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## **Report on the Guidance Session for Higher Education by Dr. Pius Malekandathil**

The Department of History had organized a guidance session for the students who wish to pursue higher education in Social Sciences from top universities like Jawaharlal Nehru University and universities abroad on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The students were guided by Dr. Pius Malekandathil, Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The session started with an introductory speech by Mr. Ranganathan, Coordinator, Shift II, department of History.



Mr. Ranganathan, Coordinator, Shift II delivering introductory remarks

The first question was raised by Mr. Mahendranath S. of III BA History on the monetary requirements a student is expected to meet while he is in abroad and the ways to find it. Dr. Pius gave an elaborate reply in which he mentioned about the scholarships provided by numerous agencies including government. He mainly spoke about acquiring skills which help students to market themselves in this academically globalised world. He also spoke in detail about the various scholarships provided by foreign missions of different nations to the bright students of India.



Mr. Mahendranath, Secretary, History Association raises the question

Mr. Atitya Ragul of II BA History raised a question about further studies on allied subjects of history and mainly the prospects on studying International Relations. The Professor said knowing history is fundamental for studying International Relations and that of course helps the student to get inducted into diplomatic and foreign missions of their government. He also pointed out on the internships which the students have to pursue in order to get themselves into international organizations like United Nations Organization.



Students listening to the guidance talk

Ms. Roweena of I M.A. History asked about the career options after pursuing studies in history other than civil services and teaching. The chief guest tediously mentioned the vast scopes of the subject by mentioning about the fields like Archaeology, Museology, Archival Management, Art History, Numismatics, Epigraphy etc.

Mr. Hareesh L.S of I M.A. History asked about the prospects of mastering into a specific topic like cinema history. The Professor hailed the question and said ones specialization is the greatest bliss in History. He explained the works done on Cinema History by late Prof. M. S. S Pandiyan and said such works open new avenues for research.



Students attending the guidance session

Numerous questions were raised which varies from the syllabus of civil service examinations and tips for JNU entrance examination to ideologies in historiography. The interested students from departments of History, Economics, Sociology, Physics, Statistics, Commerce and Mathematics attended the session. Mr. Mahendranath, Secretary, History Association delivered vote of thanks.