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GREETINGS FROM THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF EDITOR

Dear Readers,

As an Chief Editor, I am immensely glad to meet you through Half Yearly Newsletter viz “History Voice” , which will be platform for sharing your views in the form of activities.



I extend my immense thanks to all my students, faculty members, contributors, who have extended their cooperation to successfully bring out the Half Yearly Newsletter.

This month our department conducted World Heritage Week Celebrations in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Government of India, Chennai, the Department of State Archaeology , Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the Tourism Wing of the Dhan Foundation, Madurai.

I immensely rejoice to communicate with you all through this History Voice Newsletter and to share with you the events that happened at the University during this period.

Dr. AR. Saravanakumar
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WORLD HERITAGE WEEK CELEBRATION

19.11.2021 to 25.11.2021

The inaugural function of the World Heritage Week Celebrations organized by the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Government of India, Chennai, the Department of State Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the Tourism Wing of the Dhan Foundation, Madurai, was held at the Convocation Seminar Hall of the University today. The celebration initiated by the UNESCO starting on 19th November will end on 25th November. This event is being celebrated by all the member nations of UN all over the world.

In his welcome address, Dr.AR.Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Department of History, Alagappa University, said the World Heritage Week is organized to promote among the people of the world on the significance of conserving and preserving the cultural heritage monuments as well as historical sites that proclaim the glorious history of mankind. It also aims at increasing the awareness among the public and students about Indian culture and tradition and the reasons for protecting the monuments for the benefit of the posterity.

Dr.S.Rajavelu, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Alagappa University, in his thematic address, said that the UNESCO has listed a total of 1,154 World Heritage Sites that are existing across 167 countries. Of these, only 40 monuments of India have found a place in the UNESCO list. He added that though India had a rich cultural property, owing to natural calamity and human vandalism, it lost many of its edifices in the last 5000 years starting from the Indus Valley Civilization. The reason for this condition has been a serious lack of awareness on the part of our people. Now the awareness is on the increase among the educated people for the preservation of our cultural and natural property.

Presiding over the inaugural function Dr.S.Karuppuchammy, Member VC Officiating Committee, Alagappa University said that students have an important role to play in creating the awareness among the people about our cultural heritage. He noted that the real strength of a nation lies not simply on its economic development but really on its rich cultural heritage and it has to be borne in mind by the people who are interested in the growth of a nation. We must emulate the

example of China and Japan which devote great attention in preserving the cultural heritage and it has helped them to increase their image amidst the foreign tourists and in turn it has helped in increasing the tourist inflow.

Mr.M.Prasanna, Assistant Archaeologist, ASI, Chennai, in his keynote address, said that the Keeladi Excavation has created an enormous awareness among the people of Tamil Nadu for conserving all monuments which stand testimony to the glorious life led by our ancestors. He made a reference to the Tamili Inscriptions found at Thirumalai in Sivagangai District relating to the Sangam Period.

Dr.C.Sekar , Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, speaking on the occasion, said that historical knowledge is essential for all of us from which we can learn of life as it embodies the experiences of mankind over the years. In many developed countries people are very proud of their cultural heritage that has helped them preserve monuments. He exhorted students to evince keen interest in visiting monuments so as to learn the rich history of our ancestors and besides he asked them to develop a passion for knowing about the past of their own families and also the regional history.

Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University offered felicitations. Dr.G.Paranthaman, Asst. Professor, Dept. of History proposed a vote of thanks.A Photo Exhibition of Indian Heritage Monuments arranged by the Archaeological Survey of India was declared open by Prof. S.Karuppuchamy. The photographs besides displaying various monuments highlight the architectural splendour of the temples of Tamil Nadu. Also on display are objects excavated recently at Elandhakarai site (Near Kalaiyarkovil) by the Department of History, Alagappa University. The Exhibition will be open for public viewing from 22nd November to 25th November from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During these celebrations the Department has proposed to conduct Students Rally and Quiz Programme on 22nd and 23rd November respectively. A Power-Point Presentation on Keeladi and Sivakalai Excavations will be made by the State Department of Archaeology on 24th November.

On the final day (i.e on 25th Nov) the students will be taken to Thirumayam Fort and the Valedictory Function is to be held at Thirumayam and it is to be organized by Archaeological Survey of India, Tiruchirappalli Circle and the Valedictory Address will be delivered by Dr.T.Arunraj, Superintending Archaeologist, Government of India.. During the Valedictory Function Dr.V.Vedachalam, Retired Archaeologist and Mr.Bharathi of Dhan Foundation will deliver Special Address to the students and the farmers of Thirumayam Vattara Vayalagam.



Dr.AR.Saravanakumar, Head/c Department of History delivering the welcome address at the celebration of world Heritage week held in November 2021.



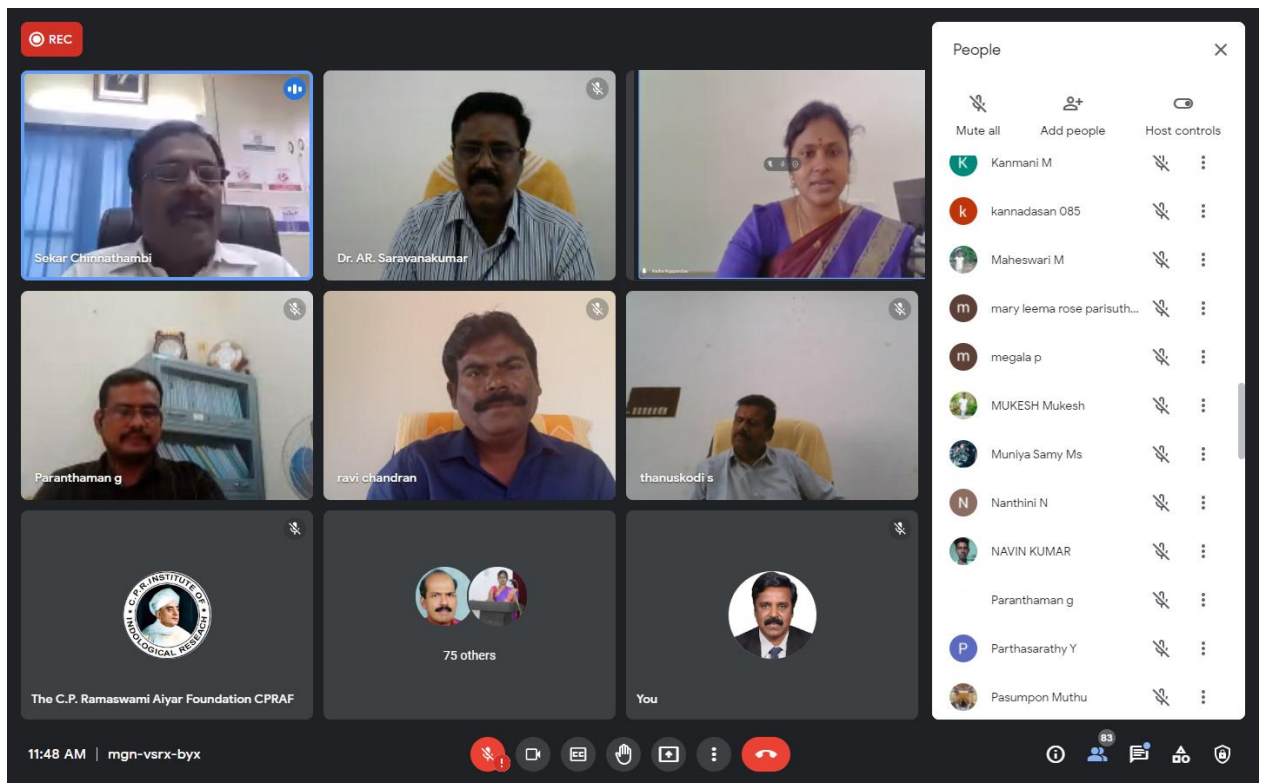
Dr.AR.Saravanakumar presenting a memento to the Guests of Honour at the valedictory function of World Heritage Week held in November 2021

FLORAL TRIBUTE AND ONLINE SPECIAL LECTURE

292 Birth Anniversary of Rani Veeramangal Velu Nachiar Celebrated The 292 Birth Anniversary of Rani Veeramangal Velu Nachiar was celebrated through virtual mode at Alagappa University, on 10-01 2022 as part of the year-long celebrations to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. In his presidential address, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, described Queen Velu Nachiar as an embodiment of courage and valour. Referring to the remarkable traits of the Queen, he said that she was the first woman in Indian history to wage a war against the British and to succeed in this great endeavour. She could understand the "divide and rule" policy of the British and planned subtle strategies to combat the alien invasion. She was the first ruler to form a suicide squad and use it in her struggle to defeat the enemies. Above all, she was against slavery and fought bravely for freedom. Her momentous life and actions remain as messages for us to emulate. While offering felicitations Prof. C. Sekar, Registrar i/c, stated that by reading the history of Rani Velu Nachiar we could easily discern the remarkable leadership qualities, great mental strength and multi lingual competence of the queen and these helped her to execute her duties in an exemplary manner. Admiring her heroism and war tactics, Haider Ali helped her to fight against the British. By learning about her life, we can derive inspiration, enthusiasm, courage, patriotism and self confidence. Her extraordinary valour will inspire future generations to lead a life of fulfillment. Mr. N. Ravichandran of Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Vidyalaya, Karaikudi, in his keynote address, outlined the reasons why we should celebrate the birth anniversary of Velunachiar. He said that after the death of her husband, she avoided the practice of Sati and she fought and won against those responsible for her husband's death. Because of Velu Nachiar's heroism, Sivagangai Seemai has earned a place in the annals of Tamil Nadu. Her great qualities such as heroism, wisdom, progressive thinking and confidence are admired by all to this day. The speaker asked women to follow the example of Velu Nachiar's courage and face the challenges and struggles of life and win. Earlier floral tributes were paid to the portraits of Veeramangai Velu Nachiar and freedom fighter Veerapandiya Kattapomman. Dr.K.Gunasekaran, Member of Syndicate, Dr.S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Dr.K.R.Murugan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Social Work and others participated. Dr.AR.Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Dept. of History, welcomed the gathering. Dr.G.Paranthaman, Asst. Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.



University Officials Paying tribute to the late Sivaganga queen and freedom fighter Velunachiar on the occasion o her birthday celebration.



**NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY- PHOTO EXHIBITION – SCIENCE
BLOCK – ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY 28.02.2022**



CAREER GUIDANCE FOR THE HIGHER SECONDARY COMPLETED STUDENTS

DATE : 28.06.2021

TIME: 3.30 p.m

A Special Lecture Programme on “Career Guidance for the Higher Secondary Completed Students” was organised by the Department of History on 28.06.2021 through Virtual Mode. Dr.AR.Saravanakumar, Head (i/c), gave the welcome address and introduced Mr.K.Kalaimani, Merchant Navy Officer. Dr.S.Swaminathan, Syndicate Member, Member VC Officiating Committee delivers presidential address. Dr.TR.Gurumoorthy Syndicate Member, Member VC Officiating Committee delivers felicitation address. Mr.K.Kalaimani shared his views about the Guidance is like a compass that helps us throughout our lives. It’s like having a map to choose the right path from the time we’re born till we grow old. He also emphasised to think about students future job – nowadays, everyone is competing to reach their goals. In today’s world, where there are many job choices, having good guidance is like having a clear plan to succeed. We have lots of options for jobs, which can make it confusing to pick the best one. But if we have proper guidance from the start of our school years, it can help us make better choices. Dr.G.Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the programme

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PARENT'S MEETING

Date: 30.05.2022

Time:03.00 p.m

A Parent's Meeting was held on 30th May 2022 organised by Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi to discuss on the performance of students with their parents at Social Science Block, Department of History. The Meeting was started with a welcome address by **Dr. AR. Saravanakumar**, Head i/c, Department of History, Alagappa University. A special lecture was given by Prof. K. Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of History, Annamalai University. Parents were given feedback on their ward's performance throughout the year in 2021-22. It was a great interaction between the faculty and the parents for the development of their children where they discussed both the strengths and areas of improvement. The progress report of the students were shown to the parents and their suggestions were sought and noted the faculty emphasized about the in conclusion. The PTM came to an end with the conclusion that joint effort, mutual understanding and co-operation of parents and faculty is very important for the proper nourishment and progress of students. Vote of thanks was given by **Dr. G. Paranthaman**, Assistant Professor, Department of History.



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Birthday - 2022

Date: 23.01.2022

Mode: Radio Talk

Link: <https://i-radiolive.com/podcast/channel/alagappa#>



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