



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
LOYOLA HISTORY ASSOCIATION (2024-25)



**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI**

takes immense pleasure in inviting you to the

Inauguration

of the One-day National Level Student's
Conference on

Social Movements in India

Chief Guest

Mr. Sanjay Pinto

Advocate, Columnist
Author & Former Resident
Editor - NDTV 24X7

Date
9 October 2024

Time
9.00 a.m.

Venue
LS Hall

Dr. A. Arputha Selvi
Head & Organising Secretary

Dr. I. Princes
Convenor

You are Specially Invited



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The Department of History at Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, organized a prestigious One-Day National Level Student's Conference on 'Social Movements in India' on October 9, 2024, at the Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium. The conference aimed to provide a dynamic and insightful platform for students and research scholars to engage in academic discussions on the role and impact of social movements in shaping Indian society.

This highly anticipated event was meticulously coordinated under the guidance of Dr. I. Princes, the convener of the program, and brought together distinguished academicians, professionals, and students for a day of intellectual exchange and scholarly presentations.



Inaugural Session

The conference commenced with a solemn and melodious invocation by the department choir, invoking divine blessings, followed by the rendition of *Tamizh Thai Vazhthu* to honor Tamil culture and heritage.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, Head of the Department of History, who warmly greeted the distinguished guests, faculty members, research scholars, and students. She emphasized the importance of historical inquiry in understanding social transformations and acknowledged the role of academia in fostering critical discussions on social movements.



The conference was graced by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjay Pinto, a renowned Advocate, Columnist, Author, and Former Resident Editor at NDTV 24X7. In his keynote address, he delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking speech on the significance of social movements in India, illustrating how various social movements have played a transformative role in the nation's democratic and socio-economic development. His address was

enriched with historical references and contemporary examples, making it a highly engaging and enlightening session for the audience.

The session concluded with a gracious vote of thanks by Ms. Jasmine Mary, Ph.D. Research Scholar, who extended heartfelt appreciation to the dignitaries, faculty members, and students for their enthusiastic participation.

Technical Sessions

Following the inaugural session, the conference proceeded with three insightful technical sessions, where research scholars and students presented their academic papers on diverse aspects of social movements. Each session was presided over by distinguished academicians who provided constructive feedback and valuable insights.



Session I

- Chairperson: Dr. J. Vanitha, Head, Department of Sociology
- Time: 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
- Paper Presentations: Research scholars, followed by UG & PG students
- Feedback: The Chairperson provided critical evaluations and suggested improvements to enhance research depth and analytical rigor

Session II

- Chairperson: Dr. P. Nansi, Head, Department of International Relations
- Time: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
- Paper Presentations: Research scholars, followed by UG & PG students
- Feedback: The Chairperson offered expert critique, highlighting key theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches that could strengthen the research

Session III

- Chairperson: Dr. Julia Pradeepa, Assistant Professor, Department of English
- Time: 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM
- Paper Presentations: Research scholars, followed by UG & PG students
- Feedback: The Chairperson provided insightful comments on the relevance of interdisciplinary perspectives in social movement research

Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Session was a grand conclusion to the conference, marked by an engaging address by Mr. Karthigaichelvan, a prominent Editor & Senior Journalist at News 18 Tamil Nadu. In his speech, he eloquently discussed the evolving nature of social movements in India, emphasizing the role of the media in shaping public discourse and influencing policy changes.



The highlight of the session was the distribution of certificates to all participants in recognition of their contributions. This honor was undertaken by Mr. Karthigaichelvan, Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, and Dr. D. Anuradha, acknowledging the students' dedication and academic excellence.

Conclusion

The One-Day National Level Student's Conference on 'Social Movements in India' was an enriching academic event that successfully provided a platform for meaningful discussions, research presentations, and intellectual collaboration. The conference fostered an engaging environment for students and scholars to exchange ideas, reflect on historical and contemporary social movements, and explore their relevance in today's socio-political landscape.

The event concluded on a high note with a warm vote of thanks delivered by Dr. I. Princes, Assistant Professor, Department of History, who expressed gratitude to the organizing team, faculty members, and enthusiastic participants for making the event a resounding success.

With the resonating notes of the National Anthem, the conference came to an inspiring end, leaving an indelible impact on all attendees and reinforcing the importance of scholarly engagement with social movements in India.