

## **A Guest Lecture on Subaltern Studies**

A Guest Lecture on ‘Subaltern Studies’ was arranged by Dr. I. Felicita Mary Praba and Dr. Preethi Shanthi, the coordinators of the Forum for Academic Excellence (FAX), on 23rd August, 2022 in the L.S. Hall at 11.30 a.m. Dr. T. Marx, Professor and Head, Department of English of Pondicherry University served as the resource person.

The programme started with a prayer song by the II M.A. English students. Ms. Deepika (21-PEL-043) welcomed the gathering. Ms. Immaculate Catherine (21-PEL-030) introduced the resource person. Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Head, Department of English, Loyola College, felicitated Dr. T. Marx.

Dr T. Marx began his address by stating the historiography of the Subaltern Studies beginning from E. P. Thompson’s *History from Below*. He pointed out how there were conscious gaps in the production of history. He explained how the Western influence in showcasing the Subaltern Studies was criticized by Edward Said, Homi K. Bhaba and Gayatri Spivak Chakraborty as West vs Rest, whereas Ranajit Guha questioned the complications among the Rest. He spoke about the recent paradigm shift in the usage of the word “Sub” in the fields of Physics, Psychology and in Literature. The speaker cited various works and enlightened the students about Subaltern Studies and during the Question and the Answer session clarified the queries raised by the students.

Ms. Jino Fantina (21-PEL-008) proposed the Vote of Thanks. Mr. Richard (21-PEL-013) was the Master of Ceremony. The Programme enriched the student community with ideas for their research in the field.

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