

QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE (A), MYLAPORE, CHENNAI -4
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL STUDIES REPORT (2024 - 2025)

The Induction Programme for first-year undergraduate students was held from **3rd July 2024 to 10th July 2024** (6 days) to help them transition into college life. It includes sessions on academics, campus facilities, student support, and extracurricular activities. Faculty, senior students, doctor and physical directress engaged with students through interactive sessions and workshops on essential skills. The programme aimed to create a welcoming environment and lay the foundation for a successful academic journey.

The **Board of Studies (BOS) meeting** was held in two phases during **27th August 2024 and 25th September 2024**, bringing together subject experts, faculty members, and industry professionals to review and enhance the curriculum. The discussions focused on incorporating recent developments in the field, aligning courses with academic and industry standards, and integrating innovative teaching methodologies.

The **Academic Audit Meeting** for the **2022–24** period was held on **4th September 2024** to assess the academic performance and quality of educational practices. The review focused on curriculum implementation, teaching methodologies, research output, student progression, and institutional best practices. Experts and faculty members analyzed key areas for improvement and provided recommendations to enhance academic standards and overall institutional excellence.

Postgraduate and PhD students attended an **Archaeological Exhibition** at **SIVET College** on **25th September 2024**. The exhibition showcased significant archaeological findings, artifacts, and research developments, providing students with valuable insights into historical studies and excavation techniques. The visit enriched their understanding of material culture and research methodologies in archaeology.

The **Department of History** celebrated **Ayudha Pooja** on **10th October 2024** with traditional rituals and festivities. Faculty members, students, and staff participated in the worship of books, tools, and instruments, symbolizing respect for knowledge and work. The event fostered a sense of cultural heritage and unity among the department members.

The **NAAC Internal Mock Visit** was conducted for the Department of History on **24th October 2024** to assess the institution's preparedness for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) evaluation. The review covered academic performance,

infrastructure, research activities, student support services, and governance. Faculty members participated actively, receiving valuable feedback from the internal staff-in-charge to enhance institutional standards before the official NAAC visit.

The **Freshers' Day for UG and PG students** was celebrated on 28th October 2024 with enthusiasm, welcoming the new batch of 2024. The event featured cultural performances, interactive sessions, and motivational talks by faculty and senior students. It provided a platform for newcomers to connect, showcase their talents, and feel a sense of belonging in the academic community. The celebration created a lively and inclusive atmosphere, marking the beginning of their journey in the institution.

Ms. Sandhya, an alumnus of the **Department of History**, visited the department on **3rd December 2024** and had an interactive session with the current students. She shared her academic and professional experiences, offering valuable insights and guidance for their career paths. The session was engaging and inspiring, providing students with a deeper understanding of opportunities beyond academics.

Students from the **Department of History** along with Dr. M. Thenmozhi actively participated in the **International Conference on Indus Valley Culture** held at **Egmore Museum** from **5th to 7th January 2025**. They engaged in discussions, attended expert lectures, and explored research presentations on various aspects of the Indus Valley Civilization. The conference was organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu and it provided them with a deeper understanding of ancient cultures and current archaeological research trends.

Students from the **Department of History** participated in the **Stall Presentation at Island Grounds** on **8th January 2025**. They showcased historical exhibits, research projects, and cultural artifacts, engaging visitors with insightful presentations. The event provided them with hands-on experience in public history and heritage awareness, enhancing their communication and presentation skills.

The **Department of History** in connection with the Student's Union celebrated **Pongal** on **10th January 2025** with traditional festivities. Students and faculty participated in cultural programs, preparing Pongal, and showcasing folk performances. The celebration highlighted the significance of the harvest festival, fostering a sense of cultural heritage and community spirit within the department.

The **Anna Centenary Library** hosted a **Book Release Function** on **23rd January 2025**, graced by the **Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu**. Students from the **Department of History** actively participated in the event, gaining valuable insights into literary and historical scholarship. The occasion marked the launch of a significant publication and was attended by scholars, academicians, and literary enthusiasts. The event highlighted the importance of literature, knowledge dissemination, and the role of libraries in academic and public discourse.

The **History Association Meeting** was organized on **5th February 2025**, with **Mr. S. Stalinraja**, Advocate at **Madras High Court**, as the **Chief Guest**. He addressed the students on the intersection of history and law, emphasizing the significance of historical knowledge in legal studies and societal development. The session was insightful and engaging, encouraging students to explore interdisciplinary perspectives.

A **National Seminar on Dravidian Ideology and Indian Constitutional Law** was organized by the Department of History on **12th February 2025**, with **Dr. M. Thenmozhi** serving as the **Organizing Secretary**. The seminar brought together scholars, researchers, and students to discuss the influence of Dravidian ideology on constitutional principles, social justice, and governance. Eminent speakers shared insights on historical perspectives and contemporary relevance, fostering critical discussions and academic engagement.

The **PhD Viva Voce Examination** for **J. Balachandar** was conducted on **19th February 2025** under the guidance of **Dr. M. Raziya Parvin**. The candidate successfully defended his research work, showcasing in-depth knowledge and scholarly contributions to the field. The evaluation panel appreciated his research findings, marking a significant academic milestone in his doctoral journey.

Dr. M. Raziya Parvin, Head – Department of History published a book entitled ***“Women’s Studies: A Historical Journey of Women in India@75”*** published by MJP Publishers, New Delhi during December 2024. She was invited as a **speaker** in the **GBBSS Seminar Series at Abu Dhabi University (Online)** on **19th September 2024**. She delivered a lecture on **"Recent Trends in Gender Perspectives and Empowerment,"** highlighting evolving discourses on gender equality, policy frameworks, and socio-economic challenges. Her insights contributed to an engaging discussion, enriching the academic dialogue on gender studies and empowerment

Dr. M. Raziya Parvin presented a research paper at the **International Conference on Human Rights** held at the **University of Madras** on **10th December 2025**. Her presentation focused on critical women rights issues, addressing contemporary challenges, legal frameworks, and policy implications. Dr. S. Kamala Devi, Dr. C. Ramalakshmi, Dr. K. Suja, and Dr. R. Karpagam acted as the subject experts in the TRB, TNPSC paper valuation and contributed during different periods of this year. Dr. M. Thenmozhi along with her PhD research scholars has published a book entitled *“Tourism in Incredible India – Vol. I”* published by Mathi Publications, Chennai.

Ms. **Preethi S**, III BA History (EM) student won **first prize** in the **Reel-Making Competition** held as part of the **Thiruvalluvar Statue Silver Jubilee Celebrations** organized by the **Government of Tamil Nadu** in **February 2025**. Her creative presentation highlighted the historical and cultural significance of Thiruvalluvar, earning appreciation from the judges. Her achievement brought pride to the department and served as an inspiration for fellow students. Eniya, III BA History (EM), secured the **Runner-Up** position in the **Digital Marketing Hackathon** held in **October 2024**. The Department of History emerged as the **Runner-Up** in **Sports** across the entire college, showcasing outstanding athletic performance. Students from the department also won prizes in **Ithihaasic** held at **Loyola College**, demonstrating excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.

The staff and the Research Scholars of the Department participated and presented research papers in various Conferences, Seminars, Tamil Nadu History Congress, South Indian History Congress and Indian History Congress organised in and out of Chennai during this academic year with great fervour. The PG students also participated in the Endowment lectures organised by the Department of Indian History, University of Madras during different dates of this academic year.

The **Grand Alumni Meet 2025** for the entire college was organized on **15th March 2025**, bringing together former students from various departments. Alumni from the **Department of History** participated in large numbers with great enthusiasm, reconnecting with their peers and faculty. The event served as a platform for networking, sharing experiences, and strengthening the bond between the alumni and the institution.

- **Dr. M. Raziya Parvin (Head – Department of Historical Studies)**