource person explained the characteristics of wooden objects, damages and conservation processes. The group treated the objects after photographing, documenting and completed the process as per the instructions given by the resource person.

In the afternoon session, terracotta, glass, horn, stone objects were given for treatment.

Condition report was taught practically and the condition reports were prepared by all the students.

The subjects were revised and the treatment of objects were over and the treated objects were returned and the reports were gone through and suggestions were made by the resource person. A objective type of test with 20 questions was given and corrected and correct answers were given by the resource person.

Two students namely Adviththa and gave feed back of the workshop. Ms.Arokiya Anbazhagi spoke and the resource person completed the workshop and thanked the the authorities and students. Miss Madhumathi. proposed a vote of thanks. The programme was over by 4.30 pm. The students were asked to submit a project report on the workshop and submit on 10-04- 2023.