

POLITICAL CARTOON REACHES MORE THAN TEXT, SAYS CARTOONIST HASIF KHAN



Political cartoons play a major role in the critical aspect and have a greater reach to the populace when compared with text. Chief Cartoonist Hasif Khan, who works with the leading Tamil magazine *Ananda Vikatan*, was a resource person at a session for the students of the Certificate Program in Applied Journalism (CAJ), at Loyola College on 8th February 2023. He explained morality while illustrating with examples. He projected his work in *Ananda Vikatan*, deconstructing each cartoon that he published. Everyone was astonished to see his work; they were familiar but did not know that it was him. The lighting, shadows and perspective are important aspects to be considered while filling the canvas. While zooming in we could see the hidden layers and meanings of the cartoon. Highly creative work requires dedication and time. He said that most ideas for cartoons are inspired from day-to-day events and the phrases that people use to describe situations and the usage of caricature in a sarcastic way grasps the attention of the reader.



While interacting with the students he said that the ability to handle controversy and threat are part of the game. When asked about his work flow, he said that it is simple and intuitive-oriented.

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