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The Valedictory Function of the Two-day International Conference on “Making India - From Tradition to Modernity: Domestic Issues and Global Challenges” was held at Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 29.03.2018.



Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that “to be successful one should know the past and history helps him in understanding the tradition and culture of a nation. History gives proper perception and it helps one to excel in whatever field he chooses”. He added that the conference has provided an excellent opportunity for the students and participants to listen to fascinating lectures of eminent historians from national and international levels. It is from history that as an educationist he could learn the educational system of the Chola period and it was amazing to learn that 7000 students studied in one place with all facilities which revealed the passion and patronage of rulers in nurturing education in those days. Temples also functioned effectively as centres of education during that period.

Thiru.Shailesh Kumar Yadav, I.P.S., Inspector General of Police, South Zone, Madurai, in his valedictory address, emphasizing the significance of History, stated that “a person who do not know history, do not know nothing about the past, culture, tradition, society and hiscountry and in fact he will not understand many things and rather will miss many things. History has all along inspired many greatmen to achieve greater things in life. By studying the ancient Indus Valley Civilization one could understand the proper town planning executed with excellent cross road system, drainage system, architectural nuances of buildings etc.

He added that “to solve any problem in one’s profession, recollect history and with its help analyse the reasons for the problem and take clues from history to solve it. He gave examples from his own professional experience how he could derive inspiration from history to solve issues.

Prof T.P. Sankarankutty Nair, Director, Centre for Heritage Studies Department of Culture Government of Kerala, in his felicitation address, said without a study of history one cannot know the polity of a country. “Changing tradition is not so easy because of the mindset of the people in a tradition-bound society like ours”, he added.

Dr. A.MuhammedMaheen, Professor, Department of History, University of Calicut, Kerala, also offered felicitation address.

Prof. N. Rajendran, Visiting Professor, Alagappa University welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Head i/c Department of History, presented the Conference Report and Dr. G.Paranthaman, Assistant Professor proposed a vote of thanks.

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