

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dr. M.X. Miranda's Endowment Lecture

The Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai organized an Endowment Lecture on "Poetry as History - Literature, texts and History" by Professor T. K. Venkatasubramanian, Retired from the Department of History, University of Delhi on October 7, 2022. The Program initiated with a prayer song by the department choir. Dr. R. Xavier, President of the History Association - Shift I, welcomed the Chief- Guest and briefed about the Endowment Lecture. Dr. Bernard D Sami, Former Head, Department of History, presented a brief description of the life and contribution of Dr. M. X. Miranda, a fore runner of the Department of History, in whose memory this Endowment Lecture was instituted.

Dr. G. J Sudhakar, special guest, honored the chief guest with a shawl and Dr. Bernard D Sami with a memento. The chief-guest was introduced by Mr Jeevith Anguram. Followed by which, Professor T. K. Venkata Subramanian spoke about his relations with Dr. M.X. Miranda. He emphasized his service to the college, and service to the Department. He understood the psychology of the students and his teaching means were a culmination of the same.

He talked about the transition of the education system, including the Industrial Revolution, wherein poetry was an important part of academics. His discussion carried ancient people from the Chola Empire, and also the contemporaries like Ganguly. He attempted to cultivate interdisciplinary thinking which would help the students to improve their Linguistics skills, quantitative skills, and problem-solving capacity.

He urged the youth to make the best use of resources available to improve one's lingual, reasoning, moral, ethical, scientific, meditative, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual skills. He encouraged the gathering to always be ready to explore the unexplored, find something new and innovative in each moment. Once we live life as specified above, life is unfailingly going to be wondrous, tension-free, and full of felicity.

The students interacted with the chief-guest for a quick question and answer session. Prof. Abdul Kadhar proposed the vote of thanks.