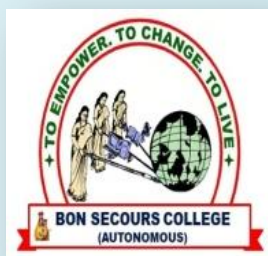


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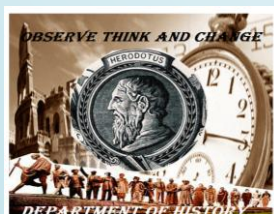
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EDITORIAL

Our Hearty Welcome to the History Department's 10th issue of the News Letter for the academic year 2024- 25. The objective of the News Letter is to mainly focus on the achievements of the students and faculty curricular activities. I congratulate my entire team members for their constant efforts in launching this News Letter. We are thankful to our Management, Director Rev. Sr. Terencia Mary and the Principal Dr.S. Gayathri for their marvelous support and encouragement.



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of History, established in 2014 with 15 students has now grown rapidly with strength of 92 students. Our college is affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirappalli. This course is interdisciplinary in nature and combines the understanding of areas such as political, religious, social, economic, culture, law, human resource development and tourism. The curriculum introduces students to the historical methodology and the fundamentals of historical research and writings.



VISION

❖ Encouraged to develop an enquiring spirit in all fact of daily life and cultural heritage background in History and indeed to perform its bit of role in creating the future global citizens

MISSION

❖ Attempt to give students a sense of the past; an acquaintance with the political, social, cultural, religious and institutional developments that have produced the world of today; and an understanding of the nature of history as a discipline

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ The subjectivity as well as objectivity of history is made understandable to the students, with the Teachers' active support & expertise.
- ❖ The curriculum introduces students to historical methodology and the fundamentals of historical research and writing.
- ❖ The curriculum enhances the students to prepare for competitive exams like TNPSC, IAS, IPS, IFS etc

FACULTY MEMBERS

			
Dr. G. AGHALYA Head	Dr.K. RADHABAI Assistant Professor	Mrs.V.ANUSUYA Assistant Professor	Ms.K.NITHIYA SRI Assistant Professor

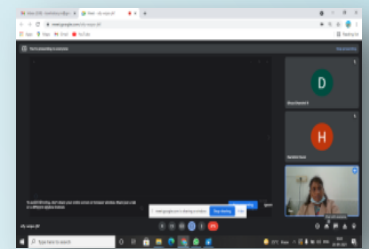


HERITAGE HUT

Heritage hut exhibits the glory of antiquity and Indian heritage. This unique innovative heritage hut has been started in the department which speaks of the skills and talents of our students

Faculty Development Programme on "Effective Teaching Strategies for History Faculty"

The department of History organized A Faculty Development Programme on "Effective Teaching Strategies for History Faculty" was scheduled for 05.07.2024. The session will be conducted by Prof. N. Kanakarathnam from the Department of History and Tourism Management, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, currently on deputation at Kakatiya University, Hanumakonda, Telangana.



Capacity Building Programme (CBP)



A Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "Developing Effective Writing Skills in Professional Contexts" was scheduled for 15.07.2024. The session was led by Dr. R. Rajeswari, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Thanthai Periyar Government Arts & Science College (Autonomous),

Tiruchirappalli. With her expertise in history and political science, Dr. Rajeswari provided valuable insights into enhancing professional writing skills, including academic writing, report drafting, and communication strategies.

Guest Lecture on "Material Culture as Historical Evidence"

A Guest Lecture on "Material Culture as Historical Evidence" was scheduled for 16.08.2024 as part of an MoU Activity. The session was delivered by Dr. G. K. Mani, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Government Arts College, Thuvakudi Malai, Tiruchirappalli. This lecture explored the significance of artifacts, inscriptions, monuments, and everyday objects as vital sources of historical reconstruction.



Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)

A special session on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 titled "Monitoring and Evaluating Progress towards Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions" was scheduled for 19.08.2024. The session was conducted by Dr. B. Meharunnisha, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Thiru. Vi. Ka. Government Arts College, Thiruvavur. This session focused on the significance of SDG 16 in promoting inclusive societies, ensuring access to justice, and building accountable institutions.



Historical Site Visit

A Historical Site Visit was scheduled for 22.08.2024 as part of an MoU Activity. The visit was guided by Mr. Jalandiran, Manager, Mullivaikkal Muttram, Thanjavur. This excursion aimed to provide participants with firsthand insights into historical narratives, heritage conservation, and the significance of the site in regional history.



Workshop on Thanjavur Plate Making

A Workshop on Thanjavur Plate Making was scheduled for 27.08.2024 to provide hands-on training in this traditional art form. The session was conducted by Dr. Sivaramakrishnan, Associate Professor, Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College for Women (Autonomous), Thanjavur. This workshop aimed to preserve and promote the craftsmanship of Thanjavur plate making, a unique metalwork tradition that reflects the region's rich cultural heritage.



Archaeological Site Visit

An Archaeological Site Visit was scheduled for 30.08.2024 as part of an MoU Activity, covering historically significant locations such as Thirukuttralam, Singampatti Zamin, ManimutharDam, and Tirumalapuram



Students and faculty explored the architectural heritage of Tirumalapuram rock-cut temples, the Singampatti Zamin palace, the engineering marvel of Manimutharu Dam, and the sacred waterfalls of Thirukuttralam, known for their historical and mythological significance. The visit enhanced participants' understanding of archaeology, heritage conservation, and the historical evolution of these sites.

Career Guidance Session on "Turning a Passion for History into a Profession"

On 09.09.2024, a Career Guidance Session on "Turning a Passion for History into a Profession" was conducted by Mr. Ranjith Rai, Managing Director, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam IAS Academy, Thanjavur. This session aimed to provide valuable



insights into career opportunities available for history graduates beyond traditional academic roles. Mr. Ranjith Rai will discussed career paths in civil services, archaeology, museology, historical research, heritage management, journalism, and public policy.

Special Lecture on "Village Panchayat in Tamil Nadu"

A Special Lecture on "Village Panchayat in Tamil Nadu" was scheduled for 13.09.2024 as part of an Extension Activity. The session was delivered by Dr. V. Murugan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Government Arts College, Karur. This lecture provided insights into the historical evolution, structure, and functioning of the Panchayati Raj system in Tamil Nadu. Dr. Murugan discussed the role of village panchayats in local governance, rural development, and grassroots democracy.



International Conference on "Genesis of Ancient Monasteries in Sri Lanka & Historical Interpretation - GAMS24"

The International Conference on "Genesis of Ancient Monasteries in Sri Lanka & Historical Interpretation - GAMS24" was scheduled to take place on 24th September 2024 (Tuesday). The event featured a distinguished lecture by Prof. Nadeesha Gunawardana, a renowned scholar from the Department of History, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. The conference aimed to explore the historical development of ancient monasteries in Sri Lanka, shedding light on their origins, architectural evolution, and their role in shaping the religious and cultural landscape of the region.



Thanjavur Doll Making Training Programme

A Thanjavur Doll Making Training Programme was scheduled for 20.09.2024 to promote traditional craftsmanship and cultural heritage. The session was conducted by Mr. Paramjothi, a renowned Thanjavur Doll Maker from Ammanpettai, Thanjavur.



Participants received hands-on training in crafting the iconic Thanjavur dolls, known for their distinctive bobble-head design and artistic detailing. This programme aimed to preserve this traditional art form and encourage skill development among students and artisans.

Special Lecture on "The Impact of Tourism on Biodiversity"

A Special Lecture on "The Impact of Tourism on Biodiversity" was scheduled for 23.09.2024 in observance of International Day. The session will be delivered by Dr. P. Senrayaperumal, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, and Post-Doctoral Fellow (ICSSR).



Guest Lecture on "History Optional for UPSC: Key Topics and Preparation Tips"

A Guest Lecture on "History Optional for UPSC: Key Topics and Preparation Tips" was scheduled for 24.09.2024 as part of an MoU Activity. The session was conducted by Dr. S. Xavier, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Thanthai Periyar Government Arts and Science College, Tiruchirappalli. This lecture aimed to guide UPSC aspirants in understanding the syllabus, important topics, and effective preparation strategies for the History Optional paper.



Teachers' Forum

A Teachers' Forum session on "Ethics and Professionalism in Teaching" was scheduled for 09.10.2024. The session was delivered by Dr. N. R. Viji, Associate Professor, Department of History, Government Arts College (Autonomous), Kumbakonam. This lecture focused on the fundamental values of ethics, integrity, and professional conduct in the teaching profession.



Workshop on Research Methodology



A Workshop on Research Methodology titled "Narrative Construction in Historical Writing" was scheduled for 15.10.2024. The session was conducted by Dr. K. Murali Rajan, Head & Associate Professor, Department of History, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur. This workshop aimed to enhance research skills by focusing on the art of constructing historical narratives.

Faculty Exchange Programme on "Utilizing Online Resources for History Exam Preparation"



A Faculty Exchange Programme on "Utilizing Online Resources for History Exam Preparation" was scheduled for 21.11.2024. The session was conducted by Dr. Subramanian Viswanathan, Chairman, Sri Venkateswara Research Centre, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. This programme aimed to familiarize faculty members and students with effective online tools and digital resources for history exam preparation, including e-libraries, open-access journals, archives, and interactive learning platforms.

Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on Soft Skills

A Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on Soft Skills titled "Know Thyself: Self-Care Strategies for Health and Wellness" was scheduled for 25.11.2024. The session was conducted by Dr. N. Rameshkumar, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Government Arts College (Autonomous), Kumbakonam. This programme aimed to highlight the importance of self-awareness, mental well-being, stress management, and holistic self-care practices for personal and professional growth.



Special Lecture on "The Role of Citizens in Upholding the Constitution"



A Special Lecture on "The Role of Citizens in Upholding the Constitution" was scheduled for 27.11.2024 to commemorate Constitution Day. The session was delivered by Dr. P. Maran, Assistant Professor, Department

of History, Government Arts College, Karur. This lecture focused on the significance of the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights and duties, and the active role of citizens in preserving democratic values.

Faculty Exchange Programme on "Time Management and Study Plans for History Students"

A Faculty Exchange Programme on "Time Management and Study Plans for History Students" was scheduled for 05.12.2024. The session was conducted by Mr. T. Sivakumar, Director, ThanjaiVetri TNPSC Coaching Center, Thanjavur. This programme aimed to equip history students with effective time management techniques, strategic study plans, and exam-oriented preparation methods for competitive exams like TNPSC, UPSC, NET, and SET.



Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Research Grant Writing and Funding Opportunities for Historians"



A Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Research Grant Writing and Funding Opportunities for Historians" was scheduled for 09.12.2024. The session was conducted by Dr. Shajeer S., Associate Professor & Head, Department of Islamic History, University College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. This programme aimed to equip faculty members and researchers with the essential skills needed to write successful research grant proposals, identify suitable funding agencies, and navigate the application process effectively.

GEM Programme on "Education Reforms in Contemporary India"

A GEM Programme on "Education Reforms in Contemporary India" was scheduled for 11.12.2024 as part of MoU Activities. The session was conducted by Dr. M. Kala, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Government College for Women (Autonomous), Kumbakonam. This lecture focused on the evolution of education policies, the impact of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and emerging trends in higher education.



Research Forum session on "Research Communication: Effective Presentation Skills"

A Research Forum session on "Research Communication: Effective Presentation Skills" was scheduled for 13.12.2024. The session was conducted by Dr. Krishnamoni, Assistant Professor, Kadir Mohideen College, Athirampattinam. This programme aims to enhance researchers' ability to present their work clearly, confidently, and persuasively in academic settings. Dr. Krishnamoni provided practical insights into structuring presentations, using visual aids effectively, engaging audiences, and handling Q&A sessions.



Seminar on "The Evolution of Indian Art and Sculpture"



A Seminar on "The Evolution of Indian Art and Sculpture" was scheduled for 06.01.2025 as part of an MoU Activity. The session was delivered by Dr. S. Nagaraj, Associate Professor, Sri Ramasamy Naidu College, Sattur. This seminar explored the rich artistic traditions of India, from Indus Valley artifacts to classical temple sculptures and contemporary art forms.

GEM Programme session on "Palm Leaf Manuscripts"

A GEM Programme session on "Palm Leaf Manuscripts" was scheduled for 22.01.2025. The session will be conducted by Dr. G. Aghalya, Head & Assistant Professor of History, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur. This session explored the significance of palm leaf manuscripts in preserving historical, literary, and cultural knowledge.



Special Lecture on "Civic Education and the Importance of Voting"

A Special Lecture on "Civic Education and the Importance of Voting" was scheduled for 25.01.2025 to mark National Voters' Day. The session was delivered by Dr. V. Murugan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Government Arts College, Karur. This lecture aimed to raise awareness about the democratic process, the significance of voting rights, and the role of citizens in shaping governance.



Field Visit as part of an Extension Activity Programme on Village Panchayat

A Field Visit as part of an Extension Activity Programme on Village Panchayat was scheduled for 30.01.2025. The visit was led by Dr. N. Pandiyan, Assistant Professor, A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, Thanjavur. This programme aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the functioning of the Village Panchayat system, including local governance, rural development policies, and grassroots democracy.



Field Visit as part of an Extension Activity



A Field Visit as part of an Extension Activity Programme on Village Panchayat was scheduled for 05.02.2025. The session was conducted by Mrs. S. Manimegalai, Lecturer, Government Arts and Science College for Women, Orathanadu, Thanjavur. This programme aimed to introduce modern pedagogical approaches that enhance student engagement and learning outcomes.

Field Visit to Kallanai (Grand Anicut), Thanjavur

A Field Visit to Kallanai (Grand Anicut), Thanjavur, is scheduled for 15.02.2025 as



part of Environmental Studies. This visit aims to provide students with insights into the ancient irrigation system built by the Cholas, highlighting its engineering brilliance and enduring impact on agriculture. Students will explore how Kallanai continues to support water management, sustainable farming, and ecological balance in the Cauvery delta region.

Special Lecture on "Study on Ancient Temple Architecture"

A Special Lecture on "Study on Ancient Temple Architecture" was scheduled for 21.02.2025 as part of an Extension Programme for school students. The session was delivered by Mr. Manimuthu, Museum Curator, Government Museum, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. This lecture aimed to introduce students to the architectural marvels of ancient Indian temples, focusing on structural styles, sculptural artistry, and religious symbolism.



A Field Work – Temple Visit to Mahabalipuram

A Field Work Visit to Mahabalipuram was scheduled for 22.02.2024, offering students an immersive experience in South Indian rock-cut architecture and coastal heritage. The visit covered key historical and cultural landmarks, including:

Shore Temple

Martini Caves



Krishna's Butter Ball

- Shore Temple – A UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Pallava-era Dravidian architecture.
- Martini Caves – Rock-cut cave temples reflecting early Pallava craftsmanship.
- Krishna's Butter Ball – A massive balancing rock defying gravity.
- Five Rathas – Monolithic rock-cut temples dedicated to the Pandavas.
- Arjuna's Penance – A massive open-air rock relief depicting mythological themes.
- Muttukadu Boating – A scenic backwater experience showcasing coastal ecology.

This visit helped students understand the architectural brilliance, religious significance,



and environmental aspects of Mahabalipuram, enriching their knowledge of India's ancient maritime and artistic traditions.

Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "ICT-Digital Literacy: Essential Skills for the Digital Age"



On 05.03.2025, a Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "Ethics and Integrity in Personal and Professional Life" was conducted by Dr. R. Rajkumar, Assistant Professor, A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, Thanjavur. This session aimed to emphasize the importance of ethical values, honesty, and integrity in both personal and professional spheres.

Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "Ethics and Integrity in Personal and Professional Life"

A Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "Ethics and Integrity in Personal and Professional Life" was scheduled for 17.03.2025. Led by Dr. V. Malarvizhi, Assistant Professor, A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, Thanjavur, the session was emphasize the significance of ethical values and integrity in shaping both personal character and professional conduct.



Endowment Lecture on "Thanjavur Monuments"



An Endowment Lecture on "Thanjavur Monuments" was scheduled for 20.03.2025, featuring Shri. T. Thangadurai, M.A., M.Phil., Archaeological Officer, Archaeological Survey of India, Tamil Nadu. This lecture provided an in-depth exploration of the rich architectural and historical legacy of Thanjavur, focusing on its iconic temples, forts, and heritage sites.

Educating Programme on the Preservation of Heritage & Cultural Values

An Educating Programme on the Preservation of Heritage & Cultural Values was scheduled for 07.04.2025, featuring Dr. P. Kumaran, Assistant Professor & Research Guide, P.G & Research Department of History, C. Abdul Hakeem College (Autonomous), Melvisharam, Ranipet District, Tamil Nadu. This programme aimed to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding historical monuments, artifacts, and intangible cultural heritage.



Gender Equity Programme on "Education and Women Empowerment"

A Gender Equity Programme on "Education and Women Empowerment" was scheduled for 11.04.2025, featuring Dr. R. Seethalakshmi, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Government Arts College (A), Coimbatore. This session focused on the transformative role of education in advancing women's rights and empowerment.



Research Forum on "Research Methodologies and Techniques"

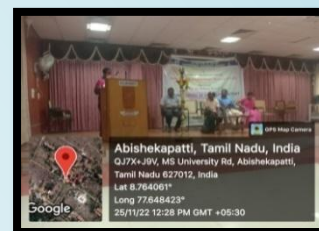


A Research Forum on "Research Methodologies and Techniques" was scheduled for 17.04.2025, featuring Dr. B. Meharunnisha, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of History, Thiru. Vi. Ka. Government Arts College, Thiruvavur. This session provided an in-depth understanding of various research methodologies, data collection techniques, and analytical approaches essential

for historical research.

Celebration of World Heritage Day

On 18.04.2025, in celebration of World Heritage Day, a special lecture on "Legal Frameworks for Heritage Protection" was delivered by Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Annamalai University. This session explored the laws and policies governing the conservation and protection of heritage sites in India and globally.



Staff Achievements

NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme

Dr. G. Aghalya, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of History, Bon Secours College for Women (Autonomous), Thanjavur has completed the NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC), organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (UGC-MMTTC), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu from 15.07.2024 to 24.07.2024 and obtained the Grade 'A'.





Ms. V. Anusuya attended Faculty Development Programme on “Tourism – Aerial Surveying & Mapping Techniques” Bharathidasan University, Trichy from 08.12.2024 to 24.12.2024

Paper Presented in Tamil Nadu History Congress

Ms. DR G AGHALYA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Department Of History, Bon Secours College For Women (A), Thanjavur – 613006, has attended the Tamil Nadu History Congress organized at Department Of History, Manner Thirumalai Naicker college Madurai on 20-22 September 2024. It is also certified that this person has presented the paper titled " The rich heritage of Dravidian temple architecture of the Thiruvikramaperumal temple at Kumbakonam " in the conference.



Paper Presented in South Indian History Congress

Ms. DR G AGHALYA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Department Of History, Bon Secours College For Women (A), Thanjavur – 613006, has attended the 43RD ANNUAL SESSION organised at Department Of History, Malabar Christian College, Kozhikode, Kerala on 8 - 10 November 2024. It is also certified that this person has presented the paper titled " LAND TENURE AND SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE DURING THE PALLAVAR AND CHOLA PERIOD " in the conference.



National Teaching Excellence Award 2024

Dr. G. Aghalya, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of History, Bon Secours College for Women (Autonomous), Thanjavur has received “National Teaching Excellence Award 2024” I2OR under Ministry of MSME, Government of India on National Teaching Day 11.11.2024



One Week International Collaborative Seminar Series

Dr. G. Aghalya, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of History, Bon Secours College for Women (Autonomous), Thanjavur has attended one week international collaborative seminar series organized by Villupuram Historical Research Centre, Villupura, Tamilnadu, RC25: Sociology of sports, Indian sociological Society, New Delhi, Research centre for Social sciences, University of Kelaniya, Dalugama, Kelaniya , Sri Lanka from 06.12.2024 to 12.12.2024. through online platform.



Ms. K. Nithiyasri attended Faculty Development Programme on “Tourism – Tourism & Hospitality” Bharathidasan University, Trichy from 06.01.2025 to 11.01.2025



Dr. G. Aghalya & Ms. V. Anusuya received 100% centum result in Even semester 2024 and Odd semester 2025



SWAYAM BRABHA DTH Channel



Dr. G. Aghalya, Faculty Member of History, has been frequently invited as a resource person to deliver Live Video Counseling sessions in Tamil for the SWAYAM PRABHA DTH Channel at the IGNOU Regional Center, Madurai. These sessions are organized by IGNOU, under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, as part of its national initiative to provide quality educational content to a wide audience. Through these engagements, Dr. G. Aghalya has contributed significantly to promoting history education, making complex historical concepts accessible to learners across Tamil Nadu.

RANK HOLDERS OF THE ACEDMIC YEAR 2023-24

		
9th RANK Ms. DIVYADHARSHINI. R.	14th RANK Ms. HARSHINI. D.	18th RANK Ms. INDHUMATHI. K.



The Department produced 100% results in the University Examinations held in April, 2024 with 10 rank holders.