**ANNUAL ACADEMIC REPORT 2024-25**

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

The Department of History has had an eventful academic year, with a strong emphasis on the Indian Knowledge System. As part of this focus, we organized a series of scholarly talks, including lectures on the Kamasutra, the musical contributions of Swathi Thirunal, the historical figure Kuriyedathu Thathri and her challenge to patriarchal norms, and the classical dance form Mohiniyattam.

In addition to these academic discussions, the department hosted special performances showcasing Kathak, Mohiniyattam, and semi-classical dance. To further explore the rich traditions of folk culture, we arranged performances of Thirayattam and Veeranatyam, offering students an immersive experience in indigenous art forms. A painting exhibition on the life of Kuriyedathu Thathri was also curated, providing a visual narrative of her legacy.

Our students actively engaged in academic discourse through a seminar on the Natya Shastra and its influence on various dance traditions. Marking International Women's Day, we organized a week-long program featuring cultural performances by students, screenings of films centered on women, a lecture on the representation of women in graphic novels, an interactive session with women achievers, and a legal awareness class.

Field-based learning was another key component of our academic initiatives. Students participated in a field visit to the River Nila and a center dedicated to traditional puppet theater, enhancing their understanding of Kerala’s cultural heritage. Additionally, a tour to megalithic sites provided them with first hand exposure to the region’s archaeological and historical landscape.

Furthermore, the department has introduced an add-on course on the Kerala Knowledge System, aiming to deepen students' understanding of the region’s intellectual and cultural traditions. Through these diverse academic and cultural activities, we continue to foster a multidisciplinary approach to the study of history, ensuring an enriching learning experience for our students. The Research and Postgraduate Department of History started its academic activities for the year 2024-25 with Syllubus enrichment workshop. On 5/6/2024 Department of History conducted Environment Day celebrations in association with Nature Club and Boomitrasena.From 8/7/2024 to 12/7/2024 Department along with the College organised Induction Programme for First Year BA History students.On 24/7/2024 Department conducted a Counselling Class in association with Jeevani for our students.A Quiz Competition was conducted by Department of History and Quiz Club in association with C Achutha Menon Foundation on 9/8/2024.

Department organised an Extension Program and Quiz Competition in collaboration with Quiz club at GHSS,Anchery as part of Independence Day Celebration on 19/8/2024.A Field visit for V Semester BA History Students was conducted on 3/9/2024.Mobile School Library -Extension program was organised at KSK Basic School Kuttanellur on 5/9/2024. On the same day A felicitation program-A Moment of Honour – was organised by Department of History to Our Principal Dr P.S Manojkumar,the Vidhyashreshta Puraskar Recipient as part of Teachers Day celebrations.

On 10/9/2024 a Field Visit for MA History students was conducted.On 24/9/2024 Heritage walk in connection with Heritage Day was conducted.On 25/9/2024 Meera Kosambi Memorial lecture was delivered by Dr. Nidheesh Kannan B.On 26/9/2024 an Elocution Competition in commemoration of Birth day celebration of Dr.Annie Besant was organised by the department.Gandhi Quiz in collaboration with Quiz Club was conducted on 4/10/2024.

On 1/11/2024: കേരളം, കേരളീയത – ചില വിചാരങ്ങൾ A talk by Dr. P S Manoj Kumar as part of Keralappiravi was conducted.On 20/11/2024 History Association was inaugurated . A Session on ‘When Water Rose; Remembering 1924’ was delivered by Dr. Meenu Jacob.On 5/12/2024 a Session on “Stress Management– coping strategies” in collaboration with Jeevani Center for Student Well being was conducted.Department of History organised intercollegiate cultural fest Histoculture 2025 on 20th January 2025. As part of Exploration of Indian Knowledge System a oneday seminar “Indian Classical Dance and Music: From Texts to Stage” was organised which was followed by - Mahabharatha in Rythm - A Kathak Performance was conducted by Department of History and Music Club on 28/01/2025.A Gender sensitization Program was also organised by Department of History on 25/02/2025.

In connection with lnternational women’s day History Department has organized one week program called Utsav.The inauguration ceremony was conducted on 3/3/2025 . Head of the Department of History,Dr. Sreeparvathi D welcomed the gathering.

The program was inaugurated by College Principal Dr. P S Manojkumar.IQAC Coordinator Dr. Sheeja PC and College Union Chairman Arjun KM felicitated the program.Sini PM has expressed vote of thanks.The program was followed by a *Veeranatyam* performance.Veeranatyam is an ancient dance form of Andhra Pradesh.A talk on Women and Film was conducted in connection with ‘Utsav’ on 4.3.2025. Al Thasni, the Research scholar was the resource person. Sini PM has welcomed the gathering. Niranjana Muraleedharan has expressed vote of thanks.An exhibition on *Tathribhaavam* was conducted by the Dept. Of History in connection with the third day of Utsav on 5.3.2025.Artist lndu Menon was the chief guest of the day. The exhibition was started with a talk on Smarthavicharam by College Principal Dr. P. S. Manojkumar. Various stages of Thathri’s life was exhibited through historical drawings. Students and teachers from various departments have visited the seminar hall of History Department to view this exhibition. HoD Dr Sreeparvathi D has welcomed the gathering and expressed gratitude.10.3.2025 was the concluding day of the one week program organized by the Department of History in connection with lnternational women’s day. Dr. Sreeparvathi D has welcomed the gathering. Dr. Jalsa M, Asst. Prof.of Malayalam, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur was the resource person for a talk on “”Laasyathile Sakthivazhakkangal- Mohiniyattathil”. It was also followed by her performance in Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam and Kucchipudi. Students of History Department has performed cultural items in connection to it. Jiya M, the research scholar of History has staged various rasas concerning women. First BA students, namely,Kavya Krishnan VU, Gopika KU and Devika R has performed semi classical dance. Ribinsha and team has performed oppana. Niranjana Muraleedharan has sang Kathakalipadam. Besides these, Anamika and team of Second BA Economics has performed semi classical dance. Animol Jacob has expressed vote of thanks.Including teachers and students 304 people has attended the program