



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY LOYOLA HISTORY ASSOCIATION (2024-25)

LOYOLA FORM FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH REPORT

The Department of History at Loyola College, under the banner of the Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR), organized a one-day national seminar titled “Voices of Change: Social Justice Movements in South India” on March 7, 2025. The seminar focuses to highlight the role of social movements and its impact South India since the 18th CE. The seminar was structured into three plenary sessions; each presided over by a resource person. These sessions featured paper presentations from faculty members, research scholars, and students from various colleges.

Inaugural Session



Justice K. Chandru, former Judge of the Madras High Court, graced the occasion as the chief guest for the seminar's inauguration. Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, the Head and Convener of the seminar, welcomed the attendees. The chief guest was honoured with a shawl by Rev. Dr. Arokiasamy, the Coordinator, and was presented with a memento by Dr. A. Arputha Selvi. Additionally, Dr. Biju Joseph, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, welcomed him with a fruit bouquet. Following this, Mr. Abdul Khadar, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, introduced the Chief Guest to the gathering. Justice K. Chandru then delivered the chief guest address.



Justice K. Chandru, the Chief Guest, reminisced about his college days and tenure as a Madras High Court judge. He highlighted the Prof. Rajaian vs. Union of India case to show how historical narratives are often manipulated by those in power. He also emphasized history's impact on social justice, citing the Mahar community's role in the defeat of Bahadur Shah II by the British as an example of marginalized groups' significant yet overlooked contributions. Justice Chandru encouraged students to adopt a broader perspective on history, stressing the importance of understanding it from multiple viewpoints to better grasp the present and future. He believed that this deeper understanding would empower them to contribute more effectively to social justice. The inauguration was ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Rev. Fr. Dr. A. Arokiasamy, Coordinator, Department of History, Loyola College.

Session I: 10:00 am to 11:15 am



Dr. D. Anuradha, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, served as the Moderator for Session I, while Mr. Jeevith Anguram, Assistant Professor, took on the role of Session In-Charge. Dr. D. Anuradha commenced the session with a warm and insightful welcome address, delivering a thought-provoking speech on the significance of social movements in South India. Her address set the tone for an engaging and intellectually stimulating session. Following are the list of paper presenters of Session I



1. Infant Thomas, Loyola College, The Politics of Kannada.
2. Balaji Ravi, Loyola College, Temple entry movement in Madurai.
3. Avaneesh S, Loyola College, Political Communication in Flux: The Role of Digital Media in Shaping Political perceptions.
4. Vishnu Prakash and Vinoth Kumar, Loyola college, Historical Evolution of Social Justice
5. Divya Teja Macharla, Loyola College, Kandukuri Veerasalinga: The Torch bearer of Telugu
6. R Akash, Loyola College, Beyond 69%: Tamil Nadu's Reservation Policy in Historical and Legal Context

Session 2: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm



Dr. I. Princess, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, served as the Moderator for Session I, while Ms. Karoliya Jansi Rani, Assistant Professor, took on the role of Session In-Charge. Dr. I. Princess commenced the session with a warm and insightful welcome address, setting the stage for an engaging and intellectually enriching discussion. Following are the list of paper presenters of Session II



1. Tamil Arasan, Loyola College, Mythili Sivaraman: The Beacon of Social Justice in South India
2. Abdul Khadar, Loyola College, Bama Faustina
3. Varsha, Loyola College, Ayyankali-The Unsung Hero of Erstwhile Travancore
4. Vineetha, Loyola College, Echoes of Protest: Social Impact of Guruvayoor Satyagraha
5. Pandi Ganesh and Roshini, Madras Christian College, Reviving the legacy of A. Malaichamy.

6. Kumaraguru, Loyola College, Land Reforms in Kerala in EMS Namboodiripad.
7. Allen David, Loyola College, Transgenderrights in Tamil Nadu in the context of Social Justice Movement.
8. Anni Linita, Loyola College, Green Triumph, Broken Livelihood.
9. Gudan P, Loyola College, The Liberation Struggle of the Farm Slaves.

Session III: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm



Dr. R. Xavier, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, took on the esteemed role of Moderator for Session III, ensuring a smooth and engaging discussion throughout the session. Assisting in the coordination and execution of the session was Mr. Muthuraman, Assistant Professor, who efficiently fulfilled his responsibilities as the Session In-Charge.

1. Achuthan, Loyola College, Understanding Development, Displacement, and Delayed Justice to People of Kannapar Thidal.
2. Srilakshmi, Loyola College, Discrimination on Punishments - a Comparison of the Namboodiri smarthavicharam and Channar lahala.
3. Aaron Sebastian, Loyola College, Kallen Pokkudan and the legacy of Mangrove forest in Kerala.
4. Pavithra, Loyola College, From Parasakthi to Vedham Puthithu finding Tamil films that redined caste as social Justice.
5. Giritharan and Surya, Loyola College, Subaltern Voices: Through Post structural literature
6. Teju Catherine, Loyola College, Women's participation in Telangana Armed

7. Aishwarya Mariam, Loyola College, bonded by law, Trapped by injustice Katchatheevu.
8. Karthick, Loyola College, Anti Hindi Agitation in Tamil Nadu.
9. Hariharan, Loyola College, Voices of Justice: The role of print, Cinema and digital media in Tamil Nadu.



Valedictory



The valedictory function of the LFHR commenced with an opening address by Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, the esteemed Head of the Department. The Chief Guest, Mr. B P Jayachandran, was honoured in a touching ceremony where he received a memento from Dr. D. Anuradha, a shawl from Dr. Xavier, and a fruit bouquet presented by Mr. Dhanush. Following this, Dr. B. Biju Joseph, the diligent co-convenor, provided a detailed report of the day's activities, giving an insightful overview of the entire event. Dr. D. Anuradha formally introduced the Chief Guest, who then took the stage to share his nostalgic recollections of his tenure as the Head of the Department. He proudly reflected on being one of the founding pillars of the LFHR, and

underscored the importance of a forum that enables students to engage in critical and analytical discussions about history, rather than merely reproducing textbook content.



As the event progressed, the Chief Guest presented certificates of appreciation to all the paper presenters, recognizing their hard work and contributions. The function concluded on a gracious note with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. B. Naresh, the co-convenor of the conference, expressing gratitude to everyone involved in making the event a successful one.